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## **Sidney at Tippecanoe**

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### **Game Notes:**

Biggest news coming into this game was the Season Debut for Tipp's #1 Player, Nolan Mader. Mader averaged 18.3 pts and 6.8 rebs last season in the GWOC and until this game hadn't played due to injury. The Red Devils had been led thus far by Ben Knostman.

The other starting note was Sidney's 9-0 record coming into this game, as they sit atop the Valley Division of the MVL. The Jackets had been led this season by Senior, Darren Taborn, who was averaging 15.7 pts coming into this one.

### **Game Start**

The game got off to a hot start as Sidney began the game on a 5-0 run, before Tipp answered with a 9-0 run of their own. Tipp was cleared amp'd up by Mader's return and the chance to give Sidney their first loss of the season. Tipp got it going with some savvy play by Ben Knostman running the point and creating, whilst the rest of the team took advantage of an aggressive Sidney defense. Zach Frederick (Tipp) and Gavin Gartiz (Tipp) started off on fire from beyond the arc, each with a number of buckets.

Sidney on the other hand struggled to get anything going consistently. They opened with game with a couple quick buckets but then Tipp settled in defensively. Sidney tried to get the ball inside but ended up settling for a high volume of jump shots that didn't fall. Devin Taborn provided a slight boost off the bench, hitting a deep 3 with few seconds left, before Fredrick (Tipp) hit a near mid-court buzzer beater, his 3rd 3 pointer of the quarter.

### **End of 1st Quarter**

Sidney-15

Tippecanoe-24

As the 2nd quarter got started with everything staying pretty much on par with Q1. Mader (Tipp) made his presence felt both inside and out. He hit a slick step back 3 in the corner and followed it up with a tough & 1 down low to set the tone for the Red Devils. Knostman and Gartiz helped to dictate ball control and attack with their shots and driving acumen to keep Sidney off-balance defensively.

As for Sidney, they looked very out of sorts. Darren Taborn showed off his athleticism with some rebounds and good moves to get open shots but they just wouldn't fall. The Jackets were very lackluster until Senior Forward, Lathan Jones, stepped up and started banging down low. He too showed off good bounce and toughness to get some huge offensive boards. He converted

those boards into multiple 2nd chance opportunities meaning much needed points. Sidney went into half trying to figure out where they could buy buckets from anyone other than Jones.

### **Halftime**

Sidney-27

Tippecanoe- 44

Coming out of the break, it looked like things may have been a little chilly in the Red Devils locker room. The 1st half microwave lessened significantly and they slowed down their pace to try and focus on good D and ball control. Unfortunately, that led them into a dry-spell for decent part of the 3rd quarter. They were able to get a couple baskets here and there as Sidney's defense broke down on occasion.

For Sidney, Darren Taborn finally got on the board with 6:08 on the clock in the 3rd. He rattled off 5 straight points that came off of good defensive pressure. Dom Durr (Sidney) also started peppering in a few buckets from inside and out as the Jackets tried to keep fighting and stay in the game. The biggest question mark was why Jones sat for most of the quarter. He was the main bright spot and was pacing his team with 10 at the half.

### **End of 3rd Quarter**

Sidney-40

Tippecanoe-55

The 4th quarter got underway with Tipp maintaining their "stall" and thus trying to control the pace of play. This style of play allowed Sidney to hang around and cut the game down to 9 pts with just under 4 minutes to play. Tipp really hurt themselves by doing this and combined that with a large number of turnovers. Their saving grace came in the form of very good FT shooting as Sidney tried to extend the game with fouls.

Dom Durr really got it going in the 4th quarter and tried to lead Sidney to a comeback. Durr hit multiples shots both inside and out, putting up 11 pts in the 4th alone. Darren Taborn wasn't going to go down without a fight either. He significantly stepped up his defensive pressure and even though he couldn't find the groove offensively, he helped provide the possessions that got Durr on track. In the end it just wasn't enough as the Jackets couldn't get points consistently enough to make it all the way back.

### **Final**

Sidney 57

Tippecanoe 71

Tipp completes the upset moving to 7-4 overall and knocks Sidney out of the ranks of the Unbeaten, now 9-1.

Mader's return clearly impacted the confidence of this Tipp Team and Frederick's hot hand and board domination led them to victory. The Red Devils shot almost 50% from the field, going 88% from the line, and 43% from beyond the arc. They had 4 guys in double figures and two guys with double doubles. They will need to clean up turnovers though as they had 20 by game end.

Frederick-19pts 15rebs

Garlitz-15pts

Knostman-12 pts 7rebs 5 ast

Mader-12 pts 13 rebs

The Jackets as a whole struggled from the field, shooting 36% as a team. They were 33% from beyond the arc and shot a miserable 53% from the line. The other big difference is how badly they were beaten on the boards, getting out grabbed 45-20 overall.

Dom Durr-18 pts

Lathan Jones-10pts

Darren Taborn-8pts

Devin Taborn-8pts

**Player of the Game:**

Zach Frederick

**Honorable Mentions:**

Gavin Garlitz (Tipp)

Dom Durr (Sidney)

Brent Knostman (Tipp)

**Final Thoughts:**

Tipp: Don't let their record thus far fool you. If this Tipp team can limit turnovers and play with the pace and shot making ability they displayed in the 1st half, they could be a very dangerous team in D2. Mader clearly changes the chemistry of this team and will be looked to keep them on pace and playing fast in the 2nd half of the season. If they hit a stride they could surprisingly knock-off a higher ranked D2 team.

Sidney: Their 9-1 record clearly shows that they are better than the team that we saw out on the floor tonight. With Jones missing in the 2nd and Taborn struggling they just weren't the same team. The Jackets have a lot of athleticism and when they play their game will still be a tough team to beat. I do worry about how they will stand up to tougher competition in D1 come tournament time, as the MVL is extremely weak in terms of top tier teams.