



Game Recap #26 (Foothills Christian)

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Mission Bay High School

The Quick Hit:

The Falcons once again found themselves down at halftime, 26-24, but a huge fourth quarter led to a 52-43 win. Brandon Angel's massive line of 26 points and 17 rebounds plus a big fourth quarter effort from Matias Clotfelter helped guide the Falcons to victory.

The Players:

Brandon Angel had the aforementioned 26 point, 17 rebound double-double. The rebound total was Angel's season & career high while the point total was only two away from his season & career high. A stellar defensive effort from Chris Howell on Foothills Christian's Yale-signee Yassine Gharram helped slow the Knights' offense in the second half. Howell also added four points, four rebounds and four assists. Nick Herrmann was the second leading scorer with six, and he also helped on the glass with four rebounds. Matias Clotfelter played sparingly in the first half but came up clutch in the last quarter and a half of the game. He had two big layups, three rebounds, two assists and a steal with no turnovers.

The Game:

The first quarter was a defensive struggle. When Coach Leaf called timeout for the Knights nearly halfway through the period, the score was 4-2 Falcons. Brandon Angel's five points helped the Falcons to a 11-10 lead after one. In the second quarter, Yassine Gharram had his only seven points of the ball game and helped give Foothills Christian pull ahead at the break, 26-24. Brandon Angel only had 10 points in the first half, but he slowly started to take control of the contest a few minutes into the third quarter. He ended the third with nine points and seven rebounds in the eight-minute period alone. Key in the quarter for the Falcons was taking control of the defense boards. The Knights, normally effective on the offensive glass, were limited in that facet of the game. The Falcons led 38-37 after three. In the fourth quarter, Foothills Christian was held without a basket for the first four minutes of the period. Torrey Pines stretched its lead to 46-37 before the Knights ended the dry spell. Early on, Chris Howell made a great play to poke the ball from behind after a Knights rebound, leading to a Torrey Pines score and help prolong the run. Matias Clotfelter played the entire fourth and had a key play down the stretch. An errant Falcon pass looked to be sailing out of bounds, but Clotfelter caught the ball and, while in mid-air along the sideline, threw a perfect dime to Brandon Angel for a layup. The Falcons defense stayed locked in through the remainder of the quarter, only giving up six points total en route to a 52-43 win.

Next Up:

The Falcons enter their last week of the regular season and will kick off the first of two Avocado West games next week with San Marcos. The game will be at 7:00 pm at home.



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