

Plattsburgh State Cardinals 83 – Oneonta Red Dragons 59

Anthony Williams broke the school's all time scoring record in the 4th quarter with a three pointer, he came out of the game soon after. The Cardinals were up by more than twenty points almost the entire second half, insuring us that they are deserving of a top 10 seed in the NCAA rankings and the #1 overall in the SUNYAC conference.

After winning the tip and surrendering the game's first two points the Cardinals came back with a three point lay-up, and successful free throw, and never surrendered the lead. Oneonta looked confused and baffled by Plattsburgh's defensive schemes, switching between man-to-man and 3-2 zone coverage. As soon as it seemed Oneonta started solving the defense coach Tom Curle changed it and the score kept opening up.

At the end of the first quarter the score stood as a staggering 20-4. The Dragons missed 4 of their first 5 three pointers and couldn't find any consistency in any aspect of their game.

Offensively, they weren't sound. They passed around the perimeter and took unhealthy shots from the outside; the very few moments that they looked like they could go on a decent run were when they drove to the inside for lay-ups or kicked out for open three pointers. But those streaks never lasted as Plattsburgh would force turnovers playing for the pass to the inside or coming up with one of their 5 blocks in the game.

Plattsburgh led impressively at halftime 43-26. They came out firing after the break and stretched the lead to as many as 29 points. Oneonta did not roll over, getting the lead down to 19, but were unable to sustain enough momentum as they reverted back to bad shot selection and forcing three pointers. They finished 8 for 18 from beyond the arc. Not only did their long range shooting let them down, as they were cutting into

Plattsburgh's lead they went on a 0 for 4 slump from the free throw line and only finished a measly 11 for 20 from the stripe.

Anthony Williams set the tempo for the entire game scoring 29 points, his last three breaking Larry Parker's school record. Williams took the ball up court and stared down his defender from the top-right of the arc. He then faked a drive to the hoop, crossed the ball between his legs, stepped back and nailed the 19 foot three pointer. Shades of Allen Iverson, not only because of the same trademark move; but the arm sleeve both 'The Answer' and Williams wear. Williams came out of the game with 7 assists, 4 rebounds and 3 steals to go along with the 29 points at just over 6 minutes left in regulation.

Despite having a team this good, Cardinals' fans hurt their team's chances. Fans were rowdy the entire game. Senior day can do that; as heckling refs and opposing players at the free throw line are just a few activities that will be missed by those graduating. Glares from referees were not enough to discourage fans, but when someone used an air-horn every time Oneonta took a shot, Memorial Hall personnel were summoned to kick the offender out of the stands. Coach Curle then had to address the crowd to warn, "that if it happens again Plattsburgh State will be assessed a technical foul." After that, things started settling down and the scoreboard displayed Plattsburgh ahead by 24 points.

The final score of 83-59 showed just what the team can do; be disruptive on defense and efficient on offense. Other brilliant moments from Plattsburgh players were Travis Gorham's 3 blocked shots, 17 points, 5 assists, 9 boards and Khylan Hunt's double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds.