

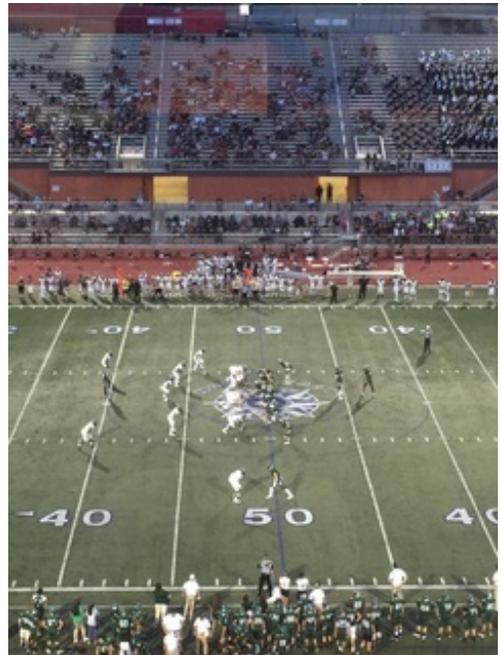
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## Game Recap: Steele Knights at Reagan Rattlers

Heroes Stadium (San Antonio, TX)- It's that time of year again where businesses shut down, fans put on their school colors and the Friday night lights are as big and bright as the state Texas. Texas high school football is back baby! In the San Antonio area there was no matchup quite as big as the Steele Knights traveled to take on the Reagan Rattlers at Heroes Stadium.



### First Half

It was a complete field position battle to start off this football game as both teams went three and out to start off the game. The Knights started their second drive on their own ten-yard line and went three and out to end their second drive. After a measly 28-yard punt, the Ratters had great field position to start their second drive on the Steele 36-yard line. However, the Rattlers were only to get a 37-yard field goal out of it from kicker Steve Opella. Then, things started to take a turn for both teams.

Late in the first quarter, Steele defensive back Chance Cromartie intercepted Travis Sthele's pass and just like that the Knights were back in business. Four short plays later, Steele running back Tylee Tyson capped off the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run as the Knights took a 7-3 lead early in the second quarter. The Rattlers were able to answer back in a much similar fashion when J.T. Mulligan intercepted Wyatt Begeal's pass for a 47-yard pick six as Reagan recaptured the lead 10-7.

Immediately after the Regan pick six, the Knights put together their best drive of the first half in a ten play 59-yard drive that was finished off by a 6-yard touchdown run by running back Robert Collins to put the Knights back up 14-10 over Reagan. The Knight

lead didn't last long because the Rattlers once again returned the favor off a long 15 play drive that ended in a 6-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Travis Sthele to wide receiver Konnor Fox with only a few ticks left. The first half ended with Regan leading Steele 17-14.

## **Second Half**

Steele wasted no time getting the ball back and putting points on the scoreboard on their first drive of the second half. In fact, it was a quick three play drive that was completed by a 40-yard touchdown toss from quarterback Wyatt Begeal to wide receiver Daniel Jackson to put the Knights up 21-17. Just two possessions later, the Rattlers were finally able to hit pay dirt from a 11-yard touchdown dart from Travis Sthele to Konnor Fox once again to give Reagan the lead.

The way this game went, it shouldn't be too much of a surprise that the Knights keep fighting back and of course, answered with their own offense as Wyatt Begeal once again found Daniel Jackson for another touchdown. That put Steele back on top 28-21.

Finally, Steele was able to catch some breathing room as they had one heck of a fourth quarter drive that started on their own 2-yard line. It took thirteen plays to travel 98-yards, but it was well worth it when quarterback Wyatt Begeal snuck into the endzone on a 1-yard run to put the Knights up 35-24 with only 4:03 left to play. Reagan was able to score one more time from a 25-yard touchdown pass from Travis Sthele to Konnor Fox to give Fox his third touchdown catch of the night, but it wasn't enough as Steele was able to run out the clock to go on to win 35-30 over the Rattlers.

## **Postgame**

After the big win Steele head coach David Saenz was happy to get back on track after losing last week to O'Connor saying "That first game of the year, we were still figuring things out. We had to fight for four quarters last week and we had to fight for four quarters this week. When we get to district, they are going to be four quarter battles." When asked on what he learned from last week to this week about his football team Saenz said "What I learned more than anything is that our guys are going to play for all four quarters. That's all we can ask. No letdowns and there's going to be ups and downs in every game, but we have to make sure we stay positive throughout the entire game." The 1-1 Steele Knights will host Churchill next week while 1-1 Reagan will host Clemens.

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