



Lewisville escapes Marcus 17-13

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It was pretty at times and it was ugly at times, it was exactly what you'd expect from the Battle of the Ax

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It was a defensive struggle early, as both teams exchanged possessions before any points were scored. Finally, Lewisville opened up the scoring as Daylen Clark zipped past the Marcus defense for a 55-yard touchdown for a 7-0 score at the end of the first quarter.

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Early in the second quarter, LSU commit **Marcel Brooks** helped put the Marauders on the board with an impressive forced fumble, returned by a touchdown by **Ethan Barr**. The missed ensuing PAT allowed Lewisville to hold on to their lead 7-6.

The defensive struggle continued, and Marcus' offense failed to get much going. The Farmers, found another whole, this time a 10-yard touchdown catch by Guerrin Saintill.

At halftime, Lewisville led 14-6.

Lewisville opened the half looking to build off their momentum when disaster struck. The Farmers fumbled the snap in Marcus territory, giving the Marauders a chance to tie the game up.

Marcus' made halftime adjustments offensively to try and get some points on the board. Lining up at quarterback, Brooks ran it in himself from 59-yards out to bring Marcus within one point 14-13.

The Farmers couldn't hold on to the football, fumbling once again on the ensuing drive. This time, Marcus couldn't capitalize, missing a critical field goal that would come back to bite and at the end of the third, it was still 14-13.

The defensive struggle carried over into the final quarter. Marcus forced yet another fumble, their fifth of the night, but continued to come up short offensively. The Marauders' did everything they

could defensively, but ultimately a Farmers' field goal put the game away with 4:10 remaining, 17-13.

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An impressive Lewisville win was marred as both teams nearly came to blows following the game.

The win meant more than a rivalry, as Marcus needed the win to clinch a playoff spot Their season ends at 5-5, but 3-4 in district play.

For Lewisville, they move on to Keller in the first round of the playoffs. Keller sits at 8-2 on the season and should test the Farmers.

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Defense may win championships, but great offenses don't hurt and they're typically more fun to watch. A look at this past season of college football proves that. Oklahoma, Alabama, and Clemson were some of the most thrilling teams to watch in the country.

Many of those teams that lit up the scoreboard will do the same in 2019. There are also some offenses full of young talent that are on the rise. Let's take a look into the future and see which

teams will boast the most explosive offenses in 2019.

10. OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS



(Photo: Brian Bahr, Getty)

In Taylor Cornelius and Justice Hill, Mike Gundy loses some fantastic players. However, he's known for replacing departing offensive talent and still scoring a lot of points every season. Running back Chuba Hubbard looks like a promising running back in Stillwater. The Cowboys will have a quarterback battle this spring and fall, but that rarely stops them from finding the end zone on a regular basis.

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9. NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS



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After starting 0-6 in the 2018 season, Scott Frost's Huskers showed quite a bit of promise. Young quarterback Adrian Martinez gave Nebraska fans plenty of reasons for optimism. In 11 games as a true freshman, Martinez threw for 2,617 yards and 17 touchdowns. Martinez also rushed for 629 yards and eight touchdowns. J.D. Spielman will return at wide receiver to give Martinez a reliable option through the air. Frost should have this offense running like a well-oiled machine in 2019.

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8. TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS



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The Red Raider offense is normally one of the best in the country, no matter who is at the helm. However, a full season of Alan Bowman at quarterback may take it to another level. Bowman was only a true freshman in 2018, and his season was shortened by injury. That didn't stop him from throwing for 2,638 yards and 17 touchdowns. First-year Texas Tech head coach Matt Wells will inherit a fantastic player in an explosive system known for lighting up the scoreboard.

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7. MISSOURI TIGERS



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The Tigers may not be able to play in a postseason game, but that doesn't mean they won't have a potent offense. After losing Drew Lock, Missouri reloads at quarterback with the addition of Kelly Bryant out of Clemson. The addition of Bryant along with an elite weapon like Larry Rountree III in the backfield should put Missouri at the top of the statistical charts on offense next season.

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6. OREGON DUCKS



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The Ducks return one of the best players in college football in the form of quarterback Justin Herbert. The Oregon signal caller was projected to be a top 10 NFL Draft pick in 2019. However, Herbert elected to play one more season in Eugene. Herbert alone will make the Ducks an impressive offensive force. Leading wide receiver Dillon Mitchell won't be back, but Herbert is good enough to elevate the rest of the receivers. However, running back C.J. Verdell will be in the backfield to terrorize the Pac-12 yet again.

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5. TEXAS LONGHORNS



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Sam Ehlinger emerged as one of college football's star quarterbacks in 2018 as he piled up over 4,000 yards of total offense and 41 total touchdowns. Leading receiver Lil'Jordan Humphrey won't be back, but second leading receiver Collin Johnson will be. The Longhorns also get a player in Bru McCoy who could have an immediate impact on the passing game. Replacing Tre Watson may be a challenge, but Keontay Ingram should be able to shoulder the load of being a true No. 1 running back.

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4. OHIO STATE BUCKEYES



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Exit Dwayne Haskins and enter Justin Fields. Over the weekend, former five-star recruit and Georgia quarterback Fields was cleared for immediate eligibility with the Buckeyes. Ohio State already has one of the nation's best running backs in the country in J.K. Dobbins, who is a back-to-back 1,000-yard rusher. If Fields lives up to his full potential, Ryan Day's first season as the head coach in Columbus will be a special one.

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3. ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE



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In 2019, Alabama boasted the best offense it has ever had in its illustrious history. That was due in large part to the connection between quarterback Tua Tagovailoa and wide receivers Jerry Jeudy, Jaylen Waddle, and Henry Ruggs III. Nick Saban will get all of those players back in 2019, so don't expect the Alabama offense to drop off too much. In the running game, Najee Harris may be one of the better running backs in the SEC. Alabama will be a lot of fun to watch again in 2019.

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2. CLEMSON TIGERS



(Photo: Ezra Shaw, Getty)

Everyone saw what the Clemson offense did to Alabama in the national championship. Well, get used to it because there is a ton of great young talent on the Tigers' offense. Between quarterback Trevor Lawrence, running back Travis Etienne, and wide receivers Justyn Ross and Tee Higgins, Clemson has several players who could conceivably be in the running for the Heisman Trophy in 2019. The Tigers have an embarrassment of riches on an offensive unit that promises to be even better in the coming season.

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1. OKLAHOMA SOONERS



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Life isn't too bad for Lincoln Riley in Norman, Oklahoma. In his first two seasons as a head coach, he's had two consecutive Heisman Trophy winners under center in Baker Mayfield and Kyler Murray. In his third year, he'll have former Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts leading the way. Hurts has a 26-2 record as a starter and has played in some big moments. On top of that, Kennedy Brooks will be back to run the football after rushing for over 1,000 yards. 1,000-yard wide receiver CeeDee Lamb also returns. It should be another explosive season for the Sooners.

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