

Bo stays hot, leads Crean Lutheran to win over St. Margaret's



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Maximus Bo scored 24 points with 7 3-pointers for Crean Lutheran in a 77-39 win over St. Margaret's [@ocvarsity](#) [@CLSHS](#) [@SMTartans](#) 9:56 PM - Jan 16, 2018

IRVINE – Maximus Bo continued his hot outside shooting as Crean Lutheran defeated St. Margaret's 77-39 on Tuesday in a battle for first place in Academy League boys basketball.

Bo scored a game-high 24 points and was 7 for 10 on 3-point shots. Last week, Bo, a 5-foot-8 junior guard, made a school-record 14 3-pointers and scored 44 points in a league win over Whitney of Cerritos.

Crean Lutheran and St. Margaret's were both undefeated in league play going into the game. With the win, Crean is 6-0 in league and 11-9 overall, while St. Margaret's is 4-1 in league, 9-11 overall.

The Saints took a 50-34 lead into the fourth quarter. They outscored the Tartans 27-5 in the final quarter.

Bo opened the game with a 3-pointer and Crean Lutheran kept the lead from there. The Saints had a 19-13 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Tartans rallied in the second quarter and cut the Saints' lead to 29-27 on a Ryan Cragun 3-pointer, but that was as close as St. Margaret's would get.

Crean Lutheran coach Josh Beaty said the Saints were a little too amped for the game.

"We were a little stressed out in the first half," Beaty said. "We just calmed down in the second half."

Bo said there was a reason for the Saints' hyper play at the start of the game.

"We wanted to come out with lot of energy in the beginning," he said, "because (the Tartans) are our rivals."

Chris Swardstrom, a junior guard for Crean Lutheran, scored 20 points with three 3-pointers.

Will Kenner and Jay Phansalkar scored 10 and eight points, respectively, for St. Margaret's.

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