

EAGLES *BASEBALL* DIAMOND NEWS

Eagle Pass Eagles Win 3 Lose 2 at

Comal ISD Baseball Tourney

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The Eagle Pass Eagles varsity baseball squad mentored by head baseball coach Reynol Mendoza hit the road on Thursday, February 28, 2019 with a trip to New Braunfels, Texas to compete in the high caliber three-day Comal ISD Invitational Baseball Tournament where they will go head to head against some quality opponents. The Eagles went 3 and 2 in this tournament to make their season record 8 wins 3 losses and 1 tie.

GAME 1

In their opening game of this tourney the Eagles were pitted against the San Antonio Churchill Chargers in a seesaw game that saw the lead exchange hands back and forth with neither team

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refusing to fold, the Churchill Chargers held a two run lead with the two hour time limit winding down and the game heading to the top of the sixth with the Eagles trailing 7 to 5 in what could potentially be their last time at bat.

In the top of the sixth with one out Rey Mendoza kept the hopes alive with a single, Edward Mendoza also connected with a single, designated hitter CJ Jimenez hit a routine comebacker to the pitcher which seemingly would end the game but low and behold the Churchill pitcher threw wildly to first which allowed both Rey Rey Mendoza and Edward Mendoza to come around the game tying runs with CJ Jimenez scampering all the way to third on the play, the obviously dejected and frustrated Churchill pitcher then uncorked a wild pitch to allow CJ Jimenez to race home to give the Eagles an 8 to 7 lead over the stunned Chargers heading to the bottom of the sixth.

In the bottom of the sixth Eagles relief man David Lopez took over the mound duties from starting pitcher Sergio Lopez with Lopez getting the final three outs ending the game with a well executed 5-4-3 double play to give the Eagles the thrilling 8 to 7 victory. David Lopez earned the pitching victory in this game.

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

EAGLE PASS EAGLES 1 2 2 0 0 3 x 8 7 2

S.A. CHURCHILL 1 4 0 1 1 0 x 7 7 3

Winning Pitcher: David Lopez **Leading Hitters:** Edward Mendoza 3 for 3 with 1 run scored and 1 RBI, Rey Rey Mendoza 2 for 3 with 2 runs scored and 1 RBI, Roly Riza 1 for 2, David Lopez 1 for 3. Orly Garza 1 RBI, Kevin Ochoa1 run scored and Jacob Ruiz 1 run scored

Game 2

In their second game of pool play the Eagles got things rolling with a bang against the New Braunfels Unicorns as Rey Rey Mendoza led off the game with a solo homerun to take the early lead. New Braunfels countered with a game tying lone run in the bottom of the first.

The Eagles then took the lead for good in the top of the third with a pair of runs with Rey Rey Mendoza leading off with a single and immediately stole second, Edward Mendoza drove in his brother with a solid RBI double, CJ Jimenez then belted and RBI single to drive in Edward Mendoza.

The Unicorns answered with a lone run in the bottom of the third but that would prove to be the only damage they would muster on this cold night off of Eagles starting and game winning pitcher Roly Riza who hurled five complete innings allowing just two runs and two base hits to earn the victory. The Eagles extended their lead in the top of the fourth with a big four run production with Jacob Ruiz stroking a triple, with one out Eagles catcher Eric Heredia came

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through with an RBI single to bring home Jacob Ruiz, David Lopez followed with a single, Rey Rey Mendoza connected with a single to drive in courtesy runner Kevin Ochoa, David Lopez and Rey Rey Mendoza would later score to give the Eagles a 7 to 2 lead.

The Eagles then sealed the victory by tacking on a lone run in the top of the fifth with Victor Perry belting a single, Perry advanced to second on a wild pitch, Rey Rey Mendoza then closed out a perfect night with his fourth hit of the night on four plate appearances to bring home Victor Perry to give the Eagles the well earned 8 to 2 victory over the New Braunfels Unicorns.

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EAGLE PASS EAGLES 1 0 2 4 1 x x 8 12 2

NEW BRAUNFELS 1 0 1 0 0 x x 2 2 2

Winning Pitcher: Roly Riza **Leading Hitters:** Rey Rey Mendoza 4 for 4 with 3 runs scored and 2 RBI' including a solo homerun, Edward Mendoza 2 for 3 with 1 run scored and 1 RBI, CJ Jimenez 2 for 3 with 1 RBI, Eric Heredia 1 for 2 with 1 RBI, David Lopez 1 for 3 with 1 run scored, Victor Perry 1 for 3 with 1 run scored, Jacob Ruiz 1 for 3 with 1 run scored and Kevin Ochoa 1 run scored.

GAME 3

On Friday the Eagles resumed pool play with a 2:30 PM encounter against the Pflugerville Panthers with Eric Heredia getting the starting nod on the mound for the Eagles. The Eagles wasted no time whatsoever in setting the tone for this game by producing a five run output in the top half of the second inning to take the lead for good in this game with Isaac Gonzalez leading off the frame with a single and promptly stole second and third, Victor Perry stroked an RBI single to bring home Isaac Gonzalez, Perry the stole second, Orly Garza drew a walk then Perry and courtesy runner Sergio Lopez promptly pulled off a double steal, Perry then scored on a wild pitch with Garza advancing to third on the play, with two outs Edward Mendoza drew a walk, CJ Jimenez who had a big day at the plate connected with a two RBI single to drive in Sergio Lopez and Edward Mendoza, Braulio Rodriguez stroked a single with CJ Jimenez advancing all the way to third, Braulio and CJ executed a double steal to perfection with Braulio swiping second and CJ stealing home to give the Eagles the 5 to 0 lead over the Panthers.

For good measure the Eagles extended their lead with a pair of runs in the top of the fourth and sealed the outcome of this game with a four run production in the top of the fifth but the story of this game was the hitting of CJ Jimenez who went a perfect 3 for 3 at the plate with 2 runs scored and had 5 RBI's as well as the pitching performance turned in by winning pitcher Eric Heredia who carried a potential No-Hitter to the bottom of the fifth before it was broken up by the leadoff batter in that frame but more importantly the Eagles continued their winning ways with the 11 to 2 victory..

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EAGLE PASS EAGLES 0 5 0 2 4 x x 11 10 1

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PFLUGERVILLE 0 0 0 0 2 x x 2 2 1

Winning Pitcher: Eric Heredia **Leading Hitters:** CJ Jimenez 3 for 3 with 2 runs scored and 5 RBI's, Orly Garza 1 for 1 with 2 runs scored, Victor Perry 1 for 1 with 1 run scored and 1 RBI, David Lopez 1 for 2 with 1 run scored, Edward Garza 1 for 2 with 2 runs scored and 1 RBI, Rey Rey Mendoza 1 for 2 with 2 runs scored, Isaac Gonzalez 1 for 2 with 1 run scored and Braulio Rodriguez 1 for 3.

GAME 4

Friday night saw the Eagles return to the diamond to take on the greater San Antonio area's 5th ranked Kerrville Tivy Antlers in a 7:30 PM matchup with both teams entering this contest with an identical 3-0 record in this tournament.

This game proved to be quite a pitching duel with David Lopez getting the start on the mound for the Eagles going two scoreless innings before turning over the pitching duties to Rey Rey Mendoza who also went two innings but allowed one run.

In the top of the sixth things unraveled for the Eagles as they committed three very costly errors in that frame which the Antlers capitalized to increase their lead with a five run production off of two more Eagles relief pitchers Edward Mendoza and Jacob Ruiz to come away with the 6 to 0 victory with Rey Rey Mendoza taking hard luck loss.

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KERRVILLE TIVY 0 0 0 0 1 5 x 6 2 1

EAGLE PASS EAGLES 0 0 0 0 0 0 x 0 4 3

Losing Pitcher: Rey Rey Mendoza **Leading Hitters:** Braulio Rodriguez 2 for 3, Victor Perry 1 for 2 and Roly Riza 1 for 2.

GAME 5

In their pool play finale of this tournament the Eagles squared off against the greater San Antonio area's 7th ranked San Antonio Johnson Jaguars in a 10:00 AM diamond encounter on Saturday morning where four errors really cost the Eagles in this game. San Antonio Johnson tallied one unearned run in the bottom of the first on an error and single and a sacrifice fly.

The Eagles quickly answered back with a lone run in the top of the second.

Victor Perry led off the frame with a double, Jacob Ruiz reached on an error with Victor Perry advancing to third on the play, Perry was then thrown out at home on a botched squeeze play.

With two outs old reliable David Lopez came through with an RBI single to drive in Jacob Ruiz.

But the Johnson Jaguars quickly regained the lead with a four run outburst in the bottom of the second and then tacked on a lone run in the third a pair of runs in the fourth to take an 8 to 1 lead over the Eagles. The Eagles could only manage to answer back with a lone run in the top of the fifth with catcher Eric Heredia leading off the frame with a double and courtesy runner Kevin Ochoa later scoring on a wild pitch. The Jaguars continued their scoring parade with a pair of runs in the home half of the sixth with a solo home run, a single

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and an RBI triple off of Eagles relief hurler Jacob Ruiz to give the Jaguars a 1 to 2 victory over the Eagles. Eagles' young starting pitcher Mikey Perry was credited with the loss

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EAGLE PASS EAGLES 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 2 3 4

S.A. JOHNSON 1 4 1 2 0 2 0 10 12 1

Loing Pitcher: Mikey Perry **Leading Hitters:** Eric Heredia 1 for 1, David Lopez 1 for 1 with 1 RBI, Victor Perry 1 for 2, Kevin Ochoa 1 run scored and Jacob Ruiz 1 run scored.