

## MAVERICKS *FOOTBALL* GRIDIRON NEWS

Mavericks drop heartbreaker to

S.A. Harlandale Indians 27 to 16

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The mighty C.C. Winn Mavericks under the leadership of head football coach Eric Villasenor returned home to the friendly confines of the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center Cozel Foster-Veterans Memorial Stadium on Friday, October 12, 2018 to host the San Antonio Harlandale Indians in a key 7:30 PM District 14-5A Division I gridiron encounter. The visiting Harlandale Indians entered this matchup sporting an overall season record of 3-2 and a district mark of 0-1.

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he home standing Mavericks currently ranked 13<sup>th</sup>

in Region IV Division I Class 5A according to the Athletics Department.com Coaches Poll ventured into this match with an overall season record of 4-2 and a district mark of 1-1.

After a scoreless defensive struggle in first quarter of play, the second quarter belonged entirely

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to the visiting Harlandale Indians who seized momentum on a weird play with the Indians lining up to punt from their own 46 yard line. The snap from center sailed way over the punter's head all the way to the Harlandale 12 yard line where the punter picked up the ball and was completely surrounded by the Mavericks aggressive defense who were on the verge of tackling him which would have given the Mavericks great field possession but just as the punter was going down to the turf he threw the ball forward which the referees signaled an incomplete pass which brought the ball back to the original line of scrimmage the Indians 46 yard line where the Mavericks took over on downs but could not manage to advance the ball and punted the ball back to the Indians.

The lucky Indians capitalized on their next offensive series with a well balanced offensive scheme featuring the hardnosed running of tailback Robert Acuna, the passing of quarterback Christopher Perez and the receiving by their standout wide receiver Steven Ruiz to orchestrate a 59 yard scoring drive capped off with a one yard keeper from quarterback Christopher Perez with 8:53 showing on the second quarter clock. Placekicker Francisco Loreda tacked on the point after to give the Indians a 7 to 0 lead over the Mavericks. Steven Ruiz would wind up as the game's leading receiver with 7 catches for 100 yards and 1 TD reception.

Surprisingly the Mavericks offense just could not manage to get untracked during the first half of play. Meanwhile the Harlandale Indians struck again with a 64yard scoring drive that was capped off with a 30 yard touchdown pass from Indians quarterback Christopher Perez to his favorite target wide receiver Steven Ruiz with 4:52 remaining in the second quarter. Francisco Loreda added the point after conversion to extend the Harlandale lead to 14 to 0 over the Mavericks.

On the ensuing kickoff the Mavericks return man mishandled the kick and the opportunistic Indians recovered the loose ball at the Mavericks own 7 yard line and quickly cashed in with a two play scoring drive with wide receiver Ruben Gonzalez scoring on a one yard end around

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with 3:30 left before halftime. Francisco Loreda closed out the scoring in the first half by splitting the up rights with the point after to give the Harlandale Indians a 21 to 0 lead over the Mavericks heading into their halftime locker room.

As usual during the halftime break the Mavericks coaching staff analyzed their overall first half output and made the necessary adjustment to be used in the second half of this key game and it paid off some as the Mavericks broke into the scoring column with a 9 play 63 yard scoring drive that culminated with a one yard quarterback sneak by Mavericks signal caller Ethan Johnston with 3:15 left in the third quarter. The Mavericks then tacked a two-point conversion pass to wide receiver Jared Roiz to narrow their deficit to 21 to 8.

The proud Mavericks aggressive and quick pursuing defense who give you 110% effort game in and game out buckled down in the second half and did not allow anymore touchdowns but the Indians did managed to tack on a pair of field goals in the fourth quarter the first one from 24 yards out and the second one from 39 yards from their place kicker Francisco Loreda both of them against a very brisk southerly wind.

The Mavericks offense who also never give up and will battle you from the opening kickoff until the final horn would answer with an impressive 62 yard scoring drive that was capped off with a 36 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ethan Johnston to wide receiver Ernesto Vasquez who made a sensational over the shoulder catch with 3:13 left in the game. Jose Blanco then closed out the scoring in this game as he tallied a two-point conversion as the Harlandale Indians escaped with a 27 to 16 victory over the valiant C.C. Winn Mavericks.

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The Mavericks will now regroup and head to the Alamo City of San Antonio, Texas next Saturday, October 20, 2018 to tangle with the current district co-leading San Antonio Harlan Hawks in a vital 7:00 PM District 14-5A Division I matchup at Dub Farris Stadium.

### GAME TEAM STATS:

#### MAVERICKS OPPONENT

First Downs 10 14

Att./ Yds. Rushing 32/67 43/164

Yards Passing 147 238

**Total Yards 214 402**

Pass att./comp./int's 14/24/1 12/27/1

Return Yards 0 56

Punts /Avg. 6/30.50 2/28.0

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Fumbles/Lost 1/1 1/1

Penalties/Yards 6/50 2/10

### **INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATS:**

PASSING:

#### **EAGLE PASS WINN**

#2 Ethan Johnston 10 comp. 20 att 1 int 119 yds. 1 TD

#3 Patricio Hernandez 1 comp. 3 att. 28 yds.

#6 Jared Roiz no comp. 1 att.

RUSHING:

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### **EAGLE PASS WINN**

#2 Ethan Johnston 15 carries 2 yds. 1 TD

#3 Patricio Hernandez 3 carries 22 yds.

#22 Marc Cardenas 2 carries 3 yds, .

#24 Fernando Zapata 12 carries 40 yds.

### **RECEIVING**

### **EAGLE PASS WINN**

#3 Patricio Hernandez 1 rec. 6 yds.

#6 Jared Roiz 1 rec. 10 yds.

#13 Ernesto Vasquez 3 rec 49 yds 1 TD.

#15 Erik Villarreal 1 rec. 12 yds.

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#88 Jose Blanco 5 rec. 48 yds.

### INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATS:

#3 Patricio Hernandez 10 tackles 1 assist 2tackles for a loss

#11 Hector Nunez 1 tackle 3 assists 1 QB Sack 1 caused fumble 1 interception

#20 Gilberto Vasquez 5 tackles

#21 German Velasquez 2 tackles

#32 Alex Chris Garcia 8 tackles 1 assist 1 tackle for a loss 2 QB Sacks

#33 Miguel De Los Santos 2 tackles 4 assists 2 tackles for a loss

#34 Argenis Gonzalez 2 tackles

#43 Jose Hinojosa 7 tackles 2 assists 1 tackle for a loss

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#44 Javier Cerda 5 tackles 3 assists 1 fumble recovery

#46 Ricardo Morales 2 tackles 2 assists 3 tackles for a loss

#48 Alexis Ontiveros 1 assist

#92 Guillermo Beltran 1 tackle

#94 Alejandro Ontiveros 1 tackle