

~PLAY@~ Lutheran East vs Fairview Live Hs Boys Basketball Playoffs On 11, March 2026!!~

Lutheran East vs Fairview Live

In the landscape of Northeast Ohio high school basketball, few matchups present such a fascinating contrast in pedigree and style as the Lutheran East Falcons taking on the Fairview Warriors. On Wednesday, March 11, 2026, these two programs met in a high-stakes OHSAA Division III District Semifinal at North Royalton High School.



With a trip to the District Final on the line, the game served as a collision between a perennial state powerhouse and a disciplined, rising suburban challenger.

The Backdrop: Champions vs. Challengers

Lutheran East (#1 seed) entered the postseason as the heavy favorite to repeat as state champions. The Falcons, a "basketball factory" based in Cleveland Heights, carried a 21–3 record into the night. Their schedule—filled with elite national and Division I opponents—had prepared them for the physical and mental rigors of March. Known for their length, defensive switching, and explosive transition game, the Falcons were the "Goliath" of the bracket.

Fairview (#5 seed) arrived at the district semifinals as a team defined by cohesion and tactical execution. Finishing the regular season with an impressive 19–5 record, the Warriors relied on high-basketball IQ, perimeter shooting, and a "five-man-as-one" defensive philosophy. Having dispatched their early-round opponents with ease, Fairview entered the night looking to pull off the signature upset of the 2026 tournament.

Team Profile Comparison

Metric Lutheran East Falcons Fairview Warriors
Record 21–3 19–5
Style High-tempo / Athletic Tactical / Perimeter-heavy
Key Strength Interior Defense & Dunks Three-Point Shooting
Impact Player Chris "C.J." Little (F) Owen McMonagle (G)
Game Summary: The Battle of the Heights

The opening tip-off saw Lutheran East immediately attempt to impose their physical will. Using a 2-2-1 full-court press, the Falcons forced two quick turnovers, converting them into rim-rattling transition dunks that sent their traveling supporters into a frenzy.

First Half: Fairview's Resilience

Despite the early onslaught, Fairview refused to be intimidated. The Warriors leaned on their senior leadership, specifically guard Owen McMonagle, who hit two deep three-pointers to steady the ship. Fairview's "pack-line" defense successfully limited the Falcons' dribble-penetration for much of the second quarter.

By halftime, the score sat at 36–28 in favor of Lutheran East. While the Falcons held the lead, Fairview had successfully turned the game into a half-court battle, a tempo that favored the Warriors.

Second Half: The Falcon Flight

The third quarter saw Lutheran East's depth and athleticism finally break the game open. Senior forward Chris Little dominated the paint, recording three blocks in a single four-minute stretch. The Falcons' defensive pressure intensified, forcing Fairview into uncharacteristic mistakes.

A 12–2 run to close the third quarter extended the Lutheran East lead to 18 points. While Fairview continued to fight—hitting several late-game triples to keep the score respectable—the Falcons' ability to score in bunches and control the glass proved insurmountable.

Standout Performers

Chris Little (Lutheran East): Finished with 22 points, 11 rebounds, and 5 blocks. He was the most dominant force on the floor.

Owen McMonagle (Fairview): Led the Warriors with 18 points, including 4-of-7 from beyond the arc.

T.J. Crumble (Lutheran East): A versatile threat who added 16 points and 8 assists, orchestrating the Falcons' transition attack.

Jack Korp (Fairview): Provided a gritty performance in the post, tallying 10 points and 8 rebounds against a much taller frontcourt.

Final Score and The Road Ahead

Lutheran East Falcons: 74

Fairview Warriors: 58

With the victory, Lutheran East advances to the District Final on Saturday, March 14, where they are

avored to secure another trophy for their storied mantle. For the Falcons, the win was another step toward their ultimate goal of a gold ball in Dayton.