

Estacado beats Levelland, 65-53, in 1-4A shootout

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LEVELLAND — In the midst of penalties, ejections and long quarters, Estacado quarterback Jalen Tennison managed to lead the Matadors to victory.

Estacado (6-2, 2-0) defeated Levelland (2-6, 0-2) 65-53 Friday in their second district match in district 1-4A at Lobo Stadium.

Estacado came out fast and scored with 11 minutes left in the first quarter on a 43-yard run by Ave'On Williams, but the Matadors failed to get the extra point, 6-0.

Levelland struggled on offense and was forced to punt the ball away and Estacado capitalized on the turnover.

Estacado's Ukedrian Anderson scored on a 58-yard run to put the Matadors ahead 13-0.

The Lobo's quarterback Nick Gerber managed to put Levelland on the board on a 37-yard pass to Trenton Jones, but the Levelland defense could not stop Estacado's offense.

The Matadors scored two more times, both by quarterback Tennison, to end the first quarter 26-6.

In the second quarter, Levelland was able to chip away at the lead, but suffered a huge loss at the offensive line.

Five players were ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, including two Lobo offensive lineman.

The first half ended in favor of Estacado 32-20, but Levelland managed to gain momentum heading into the locker room.

The Lobos scored first in the third quarter on a 7-yard pass from Gerber to Jones with 10:58 left on the board.

Estacado's Tennison answered the Levelland touchdown with a 47-yard touchdown run.

Tennison seemed unstoppable on the field and scored several more times for the Matadors, including special team touchdown returns.

On the Lobo sideline, quarterback Gerber and wide out Jones stayed warmed to answer the Matador's dual threat quarterback's touchdowns.

The two Levelland players hooked up several times for touchdown receptions, but the Lobos trailed by too wide a margin and could not stop Estacado from getting into the end zone.

Estacado put it away, 65-53, on a 50-yard run by Williams.

The game came down to the quarterback position, and even though Gerber remained calm in the pocket and found his receivers, Tennison and the Matadors came out on top. Levelland will continue district play against Borger at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and Estacado will face Pampa at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lowrey field.

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