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# Price Tops Foothills Christian in Overtime

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## Price 86, Foothills Christian 83 (OT)

By Dave Rogahn

Despite a triple-double by Foothills Christian's sensational sophomore **T.J. Leaf** that included a basket just as regulation time ended to send the game to overtime, Price found a way to pull out an 86-83 win Saturday afternoon in *The Greatest Showcase On Earth at Cathedral High School*.

Leaf, a 6-9 forward whose father Brad coaches the team, poured in 31 points and added 17 rebounds and 10 assists. His basket just ahead of the horn to end regulation time off a feed from **Caleb Hoffman** tied the score at 71, capping a rally in which Foothills Christian erased a 9-point deficit in the final five minutes to force extra time.

But Price (19-7) got eight points each from **Chris Carson** and **Roderick Williams** in overtime, and held off another late rally to hold on for the win. Carson broke a 76-all tie with a baseline jumper, and Price led the rest of the way. Leaf made it a one-point game with a 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds left, but Carson made two free throws with 2.3 seconds left to make it 86-83, and Carson deflected the ball away from Hoffman as time ran out before Foothills Christian (13-8) could get an attempt to tie the score one last time.

This battle of Knights - both teams feature Knights as their mascot - was as closely contested as any from dark medieval times. Foothills Christian led, 24-15, after the first quarter, mainly because Leaf was just spectacular in that first quarter with 7 points, 5 rebounds and 5 assists. But that would be Foothills Christian's largest lead of the game.

Price quickly erased much of that deficit, drawing within three points at 24-21 early in the second quarter. Foothills Christian continued to lead until a 3-pointer by **James Washington** tied the score at 34, and Price took a 36-34 lead after two free throws by Williams. Foothills Christian took a 38-36 lead at the half after two baskets by Leaf in the final minute of the second quarter.

Price started the second half with back-to-back 3-pointers by **Chris Martin** and Washington to lead, 42-38. Foothills Christian went back in front on a 3-pointer by **Luis Salgado** - with Leaf picking up his 8th assist of the game on the play - but Price answered with a 7-0 run to lead, 51-46. Price held a slim 54-52 lead after three quarters.

When the fourth quarter started, Price pushed its lead to 63-54 after a basket by Washington with 5:57 to play, and also led by nine points at 65-56 with under five minutes to go. But then Price went to a slowdown offense, using all of the shot clock before trying to score, and lost all of its momentum.

Foothills Christian, which undoubtedly appreciated the rest since the team only used one substitute the whole game, went on a 9-0 run to tie the game on a 3-pointer by Hoffman with 1:29 left in regulation time.



Price went back in front when **DeAndre Johnson** scored on a putback of his own miss with 1:03 left. But Leaf scored off a pass from **J.R. Rivera** with 39.9 seconds left to tie the score at 67. Martin scored on a reverse lay-up with just over 6 seconds left to give Price a lead once more at 69-67. But that was just enough time for Foothills Christian to tie the score on Leaf's lay-up just ahead of the horn to end the fourth quarter.

The overtime Williams scored on a 2-point play to give Price a 73-69 lead



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**Chris Carson**



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In overtime, Williams scored on a 3-point play to give Price a 72-69 lead, but Salgado answered with a 3-point basket, with Leaf drawing his 10th assist of the game to tie the score. Carson broke the 76-all tie with his baseline jumper and Price held an 82-78 lead on a jumper by Williams with just under a minute to go.

Leaf scored off a pass from Hoffman to make it 82-80, and Foothills Christian forced a miss by Martin to get the ball back. But a turnover with 12.8 seconds left forced Foothills Christian to play the foul game. Carson made two free throws with 10.6 seconds left to make it 84-80.

**James Washington**

Leaf hit a 3-pointer to get Foothills Christian within a point, but Carson made two more free throws to make it 86-83, and knocked the ball away from Hoffman to prevent a would-be game-tying 3-pointer.

Williams led Price with 26 points and added 12 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 blocks and 2 steals despite not being in the starting lineup. Washington had 17 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and a steal, and Johnson had a double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Carson had 12 points and 5 assists, and Martin had 11 points and 6 assists.

For Foothills Christian, Leaf led all scorers with his 31 points, and his 17 rebounds were also game-high. **Dane Norman** had 18 points, including 4 threes, plus 6 rebounds, 3 blocks, 2 steals and an assist. Salgado had 15 points, including 5 threes, and Hoffman had 10 points and a game-high 11 assists.

**Box score**

The Greatest Showcase On Earth  
Saturday, February 8, 2014 - 3 pm  
At Cathedral HS, Los Angeles

**Foothills Christian Knights 83:**

- 4-Caleb Hoffman, PG - 2/10 fg, 5/11 ft, 7 reb, 11 ast, 10 pts
- 5-Dane Norman, PF - 7/14 fg, 6 reb, 1 ast, 3 blk, 2 stl, 4 pf, 18 pts
- 15-J.R. Rivera, C - 4/5 fg, 1/2 ft, 7 reb, 1 ast, 1 blk, 4 pf, 9 pts
- 22-T.J. Leaf, SF - 14/32 fg, 2/5 ft, 17 reb, 10 ast, 1 blk, 1 stl, 4 pf, 31 pts
- 24-Luis Salgado, SG - 5/11 fg, 7 reb, 1 stl, 4 pf, 15 pts

33-Jimmy Van Ommering, G - 0/2 fg, 1 reb, 0 pts  
team rebounds: 3  
Totals: 32/74 fg (.432), 8/18 ft (.444), 48 reb, 23 ast, 5 blk, 4 stl, 20 pf, 83 pts

3-pt fg (11): Salgado 5, Norman 4, Hoffman, Leaf  
Turnovers (14): Hoffman 7, Norman 2, Leaf 2, Salgado 2, Rivera

**Price Knights 86:**

- 2-Chris Martin, PG - 4/10 fg, 1/4 ft, 3 reb, 6 ast, 1 stl, 1 pf, 11 pts
- 5-Chris Carson, SG - 3/13 fg, 6/6 ft, 3 reb, 5 ast, 1 stl, 1 pf, 12 pts
- 11-James Washington, SF - 6/10 fg, 2/2 ft, 7 reb, 4 ast, 1 stl, 3 pf, 17 pts
- 21-Malcolm Gordon, PF - 2/5 fg, 1/3 ft, 1 reb, 1 stl, 3 pf, 5 pts
- 44-DeAndre Johnson, C - 5/9 fg, 3/6 ft, 13 reb, 2 blk, 1 stl, 3 pf, 13 pts
- 13-Roderick Williams, F - 8/16 fg, 10/11 ft, 12 reb, 3 ast, 2 blk, 2 stl, 2 pf, 26 pts
- 0-Donnell Murray, G - 0/1 fg, 0/2 ft, 1 reb, 0 pts
- 20-Christian Little, G - 1/4 fg, 0/2 ft, 2 reb, 2 ast, 1 stl, 1 pf, 2 pts
- 24-Kesean Davis, F - 0/3 fg, 0/2 ft, 2 reb, 1 stl, 1 pf, 0 pts
- 25-Joel Towers, G - 1 ast, 1 pf, 0 pts
- team rebounds: 3
- Totals: 29/71 fg (.408), 23/38 ft (.605), 47 reb, 21 ast, 4 blk, 9 stl, 16 pf, 86 pts

3-pt fg (5): Williams 3, Martin 2  
Turnovers (6): Martin 2, Gordon, Williams, Murray, Little

**Score by Quarters:**

Foothills Christian---24-14-14-17-14 = 83  
Price-----15-21-18-15-17 = 86

Updated Records: Price 19-7, Foothills Christian 13-8

Foothills Christian's largest lead was 9 at 24-15 at the end of the 1st quarter. Price's largest lead was also 9, first achieved at 65-56 with 5:57 left. Price slowed the game down and Foothills Christian rallied, tying it at 65. Carson & Williams each scored 8 points in OT for Price.



Photo by Dave Keefer  
**T.J. Leaf**

