



District Co-leading United South 4 to 3

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The Eagle Pass Eagles varsity baseball squad returned to the district diamond battles on Saturday, April 13, 2019 with a trip to Laredo, Texas to tangle with the current District 29-6A co-leading Laredo United South Panthers in a 2-00 PM marquee matchup at venerable Krueger Baseball Field. The home standings Panthers entered this game as the current district co-leader after suffering their first district loss of the season the previous night at the hands of the Laredo Alexander Bulldogs by the final score of 4 to 3 while the visiting Eagle Pass Eagles entered this contest in third place and coming off a convincing 9 to 0 victory over the Laredo Nixon Mustangs on Friday night.

The pitching matchup for this game pitted a pair of aces with Rey Rey Mendoza toiling for the Eagles and Greg Campos getting the nod for the United South Panthers. The home standing Panthers took the early lead in this key contest with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first

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inning with Bernard Pedraza drawing a walk and advancing to second on a wild pitch, with one out Jerry Villarreal belted an RBI triple to bring home Bernard Pedraza with the first run of the game, Greg Campos helped his own cause stroking and RBI double to bring home Jerry Villarreal to give the Panthers the early 2 to0 lead over the Eagles.

The proud visiting Eagles countered with a three run production in the top half of the fourth with Braulio Rodriguez reaching on an error and quickly stealing second, Victor Perry stroked a single, Hector Montoya came through with an RBI single to drive in Braulio Rodriguez, Orly Garza followed with an RBI single to bring home Victor Perry, Edward Mendoza hit into a double play but Hector Montoya scored on the play to give the Eagles a 3 to 2 lead over the Panthers.

In the top of the Eagles tacked on a lone run with Jacob Ruiz belting a two out triple and came home courtesy of a wild pitch to give the Eagles a 4 to 2 lead over the stunned United South Panthers. The Panthers could only answered with one more run in the bottom of the sixth as the Eagles beat the Panthers by the final score of 4 to 3 with Rey Rey Mendoza gong all the way on the mound to earn the pitching victory with seven solid complete innings of work on the mound allowing three runs on three hits and struck out for bathers as the Eagles improve their overall season record to 17 wins with 10 losses and 1 tie and moved into sole possession of third place in the district race with a district record of 7 wins and three losses. Way to Go Eagles!

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

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Winning Pitcher: Rey Rey Mendoza *Leading Hitters*: Orly Garza 1 for 3 with 1 RBI, Jacob Ruiz 1 for 3 with 1 run scored, Hector Montoya 1 for 4 with 1 run scored and 1 RBI Victor Perry 1 for 4 with 1 run scored and Braulio Rodriguez 1 run scored.