



#3 Torrey Pines vs. #1 Foothills Christian



CIF San Diego Final - RIMAC Arena - February 23rd, 2019

9 Facts to Know:

1. This is Torrey Pines Basketball's 11th CIF title game appearance. The Falcons are 6-4 all-time in San Diego Section championships. This also marks the third Open Division final appearance in the last five years. Foothills Christian is one of two other schools in San Diego to appear in three Open Division finals since its inception in 2013-14.
2. Torrey Pines Coach John Olive will be appearing in his seventh CIF finals. His last win was 2011-12 with a team led by Joe Rahon and Garret Galvin. Foothills Christian Coach Brad Leaf will be appearing in his 14th CIF finals. His last win was 2015-16 with a team led by his son and current Indiana Pacer (NBA) T.J. Leaf.
3. The Falcons' playoff road to the title game has come with home victories against #6 Poway (58-54) and #7 Mission Bay (81-70). They are riding a six game winning streak. The Knights also come in with two home wins: against #8 San Marcos (68-40) and #5 Vista (68-59). Their current winning streak stands at 12 games.
4. Torrey Pines and Foothills Christian met earlier this year in the Holiday Classic San Diego Showcase game. The Knights prevailed in double overtime, 90-89. That was Torrey Pines' first multiple overtime game since the 2012-2013 season when the Falcons beat the Westview Wolverines 68-61 in triple overtime.
5. Bryce (#4) and Michael (#3) Pope both surpassed 1,000 points in a Torrey Pines uniform this season. After Wednesday's Mission Bay game, Bryce passed Joe Rahon ('12) to get to second in the last 15 seasons with 1,530 career points and Michael passed Sam Worman ('14) to get to fifth with 1,042 career points.
6. In Wednesday's semifinal win over Mission Bay, the Pope twins teamed up for 54 points. Their season high for combined points of 57 came in December --- against Foothills Christian.
7. This game will feature three members of the 2017-2018 season's All-CIF teams. Torrey Pines' Bryce Pope (#4) and Foothills Christian's Derrick Carter-Hollinger (#35) were First Team All-CIF, and Foothills Christian's Yassine Gharram (#2) was Second Team.
8. Across all three levels of Torrey Pines Basketball this season, the Falcons have a combined record of 75-7. Varsity is 24-6, JV was 28-0 and Freshman was 23-1.
9. Tonight's game is played at a neutral site: UC San Diego's RIMAC Arena. The Falcons are 3-2 and the Knights are 11-3 in neutral site contests this season.