

Westfield vs Katy Jordan, 4:00 p.m. MO Campbell Center

This game is a very interesting contrast of styles. You have Katy Jordan coming into the season as a very fashionable favorite against a team in Westfield that has a lot of unknown pieces. % 2025 P Jeremiah Cooper will be counted on heavily to lead the Mustangs to the promised land. They will go as he goes. Westfield's JV squad was undefeated and will need someone to step up and fill the voids of some missing big time pieces. Katy Jordan has scoring everywhere. % 2023 G Misaias Herrera, 2025 G Elijah Black and 2025 G Jaden Holt give Coach Jones a good shooting and defensive backcourt. If 2023 F Trevor Martz can play even with Cooper, it will be a long night for the Mustangs.

*Predicted Score: **Katy Jordan 60 Westfield 52***

Manvel vs Clements, 5:30 p.m. MO Campbell Center

I anticipate this to be a very fun, up and down matchup. % 2023 Kansas commit Jamari McDowell will have a lot to prove in this game. Being that he is going to be playing in the Big 12 next year, a lot will be expected from him. % 2023 Reuben Doria will be his backcourt mate and a helpful piece to take some of the pressure off of McDowell. Clements will be led by % 2024 Divine Ugochukwu an electric, get to the basket scorer. % 2023 7 footer Bukola Oboyo will be a huge advantage for the Rangers in the middle. I truly think that this will be a track meet and a high scoring game. Whoever has less turnovers wins.

*Predicted Score: **Clements 74 Manvel 69***

Houston Washington vs Oak Cliff Faith Family, 7pm MO Campbell Center

Here we have two very talented 4a state contending teams. This could very well be a prelude to the state tournament. Booker T. has to come out with a lot of energy and defense to make up for their lack of size. % 2024 P Chris McDermott must stay out of foul trouble and rebound the ball at a high level for the Eagles to have any shot. % 2023 Prairie View commit Kenneth Lewis must shoot the ball in an efficient manner and play high IQ basketball. If % 2024 G Odis Carter can handle the pressure of Faith Family, this could be a closer than expected game. Faith Family, the defending state 4a champions, will be led by % 2024 P Doriyan Onwuchekwa a defensive anchor in the paint. % 2024 G Isaac William is an athletic guard with an above average jumper. % 2023 G Peyton Gusters is their gritty defensive stopper on the perimeter. Coach Thomas will be looking to come to H-Town and put on a show again, but I believe Coach Grayson has some tricks up his sleeve.

*Predicted Score: **Booker T. 68 FFA 64***

Shadow Creek vs Aldine Nimitz, 8:30pm MO Campbell Center

Guard play will be at a premium this game. Nimitz will be led by their backcourt of % 2024 Eric Woods and Javarius Thompson. They each bring something different to the table. Woods, a defensive shot maker and Thompson, a high IQ downhill scorer. % 2024 W Dominic Samuel will be the x-factor for Nimitz. He will have to focus on rebounding and playing post defense. Shadow Creek will be led by % 2025 G Bryce Jackson and Mike Collins. Jackson is a top player in his class and will be hard to contain. Collins is a defensive nightmare and emotional leader. % 2023 P Chase Cain will be the determining factor for the game. It will be tough to keep him off of the offensive boards and from getting quality paint touches. With that being said, I believe Coach Tigee will have some exotic defensive schemes to throw at the Sharks.

*Predicted Score: **Nimitz 62** Shadow Creek 58*

