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Purple Eagles 15, Bulls 8

PURPLE EAGLES SOAR OVER BULLS BEHIND TEAM EFFORT

Thanks to a strong effort with five of their players scoring, the Purple Eagles won over the Bulls to continue their solid regular season, 15-8, in front of a post St. Patrick's Day crowd at the Youth Center. This was done in two ways: consecutive baskets from Ava Seelbach as part of a 6-0 run late in the second quarter and an exclamation point basket from Ella Cashion with 32.1 seconds left in regulation off a quarterback pass from Molly Reynolds. Maggie Shiesley countered for the Bulls, finishing with 4 points and 6 rebounds.

While Sophia Waliszewski's lone basket of the night gave her Bulls an early 2-0 lead, the Purple Eagles answered with inside shots from Annabelle Day and Lia Seelbach's lone basket of the night to take a 4-2 lead at the end of the first quarter along with a few early steals and a block from Molly Reynolds. Reynolds finished with 7 steals and 2 blocks.

After their 10-2 lead at halftime, the Purple Eagles went into a scoring drought with Ava Seelbach scoring her final basket late in the third quarter. The Bulls started to get into rhythm as Shiesley scored her first basket of the night and teammate Ava Devald had an impressive put-back basket to trim the deficit to 12-6. Devald also had 7 of her 10 rebounds in that frame.

The Bulls trimmed the deficit to 12-8 with Shiesley's second and final basket before a tight defensive battle occurred from both teams. After Reynolds converted a free-throw, the Bulls had a few more opportunities to convert easy lay-ups but weren't successful before Cashion's bucket.

In the victory, Ava Seelbach scored a team-high 6 points along with 4 rebounds while her sister Lia added four steals along with her basket. Day finished with 4 points, 5 steals and 2 blocks. Addison D'Andrea finished with 4 rebounds and Paige Cress and Avery Janowsky had 2 rebounds each.

In the loss, along with her lone basket, Waliszewski finished with 10 rebounds, 8 steals and a block and Juliana Haacker had 8 rebounds. Natalie Prezioso had 2 steals while Natalie Caccamise had a rebound.

The Purple Eagles conclude regular season play against the Bonnies next Monday, March 25, at 7 PM. The Bulls face the Golden Griffs at around 8 PM.

