



Commack Beats Chaminade 74-60

By Dave Graff

Commack rode a dominate first half performance from Nick Waga and held off a late rally to beat Chaminade at home 74-60. The Cougars are a fundamentally sound team with one outstanding player and they showed it against the Flyers.

Commack came out playing tough halfcourt m/m defense, moving the ball, boxing out and hitting the boards. After trailing 4-2, Commack went on an 11-0 run with Waga scoring 9 of the 11 pts to put the Cougars up 13-4. After a Chaminade TO, Waga hit his second three to put Commack up 16-6 and Evan Kay added a lay-up off a steal and the first quarter ended with Commack up 18-8.

At the start of the 2nd quarter Commack went on a 10-0 run highlighted by back-to-back 3's by Waga and Sam Lustig building Commack's lead to 28-8. Chaminade starting pressing 2-2-1 and scored the next 5 pts. on 2 FT's by Ricky Gunther and a 3 by Kam Elliot tightening the score to 28-13. Commack kept up their level of play, beating the press for an and 1 by Kay, Waga hit a fade away jumper and his 4th three, and the first half ended with Commack on top 43-25.

Waga had 24 first half pts.

In the third quarter Chaminade went to a zone defense but Commack solved it. Waga hit his 5th three giving Commack it's largest lead at 50-27. Devin Dillion kept Chaminade from being blown out by scoring 9 pts. in the quarter. Jeremy Weiss scored 6 pts. underneath for Commack and the Cougars led 61-42 after three.

In the 4th quarter Chaminade's turned up the defensive pressure and their 2-2-1 press rattled Commack. Chaminade forced 6 straight turnovers to start the quarter, cutting the lead to 16 on a 3 by Greg Wyckoff, but Luke Cecere responded with a 3 for Commack. Chaminade kept pressuring the ball, forcing turnovers and focusing their defense on Waga (he scored one basket in the second half). Kyle Dillion scored 8 pts in the final quarter for Chaminade and his jumper cut the lead to 13 at 68-55. Kam Elliot nailed a 3 for the flyers cutting the lead to 11 at 71-60 with 1:40 left. Then Commack made the key play, knifing thru Chaminade's press and finding Evan Kay for a 3-pt. play. The score put Commack back on top by 14 at 74-60 and sealed the win for the Cougars.

Nick Waga led Commack with 29 pts and pulled down 11 rebounds, Luke Cecere scored 17 pts, and Evan Kay had 10 pts.

Devon Dillion led Chaminade with 17 pts and Kyle Dillion had 16 pts.

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