

EAGLES *FOOTBALL* GRIDIRON NEWS

Eagles knock off the

Southwest Dragons 18 to 13

Dee Andre Torres joins 1000 Yd. Club

By: Conrado Perez, Jr. – Eagle Pass Sports Central

“Your best and only source for local sports news in Eagle Pass”

The marquee matchup in District 29-6A took center stage on Thursday, November 2, 2017 when the Eagle Pass Eagles varsity football squad mentored by head coach Tom Gonzalez entertained the current district leading San Antonio Southwest Dragons in a 7:30PM gridiron encounter at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center Cozel Foster-Veterans Memorial Stadium. This key matchup pitted the district's top two teams with the visiting district leading Southwest Dragons venturing in with an unblemished district mark of 5-0 and the home standing Eagle Pass Eagles entering with a district record of 4-1.

The home standing Eagles erupted with 18 second half points to knock off the previously unbeaten Southwest Dragons by the final score of 18 to 13 and move into a share of the district

Eagles-Southwest Football Game Report: Thur. Nov. 2, 2017

•Written by EPSCadmin•

••Sunday•, 05 •November• 2017 11:22• -

lead with one game to go. Eagles' standout running back Dee Andre Torres finished as the game's leading rusher with 156 yards on 30 carries and tallied two rushing touchdowns thereby joining the exclusive 1000 Yard Rushing Club.

The visiting Southwest Dragons received the game's opening kickoff and immediately showcased the patented three yards and a cloud of dust offensive scheme utilizing the services of no less than five running backs and two quarterbacks to mount a 12 play 8 yard scoring drive that was capped off with an 18 yard run to pay dirt by running back Jacob Vargas with 6:16 showing on the first quarter clock. JP Flores tacked on the point after to give the Dragons the early 7 to 0 lead over the Eagles.

This proved to be the only score both teams would muster in the entire first half of play as the Eagles defense buckled down in the trenches and forced the Dragons to turn the ball over on downs in two of the four first half possessions once deep inside the red zone. The other possession came to a halt when Eagles defensive back Raul Lechler intercepted a Dragons pass in the end zone for a touchback.

Perseverance and resiliency paid off in the second half for the Eagles as they received the second half kickoff and immediately employed their quick striking offense with Dee Andre Torres carrying the load via the ground and the quartet receiving corps of Norby Zavala, Albert Guevara, Rey Mendoza and Jose Riojas hauling in the airmail to mount a six play 70 yard scoring drive that was punctuated with a 17 yard gallop into the end zone by Dee Andre Torres right through the heart of the entire Dragons defense with 9:29 remaining in the third quarter. Jose Riojas added the game tying point after to knot up the score at 7 all.

Eagles-Southwest Football Game Report: Thur. Nov. 2, 2017

•Written by EPSCadmin•

••Sunday•, 05 •November• 2017 11:22• -

Late in the third period the Eagles orchestrated 79 yard scoring drive that was capped off with a 29 yard field by place kicker Jose Riojas with 3:37 left in the third quarter which gave the Eagles a 10 to 7 lead over the Dragons much to the delight of the packed Loyal Legion of Eagles faithful in attendance,

Meanwhile the stingy Eagles defensive unit with the likes of Moi Rocha, Sebastian Hernandez, Mario Torres, David Kypuros, Raul Lecher, Josh Monsivais, Ryan Chisum, Niko Moyeda and company with their resilient aggressive scheme began to dominate the trenches against the oversized Dragons offensive line inflicting some hard bone rattling tackles on the Dragons ball carriers.

The only success the Dragons enjoyed in the second half was a 74 yard scoring drive that culminated with a 9 yard TD pass from quarterback Damian Lopez to tight end Jesus Garcia with 11:57 showing on the fourth quarter clock but the point after attempt was blocked by Eagles defensive lineman Sebastian Hernandez, Eagles defensive back Josh Monsivais scooped up the blocked kick and sprinted 85 yards to the promise land for a two point conversion but the Dragons had now taken a slim 13 to 12 lead over the Eagles.

The proud Eagles Eagle Pass Eagles quickly countered with one of the most impressive scoring drives in Eagles football history as they orchestrated a 92 yard scoring drive with the Eagles sure handed receiving quartet sharing the wealth in the passing game and standout running back Dee Andre Torres arguably the premier running back in District 29-6A running around, away and over would be tacklers via the ground. Faced with a fourth and goal from the Dragons one yard line Dee Andre Torres lined up as the quarterback and called his own number and simply plowed over the Dragons defense into the end zone with 7:57left in the game. The two point conversion run attempt failed but the Eagles had now taken an 18 to

Eagles-Southwest Football Game Report: Thur. Nov. 2, 2017

•Written by EPSCadmin•

••Sunday•, 05 •November• 2017 11:22• -

13lead over the stunned Southwest Dragons.

The Dragons last chance came to an abrupt end as the Eagle Pass Eagles famed **“Land Sharks”**

defensive unit stripped the ball away from the Dragons receiver and Eagles defensive back Ryan Chisum recovered the errant pigskin which enabled the Eagles to go on to run out the last seconds off the game clock to come away with the well earned 18 to 13 victory over the previously unbeaten Southwest Dragons to improve their overall season record to 7-2 and move into a tie for the district lead with the Southwest Dragons each sporting an identical 5-1 district record. If the Eagles beat Del Rio next week and Southwest defeats South San next week both the Eagles and Dragons will be declared District 29-6A Co-Champions. If Southwest loses to South San and the Eagles defeat Del Rio the Eagle Pass Eagles will be the outright District 29-6A champion.

Eagle Pass Sports Central congratulates the mighty Eagle Pass Eagles on your most impressive victory over the San Antonio Southwest Dragons and wishes you the very best of luck next week in your regular season and district gridiron finale against the Del Rio Rams.
GO! EAGLES!
BEAT THE RAMS!

OFFICIAL GAME TEAM STATS:

•Written by EPSCadmin•
••Sunday•; 05 •November• 2017 11:22• -

First Downs	19	14
Att./ Yds. Rushing	35/171	45/281
Yards Passing	185	98

Pass att./comp./int's	14/24/1	7/14/1
-----------------------	---------	--------

Punts /Avg.	1/24.0	none
-------------	--------	------

Penalties/Yards	3/20	6/65
-----------------	------	------

5 / 8

Eagles-Southwest Football Game Report: Thur. Nov. 2, 2017

•Written by EPSCadmin•

••Sunday•, 05 •November• 2017 11:22• -

PASSING:

#10 Riche Luna 13 comp. 23 att. 1 int. 166 yds.

#80 Rey Mendoza 1 comp. 1 att. 19 yds..

RUSHING:

#8 Dee Andre Torres 30 carries 156 yds. 2TD's

#9 Jose Riojas 3 carries 15 yds.

#10 Riche Luna 2 carries no gsin

RECEIVING:

#2 Albert Guevara 3 rec. 39 yds.

Eagles-Southwest Football Game Report: Thur. Nov. 2, 2017

•Written by EPSCadmin•

••Sunday•, 05 •November• 2017 11:22• -

#8 Dee Andre Torres 1 rec. 19 yds. .

#9 Jose Riojas 3 rec. 32 yds.

#11 Norby Zavala 4 rec. 42 yds.

#80 Rey Mendoza 3 rec. 53 yds.

OFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATS:

#23 Armando Monsivais 8 tackles 4 assists 2 tackles for a loss ½ QB Sack

1 fumble recovery Co-Defensive Player of the Week

#50 Roger Ulloa 8 tackles 4 assists

#1 Ryan Chisum 7 tackles 5 assists 1 fumble recovery

Co-Defensive Player of the Week

#5 Niko Moyeda 7 tackles 3 assists 1 caused fumble

Eagles-Southwest Football Game Report: Thur. Nov. 2, 2017

•Written by EPSCadmin•

••Sunday•, 05 •November• 2017 11:22• -

#56 Sebastian Hernandez 5 tackles 3 assists 1 tackle for a loss

Co-Defensive Player of the Week

#31 Josh Monsivais 5 tackles 3 assists 1 fumble recovery

#25 David Kypuros 4 tackles 2 assists 1 caused fumble

#44 Moi Rocha 4 tackles 2 assists 1 tackle for a loss

#28 Raul Lechler 4 tackles 1 assist 1 interception

#7 Haran Rodriguez 4 tackles 1 assist

#32 Mario Torres 2 tackles 1 tackle for a loss

#94 Manny Rodriguez 2 tackles 1 assist 1 tackle for a loss ½ QB Sack