LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL *BASEBALL* DIAMOND NEWS

Eagle Pass Eagles edge past

C.C. Winn Mavericks 4 to 3

Victor Perry game winning 3 RBI double

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The much anticipated start of the 2019 Texas High School baseball season took center stage here on the local front when the Eagle Pass Eagles under the direction of head baseball coach Reynol Mendoza hosted their cross town counterpart the C.C. Winn Mavericks under the direction of first year head baseball coach Heriberto Roiz in a 7:00 PM non-district baseball diamond season opener at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center Polo Moncada Baseball Field with the Loyal Legion of Eagles faithful as well as the famed Maverick Nation in attendance ready to support their respective favorite team.

This non-district season opening matchup proved to be quite an enjoyable game as well as quite a pitching duel between both starting pitchers with Brandon Villasenor taking the mound for the Mavericks and Rey Rey Mendoza getting the starting nod for the Eagles. Brandon Villasenor would end up with 10 strikeouts on the night in five and two-thirds innings of work while Mendoza would wind up with nine strikeouts in five compete innings of work.

The Eagles who were the designated home team in this game dented the scoreboard first with a lone run in the bottom of the first with leadoff batter Rey Rey Mendoza connecting for a single. Braulio Rodriguez lifted a sacrifice fly to center to advance courtesy runner David Lopez into scoring position, with two outs designated hitter C.J. Jimenez came through with an RBI singe to drive in courtesy runner David Lopez to give the Eagles the early 1 to 0 lead.

In the top half of the second inning the Mavericks countered with a game tying lone run with Frank Ballones reaching safely on a one out error, with two outs Frank Rivas belted an RBI single to bring home Frank Ballones with the game tying run to knot up the score at one run apiece. The score remained tied until the top half of the fifth inning.

In the top of the fifth the Mavericks broke up the one all tie by plating a pair of runs with Miguel Solis leading off the frame with a single and eventually coming around to score on a wild pitch, designated hitter Jorge Salinas then reached on an infield hit and tallied on bad throw to first to give the Mavericks a 3 to 1 lead
which closed the night for Eagles starting pitcher Rey Rey Mendoza who toiled five solid complete innings allowing three runs and striking out 9 batters and scattered just three base hits.
The Mavericks took that lead into the bottom of the sixth.

In the bottom of the sixth C.J. Jimenez led off the frame for the Eagle drawing a base on balls, with one out and a runner at second Jacob Ruiz connected with a single to advance the runner over to third, Ruiz then promptly got himself into scoring position by stealing second, with two outs pinch hitter David Lopez loaded the bases with a base on balls which closed out the night for Mavericks starting hurler who tossed 5 and two-thirds innings of work scattered 3 base hits while striking out 10 batters and up to that point had only allowed one run but all three runners on base belonged to him. Mavericks head coach Heriberto Roiz summoned Jorge Robledo to take over the pitching duties, Eagles centerfielder Victor Perry stepped up to the plate and with the count at one ball and two strikes Mavericks relief man Jorge Robledo was only one strike away from getting out of the inning but low and behold he hung a curve ball about belt high and right down the middle of the plate which Victor Perry blasted that pitch deep into the left field corner for a bases clearing and eventual game winning 3 RBI double to drive in C.J. Jimenez, Jacob Ruiz and David Lopez home to give the Eagles a 4 to 3 lead over the Mavericks.

In the top of the seventh and final inning, Eagles head coach Reynol Mendoza handed the ball to relief man Edward Mendoza to try and close out this game. Mendoza quickly got the first two batters out on a grounder to shortstop and a comebacker to the mound but the proud Mavericks were not going to go down quietly as Brandon Villasenor drew a walk, Jorge Robledo connected with a single to put runners on first and second but Edward Mendoza closed the game by getting the next batter to fly out to deep right field for the final out of this giving the Eagle Pass Eagles an exciting 4 to 3 come from behind victory over the valiant C.C. Winn Mavericks. Sergi o Lopez was credited with the pitching victory with Edward Mendoza earning the save and Brandon Villasenor being charged with the hard luck loss.

Eagle Pass Sports Central commends the great effort put forth by both the Eagles Pass Eagles and C.C. Winn Mavericks' varsity baseball teams in this thrilling nail biting contest that could have gone either way and wishes both the Mavericks and Eagles the very best of luck at this weekend's 33rd Annual Border Olympics Baseball Tournament in Laredo, Texas.

Score by Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E

C.C. WINN MAVERICKS 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 **3 5 1**

EAGLE PASS EAGLES 1 0 0 0 0 3 x **4 5 2**

C.C. WINN MAVERICKS

Losing Pitcher: Brandon Villasenor ***Leading Hitters***: Frank Ballones 1 for 2 with 1 run scored, Frank Rivas 1 for 3 with 1 RBI, Miguel Solis 1 for 3 with 1 run scored
Jorge Salinas 2
runs scored and Jorge Robledo 1 for 3

EAGLE PASS EAGLES

Winning Pitcher: Sergio Lopez ***Save:*** Edward Mendoza ***Leading Hitters***: Rey Rey Mendoza 2 for 3 C.J. Jimenez 1 for 1 with 1 run scored and 1 RBI, Victor Perry 1 for 3 with game winning 3 RBI's, Jacob Ruiz 1 for 3 with 1 run scored, and David Lopez 2 runs scored.