

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Oregon 37, Louisville 35

Oregon Hangs on to Beat Louisville in Nail Biter

Oregon jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter of Saturday evening's matchup with Louisville. Thomas Polek (18 points, 7 rebounds) led all scorers with 18 points, 9 of which came in the first quarter alone. It was clear that Oregon controlled the paint in the 1st quarter with the inside presence of Chad Himmelback (4 points, 8 rebounds) who could not be kept off the glass. On the other side, Anthony Savino (10 points, 5 rebounds) kept Louisville in it with a big 5 point 1st quarter and with his lockdown defense tallying 3 steals in the contest, keeping the score at 12-5 at the end of the first.

The second quarter began with a shift of momentum as Zachary Cilano (4 points, 7 rebounds) now controlled the glass grabbing 5 boards in the 2nd. Louisville's defense held Oregon to just two baskets from Chad Himmelback and Tistan Fox (8 points, 7 rebounds). Although Louisville had the defense rolling, they just couldn't get the offense going as they only got one basket in the frame leaving the score at 16-7.

The 3rd quarter belonged to Jayden Mayville (7 point, 3 rebounds) as he scored all 7 of his points in this quarter. Oregon on the other hand, was led by Tristan Fox this quarter as he came in with two huge baskets. Kalen Drury did some good work inside ripping down a couple rebounds in the frame. Oregon held its lead, 22-17.

Coming in to the final quarter, Anthony Battaglia (12 points, 2 rebounds) knew it was now or never as he erupted for 9 points in the final frame and bringing Louisville within 2 points. But after a timeout, Oregon came out and executed a drawn up play to perfection. Derek Jelen (5 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists) displayed his great playmaking ability and dished 1 of his 3 assists to teammate Thomas Polek who sealed the game with a layup. Connor Lembke also added a big basket and some crucial defensive plays for Oregon in their win.

In the loss, Braedon Dembek helped his team on the glass by grabbing a couple boards of his own.

After breaking the press and dribbling the clock out, Oregon beats Louisville 37-35.