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Texans Rout New Mexico JC 80-50

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HOBBS, N.M. – The South Plains College Texans (18-10, 8-6) jumped out to an early 9-1 lead in the opening three minutes of their contest against New Mexico Junior College (16-14, 3-11) thanks to three 3-point field goals, one by Josh Orta and two courtesy of Bo Ingram, to begin the game. The Texans never looked back, routing the Thunderbirds by 30 points, 80-50.

Bo Ingram led all scorers with 23 points on 9-of-14 shooting, including 5-of-9 from beyond the tree point arc. Khaliq Gross and Myles Walker added 12 points each.

With the victory the Texans had a chance to move to third place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) standings, but needed No. 2 ranked Midland College (28-2, 12-2) to knock off Odessa College (23-7, 8-6). That did not happen as Odessa upset the Chaparrals 74-67, sending the Texans to the Region 5 tournament, held March 4-7 at Lubbock Christian University, as the fourth seed from the WJCAC. The Texans will face the No. 1 seed from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference (NTJCAC) at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 4.

Possible opponents for the Texans include No. 24 McLennan Community College (25-4, 11-2), Collin County CC (23-6, 11-3) or Grayson College (22-7, 10-3). McLennan hosts Grayson on Saturday, February 27 at 4 p.m. and can clinch the No. 1 seed with a victory. A Grayson victory, however, would complicate things as it would force a three way tie for the championship with each team splitting contests amongst each other.