



Game Recap #3 (Mater Dei Catholic)

November 27th, 2019
Mater Dei Catholic High School

The Quick Hit:

The Falcons dropped to 2-1 on the season after a tough loss 72-64 on the road against Mater Dei Catholic. Brandon Angel's double-double wasn't enough to lift the Falcons over the host Crusaders, who were led by Melo Sanchez's 34 points. The Falcons led after a quarter but played from behind the rest of the game and ultimately were unable to overtake the Crusaders.

The Players:

Three Falcons reached double digits on the evening: Brandon Angel, Nick Herrmann and Chris Howell. Angel had his first double-double of the season with 16 points and 14 rebounds. He also dished out 4 assists. Herrmann joined Angel in scoring in every quarter of the game and finished with 15 points. Howell had 12 points, 5 rebounds and 5 assists. Nate Witte was the only Falcon to be perfect from the field with 6 points on 1/1 from two and 1/1 from three in addition to 4 rebounds. All seven Falcons who played scored at least one basket.

The Game:

Unlike the last two games, the first quarter was a back-and-forth between the Falcons and Crusaders. Brandon Angel had the first four points of the game for the Falcons, but as the quarter wore on, every bucket for either side seemed to be matched. Three Falcons – Angel, Herrmann and Landrum – were tied with four points after the quarter. Nate Witte gave the Falcons a spark at the end of the first quarter and into the second quarter with five points and a nice assist. However, in the second quarter, Melo Sanchez got hot for the Crusaders. He dropped 16 points for the quarter and 19 points for the half to give Mater Dei Catholic a 34-32 lead going into the break. The third quarter saw the Crusaders stretch their lead to 51-46 despite Nick Herrmann's six points in the period. In the fourth, the Falcons cut the Crusaders lead to three points multiple times but could never get over the hump in the quarter or the game. Sanchez added another 15 points in the second half, including several clutch buckets late in the fourth quarter, to lead all scorers with 34 points in the game. The Crusaders hit a total of 10 three-pointers in the contest to lead Mater Dei to a 72-64 victory.

Next Up:

The West Hills Tournament continues on Monday, December 2nd vs. host West Hills High School. Tip off is 7:00 pm at Torrey Pines High School, however.



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