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Eagles seek to claw the

PSJA Bears

UIL Region IV Bi-District Round

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The Eagle Pass Eagles varsity football team under the leadership of head football coach Tom Gonzalez will be venturing into the post season for the third consecutive year after their thrilling overtime comeback victory over their arch rival the Del Rio Rams this past Friday night by the final score of 24 to 17 at the Walter Levermann-Rams Stadium in Del Rio, Texas.

The Eagles will now venture to Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Texas this coming Friday, November 15, 2019 to square off against the tough and talented PSJA Bears in a 7:00 PM UIL Region IV Class 6A gridiron encounter for the Bi-District crown. Last season these same two teams met in

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the Bi-District round with the Eagles winning a nail biting overtime thriller by the final score of 34 to 28. This year the PSJA Bears will come in as the number 1 seed in District 30-6A with an overall season record of 7-3 and a district mark of 6-1 while the Eagles Pass Eagles will enter as the number 4 seed in District 29-6A with an overall season mark of 6-4 and a district record of 3-3 but as all real football fans know is that games are not won on paper only out on the gridiron.

The home standing PSJA Bears under the direction of head football coach Lupe Rodriguez will enter this contest by their talented and prolific starting quarterback Justin Morales #12 who is an excellent passer that reads defenses and defensive coverage very well will check down when routes are covered and find the open man. He is also a very good runner when he keeps the ball. He has passed for over 3000 yards in the season thrown 27 touchdown passes and averages 340 yards of total offense per game needless to say

HE MUST BE CONTAINED!

Joining him in the backfield will be the very fast and elusive running back JR. Vasquez #7 who is also a great receiver out of the backfield.

The Bears' talented quartet of receivers utilized in their high scoring and potent passing game will feature Miguel Flores #1 as the Z-Receiver by far their best and fastest receiver who will be moved around to create isolation on the secondary, Marco Guajardo #13 as the X Receiver who is smooth and fast with great hands likes to comeback towards the quarterback to find the open area, Ethan Castillo #5 as the Wing Back very quick and fast knows how to get open and Viggo Lopez #8 as the Slot Receiver very tall and athletic with great hands.

The Bears offensive line will be comprised by Tito Garza #66 at left tackle, Frankie Sanchez #72 at left guard, Joshua Sanchez #64 at center, Noah Salinas #78 at right guard and JD Vera #76 at right tackle.

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On defensive the PSJA Bears will showcase Base 3-4 with a cover 2 scheme featuring Noah Harris #42 as the defensive end, Robert Grandao #52 as the nose guard, Manny Castillo #90 as the anchor end. The line baking corps features Jayden Arrington as the Mike Linebacker, Jacob Sanchez 11 as the Sam Linebacker, Santiago Palomin #35 as the Willie Backer and Pablo Trevno #22 as the Hybrid Backer. The Bears secondary will be patrolled by Angel Hernandez #35 and Nevin Herrera #3 at the corners with Isaac Espino #4 and Mario Cantu #2 as the safeties.

The Eagles offense under the guidance of offensive coordinator Javier Cardenas will have their offensive arsenal ready to be unleashed with dual threat quarterback Allan Rodriguez and their backfield tandem of the swift and elusive freshman running back TJ Mares and the hardnosed running back Isaac Caballero eager to tote the pigskin all the way into the promise land on any given play. The Eagles potent aerial attack will feature a crew of quick footed and sure handed wide receiving corps with the likes of Dakota Kypuros, Carlos Santos, Chris Hiller, Cgc Ritchie, Carlos Lopez and David Lopez who could very well have a major role in determining the final outcome of this game. But as usual the key to success will be p;aced into the hands of the Eagles offensive line that must dominate the line of scrimmage to enable the Eagles to turn their running and passing game loose into the secondary and on the way to pay dirt..

On the defensive side of the ball the Eagles famed “**Land Sharks**” hard hitting, stingy and quick pursuing defensive unit under the leadership of longtime defensive coordinator Roger Olivas will once again be heavily tested but they never back down from any challenges. The front four of MJ McGehee, Andres Conde, Santana Martinez and Charlie Schuessler will need to win the battle in the trenches to nullify the Bears running game and must apply the defensive pressure to disrupt the Bears prolific passing game. The line backing trio of 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 Mando De Los Santos will be heavily tested but rest assure they certainly will look forward to the challenge of holding the Bears aerial assault in check. Look for the Eagles defense to force a couple of key turnovers in this game.

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Eagle Pass Sports Central wishes the mighty Eagle Pass Eagles the very best of luck against the PSJA Bears and invites the Loyal Legion of Eagles faithful as well as the entire community of Eagle Pass, Texas to make the trip to Phar-San Juan-Alamo Texas this coming Friday night and support the Eagles.

GO EAGLES! BEAT THE BEARS!