

Coaches comments



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NEW ALBANY VS DUBLIN SCIOTO

Overview... Tonight's OCC Capital Division game features the Scioto Irish playing host to Eagles of New Albany HS. Scioto (11-0, 3-0 OCC), ranked #8 in the AP State Division I poll, is coming off a non league victory Tuesday over St. Charles by a score of 65-34. The Irish jumped out of the gates with an 20-2 1st quarter lead and continued on to a 37-8 halftime lead. Leading the way for the Irish were Kyle Duncan (14 pts) and Marco St. John (10 pts/6 rebounds). Blair Gorniak collected 9 rebounds to go with his 9 points, while Ben Ashwill dished out 5 assists.

New Albany (6-5 overall, 3-1 OCC) is led by Central Ohio coaching veteran Sam Davis. The Eagles are coming off a win Tuesday over Westerville North (57-52). Leading the way for the Maroon & Gold tonight are 6'1 junior guard Chase Sutton (11.1 ppg), 6'5 junior wing Peter Kobelt (11.0 ppg) and 6'1 senior point guard JJ Armstrong (9.9 ppg). Expected to round out the starting lineup are 6'0 senior wing Chris Irwin (5.6 ppg) and 6'3 freshman post Scott McDonald (3.0 ppg).

Coach B's Comments on New Albany..The Eagles will always be one of the most prepared teams when they take the floor with Sam Davis at the helm. With that, tonight provides an interesting contrast in style. New Albany will probably want to run a ball control offense with a heavy emphasis on the three point shot. Defensively, look for them to play contained changing defenses at the other end. Meanwhile, the Irish will want to impose their ability to pressure the ball and create an uptempo contest. The latter is usually more difficult to do. So the real question is if necessary, can Scioto be New Albany at their own game if it ends up being a halfcourt battle?

Notes and Nuggets...This is the 3rd meeting between these two schools with Scioto winning both contests last season...Scioto is ranked #8 in the Division I AP State Poll and ranked #2 in the Central Ohio District Poll... Several Irish players are among the statistical leaders in Central Ohio at this point. They include Ben Ashwill in assists, free throw %, total field goal %, 3 pt field goal %; Bradley McDougald in total field goal %, 3 pt field goal %; Blair Gorinak leads Central Ohio with a total field goal % of 71.1.

Upcoming Schedule...As Scioto heads into final exams next week, they will not play again until Friday, January 18th at Franklin Heights. The Irish return home the following night Saturday, January 19th as they entertain Parkersburg South HS from West Virginia.

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