

Vols ready to take on upset minded Texans

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Bowie running back D'Aunte Prevost after last week's win over North Crowley (Photo: Matthew Brice, 247Sports)

There are 3 things that are certain in life; 1. death, 2. taxes, 3. overwhelming talent in the city of Arlington. Quite a bit of that talent will be on display on Thursday evening when the Arlington Bowie Volunteers hit the field at 7PM to take on the Arlington Sam Houston Texans at Wilemon Field.

Keys to the game;

Bowie

Offensively, the Vols average 34 points per game and 526 total yards per game. Quarterback **Malcolm Mays** has shown the ability to carve up defenses with his arm but, running backs D'Aunte Prevost and Marsaillus Sims have gashed and worn down defenses between the tackles and on the edges. Prevost, Sims and Mays combined for 391 yards on the ground in last week's district opening win over North Crowley and they'll be the main ingredients to success in Thursday's match up with the Texans. But just in case the Texans decide to load the box, look for Mays to go up top and find receivers Jordan Joyner or Zeek Freeman to loosen them up. Sophomore Jimmy Valsin is also a receiving threat, in particular in the red zone in jump ball situations. Defensively, utility

player **Ty DeArman** anchors the defense from the secondary. The Texans are a run heavy offense, which means defensive linemen **Antonio Greer** and Anthony Strather will be needed to lead the Vols front 7 in stopping the run. The Vols linebackers must also be disciplined and avoid leaving any cutback lanes open. Stopping the run and forcing the Texans to pass against a talented back end will win the game for the Vols.

Sam Houston

Offensively, the Texans average 17 points per game and lean heavily on the run. They average 210 yards per game on the ground and playing ball control to keep the Vols high powered offense on the sidelines will play a major factor. Running back Patrick Boulieu and quarterback **Brandon Nash** are the leading rushers but, they could almost expect the Vols to load the box and force them to throw. Too loosen the Vols up, the Texans must mix in some play action passes along with some rollouts for Nash. Defensively, defensive lineman **Omar Darame** must lead a young defense that features a freshman and 2 sophomore starters against one of the state's most potent offenses. This will also be the best offense that the Texans have seen all year. To be quite frank, the Texans must grow up quick if they want a chance at beating the Vols.

The Vols will go into this match up heavily favored, and for good reason. However, the games are played on the field and not on paper. Stranger things have happened (see Red Oak and Lancaster 2011). Do the Vols keep rolling into next week's match up against Arlington High? Or will the Texans snatch the rug from under their feet and pull off the upset? Follow me to Arlington on Thursday evening to find out.

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