



#4 Torrey Pines Falcons (8-1)

@ #6 Poway Titans (8-1)

Poway High School - December 20th, 2019 - 7:00 pm



9 Facts to Know:

1. Torrey Pines comes in having won six games in a row. The signature win so far this season came on December 12th at home against #5 Santa Fe Christian, 57-39. Poway comes in off a rebound win against Vista 66-47 on Monday after a heartbreaking loss on a buzzer beater to Capistrano Valley last Saturday.
2. In the opening round of the 2018-2019 CIF San Diego playoffs, the Falcons knocked off the Titans 58-54 en route to the former's Open Division title. Bryce Pope led the Falcons with 26 points. This was also Coach Olive's 500th victory as a head coach.
3. In the Maxpreps era, the Falcons are 26-2 against the Titans. Torrey Pines won both games last season, including Fact #2's playoff game. The last time Poway emerged victorious was January 20th, 2012 at home in overtime, 57-54. Joe Rahon's 29 points were not enough to lift the Falcons to a road win.
4. Today begins a grueling holiday season for the Falcons. After tonight's game at Poway, the team will return Saturday to Poway to take on Rancho Buena Vista and conclude the Titan Challenge. #2 Cathedral Catholic awaits Monday night at Torrey Pines in the Holiday Classic Tip-Off Night, and then the Falcons will host four games - December 26th, 27th, 28th and 30th - in the 30th Annual Holiday Classic.
5. This is the third top ten matchup for each team so far this season. Torrey Pines lost 73-64 on the road at #5 Mater Dei Catholic and beat #7 Santa Fe Christian 57-39 at home. Poway beat #5 Mater Dei Catholic 56-50 and #10 San Marcos 69-60.
6. The Falcons' efficient start from the field has not slowed down even as we approach game #10. The team's field goal percentage is 55%, and the team lead remains with Nate Witte at 78%. Nine Falcons are shooting greater than 50%.
7. In the last three contests for the Falcons, they have held opponents to less than 40 points defensively. All three teams scored below their season averages: Mira Mesa had 39, Santa Fe Christian had 39, and Santana had 36.
8. Poway is a very tough place to win. Since 2014-15, the Titans are 47-8 on their home campus. However, Torrey Pines is 2-0 at Poway in that time period.
9. *Last Season:* Brandon Angel (#21) was named to the Avocado West's 2nd Team All-League for the Falcons. Poway's Adam Sevier was selected as the Palomar League Player of the Year and Cole Stephens was named to the Palomar League 1st Team.