

Lexington Nips Salado

Remains tied for first
by Mike Organ

With the score tied at 37, Tevin Lovings drove toward the basket. He saw Kaelan Blok moving uncontested to the basket. Lovings made a perfect bounce pass to Blok. Blok surely put the ball on the backboard and into the basket for the winning basket in Tuesday's closely contested game. A Salado lad said something disrespectful to the officials and a pair of technical free throws were added by Julien Clark with 0.29 seconds left in the game.

Lexington jumped out to an early lead of 16-4 before Salado started battling back. Salado continued to creep up on the Mean Green until they tied the score at 31 with about two minutes left in the game. Salado made its big push in the third quarter when they outscored Lexington 19-8.

Both teams played excellent, hustling defense that caused the first period to be nothing more than a turnover fest. Salado turned the ball over on each of their first seven possessions before getting off a missed shot. Lexington had a bevy of turnovers also, sandwiched around Kelden Wren's three-point shot, that opened the scoring. It looked for a while if that was going to be the only score as the defenses dominated the action.

Lexington's defense was so dominating, it held Salado to just six points in the first half. All the Lexington players played hard, clean defense and blocked out well when Salado took a shot.

Lexington fell behind late in the fourth quarter, but rallied to win the game. Free throws were the winning margin as the Green Eagles made 11 of 17 free throws in the final stanza.

The Lexington JV lost to Salado 38-30.

Lexington 41 Salado 37
1 2 3 4 F
Salado(11-13, 3-4) 2 4 19 12 37
Lex.(15-10, 6-1) 7 11 8 15 41
Lex-Blok 8, Wren 6, Lovings 4, Ward 4, Washington 3, Crumb 2, Clark 12, Robbins 2

Salado JVB 38 Lexington JVB 30
1 2 3 4 F
Salado 5 11 12 10 38
Lexington 15 2 8 5 30
Lex-Willrich 1, Lay 6, Havard 3, Rhodes 16, Washington 3, Williams 1



Landon Evans drives up the court against Rogers. PHOTO BY MIKE ORGAN.

Eagles Claw Rogers 63-43

by Mike Organ

Lexington battled outmanned Rogers for a quarter before moving out to a 24-13 lead at halftime. Lexington widened the lead the rest of the game. The Eagle full court press, hustle, and quickness caused Rogers to turn the ball over as the game progressed. Lexington literally wore them down with pressure.

The officials called a fairly close game causing some players to

have playing time limited due to foul trouble. The Lexington team is so deep, that little changed when on player went out and another replaced him.

Lexington was paced by Jason Washington with 14 points. Julien Clark and Tevin Lovings with 11 points each were also in double figures. In all, 10 Eagles scored points on this night.

Washington had a good night shooting as he sank four three-

pointers. Avahn Crumb did a great job rebounding and blocking out Rogers' players. Julien Clark had his usual game of great moves and steals as the Eagles won their seventh district game against just one loss.

Lexington can wrap up a playoff spot by defeating Florence Tuesday night.

The Eagle JV won their game big, with a 44-17 win.

Lexington 63 Rogers 43

	1	2	3	4	F
Lex. (16-10, 7-1)	11	13	17	22	63
Rogers (5-13, 1-7)	9	6	12	16	43
Lex-Blok 4, Hagen 9, Wren 6, Lovings 11, Ward 2, Petterson 3, Murray 1, Washington 14, Crumb 2, Clark 11					

Lexington JV 44 Rogers JV 17

	1	2	3	4	F
Lexington	16	10	8	10	44
Rogers	6	0	5	6	17
Lex-Havard 22, Rhodes 2, Lay 10, Cassassa 2, Washington 3, Williams 8					

Look for this year's Eagle Baseball Schedule on Page B4 of today's paper.

Sports Thoughts...

by Mike Organ

The Eagles will have captured the one victory they need to qualify for the playoffs, by the time you read this. It is amazing the difference a year makes. The Eagles were not respected by the district last season, but have impressed all this season.

The Lady Eagle basketball team will have better days if they stick

it out. They could have been 8-2 right now instead of 2-8 with just a little bit of luck or whatever. Next season will be fun for the young ladies if they grow as much basketball-wise as they have this year.

The Longhorn basketball team is in free fall after being #1 in the nation for a week. I wonder if the coaches can get them back to playing solid ball. They lost Friday

because they did not block out a rebounder, a junior high maneuver. The same mistake cost the University of Houston a national championship. High School stars are sometimes 'too good' to do the small things needed at the next level.

With softball and baseball practice beginning, just how long will it be before there is a track meet?

Lady Eagles Almost....

Rogers 35
Lexington 33

by Mike Organ

Lexington almost pulled off a win in hostile territory with a mighty effort against district leading Rogers. The game was tied at 27 with 4:58 to go and 33-all with 56 seconds left. Lexington had several opportunities to take the lead. A couple of missed shots could have put Lexington in the lead. Several times a trip to the free throw lane could have given Lexington the lead. The free throws just would not fall when needed. The effort continued even with the misses. Lexington would let Rogers get up two, three, and then come back. The score was tied at 33 with 56 seconds left in the game, but Lexington could not convert. Rogers sank a couple of free throws for the winning margin and even then, Lexington had a shot that just fell short to win the game.

Lexington started off slowly, falling behind 10-0 before putting a marker on the board. An Angel Parks free gave the Lady Eagles their first points. Mackenzie Brown dropped a trey later in the first period as Lexington bounced back to 10-4 at the first quarter buzzer.

The littlest Lady Eagle, Mackenzie Brown led the team in scoring with 11 points. She also tracked down six rebounds that hit the floor after some good blocking out by the Lexington post defenders. Angel Parks made some good plays inside and also rebounded well when not in foul trouble.

Lexington drops to 10-15 for the season and 2-8 in district action. The Lady Eagles are still having a breakout season after they won only five last season. All players except Nicole Koch will return next season as they continue to improve their performances.

Lexington has had several close calls. The Lady Eagles have lost seven district games by a total of 35 points. Seven losses by five points, on average. Each of those seven games could have gone either way. That is how close this group of Lady Eagles has been to a very successful season.

Rogers 35 Lexington 33

	1	2	3	4	F
Lex. (10-15, 2-8)	4	9	7	13	33
Rogers (19-6, 8-2)	10	6	9	10	35
Lex-Koch 2, Richardson 3, Griffin 3, Wren 5, Bell 2, Brown 11, Parks 7					

District 25-AA Girls

Team	District	Season
Jarrell	8-2	17-9
Rogers	7-2	19-6
Salado	8-2	20-9
Academy	5-4	8-12
Lago Vista	3-6	10-17
Lexington	2-8	12-16
Florence	0-9	4-21

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Jarrell 52 Salado 39
Florence 19 Rogers 58
Lexington 33 Academy 39
Jan. 26
Salado 49 Lexington 42
Academy 46 Lago Vista 56
Rogers 34 Jarrell 42

District 25-AA Boys

Team	District	Season
Lexington	7-1	16-10
Academy	7-1	21-5
Jarrell	7-1	23-4
Salado	4-4	12-13
Lago Vista	2-5	14-10
Rogers	1-7	5-13
Florence	0-7	7-17

Jan. 26

Salado 37 Lexington 41
Academy 63 Lago Vista
Rogers 38 Jarrell 68
Jan. 29
Lago Vista 50 Salado 64
Jarrell 84 Florence 32
Lexington 63 Rogers 43



Deja Griffin adds three to Lexington's total in the heart-breaking loss to Salado last Tuesday, January 26. PHOTO BY MIKE ORGAN.

Lady Eagles Fall to Salado

by Mike Organ

Lexington lost a heartbreaker 49-42 to Salado Tuesday night. The Lady Eagles played their hearts out and were ahead of the state ranked Salado team with four minutes left in the game. Salado's excellent outside shooting and 10

of 12 from the free throw line spelled doom for Lexington.

The girls' game, much like the boys game, was a defensive battle. Salado took the first period 10-8. The two points were the difference in the game at half, and at the end

of the third period.

Once again free throw shooting hurt the Lady Eagles as they converted only five of 12 opportunities. Lexington outrebounded Salado and matched them steal for steal on defense.

The much improved Lady Eagles are almost there, losing several games by just a little. With another year's experience and with the bulk of the team returning next year, Lexington will be one of the district favorites.

Salado 49 Lexington 42

	1	2	3	4	F
Salado (19-9, 7-2)	10	14	10	15	49
Lex. (12-15, 2-7)	8	14	10	10	42
Lex-Koch 2, Clark 3, Richardson 2, Griffin 8, Wren 6, Alford 2, Brown 5, Parks 15					