

EAGLES *FOOTBALL* GRIDIRON NEWS

Eagles cruise over

Laredo Nixon 49 to 21

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The high flying Eagle Pass Eagles varsity football team under the leadership of head football coach Tom Gonzalez hosted the always tough Laredo Nixon Mustangs in a key 7:00 PM District 29-6A gridiron matchup on Friday, October 11, 2019 at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center Cozel Foster-Veterans Memorial Stadium. Throughout their storied history every time the Eagles and Mustangs battle each other on the gridiron it has proven to be quite a hard fought game from the opening kickoff til the final buzzer. The visiting Laredo Nixon Mustangs entered this contest with an overall season record of 4-2 and a district mark of 0-2 while the home standing Eagle Pass Eagles will enter with an overall season record of 4-2 and a district mark of 1-1. The Eagles explosive diversified offense and stingy

“*Land Sharks*”

defense combined their efforts to coast to a 49 to 21 victory over the Laredo Nixon Mustangs.

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The Eagles who won the opening coin flip but differed their option to the second half held the Mustangs to three and out. After the ensuing punt the Eagles took possession and their own 45 yard line after a couple of runs by the swift and elusive running back TJ Mares quickly culminated their four play 55 scoring drive with a 15 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Allan Rodriguez to sure handed wide receiver Dakota Kypuros with 8:28 showing on the first quarter clock. Erick Ramirez tacked on the point after to give the Eagles the early 7 to 0 lead as the Eagles faithful in attendance were barely getting acquainted with their stadium seats,

In their very next offensive series the Eagles orchestrated a 6 play 66 yard scoring drive with Allan Rodriguez spreading the wealth through the airway to his entire corps of receivers and young freshman tailback TJ Mares churning up good yardage through the ground with the drive being capped off with a nifty 31 run to pay dirt by TJ Mares with 2:32 remaining in the opening quarter, Erick Ramirez converted the point after to extend the Eagles lead to 14 to 0.

The visiting Mustangs who had less than a handful of bright spots in the entire game but did however manage to utilize the services of 11 different ball carriers except their usual two starters both of whom sat out this game nursing injuries countered with a 70 yard scoring drive to finally get on the board which was capped off with a 57 yard sprint into the end zone by running back Hernando Ruiz with just 38 seconds left in the first quarter. Joe Gonzalez tacked on the point after to narrow the Eagles lead to just 7 points.

The explosive Eagles stormed right back with an impressive 80 yard scoring drive with trigger man Allan Rodriguez continuing to work his magic with his pin point accuracy with his passes spreading the airmail amongst Cgc Ritchie, Dakota Kypuros, Carlos Santos and Jacob Ruiz but the scoring drive concluded with a one yard blast into the end zone by TJ Mares with 8:36 left in the second quarter. Erick Ramirez split the uprights with the point after to pad the Eagles lead to 21 to 7.

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Late in the first half the Eagles high powered offense continued their scoring assault with a 37 yard scoring drive culminating with a 7 yard touchdown pass from Allan Rodriguez to Dakota Kypuros with 4:24 left in the first half. Erick Ramirez converted the point after to give the Eagles a 28 to 7 lead at the halftime break.

In that first half Eagles quarterback Allan Rodriguez started out the game completing his first 13 passes and finished the first half with 164 yards on 14 out of 16 passes with 2 TD passes., running back TJ Mares gained 98 yards rushing on only 8 carries and tallied two touchdowns.

The Eagles managed to score a touchdown in 4 out of their 5 offensive possessions.

The Eagles defense led by Charlie Schuessler, Joe Samaniego, MJ McGehee, Jacob Salinas and company was absolutely relentless with their aggressive and swarming pressure in that first half.

The Eagles received the second half kickoff and immediately cranked up their offensive machine to engineer a time consuming 92 yard scoring drive punctuated with a 21 yard touchdown pass from Allan Rodriguez to wide receiver Dakota Kypuros with 8:06 showing on the third quarter clock, Erick Ramirez tackle on the point after to extend the Eagles lead to 35 to 7.

The Eagles stingy defense set up the next score when they forced Laredo Nixon to turn the ball over on downs at the Laredo Nixon 21 yard line. On the very first play from scrimmage the Eagles cashed in with a 21 yard touchdown pass from Allan Rodriguez to wide receiver Jacob Ruiz with 6:01 left in the third quarter.

Erick Ramirez remained perfect in the point after department to extend the Eagles lead to a comfortable 42 to 7 lead. At this point the Eagles offensive and defensive reserves were inserted into this game to get in some playing time of their own.

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The Laredo Nixon Mustangs took advantage of this situation to answer with a 76 yard scoring drive that was capped off with a one yard plunge to pay dirt by quarterback Hector Rogerio with 11:51 left in the fourth quarter. Joe Gonzalez added the point after to make the score 42 to 14 in favor of the Eagles.

The Mustangs managed to tack on another score that should have never happened because on the Eagles previous offensive series the Eagles running back had clearly crossed the end zone for what should have been a touchdown but he fumbled the ball four yards deep across the end zone but nevertheless the Mustangs were credited with a fumble recovery and the ball was placed at the Laredo Nixon 20 yard line. After an intentional grounding and penalties the Mustangs found themselves at their own 7 yard line.

A desperation pass fell into wide receiver J.J. Hernandez's hands and he outran the Eagles defense reserves for a 93 yard touchdown pass with 5:55 left in the game.

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The Eagles offensive reserves closed out the scoring for the night with a 59 scoring drive that was punctuated by their starting linebacker and backup running back Saul Peralez with a 10 yard touchdown run with just 55 seconds left in the game Erick Ramirez converted the point after to give the Eagles the well earned 49 to 21 victory.

The Eagles will reload their arsenal and set their sights on next week's game when they journey to Laredo, Texas to tangle with the current district co-leading Laredo United South Panthers in a 7:00 PM marquee matchup on Friday, October 18, 2019 at the United ISD Student Activity Center. Eagle Pass Sports Central invites the entire Loyal Legion of Eagles faithful as well as the entire community of Eagle Pass, Texas and all former Eagle Pass High School alumni living in and around the greater Laredo area to come out to the United ISD

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Student Activity Center this coming Friday night and support the mighty Eagles.

GO EAGLES!

BEAT THE

PANTHERS!

GAME TEAM STATS:

EAGLES MUSTANGS

First Downs 19 11

Att./ Yds. Rushing 31 for 236 50 for 222

Yards Passing 283 93

Total Yards 519 315

Pass att./comp./int's 23/29/0 1/5/0

Return Yards 00 00

Punts /Avg. 1/28.0 2/20.0

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Fumbles/Lost 1/1 3/2

Penalties/Yards 7/65 7/60

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATS:

PASSING:

#7 Allan Rodriguez 18 comp. 21 att, 229 yds, 4 TD's

#9 Domingo Fuentes 5 comp. 7 att. 54 yds.

#13 David Lopez no comp. 1 att.

RUSHING:

#3 Isaac Caballero 3 carries 1 yd,

#5 Carlos Santos 1 carry 3 yds.

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#7 Allan Rodriguez 3 carries 26 yds,

#9 Domingo Fuentes 3 carries 12 yds..

#21 Saul Peralez 10 carries 62 yds. 1 TD

#26 TJ Mares 11 carries 132 yds. 2 TD's

RECEIVING:

#4 Jacob Ruiz 3 rec. 55 yds. 1 TD

#5 Carlos Santos 4 rec. 39 yds.

#6 Carlos Lopez 2 rec. 15 yds.

#11 Cgc Ritchie 5 rec. 76 yds.

#13 David Lopez 1 rec. 14 yds.

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#14 Dakota Kypuros 5 rec. 58 yds. 3 TD's

#18 Chris Hiller 1 rec. 27 yds.

#26 TJ Mares 1 rec. 1 yd.

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATS:

#44 Charlie Schuessler 10 tackles 2 assists 7 tackles for a loss 1.5 QB Sacks

1 fumble recovery 2 Big Hits Co-Defensive Player of the Game

#45 Jacob Salinas 9 tackles 8 assists 3 tackles for a loss 2 Big Hits

Co-Defensive Player of the Game

#28 Joe Samaniego 7 tackles 7 assists 1 tackle for a loss 1 QB Sack

Co-Defensive Player of the Game

#29 Jose Hernandez 7 tackles 1 assist 1 caused fumble

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#24 MJ McGehee 3 tackles 5 assists 1 tackle for a loss 1 QB Sack 1 caused fumble

Co-Defensive Player of the Game

#55 Tommy Cantu 4 tackles 1 tackle for a loss

#21 Sauk Peralez 3 tackles 2 assists

#13 David Lopez 3 tackles 1 assist

#34` Uriel Martinez 3 tackles 3 assists 1 tackle for a loss

#2 Kristian Barcena 2 tackles 2 assists 1 tackle for a loss 0.5 QB Sacks

#12 Orly Martinez 2 tackles 3 assists

#48 Nathan Aguila2 2 tackles 2 assists 1 tackle for a loss 1QB Sack

#59 Javier Santos 1 tackle 2 assists