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Edinburg Vela Sabercats

UIL Region IV 6A Area Round

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The District 29-5A co-champion Eagle Pass Eagles mentored by head coach Tom Gonzalez fresh off their dominating bi-district victory over the McAllen Bulldogs last Friday night, will venture to Laredo, Texas this coming Friday, November 24, 2017 to square off against the Edinburg Vela Sabercats in a 2:00 pm gridiron matchup for the UIL Region IV Area Round championship at the Laredo United ISD Student Activity Center. The Edinburg Robert Vela High School Sabercats will enter this matchup with an unblemished season record of 11-0 but barely escaped being upset by Brownsville Hanna last Friday night with a last second 54 yard game winning field goal. The Eagle Pass Eagles will venture into this contest sporting an overall season record of 9-2.

EDINBURG VELA OFFENSE:

QB **Nathan Garcia** #10- Great Leader runs and throws well and makes big plays

Two-time District MVP!

RB **Sam Valenzuela** #21- Good speed, tough runner and has good vision.

Great cut back runner.

RB **Aaron Alvarez** #45 - Strong and very physical runner with deceptive speed.

Must wrap-up.

FB/TE **Nico Rodriguez** #82 - Strong and good blocker

WR **Justin Cantu** #2 – Best receiver with good hands, very fast and runs good

Routes (Fly, Slip, Fade, & Slant)

WB **Brandon Guzman** #13 – Great athlete, very fast and has great hands

WR **Aziel Garcia** #8 – Very good receiver makes plays runs good routes.

LT **Jayden Borjas** #77 - Big and strong. Moves his feet well

LG **Rene Cantu** #66 - Very quick lineman but can be pushed back.

C **Diego Moreno** #56 **-** Very good lineman quick of the ball and good feet

RG **Ernie Cantu** #63 – quick lineman pulls well and stays with his blocks

RT **Julio Cuello** #79 Big and strong moves his feet well will reach you and hold on.

The Sabercats also feature a very potent weapon in placekicker Austin Garza who kicked a game winning 54 yard field goal against Brownsville Hanna last Friday night in their bi-district matchup.

EDINBURG VELA DEFENSE:

Defensively the Sabercats will employ a big, fast overly aggressive, physical and relentless pursuing 3-4 alignment with cover 2 scheme. Nose Guard Sergio Carrizales #48 is the heart and soul of the defense. He is a very aggressive and relentless ball player. The defensive ends will be Ian Sarmiento #59 and Timothy Ellington #9. The Sabercats employ four solid linebackers that are excellent against the run with inside linebackers Ian Ochoa #42 and Luis Gutierrez #33. The two outside linebackers will be Richard Campos #26 and Eduardo Salinas #28. The defensive secondary has good speed and excellent cover skills with the likes or cornerbacks Brye Medina #1 and Nicolas Gomez #3. The two safeties are Nick Enriquez #7 and Daniel Enriquez #36.

EAGLE PASS OFFENSE:

The high flying Eagle Pass Eagles will counter with their prolific explosive offense featuring their standout 1000yard rushing tailback Dee Andre Torres a throwback runner to the legends of yesteryear who is a bonafide threat from anywhere out on the field as well as standout quarterback Richie Luna who has thrown total of 17 TD passes and is very close to becoming only the second quarterback in Eagles football history to pass for over 2000 yards in a single season. The diversified Eagles offense enjoy the luxury of having a quartet of fast sure handed stellar receivers the likes of shifty Norby Zavala, the multi-talented Jose Riojas and the dynamic twin towers Rey Mendoza and Albert Guevara all four of which posses excellent hands and elusive speed that can score from anywhere out on the field. The Eagles offensive line of Tito Villarreal, Jose Laguna, Alex Martinez, Ray Galindo and Jorge Guardado will have their hands full with the aggressive Sabercats defensive front line and will need to dominate in the trenches.

EAGLE PASS OFFENSE:

The equally fast, aggressive and hard hitting famed Eagles ***"Land Sharks"*** defensive unit featuring the Fab-four defensive line of Mario Torres, Sebastian Hernandez, Moi Rocha and Manny Rodriguez who never back down from any challenges will certainly be primed and ready to take on the Sabercats offensive line to inflict their bone rattling tackles on the Sabercats running backs as well as apply relentless pressure on their quarterback. The quick pursuing line backing corps of standout David Kypuros, Roger Ulloa and Haran Rodriguez are geared to stop the run and assist in pass coverage. The Eagles swift secondary unit who can cover any and all of the best receivers with the likes of Josh Monsivais, Armando Monsivais, Ryan Chisum, Raul Lechler and Kristian Barcena are looking forward to the challenge of battling against the Sabercats receivers and are more than ready to force a few turnovers.

Eagle Pass Sports Central wishes the mighty Eagle Pass Eagles the very best of luck in your game against the Edinburg Vela Sabercats and invites the Loyal Legion of Eagles faithful as well as the entire community of Eagle Pass, Texas as well as all former Eagle Pass High School Alumni to come out this coming Friday afternoon to the Laredo United ISD Student Activity Center and support the mighty Eagles in their quest for the UIL Region IV Area Round title.
GO EAGLES!
BEAT THE
SABERCATS!