Streak on the Line

Seminole's 8 Year Playoff String Comes Down to Winning Out

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One team will enter Friday night fighting to keep a playoff tradition going.

The other is playing for pride, for any chance of salvaging a far outside chance of slipping into the 2012 postseason.

To summarize it another key District 2-3A showdown for the 2012 schedule -- Seminole on the road against Levelland.

"To be honest, it's like we are entering into a playoff game this week because a lot is riding on the line," said Chris Burtch, Indian head football coach of this Friday's contest against the Lobos (4-4 overall, 0-3 2-3A).

Seminole (3-5 overall, 1-2 2-3A) has to secure wins in Friday's contest against the Lobos -- scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff from Lobo Stadium -- and in their 2012 season finale against Andrews continue extend their Class 3A postseason appearance streak out to nine seasons.

A loss along the way, however, would put the Indians out of the playoffs for the first time under Burtch's helm.

"We began talking to the kids (about the playoff scenario) on the field Friday night after our loss to Estacado," said Burtch. "We know, the kids know, what is on the line heading into these final two weeks."

Both Seminole and Levelland will enter into Friday's contest fresh off of losses from last Friday evening, with Seminole falling short in a come-from-behind bid in a 34-26 decision at Wigwam Stadium. Levelland, last Friday evening, dropped a heartbreaking 20-14 overtime loss to Lubbock Cooper at Lobo Stadium.

Levelland, in the loss, took an 8-0 lead early on a 26-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Kain Alexander with 10:40 left in the first quarter and held on throughout the rest of the first half.

The Lobos outgained the Pirates in total yardage 285-240, but managed just 88 rushing yards. Alexander was also 6 of 20 passing for 197 yards with two interceptions.

However, Lubbock Cooper's Stanton Keane scored two touchdowns on the evening after the halftime break, including the game-winning 4-yard run in overtime against what Burtch called an "aggressive" Lobo defense.

"In what we have seen of (Levelland), they are a going to bring in a lot of size, especially up front on both sides of the ball," said Burtch. "Along with being big, they are going to be aggressive, especially defensively."

Prior to last week's loss to Cooper, the Lobos have allowed just 257 yards in total offense, despite opening District 2-3A play with losses to Andrews and Lubbock Estacado.

"They do a good job of bringing pressure to the backfield with different types of stunts and blitzes, so we have to do a good job of making sure we pick those up offensively."

Offensively, the Lobos -- prior to last week's overtime loss -- had averaged 415.3 yards per game through a balanced rushing and passing attack led by senior wide receiver Preston Woodard.

Through Week 7 of the 2012 season, Woodard had hauled in 525 yards receiving and rushed for an additional 310 yards for the Lobos. Additionally, he serves as Levelland's leading scorer, with 10 combined touchdowns on the 2012.

In the Lobos' loss last week, Woodard hauled in an additional 69 yds receiving and rushed for 63 more on 18 carries.

"He's their 'go-to' guy, especially offensively," said Burtch. "They can do so many things with him. Split him out wide, put him in the back field as a running back, and even have him take snaps at quarterback if they need to. We are going to have to do a good job of making sure we know where he is on the field, on both sides of the ball, all night long."

District 2-3A Football

Seminole Indians 3-5 1-2 Vs. **Levelland Lobos 4-4 0-3**

When: Friday, Nov. 2
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Lobo Stadium, Levelland (11th St. @ Ave. E)
Ticket Prices: $5 for general admission; $3 for students
Radio: Seminole -- KIKZ AM 1250
Internet: www.kikzksem.com; www.lonestarsportsradio.com
Social Media: Facebook (search "Seminole Sentinel" fan page); Twitter (@sentineldustin)

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TURNING UP FIELD

Seminole's Ramon Juarez (35) eludes a Lubbock Estacado defender after catching a pass during first half action of Seminole's 34-26 District 2-3A loss to the Matadors last Friday evening at Wigwam Stadium. The Indians (3-5 overall, 1-2 in 2-3A play) will look to continue their string of nine consecutive years as a playoff qualifier alive with a win Friday evening against Levelland at Lobo Stadium.

2012 Seminole Indian Statistics – Week 8

Regular Season Results
Seminole 27, Merkel 13
Idalou 27, Seminole 10
Seminole 29, Fort Stockton 25
Midland Christian 63, Seminole 14
Big Spring 29, Seminole 19
Shallowater 51, Seminole 21
Seminole 15, Lubbock Cooper 14
Lubbock Estacado 34, Seminole 26

Score by Quarters

	1	2	3	4	– Final
Seminole	34	37	34	56	161
Opponents	78	70	49	60	257

Team Statistics

	OPP	SHS
First Down	143	133
By Rush	107	45
By Pass	29	73
By Penalties	7	15
Rushing Att.	347	220
Yds. Gained	2478	921
Yds. Lost	178	229
Net Yds. Rushing	2300	692
Avg. Yds/Game	287.5	86.5
Net Yds. Passing	653	1895
Avg. Yds/Game	81.6	236.8
Pass Attempted	104	277
Pass Completed	49	136
Had Intercepted	9	10
Total Off. Plays	451	497
Total Net Yards	2953	2587
Avg. Yds./Play	6.5	5.2
Avg. Yds/Game	369.1	323.3
Fumbles/Lost	15/8	22/11
Penalties/Yds	76/665	35/269
Punts/Yds	19/667	29/926
Avg. Yds./Punt	35.1	31.9
Punt Ret./Yds.	8/63	5/19
Kickoffs/Yds.	46/2000	31/930
Avg./Kickoff	43.5	30.0
Kickoff Returns/Yds	18/442	34/502
Int. Returns/Yds	10/81	9/32
Time Possession	222:08	197:52
3rd Down Conv.	29 of 78	28 of 102
4th Down Conv.	4 of 19	14 of 30

Individual Statistics

Rushing

Player	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg.
Burtch	108	280	8	44	2.6
Juarez	45	195	3	22	4.3
Guzman	30	107	1	15	3.6
Espino	14	76	0	21	5.4
Adams	5	28	0	18	5.6
Parum	6	25	0	10	4.2
Petty	3	9	0	0	3.0
Moncayo	3	0	0	4	0.0

Passing

Player	C/A/Int	Yds	TD	Lg.
Burtch	136/275/10	1895	11	71

Receiving

Player	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Foote	27	311	2	60
Moncayo	13	311	2	63
Weishuhn	22	266	4	69
Parum	13	247	1	71
Guzman	16	191	0	45
Adams	11	188	0	52
Loewen	7	98	1	17
Juarez	6	69	0	27
Rosalez	7	69	0	16
Thompson	3	57	1	40
Flores	1	31	0	31
Sharko	3	15	0	9
Hernandez	2	10	0	6
Vizcaino	1	10	0	10
Espino	1	9	0	9
Petty	2	5	0	4

Punting

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Burtch	29	926	31.9	61

Punt Returns

Player	No.	Yds.	Long	TD
Adams	1	3	3	0
Parum	1	3	3	0
Hernandez	2	0	0	0

Kickoff Returns

Player	No.	Yds.	Long	TD
Adams	7	146	43	0
Foote	2	83	66	0
Parum	12	139	26	0
Rosalez	2	0	0	0
Moncayo	1	20	20	0
Flores	3	24	15	0
Villalva	2	9	3	0
Guzman	1	15	15	0
Hernandez	2	39	22	0
Juarez	2	27	21	0

Interception Returns

Player	No.	Yds.	Long	TD
Adams	1	27	27	0
Moncayo	1	0	0	0
Hernandez	5	5	5	0
Rosalez	2	0	0	0

Field Goals

Player	Att.	Made	Long
Luna	1	1	25

Scoring
Burtch 54, Weishuhn 26, Juarez 18, Luna 15, Foote 12, Moncayo 12, Guzman 6, Parum 6, Thompson 6, Loewen 6.

Tackles
Adams 10, Hernandez 42, Foote 1, Rosalez 89, Parum 16, Burtch 8, Petty 34, Sharko 20, Flores 28, Guzman 1, Thompson 40, Espino 27, McCormick 36, Juarez 46, Longley 26, Loewen 12, Klassen 39, Driver 15, Clark 23, Luna 22, Gillespie 16, Rickman 13, Lamber 18, Moncayo 6, Villalva 2, Addison 3, Lira 2, Weishuhn 12.

**Statistics compiled by Steve Vaughn, Dennis Quisenberry, and James Wright with use of Figures Statistics, Inc.

District 2-3A Football Standings

Team	Dist.	Ov.	PF	PA
Shallowater (451)	3-0	8-0	333	144
Andrews (912.5)	2-1	5-3	211	238
Estacado (747.5)	2-1	4-4	228	218
Cooper (953)	1-2	5-3	183	142
Seminole (645)	1-2	3-5	154	257
Levelland (773)	0-3	4-4	199	190

Friday's Probable Starters

Seminole Indians

Offense
QB: Jacob Burtch, Sr., 6-2, 202
RB: Nicky Guzman, Sr., 5-10, 146
WR: Addison Parum, Jr., 5-9, 163
WR: Marcus Moncayo, Sr., 5-10, 144
WR: Sabraun Adams, So., 5-9, 137
TE: Adrian Loewen, Sr., 6-1, 194
RT: Brant Addison, So., 5-10, 181
RG: Robbie Gillespie, Sr., 5-10, 239
C: Dalton Driver, Sr., 5-10, 198
LG: Kyle Rickman, So., 6-2, 231
LT: Riley Clark, Sr., 5-11, 239

Defense
FS: Kason Rosales, So. 5-10, 146
SS: Justin Hernandez, So. 5-9, 141
CB: Sabraun Adams, So., 5-9, 137
CB: Matthew Flores, So., 5-10, 148
OLB: Ramon Juarez, Jr., 5-9, 165
OLB: Jordan Thompson, Sr., 5-10, 166
ILB: George Klassen,Jr., 5-10, 181
ILB: Tyler McCormick, Sr., 5-11, 179
DT: Dexter Longley, Sr., 5-11, 184
DT: Robbie Gillespie, Sr., 5-10, 239
NG: Riley Clark, Sr., 5-11, 239

Levelland Lobos

Offense
QB: Kain Alexander, Jr., 6-0, 195
HB: Sr. Trae Taylor, 6-0, 245
WR: Trenton Jones, So., 5-11, 175
WR: Preston Woodard, Sr., 5-8, 175
WR: Evan Shedd, Jr., 5-9, 170
WR: Mitchell Monk, Sr., 5-10, 175
RT: Anthony Austin, Sr., 6-1, 250
RG: Dominick Puente, So., 5-10, 300
C: Eddie Campos, Sr., 5-9, 235
LG: Landon Schulle, Jr., 5-11, 300
LT: Thomas Sanchez, Jr., 6-2, 250

Defense
S: Evan Shedd, Jr., 5-9, 170
S: Preston Woodard, Sr., 5-8, 175
CB: Trenton Jones, So., 5-11, 175
CB: Dontavious Williams, Jr., 6-3, 200
LB: Andres Vasquez, Jr., 5-8, 175
LB: Corey Richardson, Sr., 5-8, 185
LB: Kody Duncan, So., 5-9, 180
DE: Matt Gerber, Jr., 6-1, 200
DT: Deshawn Fitts, 5-9, 195
DT: Trenton Lewis, 5-11, 245
DE: Trae Taylor, Sr., 6-0, 245

Seminole Indian Notebook

Injury Bug Spreads

Over the past several weeks, the Seminole Indians have been exposed to the "injury bug."

According to Indian head coach Chris Burtch, the high school program (9th grade through varsity) has experienced 20 injuries, with nine of the injured players possessing varsity roster spots.

Added to the list this week are senior OL/DL Andy Luna, who will be out for the remainder of the 2012 season with a torn ACL, MCL and PCL in his right knee, and senior WR/LB Hunter Weishuhn, who suffered a Grade 1 tear of his PCL. Weishuhn, according to Burtch, will be sideline for several weeks, and no surgery is required for his injury. Luna, according to Burtch, will also not have to face surgery for his injury.

SHS Freshman Squad Rolled Up to JV

Due to the injuries sustained within the Indian football program, SHS coaching staff members have opted to cancel the remainder of the 2012 freshman schedule.

With the cancellation, all SHS freshman football members have been elevated to the junior varsity squad, which played with just 13 players last week against Lubbock Estacado.

Seminole's Playoff Scenarios

Heading into Friday's contests, the only certainty in District 2-3A play is that the Shallowater Mustangs will be one of three representatives for the 2012 postseason, while Lubbock Estacado and Andrews sit on the verge of clinching playoff berths.

Seminole, Lubbock Cooper and Levelland sit on the outside, looking in.

The 2012 postseason scenarios for the Seminole Indians are simple.

1.) The easiest route for the Indians would be to secure wins against Levelland and Andrews to close out the 2012 regular season, which would secure the Indians a third place finish in district play and a second seed in the Class 3A, Div. II playoffs.

Also, for this scenario to work, the Indians would need a win from Lubbock Estacado this coming Friday over rival Andrews.

2.) A loss Friday by the Indians would mathematically eliminate Seminole from the postseason contention, regardless of the outcome of the Estacado/Andrews game.

The scenarios become much cloudier and complex addiing in factors such as an upset win by Lubbock Cooper over seventh ranked Shallowater, but we'll address those following Friday's turnout.

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Seminole Playoff History

Seminole Indian Playoff History
(Through 2011 Bi-District Playoff)

Years Qualified: 18
Games Played: 28
Record: 13-15-0
Winning Pct.: .464

1940
Class B
Bi-District: Seminole 14, New Deal 0

1943
Class 1A
Bi-District: Seminole 28, Levelland 0
Regional: Seminole 19, Wink 12

1946
Class 1A
Bi-District: Littlefield 52, Seminole 22

1947
Class 1A
Bi-District: Merkel 19, Seminole 12

1952
Class 2A
Bi-District: Seminole 12, Brownfield 0
Regional: Stamford 35, Seminole 0

1961
Class 3A
Bi-District: Dumas 14, Seminole 0

1962
Class 3A
Bi-District: Dumas 39, Seminole 6

1981
Class 3A
Bi-District: Kermit 19, Seminole 7

1997
Class 3A
Bi-District: Seminole 44, Friona 37 (OT)
Area: Seminole 35, Monahans 21
Regional: Aledo 38, Seminole 36

1998
Class 3A Division II
Bi-District: Crane 45, Seminole 8

1999
Class 3A Division II
Bi-District: Greenwood 39, Seminole 22

2004
Class 3A Division II
Bi-District: Sweetwater 41, Seminole 14

2005
Class 3A Division I
Bi-District: Abilene Wylie 36, Seminole 6

2006
Class 3A Division II
Bi-District: Greenwood 28, Seminole 21

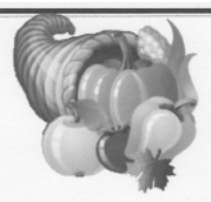
2007
Class 3A Division II
Bi-District: Seminole 27, Greenwood 19
Area: Seminole 49, Anthony 13
Regional Semifinals: Vernon 33, Seminole 3.

2008
Class 3A Division I
Bi-District: Seminole 62, Fort Stockton 36
Regional Quarterfinals: Ab. Wylie 28, Seminole 16

2009
Class 3A Division II
Bi-District: Seminole 55, Clint 7
Area: Brownwood 41, Seminole 28

2010
Class 3A Division II
Bi-District: Seminole 28, Pecos 0
Area: Borger 35, Seminole 7

2011
Class 3A Division I
Bi-District: Seminole 61, Fabens 0
Regional: Seminole 35, Lubbock Cooper 13
State Quarterfinal: Alvarado 42, Seminole 7.



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