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### **ARLINGTON ISD – WEEK ONE PREVIEW**

#### **DISTRICT 4-5A**

##### **Lamar Vikings (8-3 in 2014) at Richland Rebels (4-6 in 2014)**

*7 p.m. Thursday, Birdville Fine Arts Complex*

**THE SERIES:** Lamar leads the series, 12-3, winning the last six meetings. The Rebels have not beaten Lamar since 1984. This will be the first meeting at the Birdville Fine Arts Complex.

**LAST SEASON:** Lamar finished second in 4-6A, and advanced to the Bi-District playoffs before losing to Abilene, 31-13. Richland finished fifth in 7-6A with a 2-4 record.

**TURNING ON THE LIGHTS:** Lamar is 27-16-1 on opening night, and has won 16 of its last 22. Richland has won eight of its last nine openers, having an eight-game winning streak on opening night snapped by Lamar last season.

**A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN:** Laban DeLay makes his debut as Lamar's coach. DeLay, the third coach in Viking history, will attempt to become the first Lamar coach to win his debut. Neither Eddy Peach nor Trent Fuller won his first game in charge.

#### **AISD COACHING DEBUTS IN LAST FIFTEEN YEARS**

**Danny DeArman, Bowie (Aug. 30, 2013) – Defeated Mansfield, 24-10**

**Anthony Criss, Sam Houston (Aug. 26, 2011) – Lost to Crowley, 41-34**

**Trent Fuller, Lamar (Aug. 27, 2010) – Lost to South Grand Prairie, 38-30**

**Carlos Lynn, Seguin (Aug. 29, 2008) -- Lost to Burleson, 16-14**

**Danny Edelman, Sam Houston (Aug. 29, 2008) -- Lost to FW Paschal, 23-20**

**Kenny Perry, Bowie (Sept. 9, 2006) -- Defeated FW Dunbar, 33-16**

**Bob Wager, Martin (Sept. 7, 2006) -- Lost to Timberview, 21-20**

**Ricky Albus, Seguin (Aug. 27, 2004) -- Lost to Burleson, 42-7**

**George McFarland, Sam Houston (Aug. 27, 2004) -- Lost to Dallas Carter, 17-14**

**Scott Peach, Arlington (Aug. 30, 2003) -- Defeated Midland Lee, 35-20**

**Kenny Perry, Sam Houston (Sept. 8, 2000) -- Lost to L.D. Bell, 30-14**

**Anthony Criss, Bowie (Sept. 8, 2000) -- Lost to Richland, 34-30**

**Ronnie Laurence, Martin (Sept. 8, 2000) -- Defeated FW Paschal, 48-0**

**PASSING FANCY:** Lamar's Shane Buechele enters his senior season as the ninth-leading passer in AISD history with 3,921 yards. He needs 143 yards to pass Arlington High's Ken Ferguson for eighth place on the career chart.

#### **THE VIKING-REBEL SERIES**

<b>1976 Lamar, 14-6 (Cravens)</b>	<b>1981 Lamar, 17-0 (Cravens)</b>	<b>1986 Lamar, 20-7 (Birdville)</b>
<b>1977 Lamar, 28-21 (Birdville)</b>	<b>1982 Lamar, 16-10 (Cravens)</b>	<b>1987 Lamar, 35-28 (Cravens)</b>
<b>1978 Lamar, 42-25 (Cravens)</b>	<b>1983 Lamar, 30-6 (Birdville)</b>	<b>1988 Lamar, 24-0 (Birdville)</b>
<b>1979 Richland, 25-9 (Birdville)</b>	<b>1984 Richland, 14-3 (Birdville)</b>	<b>1989 Lamar, 26-6 (Cravens)</b>
<b>1980 Richland, 31-7 (Birdville)</b>	<b>1985 Lamar, 13-10 (Cravens)</b>	<b>2014 Lamar, 27-21 (Cravens)</b>

**Juan Seguin Cougars (6-4 in 2014) at West Mesquite Wranglers (9-3 in 2014)**

*7 p.m. Thursday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium*

**THE SERIES:** West Mesquite leads the series, winning the only meeting, 55-22, last year at Wilemon Field.

**LAST SEASON:** The Cougars tied for fourth in 14-5A, but missed the playoffs on a tie-breaker. The Wranglers finished third in 12-5A, and advanced two rounds in the playoffs.

**KICKING OFF THE SEASON:** Seguin is 5-6 on opening night, but has lost five of its last seven, including last year's loss to the Wranglers. West Mesquite has split its last six openers.

**Duncanville Panthers (3-7 in 2014) at Arlington Colts (4-6 in 2014)**

*7:30 p.m. Friday, UTA's Maverick Stadium*

**THE SERIES:** The series is tied at 6-6, but the Panthers have taken three of the last five meetings. The teams have split the four meetings at UTA.

**LAST SEASON:** Arlington finished fifth in 4-6A, snapping a six-year streak of going to the playoffs. Duncanville tied for sixth in District 8-6A with a 1-5 district record.

**KICKING OFF THE SEASON:** Arlington is 54-42-2 on opening night and had a five-game winning streak on opening night snapped with last season's loss to the Panthers. Duncanville's win last year gave the Panthers two consecutive wins in openers, but there were three straight losses before that.

**THE COLT-PANTHER SERIES**

1974 Arlington, 29-2 (Wilemon)	1998 Dunc'ville, 44-0 (Panther)	2005 Dunc'ville, 27-24 (UTA)
1975 Arlington, 14-0 (Panther)	1999 Dunc'ville, 28-17 (UTA)	2006 Arlington, 41-27 (Panther)
1994 Arlington, 31-0 (UTA)	2001 Arlington, 24-3 (Tex Stad)	2007 Arlington, 52-45 (UTA)
1995 Dunc'ville, 12-7 (Panther)	2004 Dunc'ville, 26-21 (Panther)	2014 Dunc'ville, 32-29 (Panther)

**Manor Mustangs (4-7 in 2014) at Sam Houston Texans (7-4 in 2014)**

*7:30 p.m. Friday, Wilemon Field*

**THE SERIES:** Sam Houston leads the series, winning the only meeting, 27-26, last year in Manor. This will be the first meeting at Wilemon Field.

**LAST SEASON:** Sam Houston finished fourth in 4-6A, making its first playoff appearance since 2003 before losing to Odessa Permian, 31-7. Manor finished fourth in 17-5A and was eliminated in the Bi-District playoff by Bryan.

**TEEING IT UP:** Sam Houston is 24-27-1 on opening night and has won four of its last five. Manor has lost five of its last six openers, including last year's loss to Sam Houston.

**Bowie Volunteers (7-4 in 2014) at Dallas Jesuit Rangers (8-4 in 2014)**

*7:30 p.m. Friday, Dallas' Postell Stadium*

**THE SERIES:** Bowie leads the series, winning the only meeting, 72-49, last year at Wilemon Field. The Volunteers set a school mark with 72 points and a city record with 875 yards of total offense in the game. This will be the first meeting at Postell Stadium.

**LAST SEASON:** The Volunteers finished in third in 4-6A, but fell to San Angelo Central, 55-52, in overtime in the Bi-District playoff. Jesuit came in second in 9-6A and advanced two rounds in the playoffs.

**ON OPENING NIGHT:** Bowie is 18-13 on opening night, having won its last nine. Jesuit has split its last six openers, but the Rangers have lost their last two, dropping decisions to St. Joseph's Prep of Pennsylvania in 2013 and Bowie last year.

**Martin Warriors (10-3 in 2014) vs. DeSoto Eagles (10-2 in 2014)**

***4 p.m. Saturday, Mansfield's Vernon Newsom Stadium***

**THE SERIES: DeSoto leads the series, 14-4, including the last four. This will be the first meeting at Mansfield's Vernon Newsom Stadium.**

**LAST SEASON: The Warriors were the unbeaten champions of 4-6A, and advanced to the regional semifinals before losing to Allen, 69-54, in the highest-scoring game in Arlington ISD history. DeSoto was the champion of 8-6A, and also was sent to the sidelines by Allen, in the area playoffs.**

**TEEING IT UP: Martin is 16-15-1 on opening night, but has lost eight of its last 10, including each of the last three seasons to DeSoto. The Eagles have won seven of their last eight openers.**

**THE WARRIOR-EAGLE SERIES**

<b>1990 DeSoto, 27-17 (Maverick)</b>	<b>1998 DeSoto, 15-13 (Eagle)</b>	<b>2006 Martin, 17-10 (Cravens)</b>
<b>1991 Martin, 13-0 (Eagle)</b>	<b>1999 DeSoto, 42-34 (Cravens)</b>	<b>2007 Martin, 36-33 (Eagle)</b>
<b>1992 DeSoto, 49-17 (Maverick)</b>	<b>2000 Martin, 20-6 (Cravens)</b>	<b>2012 DeSoto, 37-14 (Cravens)</b>
<b>1993 DeSoto, 41-0 (Eagle)</b>	<b>2001 DeSoto, 17-13 (Eagle)</b>	<b>2013 DeSoto, 46-7 (Eagle)</b>
<b>1996 DeSoto, 21-10 (Cravens)</b>	<b>2004 DeSoto, 34-18 (Cravens)</b>	<b>2013 DeSoto, 56-34 (Midlothian)</b>
<b>1997 DeSoto, 21-20 (Eagle)</b>	<b>2005 DeSoto, 31-16 (Eagle)</b>	<b>2014 DeSoto, 55-30 (Midlothian)</b>