

Saturday January 25, 2020

Tennessee 46, Baylor 20

Tennessee Defeats Baylor in Saturday Matinée

Tennessee got off to a hot start on Saturday, leading 10-0 after the first quarter, and 26-8 at the end of the first half. Sharp passing skills and strong defensive play helped the Lady Volunteers build the lead, as they consistently ran the floor. Brittany Day (18 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assists, 2 steals) and Kyler Shiesley (8 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals) led the way for Tennessee, scoring a combined 26 points, grabbing 15 rebounds, and dishing out 5 total assists. However, it was the play of other Tennessee players that helped this game slip away from Baylor, as key contributions from Natalie Endres (4 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assists, 1 steal), Kiera Tokarczyk (2 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals) and Ava (4 points, 2 rebounds) and Lia Seelbach (6 points, 1 rebound) on both ends of the floor were crucial for the team. Lia Seelbach found her groove scoring 6 points, and then her sister Ava joined the party by scoring back-to-back baskets of her own.

Baylor got this rolling in the second half, thanks to the strong play by Macey Kovach (6 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals). Macey was on fire in the 4th quarter, scoring 6 points, while consistently making great passes throughout the afternoon. Avery Geartz (6 points, 7 rebounds) added 4 points to go along with her strong defensive play, and Tayler Woolston (2 points, 3 rebounds) hit a jumper from the top of the key. Cadence Hill (4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 block) also provided a steady hand on defense all afternoon, making key hustle plays and recording 3 blocks.

However, Tennessee was able to hold onto the early lead, as Brittany Day added another six points in the 4th quarter, and Annabelle Day recorded two of her steals. Ultimately, the Lady Volunteers defeated Baylor, 46-20.