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Eagles geared to claw the

Laredo Alexander Bulldogs

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The high flying Eagle Pass Eagles mentored by head football coach Tom Gonzalez will soar into Laredo, Texas on Thursday, October 25, 2018 for a 7:00 PM District 29-6A football marquee matchup against the current district co-leading Laredo Alexander Bulldogs at the Laredo United ISD Bill Johnson Student Activity Center. This highly anticipated matchup is expected to be quite a thriller where field possession and turnovers more than likely playing a major factor in determining the final outcome of this contest.

The visiting Eagle Pass Eagles will venture into this contest sporting an overall season record of 7-1 and a district mark of 3-1 while the home standing Laredo Alexander Bulldogs will come in with an overall season record of 6-1 and a district mark of 4-0.

The Laredo Alexander Bulldogs under the tutelage of head coach Sergio Salinas riding a four game winning streak return the services of their starting signal caller Matthew Connor #12 who

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had been out since suffering a throwing arm injury against Laredo Martin earlier in the season. Connor is a mobile quarterback that likes to roll out when throwing the ball but does throw very well and has a quick release but does get rattled when pressured.

The featured running back will be Camilo Pedraza #3 a very tough runner and an excellent receiver out of the backfield on swing passes and screens. The fullback will be Kenny Obregon #10 a big and strong blocking back who stays with his blocks.

The Bulldogs receiving corps features four very talented receivers with the likes of their favorite target Albert Laurel #8 who has the best hands and is very quick and runs great routes and must be accounted for at all times.

The other wide out will be Alex Ali #4 who also has great hands and runs good routes whose favorite routes are slip, fly, comeback, post and slant.

The wingback will be Jeremiah Diaz #1 a very good receiver that does tend to get open in the secondary.

The slot back will be Alex Maldonado a very quick and smart receiver.

The all-important Bulldogs offensive line who are mentored by former Eagle Pass Eagles two-sport standout Christian Garcia that pave the way for their run game and provide the protection in their passing game will have Ryan Reyes #78 at left tackle, Jesus Vargas #71 at left guard, Jesse Hernandez #52 at center, Kris Korrodi #72 at right guard and Pedro Garcia #65 at right tackle.

Defensively the Bulldogs will line up in a basic 3-4-2 scheme with the defensive line being comprised by Christian Munoz #99 as the defensive end, Matthew Vasquez #97 as the nose guard and Luis Alvarado #16 as the anchor end. The Bulldogs will showcase a quartet of solid linebackers with the two inside linebackers being Santino Palizo #47 as the Bandit linebacker and Marcus Saldivar #34 as the Pete linebacker. The two outside linebackers will be Josh Rodriguez #23 as the Willie linebacker and Christian Ruiz #26 as the Sam linebacker. The Bulldogs secondary will be manned by Carlos Huerta #18 and Steven Maszatics #31 at the corners with Donny Ethridge #5 and Andrew Gonzalez #28 as the safeties.

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The visiting high soaring Eagle Pass Eagles will counter with a very potent offensive scheme led by the talented dual threat field general starting quarterback Richie Luna who is dangerous both with his legs and his throwing arm and will be joined in the backfield by stellar swift and elusive freshman running back Jose Hernandez who rushed for a game high 141 yards with two TD's last week against Laredo United South last week, When the Eagles employ their explosive aerial game they have the luxury of having five very swift and sure handed receivers the likes of the tall speedy and elusive Rey Rey Mendoza, the catch Oscar Castillon, David Lopez who always manages to get open in the secondary, young Jacob Ruiz as well as Isaac Gonzalez who each have the ability to score from anywhere on the gridiron on any given play. The Eagle Pass Eagles offense has rushed for a total 1177 yards for an average of 147.1 yards per game and have passed for 993 yards for an average of 124.1 yards per game and have scored a total of 226 points for an average of 28.2 points per game.

The famed Eagle Pass Eagles stingy aggressive and hard hitting defensive squad featuring their fast, strong and aggressive defensive line comprised by standout Moises Rocha along with Manny Rodriguez, David Santos and Jorge Gonzalez will certainly look forward to the challenge of battling the Bulldogs offensive line in the trenches. The Eagles trio of very fast, quick pursuing and bone rattling linebacker corps featuring the stellar David Kypuros along with Jacob Salinas and veteran Roger Ulloa will be more than ready to inflict their patented punishing tackles on the Bulldogs ball carriers.

The Eagles stingy defensive secondary unit of Nico Moyeda, Josh Monsivais, Eric Heredia and Raul Lechler who have already faced and nullified two of the district's premier receivers in the likes of Laredo United's Jorge Murillo and United South's Sergio Vela and held them to way below their usual average are eager to sink their talons into Laredo Alexander's top receiver Albert Laurel. The Eagles defense

have allowed 845 yards rushing so far for an average of 105.6 yards per game and a total of 880 yards passing for an average of 110.0 yards per game and have only allowed a total of 87 points for an average of 10.8 points per game and have already recorded three shutouts this season. The Eagles secondary has registered a total of 12 interceptions this year so far.

So here we go sports fans get your tickets early for this gridiron marquee matchup coming this Thursday night between these two top Texas High School football teams that throughout their

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history have battled each other from the opening kickoff until the final buzzer with each game having all the makings of a third round playoff matchup. Eagle Pass Sports Central would like to wish the mighty Eagle Pass Eagles varsity football team the very best of luck against the Laredo Alexander Bulldogs and invite the entire Loyal Legion of Eagles faithful as well as the entire community of Eagle Pass, Texas to make the trip to Laredo, Texas this coming Thursday night and support the Eagle Pass Eagles.

Reminder Kickoff time is scheduled for 7:00PM at the Laredo United ISD Bill Johnson Student Activity Center.

GO EAGLES!

BEAT THE BULLDOGS!