Best performance: Darius Griskenas



Forward Darius Griskenas (194-F-84) had a very impressive game in the last round for Lietkabelis, receiving a Eurobasket.com Player of the Week award for round 25.

The 28-year old player was the main contributor (20 points, eight rebounds and two assists) to his team's victory, helping them to crush Sakalai (#11, 4-14) with 17-point margin 85-68. The game rather meaningless between the teams, which do not have any influence on the top of the standings.

Lietkabelis maintains the 9th position in Lithuanian LKL. Lietkabelis is rather a weak team placed in lower part in the standings. They need more victories to improve their 7-12 record. In the team's last game Griskenas had a remarkable 66.7% from 2-point range. It was one of impressive evenings for him as usually he does not deliver so high stats. Darius Griskenas averages this season 9.5ppg.

The second best player in last round's games was 27-year old Arturas Valeika (207-F-85) of league's leader Rudupis. Valeika had a very good evening with 11 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists. It was enough for Rudupis to edge the lower-ranked Juventus (#5, 10-8) 78-74. This victory allowed Rudupis to move up to 1st position in the standings. His team lost just three games this season, while they won 14 matches.

Valeika is a newcomer at Rudupis and despite he is not a team leader yet, every game he becomes more reliable player. Hopefully performances like the last one will happen more often.

Third on the list of top players last round was another Lietkabelis' star - guard Karolis Babkauskas (186-PG-91). Babkauskas showcased his all-around game by recording 19 points, five rebounds and seven assists in the last round. He was another key player of Lietkabelis, helping his team with a 85-68 easy win against slightly lower-ranked Sakalai (#11, 4-14).

The chances of Lietkabelis not to end season at such low position in the league, however are less than slim as they have already lost 12 games, recording just seven victories. With bigger assistance of his teammates, Babkauskas could try to bring Lietkabelis' a little bit higher in the standings. Babkauskas has a very solid season. In 19 games in Lithuania he scored 9.8ppg. He also has 3.1apg, FGP: 51.0% and 3PT: 42.7%.

The Player of the week is chosen based on efficiency calculation, but also including game result, importance of the game, if played recorded double-double/triple-double, etc.

The efficiency formula is a combination of various formulas used by different basketball organizations/leagues. We got involved many basketball scouts and journalists to assure it's accuracy.

The formula: 1.5*PTS + 3* (REB+AST+ST+BL-TO) - 2*BSAG - 4*PF + 3*PFRV + 4* (2FGPM+3FGPM) + 1.5*FTM - 3* (2FGPA-2FGPM) - 3* (3FGPA-3FGPM) - (FTA-FTM)

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