

Lone Star Varsity top 10 area football teams

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Week 9

1 Frenship: The Tigers (6-2, 2-0) remain in the top spot after their bye week. Frenship faces Coronado on Friday and meets with undefeated Amarillo High in its last game of the season.

2 Cooper: The Pirates (7-2,3-0) capitalized on four Plainview fumbles in a 10-point win against the Bulldogs, the second-best team in District 4-5A. The Pirates face Abilene Cooper on Friday before having a bye.

3 Estacado: It wasn't pretty, but the Matadors (7-2, 3-0) outlasted Pampa 34-29. A late interception — one of three — gave the Harvesters a chance to win it late. The Matadors jump their LISD counterparts in the list because they have continued to win.

4 Shallowater: The Mustangs (7-1, 3-0) picked up a challenging 29-26 win against Denver City and face Brownfield on Friday in a pairing of undefeated district teams.

5 Monterey: The Plainsmen (4-5, 1-2), like practically every other area team, could have used 12 men against Amarillo High and it might not have made a difference against the Sandies. Monterey did what it needed to in beating Coronado last week in taking a step closer to a playoff berth.

6 Coronado: Credit to the Mustangs (3-6, 0-3) for playing Tascosa tough in what could easily have been a blowout loss. Coach Seth Parr has talked about wanting to see enthusiasm and fight from his team and this result is an indicator that it is moving in that direction.

7 Plainview: It would have been huge if the Bulldogs (4-4, 1-1) could have stolen a win against Cooper, but four lost fumbles squashed any chance of that. Plainview can be dangerous come playoff time because of its dynamic running game with Warren Flye and Trendan Jackson. Plainview moved the ball on the ground with success against Cooper, but took away too many chances from itself.

8 Seagraves: The Eagles (8-0, 2-0) were off this week and resume play Friday home against Smyer.

9 Idalou: The Wildcats (6-2, 3-0) have rolled since their bye week, winning three straight and topping Roosevelt most recently, 41-30.

10 Brownfield: The Cubs (5-3, 3-0) have been perhaps the season's biggest surprise in district play. Quarterback Jaelyn Nolan accounted for seven touchdowns in a win against Slaton and Brownfield has an ultra-important district game remaining with Shallowater.

On the bubble: Abernathy, Crosbyton, Muleshoe, Denver City.