

## EAGLES *AREA FOOTBALL* GRIDIRON NEWS

Eagles poised to soar over

Edinburg Vela Saber Cats

### **UIL Region IV Area Round**

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The high flying Eagle Pass Eagles varsity football team under the leadership of head football coach Tom Gonzalez coming off their historic bi-district victory over the PSJA Bears last Friday night will hit the road once again this coming Friday, November 22, 2019 when they venture to Laredo, Texas to tangle with the Edinburg Vela Saber Cats in a 700 pm gridiron matchup at the Laredo United ISD Student Activity Center for the UIL Region IV Area Round Championship.

The Edinburg Vela Saber Cats under the direction of head football coach John Campbell

## Eagles-Edinburg Vela Area Round Football Playoff Game Preview: Fri. Nov. 22, 2019

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employ a 50% run and 50% pass type offense spearheaded by the talented and athletic starting quarterback Anthony Sotelo #7 a very smart quarterback that makes plays and likes to throw deep and throws well on the run. Joining him in the backfield will be running back Pablo Rivera #1 a tough runner with good vision and likes to cut back along with running back Johnier Marin #21 a strong physical runner with deceptive speed. The fullback will be Matthew Trevino #35 a very good lead blocker that does take you to the play, The SNUG/Tight End will be Derrick Trejo #85 a very strong and good blocker that also takes you to the play.

The Saber Cats talented receiving corps will feature Justin Cantu #2 as the X-Receiver and by far their best receiver very fast and great hands, Kevin Rojas #13 as the wing back a fast, strong and great receiver, Justin Vega #4 as the Z-Receiver a big receiver with good hands and makes plays,

The Saber Cats offensive line will be comprised by Ronnie Garza #74 at left tackle, Gilbert Cerda #52 at left guard, Sebastian Garza #50 at center, David Carreon #62 at right guard and Chris Leal #76 at right Tackle.

The potent Eagles offense under the guidance of offensive coordinator Javier Cardenas have their offensive arsenal primed and ready to be unleashed with dual threat quarterback Allan Rodriguez who has become into a real leader with each game during the season ready to lead the Eagles explosive offense into battle. Joining him in the backfield will be hardnosed running back Isaac Caballero a powerful runner that has the speed to breakaway and he strength to simply run over you along with the veteran and experienced Saul Peral;ez a very reliable running back both of whom will be ready to tote the pigskin into pay first at any given play. The Eagles equally potent passing game will come in featuring a very shifty, speedy and sure handed receiving corps the likes of the talented Dakota Kypuros, Carlos Santos, Cgc Ritchie and Jacob Ruiz who are quite elusive and have the knack of getting open and eager to haul in the airmail all the way to the promise land.

The Eagles offensive will certainly need to control the line of scrimmage maintain the blocks and provide the protection in order for the running and passing game to be successful. Ball control, field possession and turnovers will play a major role in determining the outcome of this game.

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The Eagle Pass Eagles famed “**Land Sharks**” hard hitting, stingy and quick pursuing defensive unit under the leadership of longtime defensive coordinator Roger Olivas who are well known to be one of the top defensive squads year in and year out in the entire UIL Region IV Area that you can count on to be well prepared and bring their patented relentless defensive pressure scheme will once again be heavily tested but as usual they never back down from any challenges. The front four crew of MJ McGehee, Andres Conde, Santana Martinez and Charlie Schuessler will need to win the battle in the trenches and make their presence in the backfield to stymie and disrupt the Saber Cats running and passing game.

The Eagles solid line backing trio of their team season long leading tackler Joe Samaniego, Jacob Salinas, and Saul Peralez will need to roam freely to help in run support as well as contribute in pass coverage and will need to apply their relentless pressure all game long. The defensive secondary unit of Kristian Barcena, David Lopez, Jose Hernandez and Orly Martinez will be heavily tested but rest assure they certainly will look forward to the challenge of holding the Saber Cats aerial assault in check. Look for the Eagles defense to once again force a couple of key turnovers in this game.

Eagle Pass Sports Central wishes the mighty Eagle Pass Eagles the very best of luck against the Edinburg Vela Saber Cats and invites the Loyal Legion of Eagles faithful and the entire community of Eagle Pass, Texas as well as all former Eagle Pass High School living in around the greater Laredo, Texas area to make the trip to the Laredo United ISD Bill Johnson Student Activity Center this coming Friday night and support the Eagles. GO

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