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### Eagles picked Sixth in 29-6A

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The much-anticipated opening kickoff to the 2017 Texas High School football season is around the corner much to the delight of the Legion of Eagles fans as well as the abundant coffee shop quarterback clubs. The highly competitive District 29-6A is expected to produce some thrilling matchups this coming season as the battles for the district title will be hotly contested with the district crown could very well be decided until the final week of regular season play.

The mighty Eagle Pass Eagles will face some stiff competition for the district title in 2017 from the likes of the Del Rio Rams, San Antonio Southwest Dragons, South San Bobcats, Laredo United South Panthers, Laredo Alexander Bulldogs, Laredo United Longhorns and the Laredo LBJ Wolves.

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The Eagle Pass Eagles mentored by head football coach Tom Gonzalez have been pegged to finish sixth in the district race according to the pre-season prognosticators but as all coaches know is that anything can happen on the gridiron on any given Friday night and in District 29-6A any team is quite capable of beating any team. The Eagles will certainly meet all challenges head on this coming season as they will battle to contend for the District 29-6A title.

The Eagle Pass Eagles will give their Legion of loyal fans a sneak peek of coming attractions with two scheduled scrimmages. The first of which will be on Friday, August 18, 2017 when they travel to Somerset, Texas to battle against the Somerset Bulldogs with the varsity team scrimmaging at 7:00 PM. The second scrimmage will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017 when the Eagles venture to Laredo, Texas to tangle with the vastly improved Laredo Martin Tigers at Shirley Field with the varsity starting time scheduled for 7:00 PM.

The Eagles will then kickoff their 2017 gridiron regular season campaign on Friday, September 1, 2017 when they journey to Castroville, Texas to tangle with the always tough Medina Valley Panthers in a 7:30 PM non-district season opening gridiron matchup.

Eagle Pass Sports Central will once again be proud to continue to be the only local sports entity to bring you the only true complete game coverage as well as the official game stats for every Eagle Pass Eagles varsity football game this upcoming season and we certainly wish the mighty Eagles the very best luck this season. See you at the stadium.

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### District 29-6A TEAM PREVIEW

DEL RIO RAMS: Head football coach Frenchey McCrea returns the services of 4 offensive and 6 defensive starters back from a team that finished with an impressive overall season record of 10-2 and a district co-championship mark of 6-1.

Offensively the 2017 Rams will be relatively young on the offensive side of the ball with prospect Larry Galindo to be counted on to take over the signal calling duties and fellow prospects Devin Brown and Eddie Garcia expected to share the running back duties. Dizan Rodriguez will help pave the way on the offensive line for the Rams power rushing attack.

On the defensive side of the ball the Rams will be solid featuring a pair of hard hitting linebackers Manny Arguijo and Jaden Bocanegra. Jose Mendoza and Edwin Quinones will anchor the defensive line. The Rams secondary will be manned by Brian Beto, Cory Pottard and Ronald Bailey. The pre-season prognosticators have pegged the Rams to finish fourth in the district race. Last season result: Del Rio 24 Eagle Pass 17

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**SOUTH SAN BOBCATS:** Head football coach Ron Kretz will have 8 offensive and 7 defensive starters back from a squad that culminated last season with an overall record of 0-10 and a district mark of 0-7.

Offensively the Bobcats will feature Raul Agosto who rushed for over 1000 yards last year and could possibly take over the quarterback duties. Wide Receiver James Valencia who had nearly 500 yards receiving and ran for over 450 yards will be the favorite target in their passing game.

Jay Gonzalez will spearhead the Bobcats defensive unit. The Bobcats are picked to finish seventh in the district race. Last season result: Eagle Pass 55 South San 33

**SOUTHWEST DRAGONS:** Head Coach Matt Elliott returns the services of 9 offensive and 5 defensive starters from a squad that finished with an overall season record of 8-4 and a district mark of 5-2.

Quarterback Damien Lopez will ramrod the Dragons patented power running attack. Bostin Crisp, Martin Torres and Sean Ruiz will share the load of toting the pigskin for the Dragons. Joshua Martinez, Elijah Amaro and Christian Adame will fortify the offensive line.

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On defense Steven Segura will anchor the front line and supported by a pair of stellar linebackers in Martin Torres and Bostin Crisp with Rosendo Olague and Sean Ruiz patrolling the secondary. The Dragons are picked to finish third in the district race. Last season result: Southwest 35 Eagle Pass 21

LAREDO ALEXANDER BULLDOGS: Coach Joel Lopez's Bulldogs look to improve from a rebuilding year last season will have the services of 5 offensive and 4 defensive starters back from a squad that finished with an overall season record of 3-7 and a district mark of 3-4.

Offensively the Bulldogs will be led by quarterback Matthew Conner who passed for nearly 1900 yards and standout wide receiver Albert Laurel.

On the defensive side of the ball the Bulldogs will feature defensive end Jakoby Torres and defensive back Andrew Gonzalez. The preseason prognosticators have picked the Bulldogs to finish fifth in the district race. Last season result: Laredo Alexander 42 Eagle Pass 16

LAREDO LBJ WOLVES: New head coach Alfonso Calderon inherits a team that culminated last season with an overall season record of 1-9 and district mark of 1-6.

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The Wolves offense will be led by quarterback Albert Garcia with the featured running back being Eddie Santillan. John Molina will be the favorite target in the Wolves passing game. Juan De Luna, Ismael Garcia and Jose Urbina will bolster the offensive line.

Defensively the Wolves will be spearheaded by linebacker Ismael Espinoza and linebacker Ricardo Muzquiz along with defensive linemen Julio Diaz, Christian Ramos and Luis Rios. Sergio Guel and Mark Santillan will patrol the secondary. The Wolves are predicted to finish eighth in the district race. Last season result: Eagle Pass 28 Laredo LBJ 25.

UNITED SOUTH PANTHERS: Head football coach Sergio Salinas will return the services of 4 offensive and 5 defensive starters back from a district co-championship team that culminated last season with a school best 10-3 overall season record and a district mark of 6-1.

The Panthers spread offense will once again be led by standout signal caller Ismael Contreras for 1900 yards with 17 TD passes last year. Sergio Vela is expected to take over the featured running back duties this season. Juan Castro should be one of the favorite targets in the Panthers passing attack. Josue Huerta and Angel Perez will provide the blocking and pass protection on the front line.

On the defensive side of the ball the Panthers return their standout line backer Allan Martinez

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who is the reigning District 29-6A Defensive Most Valuable Player who recorded 124 tackles last year. Fellow line backers Jonathan Hernandez and Cesar Contreras will bolster the line backing duties this season. Jose Cobos will anchor the defensive line with Brian Avalos leading the secondary unit. Laredo United South is picked to finish second in the district race. Last season result: United South 34 Eagle Pass 24

LAREDO UNITED LONGHORNS: Veteran head football coach David Sanchez will have 6 offensive and 2 defensive starters back from a squad that finished with an overall season record of 9-4and a district mark of 5-2.

Offensively the Longhorns return their stellar running back Isaac Velasquez who simply tore up the league last season rushing for nearly 2000 yards and tallied 23 touchdowns. The Longhorns however will need to find a starting quarter back to pull the trigger their patented prolific high scoring aerial show. Wide Receivers Jorge Murillo, Ivan Alaniz and Chris Salinas will be relied on heavily to tote the air mail. Denilson Hinojosa, Iram Escontrias, Mauricio Rodriguez, and Jerry Hermosillo will fortify the offensive line.

Defensively the always hard tacking Longhorns will feature their usual crew of solid linebackers in the likes of standout Christian Cazares, Joey Casso and David Macias. Manning the defensive trenches will be Tano Tijerina and Christopher Martinez. Chris Fine, Danny Sanchez and Dominic Castro will patrol the secondary. The Laredo United Longhorns have been picked to finish first in District 29-6A. Last season result: Laredo United 48 Eagle Pass 7

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**EAGLE PASS EAGLES:** Head football coach Tom Gonzalez returns the services of 4 offensive and 6 defensive starters back from a squad that culminated last season with an overall season record of 4-6 and a district mark of 2-5.

Offensively the Eagles are expected to entrust their featured running back duties to sophomore Ricky De Los Santos. Veteran wide receiver Jose Riojas will be the primary target in the Eagles passing game whose priority one mission will be to find a capable starting quarterback.

Defensively the Eagles will be led by standout linebacker David Kypuros with Haran Rodriguez, Mario Torres, Sebastian Hernandez and David Santos anchoring the defensive line. Standout Darwin Lechler will spearhead the defensive secondary. The Eagles however will fill up their roster with players coming up from a very good junior varsity and freshmen squads. The Eagles are picked to finish sixth in the district race this coming season. GO EAGLES!