



Torrey Pines Falcons (17-4, 4-0) vs. Canyon Crest Ravens (9-13, 0-4)

Torrey Pines High School - January 28th, 2020 - 7:00 pm



9 Facts to Know:

1. Torrey Pines has now won six straight and improved to 4-0 in the Avocado West after last Thursday's win over La Costa Canyon. Down 17 at half, the Falcons clawed back to force overtime and eventually won 68-63. Canyon Crest fell 62-53 at home to Carlsbad in their last contest, and the ball club has now dropped to 0-4 in league.
2. The Falcons have never lost to Canyon Crest, a feat that dates back to when the Academy opened its doors in 2004. Torrey Pines is 15-0 against the Ravens.
3. Last season, the Falcons and Ravens faced off twice in Avocado West League play. The January 16th, 2019 matchup went to the Falcons 72-35, and the February 6th, 2019 matchup went to the Falcons 71-46. Bryce Pope led the way in both games, the first with 21 points and the latter with 14 points.
4. After tonight's game, all teams in the Avocado West will have played each other once. The Falcons maintain sole possession of first place at 4-0. Carlsbad is 3-1, La Costa Canyon and San Marcos are 2-2, Mission Hills is 1-3 and Canyon Crest is 0-4.
5. In overtime last season, the Falcons were 1-1. They fell 90-89 in double overtime to Foothills Christian on December 22nd, 2018 but defeated San Marcos 77-71 on the road November 24th, 2018. It was the first OT win in 425 days.
6. Brandon Angel (#21) recorded his fourth straight double-double against LCC. This one came with 19 points and 10 rebounds, both of which were team highs. He now has 11 double-doubles for the season.
7. Nate Witte (#2) scored a varsity career high with 11 points last game. None were bigger than his go-ahead three with less than a minute left in overtime to put the Falcons up one. His previous high: 10 points on December 2nd, 2019 at West Hills.
8. Thank you, Kobe Bryant, for inspiring dozens of players in the Torrey Pines Basketball program throughout their childhood. Rest in peace Mamba.
9. In addition to Nate Witte's shot (see fact #7), the comeback win against LCC provided some other huge shots from juniors on the team. Cameron Klein (#12) hit a three at the inside of two minutes left in the game to pull the Falcons within a single basket for the first time in the second half. Chris Howell (#5) got fouled shooting a three - with the Falcons down three - with 0.8 seconds to go. He hit all three free throws to send the game to overtime and an eventual Falcons win.