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Supersonics 45, Braves 23

Supersonics Outwork Braves in Victory

After a 9-8 lead in the first quarter, the Supersonics went to work on the Braves, outrebounding and running the team up and down the court. This effort was spearheaded by Braxton Kilgour, who ripped down an incredible 17 rebounds throughout the game. It seemed like every shot that went up during the afternoon was pulled down by Kilgour, who's presence in the paint was too much for the Braves to match.

The terrific trio of Greydan Barnwell (16 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 6 steals, 3 blocks), Jaxson O'Connell (11 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals), and Brady Rodgers (7 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 5 steals) also went to work for the Supersonics, pushing the ball up the court and recording 15 total steals on the evening. This trio did a great job of speeding up the game, grabbing steals and pushing the ball up the court for easy lay-ups and great shots. In the first half, Greydan Barnwell led all scorers with 10 total points, including a buzzer-beater at the end of the first quarter. Jaxson O'Connell and Brady Rodgers each scored a basket in the frame as well. In the second quarter, Nicholas Holman nailed a 3-pointer, and Joshua DeVantier (4 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal) also scored a basket. The Supersonics led 19-10 at the end of the half.

The Braves found momentum during the beginning of the third quarter, finding nice baskets from AJ Cinquino (10 points, 3 rebounds), Najir Shultz (4 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist), and Ryan Whalen (4 points). In fact, the Braves cut the deficit to 7 and looked like they would continue to roll during the frame. However, Jaxson O'Connell then went on a tear, and scored 7 straight points, including a nifty And-1 basket. At the end of the quarter, Brady Rodgers hit a 3-pointer that hit nothing but net, giving the Supersonics a commanding 33-19 lead.

Ultimately, the Supersonics defeated the Braves, 45-23.

Despite the loss, Aris Shultz (3 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 blocks) had 3 points and 4 steals, while Najir Shultz scored 4 points and ripped down 8 rebounds. Ryan Whalen also had a solid game, scoring 4 points. AJ Cinquino also had a good game, scoring 10 points with a mixture of drives to the baskets and 3-point shots.

Spurs 27, Clippers 25

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Spurs Hold Off Clippers Comeback

The first half featured even and competitive play from both the Spurs and Clippers, as each team was tied at 12 by the end of the first half. For the Clippers, Jack Giancola (17 points, 10 rebounds) went to work, scoring 8 total points in the first half, while Blake Deloreto (6 points, 3 rebounds) added a basket, and Leo Janowsky (2 points, 5 rebounds) added two points and ripped down 4 rebounds. Meanwhile, for the Spurs, Mason Mikulski (8 points, 2 points, 2 rebounds) scored 4 points in the half, while Braydon Marcus (2 points, 2 rebounds), Peyton Hutchinson (6 points, 3 rebounds), and Ryan Brady (2 points, 6 rebounds) each scored for their team.

The Spurs attempted to pull away in the third quarter, thanks to a huge final two minutes of the quarter. This surge was led by fantastic passing from the Spurs, as they made the extra pass to get wide-open shots. With the Spurs leading 18-17 with 2 minutes remaining in the quarter, the team went on a 7-0 run to pull away. During this run, Mason Mikulski, Peyton Hutchinson, and Blake Suitor worked all worked in tandem to find the best shots possible. Mason Mikulski scored 4 points during the run, and then Blake Suitor (3 points, 1 assist) capped the run off with a beautiful 3-point shot that hit nothing but net. At the end of the 3rd quarter, the Spurs led 25-17.

Despite the deficit, the Clippers did not go away easily, as Jack Giancola came alive in the 4th quarter, scoring 8 total points off a mixture of mid-range jumpers and lay-ups. Jack was in the zone during frame, doing everything possible to help his team claw back into the game.

With a minute remaining in regulation, the Spurs held onto a slim 27-25 lead. While it looked like the Clippers would tie the game, the Spurs defense dug deep, as Blake Suitor, Gavin Haynes, and Ryan Brady made key stops to keep their opponents from scoring. With 20 seconds remaining, the Spurs beat the Clippers press, and were able to walk away with a victory.

The Spurs defeated the Clippers, 27-25.

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Lakers 23, Rockets 18

Lakers Knock Off Rockets

It was a tale of two-halves when the Lakers defeated the Rockets, as the Lakers overcame the Rockets early lead to earn the victory, 23-18.

In the first quarter, the Rockets came out on fire. Nate Patterson (4 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals) led the way with a lay-up and 4 rebounds, while Johnathan Touma (8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, steal) also scored a basket and had a nice assist to Nolan Haffey. Carter Becker also scored a basket on a tough take to the basket.

In the second quarter, the Rockets continued to play strong on both ends of the floor, as Brody Denhaese (2 points, 6 rebounds) went to work in the paint, ripping down 4 rebounds. Johnathan Touma also recorded his two steals in the frame. However, the Lakers began to find their groove, as Derek Leiker (7 points, 8 rebounds, 5 steals) ripped down a hard-fought 5 rebounds, and scored 3 points. Brennon Oneil (2 points, 6 rebounds) also went to work, grabbing 4 rebounds. At the end of the first half, the Rockets held a 10-7 lead.

The Lakers snatched the momentum in the 3rd quarter, shutting out the Rockets during the frame. Joseph Polek (2 points, 8 rebounds) got big in the paint, and snatched 5 rebounds, while Derek Leiker scored 4 points and had 3 steals, including a coast-to-coast layup to help secure the lead. Brenon Tokarczyk (4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist) also went to work in the second half, scoring a basket in the third quarter while also dishing out an assist to Trey Pecoraro (5 points, 2 rebounds). At the end of the third quarter, the Lakers led 16-10.

Each team battled in the 4th quarter, exchanging baskets. However, the Lakers lead was ultimately enough to secure a victory. Johnathan Touma did his part in the 4th quarter for the Rockets, scoring 4 points and grabbing 2 rebounds. Brody Denhaese also had a rebound and basket, and Nate Patterson also scored. However, the Lakers were able to pull away, thanks to a clutch 3-pointer from Adrico Palmer (3 points), which was the dagger on the evening. Brenon Tokarczyk also had a very important steal and basket, too.

Ultimately, the Lakers defeated the Rockets, 23-18.

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