



## Brentwood beats Deer Park 59-55

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In an early non-league matchup of 2 of Suffolk counties top teams, Jeremiah Webb scored 25 pts and Brentwood beat Deer Park 59-55. The game was played at Deer Park in front of a packed house. Deer Park played without Preston Edmead who transferred to First Love Christian Academy in Pennsylvania.

Brentwood set the tone right from the tip getting steals on Deer Park's first 2 possessions. The second steal led to a dunk by Marques Dennis and Brentwood jumped out in front 4-0.

Brentwood continued to control the tempo with tough halfcourt man to man defense. Back-to-back steals by Dennis and Jeremiah Webb and a driving lay-up by Josh Ramos forged a 12-6 lead and forced Deer Park to call a TO. After the TO, Dennis scored underneath, Webb hit on a drive, then Dennis scored again off a steal and Brentwood closed the quarter up 18-8. In the second quarter Deer Park missed open threes. Brentwood's Freddy Diogene scored on a drive, Webb hit 2 free throws and a drive, Doigene blocked consecutive shots underneath, and Brentwood raced out to a 24-14 lead. Deer Park switched to a 1-2-2 three quarter court press and the strategy worked. The Falcons got back-to-back steals. Billy Murphy hit from 3 and Javion Martin scored on the break. Deer Park continued pressing and got 2 more steals. The second steal led to a 3 by Tyler Kuhn and the crowd erupted as Deer Park closed the gap to 26-25 at halftime.

At the start of the third quarter Brentwood's Josh Ramos injured his ankle and did not return. Webb asserted himself for Brentwood scoring 9 points in the quarter and handling the ball in Ramos absence. His jumper and a nice up and under drive gave Brentwood a 41-37 lead. Nate Gordon responded for Deer Park scoring on a drive and Martin hit a 3 as the third quarter ended with Brentwood up 44-40.

At the beginning of the 4th quarter neither team was able to score until D. Snell hit underneath to give Brentwood a 46-40 lead with 5 minutes left. Then Deer Park warmed up from behind the arc. Deer Park hit their next three long range shots when Joe Danisi hit back-to-back 3's, and Martin hit a 3. When Martin scored on the break and Gordon hit 2 free throws Deer Park had the lead 53-52 with 2:22 remaining. With the game on the line Dennis and Webb came thru for Brentwood. Dennis scored and was fouled underneath. Webb knifed thru the press and a screaming crowd and scored on a drive putting Brentwood back up 57-53 with a minute left.

After both teams missed opportunities to score Deer Park was forced to foul Webb who converted both to seal the win for Brentwood. The final score was 59-55. Jeremiah Webb led Brentwood with 25 pts and with his ballhandling and leadership in Ramos absence, Marques Dennis scored 13pts. Javion Martin led Deer Park with 22 pts and Nate Gordan scored 16 pts.

This game should help prepare both teams for the upcoming season.

