



Game Recap #21 (La Costa Canyon)

January 23rd, 2020

La Costa Canyon High School

The Quick Hit:

Tonight was the renewal of a storied rivalry that will go down as one of the best editions ever. Trailing by 17 at half and 7 within the final two minutes of the game, the Falcons stormed back to tie it with 0.8 seconds left on three Chris Howell free throws. In overtime, a Nate Witte three and Brandon Angel steal and dunk were the keys to lift Torrey Pines to a massive OT road win, 68-63.

The Players:

Brandon Angel had his fourth straight double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Chris Howell had 18 points, three rebounds, three assists and two blocks, but no sequence was more important than when he was fouled on a three-pointer with 0.8 seconds left in the game and the Falcons down three. He converted all three free throws under pressure to send the game to overtime. Nick Herrmann was the third leading scorer and converted four big free throws in the fourth quarter, going 6/7 in the game. He also added four rebounds and three assists with zero turnovers. Nate Witte was the final Falcon to finish in double digits with 11 points on 3/4 from three, including the biggest three of the game in overtime.

The Game:

La Costa Canyon came out hot, including a trio of three-pointers, and led 17-7 after a quarter. In the second quarter, Nate Witte had a quarter-high five points for the Falcons, but the Mavericks added seven points to their lead and held a 17 point advantage at the break. Tommy Griffiths had 12 points in the second quarter for the Mavericks and was the spark to give them their largest lead of the game. The Falcons were only 7/28 from the field for the first half. The third quarter began with a 6-0 Torrey Pines run after Nick Herrmann and Chris Howell three-pointers. Only three Falcons – Chris Howell (9), Nick Herrmann (6), Brandon Angel (4) – scored in the third period but that combined with stellar defense to shrink the Mavericks' lead by 10 points. After three quarters, La Costa Canyon led 44-37. In the fourth, both teams traded baskets for the early minutes of the quarter. Cameron Klein had his only five points of the game, including a big shot from deep to cut the Mavericks' lead to three with under a minute to go. Both teams were in the bonus for nearly the entire quarter– the Mavericks were 7/7 from the foul line and the Falcons were 9/10. No free throws were bigger than when the Falcons trailed by three and had the ball with 7.1 seconds to go. Chris Howell got fouled shooting a three with 0.8 seconds left. He converted two free throws, then La Costa Canyon called timeout to ice him. It didn't work, as he converted the last and sent the game to overtime at 60-60. In overtime, the Mavericks struck first but were matched by two Brandon Angel free throws. In the game's biggest shot from the field, Nate Witte hit a corner three in front of the Torrey Pines bench to put the Falcons up three with a minute to go in OT. The very next play was a Brandon Angel steal and slam all alone in transition that put Torrey Pines up five and the game out of reach. The overtime final was a 68-63 win for the Falcons. Two additional tidbits: The Falcons finished their second straight game with only nine turnovers. They also were 15/17 from the foul line, 14 of those coming in the final quarter and overtime.

Next Up:

The Falcons are off until next Tuesday night, January 28th, when they take on the Ravens of Canyon Crest at home. The Ravens are 0-3 in league and will come to visit the Falcons in the Olive Garden at 7:00 pm.



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