

Lions, Tigers ready to clash in track meet

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John Tyler QB **Devlen Woods** in last week's win over Tomball (Photo: Tyler Paper, 247Sports)

Track meets usually take place in the spring. But at 2PM on Saturday in Mesquite, the Tyler John Tyler Lions and the Lancaster Tigers will step on the gridiron at Memorial Stadium for a track meet in pads.

Keys to the game

Tyler John Tyler

Offensively, quarterback **Devlen Woods** will go up against a very talented Lancaster secondary. But he's proven before that he can throw the ball with efficiency, no matter who the opponent is. Another good performance from Woods and receiver KeAndre Street will be needed to balance out the offense so Roderick Hawkins can continue to do damage on the ground. Defensively, the Lions will face a run first offense in Lancaster. Christian Hartsfield and the rest of the Lion front 7 must be up to the task of winning the battle in the trenches but, they'll also be facing what could be the best receiving core in the Metroplex. That means that **Cameron Grant** and the Lion secondary must also play a good game if the Lions are going to leave Mesquite with a win.

Lancaster

Offensively, playing balanced football will be the key to success for the Tigers. Running back Tre Bradford will draw extra attention after running for 384 yards in last week's win over Frisco Wakeland. Bradford drawing extra attention will give quarterback Rodd Hudson III and receivers **LaTrell Caples** and **Majik Rector** more opportunities to stretch the field and keep the Lions honest on defense. Defensively, **Xavier Newman** and the Lancaster front 7 will have to play disciplined football. Winning the battle in the trenches is important but, so is containment. They'll see a lot of zone read from the Lion offense but, they'll also see a lot of KeAndre Street. That means cornerbacks Jason Simmons Jr. and **Lorando Johnson** must be at their best when defending the pass.

The term "speed kills" is used a lot in the game of football. Tyler John Tyler and Lancaster both have a lot of it. The question is, who can outrun who? Follow me to Mesquite on Saturday afternoon to find out.

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