

MAVERICKS *FOOTBALL* GRIDIRON NEWS

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Central Catholic Buttons 22 to 6

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The C.C. Winn Mavericks' varsity football team mentored by head coach Eric Villasenor journeyed to San Antonio, Texas on Friday, September 29, 2017 to square off against the Central Catholic Buttons in a 7:30 PM non-district encounter at the Bob Benson '66' Football Stadium located on 1403 N. St. Mary's St. The home standing Central Catholic Buttons under new head coach Mike Santiago ventured into this matchup with an unblemished 4-0 overall season record and averaging 39.7 points per game while the visiting C.C. Winn Mavericks came in sporting an overall season mark of 1-3.

A defensive struggle throughout the majority of this game that should have ended as a very low scoring game but a pair of miscues late in the game enabled the Central Catholic Buttons to escape with a 22 to 6 victory over the Mavericks with a truly valiant Mavericks defense that played their hearts out only allowing 16 of those 22 points.

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The visiting C.C. Winn Mavericks offense that all game long were plagued with very field possession with drives starting such as their own 3, 4, 9, 19 and 22 yard lines took the opening kickoff at their own 30 yard line and mounted a potential scoring drive with quarterback Ethan Johnston carrying the majority of the load in their running game but the key play of that drive was a well executed 40 yard play completion from Ethan Johnston to wide receiver Luis Olvera all the way inside the red zone but the Mavericks had to settle for a 37 yard field goal attempt that was no good.

In their second offensive series of the night the Mavericks took full advantage of their only real good field possession after a very short Central Catholic punt. The Mavericks took over at the Central Catholic 39 yard line and produced what unfortunately would prove to be their only scoring drive of this game as quarterback Ethan Johnston rambled into the end zone from six yards out with 1:03 remaining on the first quarter clock. The point after attempt was blocked however but the Mavericks took the early 6 to 0 lead over the high scoring Central Catholic Buttons.

The Mavericks patented hard hitting and quick pursuing defense showcased their talent throughout the entire first half of play as they held the potent Buttons offense in check with a suffocating stingy defensive scheme forcing the Buttons to punt in their first two offensive possessions of this game. The Mavericks defensive squad with the likes of linemen Isaias Gonzalez, Alejandro Ontiveros, Ismael Villarreal, Ricardo Morales and Alexis Morales controlling the trenches and supported by their stellar linebackers Miguel De Los Santos and Ernesto Villasenor with the secondary crew of J.J. Garcia, Xavier Cerezo, Brandon Wheeler, German Velasquez and Domingo Duran nullifying the Buttons aerial assault even managed to put up terrific goal line stand at the C.C. Winn Mavericks 3 yard line much to the approval of the Mavericks Nation in attendance.

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The only positive output produced by the Central Catholic Buttons in the first half was a 29 yard field goal by place kicker Franco Querido with 1:44 left before halftime. The Mavericks took the 6 to 3 lead over the Buttons into their halftime locker room but the story was the work of the Mavericks defense that allowed just a mind boggling total of one yard rushing in that first half and kept the usually high scoring Buttons out of the end zone.

In their second offensive series of the second the Mavericks pass attempt was intercepted by Buttons linebacker Jay Juarez at the Mavericks 47 yard line which gave the Buttons a spark that they had been searching for. The Buttons began to march down the field with short passes and short gains via the ground. However the Mavericks defense rose to the challenge and defensive back Xavier Cerezo intercepted a pass to what seemed to have given the ball back to the Mavericks but low and behold the men with the zebra striped shirts surprisingly penalized the Mavericks on that play for what they said was defensive holding which nullified Cerezo's interception and kept the drive alive for the lucky Buttons which they cashed in with a three yard run to pay dirt by their workhorse running back Zach Davidsmeyer. The point after attempt was no good but the Buttons now took a 9 to 6 lead over the Mavericks.

The score remained the same until the last minute and a half of the game when the Buttons were finally able to get their passing game going orchestrating a 66 yard scoring drive which saw them barely convert a fourth and goal at the Mavericks six yard line and capped off the drive with a one yard blast into the end zone by running back Zach Davidsmeyer with 1:16 left in the fourth quarter. Franco Querido tacked on the point after to give the Buttons a 16 to 6 lead over the Mavericks.

After the ensuing kickoff the Mavericks offense took over at their 27 yard line but disaster struck as the Mavericks fumbled the ball and the opportunistic Buttons linebacker John Montelongo recovered the errant pig skin at the Mavericks 23 yard line and returned the fumble for a touchdown with only 11 seconds left in this game. The point after attempt was no good but

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the Central Catholic Buttons came away with the hard fought 22 to 6 victory over the valiant C.C. Winn Mavericks.

The Mavericks have an open date next week and will resume their gridiron battles on Thursday, October 12, 2017 when they will host the McCollum Cowboys in a key 7:00 PM matchup at the Eagle Pass ISD Cozel Foster-Veterans Memorial Stadium to kickoff their 2017 District 29-5A schedule/.

OFFICIAL GAME TEAM STATS:

MAVERICKS OPPONENT

First Downs	7	13
Att./ Yds. Rushing	35/121	25/65
Yards Passing	63	159

Total Yards **184** **224**

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Pass att./comp./int's	5/11/1	16/33/0
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Return Yards	14	23
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Punts /Avg.	5/28.0	4/30.7
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Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
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Penalties/Yards	7/70	7/55
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OFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATS:

PASSING:

#4 Ethan Johnston 5 comp. 11 att. 1 int. 63 yds.

RUSHING:

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#4 Ethan Johnston 24 att. 88 yds. 1TD

#15 Luis Olvera 3 att. 3 yds.

#22 Fernando Zapata 5 att. 14 yds.

#32 Ernesto Villasenor 1 att. 4 yds.

#36 Luis Rodriguez 2 att. 12 yds.

RECEIVING:

#2 Brandon Wheeler 1 rec. 3 yds.

#13 Joey Aguilar 1 rec. 7 yds.

#15 Luis Olvera 2 rec. 47 yds.

#88 Jose Blanco 1 rec. 5 yds.

OFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATS:

#2 Brandon Wheeler 4 tackles

#3 Xavier Cerezo 9 tackles 1 assist

#5 Domingo Duran 1 tackle 3 assists

#7 Juan J. Garcia 3 tackles 1 assist

#21 German Velasquez 3 tackles 1 assist

#31 Azael Rodriguez 1 tackle for a loss

#32 Ernesto Villasenor 2 tackles 2 assists 5 tackles for a loss

#33 Miguel De Los Santos 4 tackles 3 assists 2 tackles for a loss

#46 Ricardo Morales 2 tackles 4 assists 1 tackle for a loss 1 QB Sack

#48 Ismael Villarreal 1 tackle 1 assist

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#60 Alexis Morales 1 tackle 1 assist 1 tackle for a loss

#79 Ivan Martinez 1 assist

#92 Isaias Gonzalez 3 assists

#94 Alejandro Ontiveros 2 tackles