

VIKINGS CLAIM ROAD WIN AT PIUS

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 WISCONSIN LUTHERAN VIKINGS 14-0	43	45	88
 PIUS XI CATHOLIC POPES 7-6	37	36	73

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THE BASICS

- ❖ **Final Score:** Wisconsin Lutheran 88, Pius XI Catholic 73
- ❖ **Rankings:** Wisconsin Lutheran: D2 #1
- ❖ **Records:** Wisconsin Lutheran 14-0 (5-0 Woodland West) / Pius XI Catholic 7-6 (2-4 Woodland West)
- ❖ **Location and Date:** Pius XI Catholic High School / January 19, 2024

HOW IT HAPPENED

- ❖ The Vikings withstood a red-hot first half from the Popes to claim their 14th victory of the season. Pius made their first six three-point attempts and shot 8-10 from distance before halftime. But Wisco countered by taking advantage of second-chance opportunities and timely steals from their defense.
- ❖ Pius led 19-14 before the Vikings ran off points on their next six possessions. A basket from Kon Knueppel got things started, second-chance threes from Zavier Zens and Trey Raabe kept things going, and a steal and dunk from Logan Rindfleisch capped a 15-5 stretch that saw Wisco take a 29-24 lead.

- ❖ The Popes would tie the game at 29 late in the half, but six-point burst consisting of a putback from Zens, a transition bucket by Knueppel after a Rindfleisch steal, and a second-chance score from Knueppel gave the Vikings a lead they would not relinquish.
- ❖ A rebound and basket by Zens just before the halftime buzzer combined with a three from Knueppel and a putback from Isaiah Mellock out of the locker room pushed the Wisco advantage to 11, at 48-37, less than a minute into the second half.
- ❖ The Vikings played most of the second half with a double-digit advantage. Several trips to the charity stripe allowed the Popes to get as close as eight points late in the contest. But Alex Greene's three-point play off an offensive board and a steal by Rindfleisch that led to a pair of free throws from Knueppel sealed the game.

KEY NUMBERS

- ❖ Kon Knueppel led all scorers with 35 points, his fourth 30+ point effort in the last five games. He added a game-high nine rebounds as well as five assists.
- ❖ Zavier Zens connected four times from downtown as part of a career-high 18 points, six rebounds, and four assists. Logan Rindfleisch was active all night with 11 points, five rebounds, five assists, and three steals, and Alex Greene (10 points, three rebounds, four assists) and Isaiah Mellock (11 points, four rebounds) rounded out five Vikings in double figures.
- ❖ Wisco outrebounded Pius 35-20, including 14-4 on the offensive glass, and scored 19 second chance points to the Popes' zero.

FOR THE FOES

- ❖ Jaquan Johnson scored 34 points and Julian Alvarez-Robles added 15.
- ❖ The Popes shot 62% from the floor in the first half but just 35% after halftime.

LOWER LEVELS

- ❖ The JV team defeated Pius 48-39 to improve to 10-1 on the season.
- ❖ The JV2 team dropped a 54-40 contest to the Popes to fall to 3-7.

UP NEXT

- ❖ The Vikings continue Woodland West Conference action when they host New Berlin Eisenhower on Tuesday, January 23. Tickets can be purchased [on GoFan](#).

HISTORY

- ❖ All-Time* Series: Pius XI Catholic leads 19-18. The Vikings have won 16 straight and have an 18-2 edge in the 21st century.
(*data is missing from 1978-79 to 1986-87)
- ❖ Matchup History

			1/19/23: WL 88, at PXI 73
12/5/23: at WL 98, PXI 69	3/9/23: WL 71, PXI 50 ^	1/26/23: WL 88, at PXI 66	12/8/22: at WL 88, PXI 78
2/1/22: WL 78, at PXI 73	12/17/21: at WL 106, PXI 71	2/6/21: WL 82, at PXI 63	2/5/21: at WL 72, PXI 38

3/6/20: at WL 42, PXI 39 ^	1/31/20: at WL 73, PXI 57	1/10/20: WL 64, at PXI 50	1/25/19: WL 69, at PXI 57
12/11/18: at WL 59, PXI 56	2/16/18: at WL 49, PXI 42	1/23/18: WL 57, at PXI 49	3/4/17: at PXI 48, WL 46 ^
3/6/14: WL 62, PXI 47 ^	3/3/12: at PXI 66, WL 55 ^	3/5/11: WL 59, PXI 48 ^	3/10/00: PXI 74, WL 63 *
1/9/90: at PXI 62, WL 59	1/10/89: PXI 84, at WL 50	11/20/87: at PXI 93, WL 57	1978: PXI 67, WL 46
1977: PXI 59, WL 56	1976: PXI 69, WL 65 *	1976: PXI 62, WL 61	1975: PXI 78, WL 37
1974: PXI 69, WL 48	1973: PXI 53, WL 50 *	1973: PXI 80, WL 43	1972: PXI W, WL L *
1970: PXI 71, WL 59 *	1969: PXI 57, WL 56 *	1957: PXI 69, WL 39	1956: PXI 58, WL 38
^ WIAA Postseason Game		* WISAA Postseason Game	