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Eagles stunned by

Laredo United Longhorns 45 to 14

Caleb Garcia & Karla Velez King & Queen

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The District 29-6A co-leading Eagle Pass Eagles under the leadership of head coach Tom Gonzalez resumed their district gridiron battles on Friday, October 27, 2017 when they hosted the Laredo United Longhorns in a key 7:30 PM matchup at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center Cozel Foster-Veterans Memorial Stadium. This game was also designated as Eagle Pass High School’s Homecoming game with the coronation of the 2017 King and Queen and the Royal Court taking place during the halftime festivities. After a hard fought low scoring first half of play the visiting Laredo United Longhorns erupted in the second half with 38 points to hand the home standing Eagle Pass Eagles their first loss in district play by the final score of 45 to 14.

The visiting Laredo United Longhorns received the game's opening kickoff and immediately showcased their patented aerial show mounting a 7play 65 yard scoring drive that was capped off with a 30 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Wayo Huerta to their standout wide receiver Chris Fine with 9:48 showing on the first quarter clock. Placekicker Yamid Pena tacked on the point after to give the Longhorns the early 7 to 0 led in this game.

The quick striking Eagle Pass Eagles offense countered with a four play 74 yard scoring drive that was capped off with a sensational 54 yard gallop to pay dirt by the multi-talented tailback Dee Andre Torres with 9:11 left in the opening period. Torres simply outran the entire Longhorns defensive secondary along the way to the end zone. Torres would eventually wind up as the game's leading rusher with 153 yards on 22 carries Jose Riojas split the uprights with the game tying point after attempt to make the score 7 all.

The Eagles squandered two golden opportunities for potential scores in that first half the first of which came when they drove down to the Laredo United 13 yard line but fumbled the ball away. The second missed opportunity saw the Eagles drive all the way to the Laredo United four yard line but could not manage to score on three consecutive downs so they settled for a 21 yard field goal attempt but for some reason the Eagles changed kicker and holder for that attempt but the snap from center was mishandled so they could not get off the kick which enabled the score to remain tied at 7 all heading into the halftime break.

During the halftime festivities the long awaited 2017 Homecoming King and Queen and the Royal Court were announced. The 2017 Eagle Pass High School Homecoming King and Queen representing Cheer were Caleb Garcia and Karla Velez. The 2017 Royal Court includes Prince and Princess representing the Mighty Eagle Band Jorge Rodriguez and Katie Ritchie. The 2017 Duke and Duchess representing the Diamond Dance Team were Marcus Appleton and Ashley Castillon. The 2017 Count and Countess representing the Senior Class were CJ Flores and Jackie Gonzalez. The 2017 Lord and Lady representing Go Green were Sebastian

Adan and Emily Mata.

The Eagles received the second half kickoff but disaster struck quickly as Laredo United's defensive back Oscar Villarreal intercepted an Eagles' pass attempt and returned it 45 yards into the end zone with 11:37 showing on the third quarter clock. Yamid Pena converted the point after to give the Longhorns a 14 to7 lead over the Eagles

The Longhorns then manufactured a six play 66 yard scoring drive that was punctuated with a 40 yard touchdown pass from Wayo Huerta to wide receiver Chris Fine with 6:37 left in the third period. Yamid Pena split the uprights with the point after to give the Longhorns a 21 to 8 lead over the Eagles.

The Longhorns then surprised the Eagles on the ensuing kickoff as they successfully pulled off an onside kick which eventually led to a 32 yard field goal by Yamid Pena to pad their lead to 24 to 7.

After that field goal you could say that all went ***"FINE"*** for the visiting Longhorns as standout wide receiver Chris Fine hauled in yet two more touchdown passes (39 and 9 yards respectively) from quarterback Wayo Huerta sandwiched in between and 8 yard touchdown run by running back Isaac Velasquez which gave Chris Fine four touchdown pass receptions on the night and easily ended up as the game's leading receiver with 8 receptions for a total of 180 yards. Yamid Pena tacked on the point conversion after all three touchdowns to give the

Longhorns an insurmountable 45 to 7 lead over the Eagles.

The gallant Eagles fought back late in the game with a 84 yard scoring drive with tailback Dee Andre Torres leading the way as the signal caller out of the wildcat formation. The drive culminated with a short three yard touchdown pass from Dee Andre Torres to wide receiver Ralph Guerrero with only 2:31 left in the game. Jose Riojas converted the point after to close out the scoring for the night as the Laredo United Longhorns knockoff the previously district co-leading Eagle Pass Eagles by the final score of 45 to 14.

The Eagles have a short week coming up as they return to their district gridiron battles this coming Thursday, November 2,2017 when they entertain none other than the current district leading San Antonio Southwest Dragons in a 7:30PM marquee matchup between the district's top two teams at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center Cozel Foster-Veterans Memorial Stadium

OFFICIAL GAME TAM STATS:

	EAGLES	OPPONENT
First Downs	14	18

Att./ Yds. Rushing	29/164	37/116
Yards Passing	207	309
Total Yards	**371**	**425**
Pass att./comp./int's	21/35/3	23/35/0
Return Yards	0	65
Punts /Avg.	5/36.6	5/35.2
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/0
Penalties/Yards	2/20	4/40

OFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATS:

PASSING

#8 Dee Andre Torres 7 comp. 11 att. 1 int. 56 yds. 1TD

#10 Riche Luna 14 comp. 23 att. 2 int's 156 yds.

RUSHING:

#8 Dee Andre Torres 23 carries 153 yds. 1TD

#9 Jose Riojas 2 carries 10 yds.

#10 Riche Luna 4 carries 8 yds.

#13 David Lopez 1 carry -7 yds.

RECEIVING:

#2 Albert Guevara 3 rec. 67 yds.

#8 Dee Andre Torres 2 rec. 16 yds. .

#9 Jose Riojas 10 rec. 92 yds.

#11 Norby Zavala 3 rec. 10 yds.

#15 Ralph Guerrero 2 rec. 5 yds. 1TD

#80 Rey Mendoza 1 rec. 8 yds.

OFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATS:

#31 Josh Monsivais 11 tackles 1 assist

#56 Sebastian Hernandez 7 tackles 4 assists 4 tackles for a los 1 QB Sack

1 caused fumble Co-Defensive Player of the Week

#44 Moi Rocha 7 tackles 2 assists 5 tackles for a los 1 ½ QB Sacks 1 caused fumble

Co-Defensive Player of the Week.

#23 Armando Monsivais 7 tackles 2 assists 1 tackle for a loss 1 caused fumble

#50 Roger Ulloa 5 tackles 2 assists 1 tackle for a loss 1 QB Sack

#7 Haran Rodriguez 4 tackles 4 assists 3 tackles for a los 1 1/2QB Sacks

#1 Ryan Chisum 4 tackles 3 assists

#32 MarioTorres 3 tackles 3 assists2 tackles for a loss 2 QB Sacks 1 caused fumble

#5 Nico Moyeda 2 tackles 1 assist 1 caused fumble

#28 Raul Lechler 2 tackles

#25 David Kypuros 1 tackle 3 assists