



#4 Torrey Pines Falcons (2-0) @ #8 Mater Dei Catholic Crusaders (1-0)

Mater Dei Catholic HS - November 27th, 2019 - 6:00 pm



9 Facts to Know:

1. The Falcons have begun the season 2-0 after big wins over Westview and El Centro Southwest last week. This is the seventh consecutive year they have sat at 2-0 to open a season. Mater Dei Catholic comes in having played one game, a 62-55 win against Bishop's two days ago.
2. This is game #2 of the West Hills Tournament which the Falcons had not participated in for the last two years. The last three times the Falcons have entered the tournament, they have come away with the title. Wins came in 2016 (over Vista in finals), 2015 (San Marcos) and 2014 (St. Augustine).
3. Under head coach John Olive, the Falcons are 2-0 against Mater Dei Catholic. The last matchup between the two schools came in the West Hills Tournament on December 2nd, 2016. Torrey Pines came away with the victory 69-52, led by Jake Gilliam's 13 points and 14 rebounds.
4. This is the first matchup between two top 10 teams in San Diego this season. In the preseason *San Diego Union-Tribune* media poll, the Falcons were #4 and the Crusaders were #8.
5. Brandon Angel (#21) comes in as the leading scorer (15.0 PPG) and rebounder (5.0 RPG) for the Falcons. Chris Howell (#5) leads the Falcons in all other major categories: 4.0 assists per game, 4.0 steals per game and 2.5 blocks per game.
6. Both teams come in with youthful lineups. Only one senior will start: Brandon Angel (#21) for the Falcons. He will be complimented by three juniors and a sophomore. The Crusaders start all sophomores and juniors.
7. Last season, the Falcons succeeded away from the "Olive Garden" with a record of 8-2 on the road. This is their first road game of this season.
8. All three levels of Falcon hoops are 2-0 to start the year with an emphasis on the defensive end. Varsity has given up 23.5 PPG, JV 39 PPG and Freshman 41 PPG.
9. 11 Falcons have seen the floor in the first two games who did not play in a varsity game last season for Torrey Pines: Nick Herrmann (#1), Nate Witte (#2), Diego Campisano (#4), Chris Howell (#5), Matias Clotfelter (#10), Cooper Glenn (#11), Cam Klein (#12), Michael Morse (#23), Dechaun Key (#24), Aman Fikre (#25) and Otto Landrum (#35).