

## EAGLES *FOOTBALL* GRIDIRON NEWS

Eagles primed to battle the

Laredo Alexander Bulldogs

### **District 29-6A Season Opener**

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The Eagle Pass Eagles varsity football team under the leadership of head coach Tom Gonzalez sporting an overall season record of 2-1 will kick off their quest for the District 29-6A football crown this coming Friday, September 22, 2017 when they entertain the Laredo Alexander Bulldogs who currently sport an 0-3 season mark in a 7:30 PM district opening gridiron matchup at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center Cozel Foster-Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The visiting Laredo Alexander Bulldogs mentored by head coach Joel Lopez will enter this district opener showcasing their patented spread offensive scheme with quarterback Matthew Connor #12 as the triggerman in their offense, Connor has a very quick release with his

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passes. The featured running back will be the tough running Freddy Villarreal #29 who also comes out of the backfield on passing downs. On their potent passing game their primary target will be the highly talented wide receiver Albert Laurel #8 who possesses great hands, runs excellent routes and is their big play man. The other three receivers in their passing game will include wingback Mark Gonzalez #80 who is tall and lanky with good hands, Slot back Pierce Neel #11 a very quick and smart receiver and finds a way to get open, and wide receiver Leo Garza #10a tall receiver that favors the long pass routes in their scheme. Overall the Bulldogs offensive line is big, strong and very aggressive with their blocks especially in pass protection. The Bulldogs record is 0-3 but they have faced some tough teams in those three games.

Defensively the Laredo Alexander Bulldogs will feature a very athletic 4-3 scheme with Kristian Karodi #72 and Cesar Rodriguez #91 at defensive tackles with Jakoby Torres #54 and Pablo Ramirez #6 at the defensive end slots. The Bulldogs will showcase a trio of very fast line backers in Albert Gonzalez #58, Seth Pena #15 and Cristian Ruiz #26. The Bulldogs secondary will be patrolled by Carlos Huerta #18, Donnie Ethridge #22, Christopher Gaona #32 and Peter Brewster #25.

The home standing Eagle Pass Eagles will venture into their district opening game currently averaging 343 yards of offense with a well balanced offensive attack of 521 yards rushing and 508 yards passing thus far and are averaging 32 points scored per game. The Eagles dynamic backfield trio of quarterback Richie Luna, the hard running tailback Dee Andre Torres and the multi-talented slot back Jose Riojas will look to have a big night against the Bulldogs. The Eagles explosive passing game features a speedy and sure handed “*Magnificent Seven*” receiving corps with the likes of Albert Guevara, Norby Zavala, David Lopez, Ralph Guerrero, Ray Mendoza, Oscar Castillon, and Jose Riojas as well as Dee Andre Torres out of the backfield with each of them possessing the ability to carry the mail all the way to the promise land from anywhere out on the field.

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The Eagles equally fast and hard hitting defensive unit are only allowing 14 points per game thus far due to the aggressiveness of their defensive front seven who have played the run extremely tough through the first three games thus far and apply relentless pressure to the opposition on passing downs. The Eagles defense mentored by defensive coordinator Roger Olivas comprised by the likes of Roger Ulloa, Mario Torres, Sebastian Hernandez, Armando Monsivais, Moises Rocha, Haran Rodriguez, David Kypuros, Darwin Lechler, Ryan Chisum, Raul Lechler, Kristian Barcena and company will certainly look forward to the challenge of going toe to toe against the Bulldogs spread offense.

Eagle Pass Sports Central wishes the mighty Eagle Pass Eagles the very best of luck against the Laredo Alexander Bulldogs and invites the entire community to come out to the stadium this coming Friday night and support the Eagles.

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