

PVCA boys hold off PVCICS rally for 44-39 win

AMHERST, Mass. – The Pioneer Valley Christian Academy (PVCA) Eagles boys edged out the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School (PVCICS) Dragons boys, 44-39 in game four of the Pioneer Valley Tip-Off event.

The Eagles were led by Isaac Souza with 17 points going 6-for-13 from the field with four triples. The guard grabbed three rebounds and recorded an assist.

The Dragons were led by Grafton Tolopoko with 12 points, two rebounds and an assist. Rabten Lobsang matched the team high with 12 points, two rebounds and three assists.

Breaking Down the Action

- Tolopoko keyed a 7-0 run for the Dragons to open the scoring with 3:30 left in the first quarter.
- Jared Anderson gave the Eagles their first points with a layup under the basket.
- Out of a timeout, Anderson highlighted a 7-2 run with a basket from beyond the arc to tie the game 9-9 going into the second quarter.
- Mino Paul broke the tie with a layup less than a minute into the second.
- The Eagles answered with an 8-0 run capped by a triple from Souza to take the lead and force a timeout with 4:48 left in the game.
- Nate Tuttle snapped a nearly two-minute scoring drought to cut the Dragons deficit, 17-13.
- Both teams traded baskets with PVCA taking a 22-16 advantage into the halftime break.
- Out of the locker room, Souza drilled a triple less than a minute into the third.
- Tolopoko capped a 9-0 run for PVCICS over two minutes to take the lead.
- PVCA responded with a 6-0 run for a 31-27 scoreboard heading into the fourth.
- Souza opened the fourth with a layup to extend the PVCA lead.
- The teams matched points with a three-point play from Tuttle giving the Eagles a 42-33 lead.
- PVCICS garnered a 6-1 scoring one but were unable to comeback with the Eagles taking a 44-39 win.