



Game Recap #8 (Santa Fe Christian)

December 12th, 2019
Torrey Pines High School

The Quick Hit:

The Falcons defense was on full display tonight in a game where Santa Fe Christian only scored 10, 7 and 9 points successively in the first three quarters. Through those same three quarters, the Eagles were held to a single three-pointer on double-digit attempts. Brandon Angel led the offense with 28 points, and though the Falcons had their lowest offensive output of the season, the defense was enough to carry Torrey Pines to a 57-39 win.

The Players:

Brandon Angel has turned into a double-double machine. Tonight, he had another with 28 points, 15 rebounds while also contributing five assists. The efficiency was there as well, as Angel was 6/11 from two and 3/4 from deep. Nick Herrmann was the other Falcon to reach double digits with 10 points. He has now done so in six of the seven games he has played. Nate Witte, the Falcons' leader in field goal percentage at 77% coming into tonight, managed to raise that percentage even higher tonight. He was 3/3 from inside the arc and 1/1 from behind to bring in nine points for the evening. The unsung hero of the night was Matias Clotfelter. He played a few minutes in the first half, adding two points and three rebounds, but made a *major* impact in the fourth quarter. In the first three minutes of the period, he accumulated five steals. One of those led to a fast break layup and a Santa Fe Christian timeout. Clotfelter finished the game with six points, five steals, four rebounds and two huge blocks.

The Game:

The first quarter went back and forth through the opening minutes until the Falcons created a lead for themselves in the closing minutes. Brandon Angel scored the first six points for the Falcons on two three-pointers. In the second quarter, the Falcons extended the lead by only allowing seven points in the eight-minute quarter. Nate Witte closed Torrey Pines' final half-court possession with a three and, with less than ten seconds on the game clock, a Brandon Angel defensive rebound and full-court outlet led to a Witte layup to push the halftime lead to 31-17. The third quarter put more of the Falcons defense on display. Santa Fe Christian went their second straight quarter without a made three, their typical method of attack on offense in past games. The Eagles started to creep back in midway through the period, but Coach Olive called a timeout to right the ship. The timeout did its job and the Falcons not only weathered the storm but added two points to their lead, making it 42-26 after three. In the fourth, Clotfelter had the aforementioned five key steals in the first three minutes that led to points on the offensive end for him, Nick Herrmann and Brandon Angel. The lead got over 20 before the Eagles started to connect from deep. Hayden Gray hit his first two threes of the game for Santa Fe Christian after the game was out of reach. With 3:20 left in the game, Keatten Smith scored his first basket, a three. This comes after Smith had nine threes and seven threes in his two prior games. Nick Herrmann did a fantastic job on him all night, but the Falcons' defensive unit as a whole is what earned the 57-39 victory.

Next Up:

The Falcons are off for the rest of the week and will return back home to the Olive Garden on Monday night (December 16th) to host Santana High School.



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