



**#3 Torrey Pines Falcons (26-4)**

**vs. #1 Cathedral Catholic Dons (23-7)**

**CIF San Diego Open Division Final**

**UC San Diego's RIMAC Arena - February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 7:30 pm**



## **9 Facts to Know:**

1. Torrey Pines beat Poway at home 74-43 and St. Augustine on the road 56-54 to advance to tonight's CIF Open Division Final. Cathedral Catholic's path to the finals came with home wins over Christian 72-61 and Francis Parker 87-64.
2. This is the second time the Falcons and Dons have played this season. In the Holiday Classic Tip-Off Night, Cathedral Catholic emerged victorious, 58-51. Brandon Angel led the Falcons with 18 points on the evening.
3. Torrey Pines is appearing in their 12<sup>th</sup> CIF San Diego Championship Game. The Falcons are 7-4 in past title games. Since becoming Cathedral Catholic (previously USDHS), the Dons are appearing in their 6<sup>th</sup> CIF San Diego Championship Game and have a prior record of 2-3 in title games.
4. Building on fact #3, the Falcons will be making their 4<sup>th</sup> Open Division Final appearance, the first San Diego team to make four appearances. The Dons will be playing in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Division Final.
5. Last season, Torrey Pines won their first Open Division title in the same gym as tonight – RIMAC Arena – with a 51-47 victory over Foothills Christian. Noah Viera led the Falcons with 15 points, including two huge fourth quarter three-pointers. Cathedral Catholic lost their only previous Open Division Final appearance 80-63 against the T.J. Leaf-led Foothills Christian Knights.
6. The Falcons are undefeated this season – 7-0 – when playing a team for the second time. Torrey Pines beat all five teams the second time through Avocado West League play, and the Falcons also defeated Poway and St. Augustine a second time during the playoffs after having met both programs in December 2019.
7. Brandon Angel (#21) is the Falcons' leading scorer and rebounder at 20.3 points and 9.7 rebounds per game. Chris Howell (#5) and Nick Herrmann (#1) both contribute 9.9 pppoints per game. Cathedral Catholic's Obinna Anyanwu leads the team with 13.3 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. Beon Riley and Alex Wade also average double digits with 13.1 and 10.3 a game respectively.
8. Brandon Angel (#21) won the game with two made free throws and 9.6 seconds left in the semifinals at St. Augustine. It's no surprise, as Angel is the second-leading free throw shooter (87.6%) in the last 15 years behind Mike Pope '19 (88.6%).
9. Expect a battle defensively tonight. The Falcons are only giving up 47.2 points per game (lowest total since 2015-2016) while the Dons are only giving up 50.6 a game.