

**Saturday, January 18, 2020**

**UConn 20, Baylor 17**

*UConn Earns Opening Day Victory*

UConn jumped out to a 6-0 start, thanks to the tenacious play of Ava Devald (10 points, 16 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block), who scored all 6 points for the Huskies early on. Ava and Kiyana Harris (2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal) set the tone early with their strong defensive play, suffocating the paint and grabbing a combined 10 rebounds.

Baylor found momentum in the second quarter thanks to the strong play of Macey Kovach (6 points, 4 rebounds, 3 blocks, 1 steal), who scored 4 points in the frame and did a great job running the point guard position. Madelyn Ringler (7 points, 14 rebounds) also grabbed 5 rebounds in the frame for the Bears. At half-time, UConn led 8-6.

Defense prevailed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for each team. For UConn, Molly Lyons (2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists) did a good job of locking down her opponents, snagging two of her four steals in the frame. Raygen Manzare (6 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals, 1 block) also grabbed two of her five steals in the quarter. On offense, Raygen was also a force, taking her steals to the basket for important lay-ups. Baylor continued to fight, thanks to a basket and five rebounds from Madelyn Ringler, and a lay-up by Avery Geartz (4 points, 7 rebounds). Cadence Hill (9 rebounds) also grabbed three rebounds in the frame. Heading into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, UConn led 12-10.

UConn pulled away in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter after playing great team basketball. Ava Devald once again got the ball rolling, playing great defense and grabbing five rebounds. She also scored four points in the frame, helping push the UConn lead to six. Molly Lyons also knocked down a pair of free-throws. Baylor did not give up, however, as they pulled within two points with three minutes remaining. Avery Geartz and Macey Kovach each had two points, and Maddie Ringler added three. However, Kiyana Harris of UConn sealed the deal with a basket in the paint, clinching the victory for the Huskies. UConn defeated Baylor, 20-17.