

EAGLES *FOOTBALL* GRIDIRON NEWS

Eagles geared to tame the

Laredo United South Panthers

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The district co-leading Eagle Pass Eagles varsity football team mentored by head coach Tom Gonzalez continue their quest for the 2017 District 29-6A football crown this coming Thursday, October 19, 2017 when they journey to Laredo, Texas to square off against the defending District 29-6A champion Laredo United South Panthers. The Panthers are coming off a narrow 18 to 17 defeat of the pre-season favorite Laredo United Longhorns this past Friday night. The Panthers will enter this contest sporting an overall season record of 2-4 and a district mark of 2-1 while the visiting Eagles will come in with an overall season mark of 5-1 and an unblemished district record of 3-0. Game time is scheduled for 7:00 PM at the United ISD Student Activity Center.

The home standing Panthers under the guidance of head coach Sergio Salinas will employ a spread offensive scheme featuring the leader of the team in quarterback Ismael Contreras #10 who keeps getting better every week. He does have an above average arm with average accuracy with his passes. When he does not have an open receiver he does a great job of

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scrambling to gain yards and he will not give up he will right to the finish. The running back duties will be handled by Sergio Vela #7 who seems to be complacent with how he runs the ball and is not a shifty runner. The Panthers capable receiving corps will feature wide outs Anthony Charles #13 who is their deep threat is quick and elusive in the open and Marco Espinosa #80 a good target with speed and height and very effective with the ball in his hands. The Panthers will also showcase a pair of solid slot receivers in Efrain Hernandez #12 who averages nearly 20 yards per catch and Juan Castro #23 who happens to be their most reliable target with good hands and is very tough after the catch. The Panthers offensive line will be fortified by Angel Perez #78 at left tackle, Christian Aguilar #76 at left guard, Levi Reyes #65 at center, Josue Huerta #60 at right guard, and Kevin Reyes #73 at right tackle.

Defensively the Panthers employ a solid quick and aggressive 3-4 scheme with Jorge Garcia #67 at the nose guard position, Kevin Yanez #70 at defensive end and Jose Cobos #56 at the anchor end slot. The inside linebackers will be Alan Martinez #43 and Cesar Contreras #31. The outside linebackers will be Romeo Rodriguez #25 and Brandon Guerra #32. The Panthers secondary who will be tested heavily by the Eagles sure handed receiving corps will be Albert Pescador #2 and Juan Sanchez #24 at the corners with Marco Martinez #14 and Bryan Avalos #8 as the safeties.

The high powered lightning quick Eagle Pass Eagles diversified offense that can be explosive via the ground or through the airway from anywhere out on the field will counter with their standout running back Dee Andre Torres one of the premier running backs in District 29-6A who is a very tough runner to bring down with elusive speed. Torres has rushed for 641 yards and tallied 9 rushing touchdowns this season through six games. Joining him in the backfield is the Field General quarterback Richie Luna who is very capable to run with the ball if need be but does possess a pin point throwing arm that produced a school record six TD passes last week. Luna has completed 74 passes out of 115 attempts for 921 yards and thrown 11 TD passes. The Eagles swift sure handed receiving corps features a pair of very tall receivers with speed in Albert Guevara and Rey Mendoza as well as a pair of stellar slot backs in Jose Riojas and Norby Zavala who simply just find a way to get open and both possess good hands. Another very potent weapon for the Eagles offense has been the surefooted placekicker Jose Riojas who has been near perfect in the point after and field goal departments all season long.

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The equally fast and very aggressive Eagles defensive unit who last week spent more time in the backfield than the opponent's running backs have been very stingy against the run as well as the pass. The defensive front line comprised of Sebastian Hernandez, Mario Torres, Moi Rocha and David Santos who have simply been dominating in the trenches and will look to contain the Panthers ground game to minimal yardage. The quick pursuing hard hitting line backing duo of standouts David Kypuros and Haran Rodriguez are expected to have a big game against the Panthers. The swift defensive secondary unit of Raul Lechler, Eric Heredia, Ryan Chisum and Nico Moyeda can cover the best receivers in the district with their blanket coverage and will inflict some punishing hits on you and as well as force key turnovers

Eagle Pass Sports Central wishes the mighty Eagle Pass Eagles the very best of luck against the Laredo United South Panthers and invites the Loyal Legion of Eagles faithful as well as the entire community of Eagle Pass, Texas to make the trip to Laredo, Texas this coming Thursday night and support the Eagles in their quest for the district title. GO

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