

## EAGLES *FOOTBALL* GRIDIRON NEWS

Eagles poised to slay the

Southwest Dragons

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The mighty Eagle Pass Eagles varsity football team under the tutelage of head football coach Tom Gonzalez will hit the road for the second consecutive week this coming Friday, September 7, 2018 with a trip to San Antonio, Texas to tangle with the Southwest Dragons in a 7:30 PM non-district gridiron encounter between last year’s Co-District 29-6A champions but this season the Southwest Dragons have been realigned to compete in District 14-5A Division I.

The home standing Southwest Dragons under the direction of head football coach Matt Elliott return the services of 6 offensive and 6 defensive starters from last year’s District 29-6A co-champions and area finalist squad that culminated with a 9-3 overall season record but this season the Dragons were realigned to District 14-5A Division I. The Dragons defeated San Antonio Roosevelt 22 to 14 in their season opener last week.

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The predominately patented Dragons ground oriented offense will have Damien Lopez #9 at quarterback. Joining him in the back field will be running backs alternating turns in carrying the pigskin in their running game with Rosendo Olague #3 who by far is the best of the four runners who runs hard has great vision and agility and must certainly need to be wrapped up when carrying the ball. The other running backs include Will Herrera, Johnathon Garcia #29 and the fourth back is not listed on roster. Johnny Flores #30 and Marcus Luna will be the fullbacks with a pair of tight ends who are the primary targets in their passing game on crossing routes with the likes of Jesus Garcia #42 and the big man Joshua Hernandez #85 who is 6'5" tall and weighs about 225 lbs. The Dragons forte is their massive offensive line who like too many handle the opponents defensive line and linebackers with a senior oriented offensive line that average 275 lbs. per man. Starting at left tackle will be Christian Adame #70, left guard will be Francisco Uhl #57, center will have Cole Friesehahn #66, the right guard will be Arturo Lopez #67 and at right tackle will be Marcus Perez #69.

Defensively the Dragons will line up in a 3-4 base scheme with a cover 2 in their secondary. On their defensive line the Dragons will feature three big, explosive, physical and relentless off the ball tacklers with the likes of Roger Muzquiz #35, Marcus Luna #34 and Jesus Garcia #42. But the heart and soul of the Dragons defense is their stellar quartet of linebackers composed of inside linebackers Edward Kierstead #20 who is their Bandit linebacker and Jesse Hernandez #19 who is their Pete linebacker. The outside linebackers feature Nickolas Blaz #14 as their Willie linebacker and Johnny Flores #30 as their Sam linebacker. The fast, athletic and experienced secondary unit will feature standout Cade Scott #8 at one corner who is the leader of the secondary recording six interceptions last season, Makhi Johnson #2 at the other corner with Rosendo Olague #3 and Damien Lopez #9 as the safeties.

The visiting high scoring Eagle Pass Eagles offense under the guidance of offensive coordinator Javier Cardenas will enter this matchup with their offensive arsenal fully loaded. The well balanced offensive game scheme will have standout signal caller Richie Luna ready to lead the troops into battle. The Eagles potent running game will see Saul Peralez who rushed for 112 yards on 15 carries with 1 td run in only one half of play, Isaac Caballero and J. Herrera handling the running back duties in this game. The equally potent aerial game will feature a quartet of sure handed receivers ready to tote the airmail to pay dirt from anywhere out on the

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field. Primary target will be the tall and athletic Rey Rey Mendoza who last week had 8 pass receptions for 141 yards with two TD catches. The other three receivers include David Lopez who had 1 td reception last week as well as Oscar Castillon and Isaac Gonzalez.

The patented fast and swarming Eagles defense under the leadership of the experienced defensive coordinator Roger Olivas will seek to dominate the line of scrimmage once again with the likes of their talented defensive line that features standout Moises Rocha, David Santos Manny Rodriguez and Jorge Gonzalez who will be tested by the Dragons power running game. The Eagles talented trio of hard hitting linebackers featuring David Kypuros, Jacob Salinas and Roger Ulloa will be ready to inflict some punishing hits on the Dragons running backs. Nico Moyeda will be alternating as a linebacker as well as in the secondary depending on what package defensive coordinator Roger Olivas implements. The Eagles touted defensive secondary that can cover any of the top receivers throughout Region IV and are armed and ready to provide excellent run support as well with the likes of Raul Lechler and Joshua Monsivais at the corners with the swift duo of Eric Heredia and Ryan Chisum as the safeties.

Eagle Pass Sports Central wishes the mighty Eagle Pass Eagles the very best of luck against the San Antonio Southwest Dragons and would like to invite the Loyal Legion of Eagles fans as well as the entire community of Eagle Pass, Texas to make the trip to San Antonio, Texas this coming Friday night and support the mighty Eagle Pass Eagles' varsity football team. Stay tuned to Eagle Pass Sports Central for your most informative and complete game report as well as the only official team and individual game stats.

GO EAGLES!

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