

REVIEWS WITH ROB | GRACE CHRISTIAN VS O'CONNELL PREP

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Did you guys realize the Super Bowl happened before Sunday? Yes, Friday night was part 2 of the battle between the two best TAPPS 2A schools in the state. 24-7 Grace Christian took on 21-6 O'Connell Prep. From the beginning you could see the contrast in styles, Grace Christian going inside the paint and O'Connell firing away from the 3 point line. Which led to a pretty even first quarter with Grace Christian leading 17-16. % 2022 PG **Khristian Johnson** looked great attacking the basket in the second quarter to the tune of twelve points. % 2022 W **Raphfel Moss** also added interior presence for O'Connell going at the Grace Christian bigs and getting them in foul trouble. Grace Christian weathered the storm with timely buckets from c/o 2022 PG **Marcus Britton** and % 2024 PG **Miles Herbert** that had them leading at the half 34-24.

In the second half, it was all coach Patrick Pellerin and his Eagles soaring. % 2022 W **Xavier Owens** who had already finished the first half with a double double was unstoppable. He made the game a blowout, closing the door on any opportunity that O'Connell had for a comeback. Owens had a double double in the second half as well that saw him end with a tally of 30 points and 20 rebs. % 2022 P **Daniel Sanchez** who was saddled with foul trouble in the first half, exploded in the second. He was there to pick up any slack that his team left. Sanchez finished with a stat line of 15 points, 7 rebs, and 5 assists. Grace Christian would close out the game in convincing fashion 69-48 for their second win in a week over O'Connell. This is probably not the last time the two teams will meet, as a trip to the state tournament will be on the line in a couple of weeks. O'Connell leading scorers were Khristian Johnson with 14 points, 3 rebs, and 3 assists. Raphfel Moss with 12 points, 7 rebs, and 3 blks. Grace Christian was led by Xavier Owens with 30 points, 20 rebs, 2 assists, and 2 blks. Daniel Sanchez with 15 points, 7 rebs, and 5 assists. Marcus Britton with 10 points, 3 rebs, and 3 assists.



Daniel Sanchez
15pts 7rebs



Marcus Britton
10pts 3rebs



Xavier Owens
30pts 20rebs

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