



Game Recap #30 (St. Augustine)

February 26th, 2020
St. Augustine High School

The Quick Hit:

In an absolute war that will be remembered for years, #3 Torrey Pines pulled out a 56-54 win on the road at #2 St. Augustine. The Falcons will be headed Saturday night to their second consecutive CIF San Diego Championship game, their fourth in the last six years and their eighth under Coach Olive.

The Players:

Nick Herrmann was outstanding and led the Falcons with 15 points. He was the team's second leading rebounder with 5 boards. Brandon Angel was the team's leading rebounder and, despite having a tough day offensively, he nailed both of the most crucial free throws of the contest with 9.6 seconds to go to put the Falcons up 56-54. Angel totaled 9 points and 9 rebounds on the evening. Nate Witte hit two massive three-pointers to begin the fourth quarter and also had two big free throws in the waning minutes of the game. Chris Howell carried the Falcons with 9 of the team's 12 points in the first quarter and also added 4 assists and 3 rebounds in the game.

The Game:

Chris Howell put the Falcons on his back through the first eight minutes. He had 9 of the Falcons' 12 points in the quarter. Offensive rebounding from the Saintsmen kept them close in a defensive-oriented first period, but it was Torrey Pines who was in front 12-11 after one... In the second, Matias Clotfelter (TP) and Nakial Cross (SA) traded three-pointers in the opening minutes. Nick Herrmann had six points in the last four minutes of the half and, combined with late buckets from Cameron Klein, Chris Howell & Diego Campisano, helped give the Falcons a 29-25 lead at the break... Chibuzo Agbo began the third quarter with a bang for the Saintsmen, knocking down back-to-back three-pointers in the first 40 seconds and forcing a Torrey Pines timeout. Following the timeout, Agbo added an and-1 to go a 9-0 run by himself and put St. Augustine ahead 34-29. Nick Herrmann sparked the Falcons with his own 4-0 run. Shortly after a Cameron Klein basket gave the Falcons a 37-35 lead inside a minute to go in the third, Isaiah Brickner had an and-1 to provide the quarter's final points and give the Saintsmen a 38-37 lead after three... The fourth began with a flurry of buckets. Chris Howell had a two for the Falcons while Nakial Cross and Chibuzo Agbo had baskets for the Saintsmen, but the star of the first few minutes was Nate Witte. Having not scored all night, the junior knocked down two huge, huge three-pointers to put the Falcons out ahead 45-42. The Falcons truly earned their win from the foul line in the last three minutes of the game: Nate Witte, Nick Herrmann and Brandon Angel were all 2/2. Nick Herrmann's pair with 53 seconds left put the Falcons up 54-52, but a nice Luke Haupt dunk with under 40 seconds left tied the game at 54-54. Brandon Angel was fouled on a drive with 9.6 seconds to go and knocked down both to put the Falcons ahead 56-54. St. Augustine came down and missed a layup in traffic. Nick Herrmann came away with the rebound and dribbled the last three seconds out for a 56-54 Falcon victory.

Next Up:

The #3 Falcons will play the #1 Cathedral Catholic Dons in this Saturday's (a leap day special) CIF San Diego Open Division Final. The game will be at 7:30 pm at RIMAC Arena on the campus of UC San Diego.



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