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**Alter at Carroll**

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**Game Notes:**

Alter comes into this game as the hottest team in the GCL-Coed. They are currently 10-1, with all 10 wins coming in a row since dropping their season opener to McNicholas on an OT buzzer beater. The Knights are led by Seniors Brady Uhl (GCL Coed Points Leader), Jack Smith and Conor Stolly. They clearly have the size advantage in this one and will look to use that

Carroll comes in at 6-5 on the season in what has been an up and down season. They have Wins over Miamisburg and Fenwick but have lost games to Belmont, CJ and McNicholas. After graduating most of their starting lineup from last year they are led by Senior, Jaden Dahm, and Junior, Sam Severt. The biggest question this season and in this game will be where else the Patriots can get scoring from, outside of Dahm and Severt.

**Game Start:**

From the outside it was evident that the Alter Team was going to force Carroll to shoot from the outside to beat them, limiting Dahm's ability to get the ball in the post and cutting off driving lanes for Severt. On the offensive end, the Knight couldn't have started out hotter. They were patient of D and when they got the ball, they got out in transition and were knocking down jump shots from all over the floor.

Carroll on the other hand couldn't have started out colder. They struggled to move the ball against Alter's zone. The Patriots couldn't penetrate that defense and were left to settle for outside shots that wouldn't fall, except for those of Broaddus. Without his two big 3's in the quarter Carroll would have had little, to no chance of scoring.

**End of 1st Quarter:**

Alter: 16

Carroll: 9

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter continued much the same for Alter. They cemented their defensive hold on Carroll and launch a barrage attack from 3 as all 5 players on the court hit 3's. That barrage was fed by an over aggressive mentality on Uhl's drives, where he was more than willing kick the ball outside where unselfish play allowed the Knight to find open shooters in the corners often. Jack Smith, Richj Kolb and Jacob Connor all got their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> long range buckets as Alter shot the lights out.

Carroll was able to make some quick adjustment and got better ball movement going to start the quarter. They found some space inside where Dahm was able to finish as couple of times. Carroll brought in Maro Egodotaye off the bench to try and provide some offset to Alter height advantage, but he was very ineffective with the only stats on the sheet coming as turnovers. The Patriots were once again lifted by the shooting of Broaddus as he hit a 3 at the buzzer to mark his 3<sup>rd</sup> of the half.

**Halftime:**

Alter: 39

Carroll: 20

Heading into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Alter looked to move their game plan inside more to try and slow the pace of the game down. They struggled to make that adjustment at 1<sup>st</sup> but once they did, they were able to get Stolly going on an inside-out game as the defender had difficulty sticking with him. Uhl was also able to find more room driving to the rim as the defense looked to close out on shooters much quicker than in the 1<sup>st</sup> half.

Carroll on the other hand came out with adjustments of their own. They up'd their defensive pressure forcing turnovers that allowed them to start the half on a 6-1 run. They were able to get a bit of an inside game going as Dahm and Steven Chamman found success early. In the later stages of the quarter though, Alter turned the tides back in their favor denying entry into the post and forcing multiple turnovers that hurt the Patriots badly.

#### **End of 3rd Quarter:**

Alter: 50

Carroll: 30

With a 20 pt lead heading to the 4<sup>th</sup> it was evident that Alter was not to be denied. Uhl was calm and collected as he and Jacob Connor handled the pressure Carroll threw at them. Uhl was able to attack off of gambles by some of the Patriot defenders and got easy buckets in transition. They were aided by a good 4<sup>th</sup> quarter from Conor Stolly and decent FT shooting to close it out.

Carroll just looked to try and gain some growth from this game. They tried to bump up the pressure with more of a press but it was handled easily by the veteran experience of Uhl. Issac Arrowwood came off the bench in the later stages of the quarter hitting 3, 3pt shots to try and spark a come back attempt but it wasn't meant to be. Alter's size and shooting was too much for the Patriots on this night.

#### **Final:**

Alter: 63

Carroll: 48

#### **Player of the Game:**

Brady Uhl (Alter)

#### **Honorable Mentions:**

Conor Stolly (Alter)

Jaden Dahm (Carroll)

Logan Broaddus (Carroll)

**Final Thoughts:** Alter shot the lights out going 60% from the floor and 52% from 3. When their entire team is shooting that well, they are an incredibly tough team to beat. They bring a stout defensive mind set and couple that with experience and great coaching. Look for them to make a deep tournament run in March. They have a big game at Flyin' to the Hoop against Lutheran East that could propel them to higher heights if they can pull off a W.

Carroll on the other hand just doesn't get enough scoring from most of their team. They are limited by that and are forced into being one dimensional, whether that be settling for jump shots or only looking to go into the post. Their lack of size will also hurt them when the matchup

against bigger D2 team or most D1 teams. Dahm and Severt will need to get it going and they will need to get a few big wins but should finish on the plus side of .500 by season end.