



With their recent struggles, how did FC Barcelona manage to grind out a tough win vs Maccabi Tel Aviv in the Euroleague?

Final Score: 83-78



Background

- 13-8, 4th in Euroleague
- Losers of 3 of their last 4 home games
- Head Coach, Šarūnas Jasikevicius, on Maccabi: **"They run well and force you to play a game you don't want to play"**

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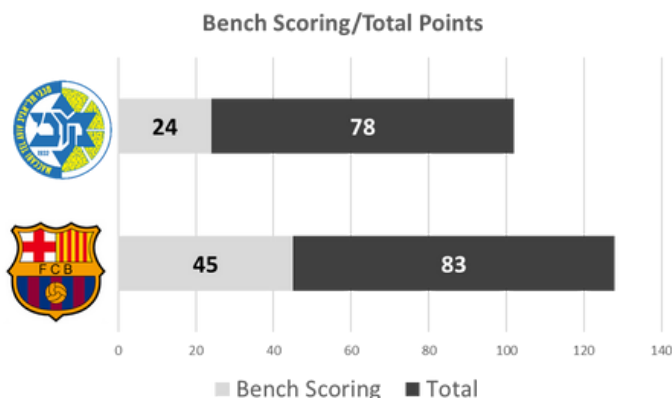
- 11-10, 8th in the Euroleague
- 2-9 on the road, 6-4 in the last 10 games
- Head Coach, Oded Kattash, discussing Barca: **"Have to slow Barcelona down and be aware in transition defense"**

Keys To The Win

- ✓ **Team-orientated** basketball with contributions from starters + bench
 - 8 players scored between 5 and 15 points
- ✓ **Great defense in the 4th** where Maccabi went scoreless for 6:36 minutes
 - Barca shut down the paint and rotated aggressively, allowing only 11 PTS
- ✓ **Extended bench contributions**
 - 45 points from Barca's bench; just 24 for Maccabi

Key Numbers

- **2FG/3PG:** Barca 50%/44%, Maccabi 52.8%/35.7%
 - Better outside shooting
- **FTM:** Barca 86% (18/21), Maccabi 66% (10/15)
 - +8 in points at the foul line
- **Assists:** Barca 20, Maccabi 13
 - Greater distribution of the ball
- **Bench Points:** Barca 54%, Maccabi 31% (See graph)



Key Observations

- Barca managed to control **Wade Baldwin** in Q4, although he had a great 3Q, 11 PTS & 2 AST
- Without Maccabi's best playmaker, **Lorenzo Brown** (6.0 AST/game), Barca was able to increase the defensive pressure and Maccabi lacked organization down the stretch
- Despite the ebbs and flows of the game, Barca never stopped playing and didn't let Maccabi get to far ahead (biggest lead for Maccabi was 10)



Key Moments

- After 3 quarters of up-and-down play, Barca put together a dominant 4th and held Maccabi scoreless for **6:36** minutes
- **During a 14-0 run** (68-74 to 82-74) Barca got two critical offensive rebounds:
 - A. "And 1" for **Nikola Mirotic**, B. 3PT for **Cory Higgins**
- **The extended possessions** paved the way for Barca to take the lead for good and to earn their 14th victory in the Euroleague