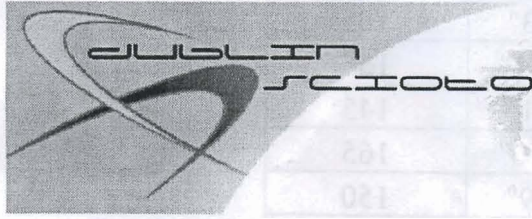


Coaches comments



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PARKERSBURG SOUTH (WV) VS DUBLIN SCIOTO

Overview... Tonight's non league game features the Scioto Irish playing host to Patriots of Parkersburg South HS from West Virginia. Scioto (13-0, 5-0 OCC) is coming off a league victory last night over Franklin Heights by a score of 68-48. The Irish jumped out of the gates with an 17-6 1st quarter lead and continued on to a 36-18 halftime lead. The Falcons cut the lead to 11 in the 3rd quarter, but the Irish regained momentum in finishing out the contest. Leading the way for the Irish with 16 pts apiece were Blair Gorniak, Ben Ashwill and Bradley McDougald. Marco St. John added 13 pts and collected a team high 7 rebounds.

Parkersburg South (6-4) is coached by veteran mentor Roy Edman. The Patriots are coming off a win Tuesday over University HS in West Virginia (7-1-04). Leading the way for the Red, White & Blue tonight is 6'3 senior swingman Andy Morris (14.4 ppg). After that, the Pats will bring five guys who average between seven to nine points a game. Those players are 6'3 junior wing Michael Riggins (8.9 ppg), 6'3 senior wing Drew Shaffer (7.8 ppg), 5'10 junior guard Anthony Caplinger (7.7 ppg), 5'10 junior point guard Chase Smith (7.7 ppg) and 6'1 senior wing Blaize Scott (7.6 ppg)

Coach B's Comments on Parkersburg South... As you can tell, PSHS brings a balanced scoring team to Dublin tonight. They like to play uptempo, push the ball in transition with a heavy emphasis on penetrating and kicking out for the three point shot. What will make them difficult to defend is that they always will have five guys on the floor who are all capable of getting hot and knocking down the three point shot. Our ball defense must be very good and contained so our other defenders have time to get out and contest their shooters. Defensively, look for them to changing defenses often, while trying to get into full court pressure and half court traps after scores. Fans should expect an entertaining competitive contest, as both teams will be looking to play uptempo and "force the action" at both ends of the floor.

Notes and Nuggets... This is the 3rd meeting between these two schools with Scioto winning both of the previous contests...Scioto is ranked #7 in the Division I AP State Poll and ranked #2 in the Central Ohio District Poll.

Upcoming Schedule... The Irish are home again Tuesday, January 22nd as they host Big Walnut in an OCC Capital Division showdown.

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