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All four 14-5A teams go down

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SPRING – One of the most successful seasons in recent school history came to an end for Oak Ridge with a 67-61 loss to Klein Forest in the Class 5A bi-district playoffs Tuesday night at Klein High School.

Despite the loss, the War Eagles (20-12) eclipsed their win total from a year ago by seven games and reached the postseason for the first time since 2005.

"This one will sting a little bit because I thought we played well and had a great chance to beat these guys," Oak Ridge head coach Rob Stewart said.

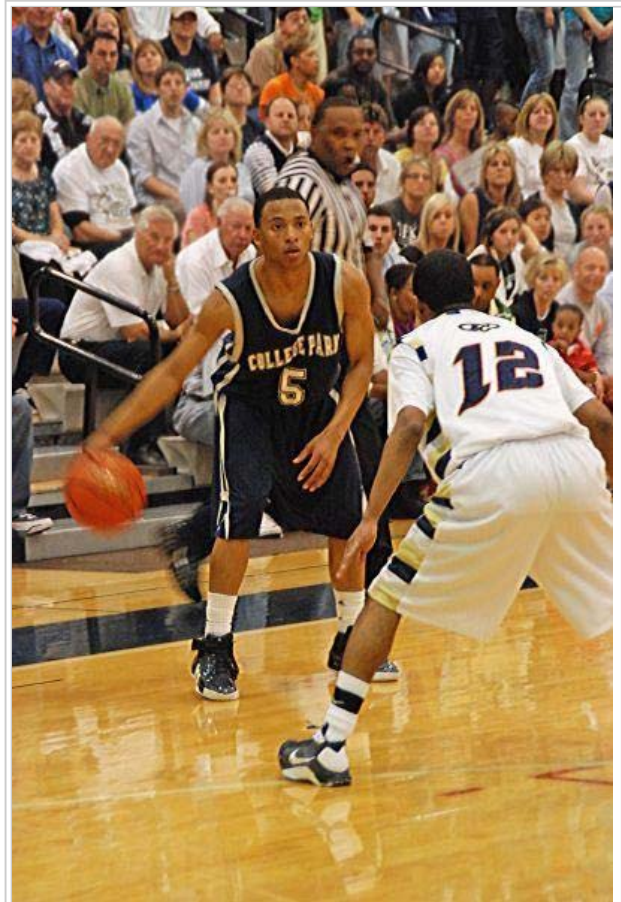
The War Eagles took a 54-53 lead on a bucket by Sean Kovar with four minutes left but struggled to put the ball in the hole the last half of the final quarter.

Meanwhile, Klein Forest guard Darius Gatson scored 12 points in the final frame and hit all six of his free throws in the quarter.

Gatson led all scorers with 20 points. Kovar and Logan Griffin paced the War Eagles with 14 points each.

Klein Forest (22-10) plays either Cy Falls or Leander in the area round Friday.

The War Eagles grabbed a halftime lead of 32-27 thanks to 10 points from Scott Bastian in the first 16 minutes. Klein Forest struggled from the floor in the half and finished just 2-of-9 from beyond the 3-point line.



College Park's A.J. Myres looks for an opening in the Cavaliers' loss at Klein Collins Tuesday night.

But the second half was a different story as Klein Forest outscored the War Eagles 22-12 in the third quarter on 6-of-9 shooting from downtown.

"The difference in the game was their shooting after halftime," Stewart said. "We didn't do anything differently defensively. The shots just started falling for them."

Klein Collins 69, College Park 55

The No. 1 seed out of District 14-5A, the Cavaliers (28-7) had their season come to a surprising stop in the first round of the playoffs Tuesday night.

The loss snaps a 16-game winning streak for the Cavs who finished a perfect 10-0 in district play.

"I take full responsibility for this," College Park coach Clifton McNeely said. "I did not have my team prepared tonight."

Klein Collins (25-8) was led by Byron Kasa with 15 points. Adam Rowe and AJ Myres paced College Park with 14 points each.

Westfield 71, The Woodlands 62

The Highlanders (19-13) had no answer for Mike Brown and Mark Brooks, of Westfield (21-13), in a Class 5A bi-district loss Monday night.

The duo combined for 49 points with Brown leading the way with a game-high 25 points.

Adrian Medina led a trio of Highlanders in double figures with 14 points. Michael Williams finished with 13 points and Jordan Alpha had 10 points in the loss.

Tomball 73, Lufkin 72

Lufkin led after each of the first three quarters, but District 13-5A champion Tomball prevailed in the end.

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