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**BEARS**  
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had four points to lead that run for West Oso, while junior guard Cameron Fillmore's bank shot accounted for the other two points.

The Bears later took a 23-18 lead into the half.

West Oso would build a 40-26 lead in the final minute of the third quarter on senior post Davon Fox's free throw. The Bears outscored the 32-3A champion Pirates 17-8 in the third quarter, as sophomore guard/forward Darius Sullivan's 3-pointer and junior guard Christian Johnson's three-point play highlighted that key spurt for West Oso.

The Bears would lead by as many as 17 points during the fourth quarter, as Hidalgo wouldn't come closer than 12 in the final five minutes of play.

Pirates guard Frankie Sanchez scored a game-high 27 points but made just one 3-pointer — late in the fourth quarter — after

hitting three 3s in the first quarter.

"He's a great shooting guard," Flores said of Sanchez, who made all four of Hidalgo's 3-pointers in the game. "Our defensive game plan was to throw different kids at him and hopefully tire him out and we did a little bit of that."

Johnson had 10 of his team-high 15 points in the first half. Johnson also hit two of West Oso's four 3-pointers.

Fox scored 11 points and combined with Johnson for 14 rebounds.

Sullivan, Haywood and Bears junior guard Ruben Saldivar also combined for 24 points in the game.

WEST OSO 59, HIDALGO 44				
West Oso	14	9	17	19-59
Hidalgo	12	6	8	18-44
<b>West Oso</b> — Ramiro Castro 5, Christian Johnson 15, Justin Haywood 8, Donivin Beasley 2, Davon Fox 11, Ruben Saldivar 7, Darius Sullivan 9, Cameron Fillmore 2.				
<b>Hidalgo</b> — Mike Espinoza 8, Frankie Sanchez 27, Oscar Ruiz 1, Matt Dillard 4, Eric Valdez 4.				
<b>3-pointers</b> — West Oso, Johnson 2, Castro 1, Sullivan 1. Hidalgo, Sanchez 4.				
<b>Records</b> — West Oso 13-20.				



West Oso's Ramiro Castro (right) grabs the rebound away from Hidalgo's Oscar Ruiz.

**BUCS**  
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Maurice Bastian said. "He led them to victory with his poise. He made big shot after big shot, and I thought that was the key — we could never recover from that."

There was a degree of helplessness on Miller's side during the run. Players began to pick up Arana as he came across midcourt. By then he had burned the Bucs with a 3 after spinning around from a near steal, a 3 while moving full speed to his left and a 3 after being bumped.

"When a guy gets like that, there's nothing much you can do," said Miller senior Dale Perryman, who scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half. "If he makes it, you have to live with that."

Miller grabbed a 20-18 lead early in the second quarter, with Storm Watson scoring 10 points for

the Bucs. Miller hauled down 21 offensive rebounds during the game and forced 19 turnovers, part of which helped the Bucs stay in the contest.

But as was the case in the first two meetings, Nixon grabbed control and forced Miller into playing from behind. The reason was Arana, who began his tear with two quick 3-pointers for a 24-20 Mustangs edge. By the time the Bucs slowed the burst, Nixon, which has won 25 in a row dating back to a Dec. 8 tournament loss to Port Aransas, had a 16-4 run for a 34-24 lead.

Miller pulled to within 47-44 at the end of the third quarter, with Perryman missing a 3 at the buzzer that would have tied the score.

"I thought if I made that, it would have given us a lot more momentum going into the fourth quarter," Perryman said. "But it's over now."

That three, while an attempt at a buzzer-beater,

was part of the Bucs' woes. The team shot 36.6 percent from the field and hit 7 of 32 from 3-point range.

"Because my guys are such competitors, we rush things, eagerly trying to score," Bastian said. "What we have to do is take our time, keep our game plan. But we rushed shots, forced shots, which allowed them to get many more opportunities."

The end was near as the Mustangs began to pull away in the fourth. Nixon grabbed a 53-46 lead when Gabriel Rodriguez stole the ball and Arana took off on the break, making his seventh three-pointer of the night — this by the basket-and-foul variety.

The Mustangs broke Miller's pressure with a lot of quick looks, quick releases and quick points. Carlos Hughes scored eight of his 12 points in the last quarter off a little baseline jumper after the press break.

"We weren't a very good defensive team last year, so

we had to win by shooting," Solis said. "This year, we became better on defense, but we have the habits of last year. We shoot if we're open. We pass the ball once or twice and then let it rip."

That approach moves Nixon's 11 seniors to the next round. For Miller's eight seniors — including four starters — it was the end of run that saw the team play for the 3A state title a year ago.

"We have a nucleus that is very experienced," Bastian said. "Unfortunately, they fell short this year. But they did a very good job. I'm proud. I don't know if I'll ever have another group like this."

LAREDO NIXON 73, MILLER 63				
Miller	11	17	16	19-63
Nixon	10	27	10	26-73
<b>Miller</b> — Billy Guzman 18, Dale Perryman 14, Storm Watson 14, Tyrrell Clay 11, Jesse Franco 5.				
<b>Nixon</b> — Ricky Arana 26, Joey Pena 13, Carlos Hughes 12, Rolando Bustamonte 10, Gabriel Rodriguez 9, Mario Nunez 3.				
<b>3-pointers</b> — M: Guzman 3, Clay 3, Franco 1. N: Arana 6, Rodriguez 3, Pena, 1, Nunez 1.				
<b>Records</b> — Miller 27-10, Nixon 33-5.				

**Weimar breaks free from Eagles**

By Jeremy Shapiro  
Special to the Caller-Times

VICTORIA — Woodsboro boys basketball coach Daniel Waer said his team's defensive philosophy is to live or die by playing full-court pressure.

The helter-skelter press helped the Eagles win two playoff games to reach the Region IV-A Division I regional quarterfinals. But the pressure was largely ineffective Tuesday against a poised Weimar team at the Victoria ISD Events Center.

Weimar broke open a close contest in the second half and advanced to the regional tournament with a 74-47 win.

"We try the best that we can to generate steals and get easy points off them," Waer said. "Sometimes it doesn't work, and then you give up baskets."

The Eagles (13-11) did force a sizable number of turnovers, but in the fourth quarter Wildcat guards Torre Johnson, Juwan Almeida and Jalen Almeida

dribbled out of pressure or passed to post players for easy scores.

After scoring 30 first-half points, Woodsboro only made one basket in the third quarter. The Eagles were hindered by foul problems as starters Wyatt Foss and Logan Moses each picked up their fourth fouls early in the third. Weimar's bench outscored Woodsboro's 20-7.

"When you get in foul trouble, you got to pull back on the pressure some," Waer said. "We have been tremendous off the bench this year. Tonight it just didn't happen for us."

WEIMAR 74, WOODSBORO 47				
Weimar	17	15	14	28-74
Woodsboro	19	11	4	13-47
<b>Weimar</b> — Torre Johnson 14, Payton Wells 14, Ortis Newhouse-Johnson 11, Jacob Sedler 11, Jalen Almeida 9, Juwan Almeida 7, Seth Helmcamp 6, Seth Chadwick 2.				
<b>Woodsboro</b> — Lionel Brown 11, Conner Payne 11, Wyatt Foss 11, Garrett Horner 7, Logan Moses 4, Tyler Quesada 3.				
<b>3-pointers</b> — Weimar, Johnson 2, Ja. Almeida 1; Woodsboro, Brown 3, Foss 1, Quesada 1.				
<b>Record</b> — Woodsboro 13-11.				

**Austin Savio keeps IWA from tourney**

By staff reports

FLORESVILLE — The Incarnate Word Academy girls basketball team's bid for the TAPPS Class 4A state tournament was dashed on Tuesday night.

Austin St. Dominic Savio knocked off IWA 65-49, advancing to the state tournament on Friday night in Mansfield and avenging two District 3-4A losses to the Angels.

IWA (28-11) trailed by three points after the first quarter, but was outscored 27-12 during the second, putting the Angels in a

45-27 hole at halftime. IWA, led by Christina Matl's game-high 19 points, drew within seven points entering the fourth, but St. Dominic Savio (23-11) pulled away in the fourth to seal the win.

AUSTIN SAVIO 65, IWA 49				
Savio	18	27	5	15-65
IWA	15	12	16	6-49
<b>Austin St. Dominic Savio</b> — Christionna Hawkins 2, Stephanie Moses 10, Abigail Moses 15, Krystin Nanez 6, Jenna Minor 16, Erlonna Brown 16.				
<b>IWA</b> — Madison Longwell 3, Ashley Zawicky 4, Maggie Pesek 10, Megan Flanagan 1, Annika Johnson 4, Cassidy Fought 4, Christina Matl 19, Emmie Anderson 2, Bianca Valderrama 2.				
<b>3-pointers</b> — IWA, Longwell.				
<b>Records</b> — St. Dominic Savio 23-11, IWA 28-11.				

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