

## **Coyotes create a little bit of chaos in the Sunbelt with road victory at Perris:**

Orange Vista: 10-17-14-24=65 (13-6 Overall, 4-2 Sunbelt League) Div 4A #4 as of 1/7

Perris: 14-09-09-31=63 (13-5 Overall, 4-2 Sunbelt League)

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Between a city rivalry and opportunity to gain ground in the Sunbelt League standings with league leader Elsinore off there was plenty up for grabs in Tuesday night's game between Perris & Orange Vista. The Panthers threw two pretty good punches (one early & a fourth quarter surge) but fell to Orange Vista 65-63 creating a tie for second place one game behind Elsinore.

Perris started the game on a 6-0 run covering 51 seconds as Orange Vista struggled with turnovers early on. Sunny Torres led scoring off with a steal & layup but failed to convert the three point play. Isaiah Williams then followed it up scoring on a baseline out of bounds play making it 4-0 Panthers. A layup from Aaron Hymes finished the run just 51 seconds into the action. Isaiah Shirley got Orange Vista their first score by connecting on a straightaway three pointer with about six and a half minutes left in the quarter making it 6-3 Panthers. Noel Torres had a steal and score with under a minute which gave the Panthers a 14-8 lead after eight minutes.

In a game that became an exercise of teams making runs Orange Vista responded with a 14-2 run covering 3:50 which gave them a lead at 24-16. Adrian Contreras had his lone first half field goal (a three pointer) to start the run with 7:27 left making it 14-13 Perris leading. Anthony Wilson followed it up with a three from the left corner which gave Orange Vista their first lead at 17-16. Shirley connected on a fadeaway jumper from the elbow which pushed out the Coyote lead to 21-16 with 4:35 till intermission. Elias Thach-Berryman's three pointer with 4:10 left finished the run (24-16) and forced a Perris timeout. Hary Telleria settled things down for Perris with a three point make out of the called timeout making it 25-19 Coyotes with 3:45 left. The Panthers closed to within two points at 25-23 off a dunk from Williams. An offensive rebound/putback from Dion Wilson which basically was an open hand popping the ball into their basket made it 27-23 Coyotes at intermission.

Telleria connected on another three pointer with 7:19 left in third quarter play as the shot clock was winding down bringing Perris to within a point at 27-26. Anthony Wilson answered by connecting on consecutive scores for the Coyotes (first a three pointer & then a elbow jumper) making it 32-28 in favor of Orange Vista with around six minutes left in third quarter play. Isaiah Robinson's floater brought Perris to a three point deficit at 35-32 with just over four minutes left. Consecutive three pointers from Shirley & Anthony Wilson stretched out the lead to 41-32 Coyotes after twenty four minutes.

Things got a little crazy in the fourth quarter as both teams combined for 55 points & 11 made field goals to create a thrilling finish. Orange Vista's lead reached 43-32 (eleven points) off two made free throws from Shirley. It grew to 50-37 Coyotes off a made three pointer from Contreras in transition with just under six minutes left. This was where the Panthers began to throw their final punch. Williams hit consecutive threes making it a nine point Perris deficit at 52-43 with 3:40 left. With 1:07 left Robinson completed a three point play making it a two possession game at 60-55 Coyotes leading. A Telleria three point shot closed the gap to one point at 61-60 Orange Vista with under thirty seconds left. Two free throws from Shirley then made the lead 63-60 Orange Vista. On the next Panther possession Williams tied it up at 63 with a corner three pointer. With the clock winding down towards overtime a Perris player inexplicably fouled sending Contreras to the line with double bonus free throws. He converted both with a little more than two seconds left and a half court heave from Perris was unsuccessful which gave Orange Vista quite the thrilling victory.

Orange Vista coach El Davis said about the early struggles "Admittedly we started out slow as our nerves got the better of us. The guys were so amped up for this one and wanted to do well against a rival which I think that was a lot of it. Once we settled in however I thought we did a nice job of building a lead and then remaining poised as they made those runs."

Anthony Wilson had 13 points to keep Orange Vista afloat early in the win and remarked afterwards "I knew someone had to step up with our stars being held in check. As a team we played a solid game despite letting them back into the game and made things pretty interesting in league. But now we've got zero margin for error and cannot afford any more bad nights."

Adrian Contreras said about the win "Everyone maybe tried to do a little too much at the start of that one as our ball movement wasn't quite where it needed to be. We calmed down in the second half and did a better of sharing the ball. I was able to get into the right spots and my teammates gave me opportunities to get going offensively. After losing to Elsinore on Saturday we had one of our best practices of the year leading into this one and that really got us up for tonight."

#### **Coyote Notables:**

Isaiah Shirley>>19 points (2 3 pointers), 12 after halftime

Adrian Contreras>>18 points (3 3 pointers), 12 after halftime

Anthony Wilson>>14 points (3 3 pointers)

#### **Panther Notables:**

Isaiah Williams>>24 points

