

Game Recap #12 (Cathedral Catholic)

December 23rd, 2019 Torrey Pines High School

The Quick Hit:

In front of a capacity crowd at home, Torrey Pines fell 58-51 to rival Cathedral Catholic. The game lived up to expectations, with a back-and-forth first half and a near comeback from Torrey Pines in the closing minutes. The Falcons won the first and fourth quarters, but it was a huge third quarter from the Dons that powered them to victory.

The Players:

For the 10th time this season, Brandon Angel was the leading scorer for the Falcons. He had 18 points to go along with seven rebounds and a season-high four blocks. Chris Howell was the other Falcon to reach double digits with 10 points, and his rebound total of 12 gave him a double-double. This was his second double-double of the season. Cameron Klein got Torrey Pines off to a roaring start, converting a three and two tough, off-hand layups for seven points in the first quarter. Diego Campisano had four big rebounds in the fourth quarter and five for the game to go along with his four points.

The Game:

The first quarter went the way of the Falcons. It was a defensive battle with long, drawn out possessions. Both team didn't really turn it over (Torrey Pines only had two) but points came at a premium. Klein's aforementioned seven points led all scorers for the period, and the score was 15-12 Torrey Pines. In the second quarter, Cathedral Catholic started to find their rhythm. Brandon Angel had his highest scoring quarter with seven, two of which came off a Cathedral Catholic technical foul for shoving Otto Landrum. That provided one of the loudest crowd reactions in the gym all night, and it turned up the adrenaline levels for both teams. At half, the Falcons trailed by two, 28-26. The third quarter saw the game open up in transition, which worked to the Dons' favor. They forced six turnovers from the Falcons for the second straight quarter, but converted more of those turnovers into points in the third period. The Cathedral Catholic lead stood at 13 after three. Sparked by four massive blocks in the first few minutes of the period – three from Angel – the Falcons began to cut into the lead. A corner three from Nate Witte and a Matias Clotfelter backdoor layup (from Diego Campisano) were two scores that seemed the give the Falcons life, but Cathedral Catholic held tough with the lead. It got down to four at one point in the closing minutes, but the Dons left with a 58-51 victory.

Next Up:

The 30th Annual Holiday Classic begins on Thursday, December 26th. Torrey Pines High School will once again play host to the tournament's top division, and the host Falcons will begin their four-game slate at 1:10 pm against Bishop O'Connell in the Olive Garden. More information on the tournament: **theholidayclassic.org**.