

# Crowley ready to take on title contender Mansfield Legacy

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Jalen Catalon vs Crowley, 2017

The Crowley Eagles and Mansfield Legacy Broncos have started the 2018 football season on opposite ends of the spectrum. The Eagles kicked off the J.J. Resendez era with a 14-7 victory over rival Everman in what was a defensive slugfest, while the Broncos started their season with a 35-14 loss to national power Tulsa Jenks. The Broncos loss to Jenks was much deeper than the Eagles win over Everman, though. All state utility player **Jalen Catalon** suffered a knee injury in the 1st quarter and his status is still up in the air for this week's game. Catalon will have an MRI on Tuesday to determine the severity of the injury. However, when the Broncos host the Eagles at 7PM this Thursday, with or without Catalon, head coach Chris Melson will still have them prepared to blow off some steam against an Eagle team that is playing with a chip on their shoulder.

Keys to the game;

Mansfield Legacy

Offensively, whether it's Catalon, Cam Clark or Andrew Smith at QB, running back **Kaleb King** will need to play a big role if the Broncos are going to beat Crowley. The Broncos must also figure out a way to get **Ife Adeyi** involved in the passing game. That will help keep the Eagles from trying to load the box against King. Defensively, Enoch Jackson Jr.,

**Taurean Carter** II, and Kendall Johnson must be consistent in putting pressure on Crowley QB Kevin Miller. Texas A&M commit **Jeffery Carter** transferred in from Aledo during the spring to help anchor the back end of the Bronco defense. He will also play a key role in deciding how this game will swing.

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The Eagle offensive line will have to be up to the task of handling a strong Bronco defensive front. This will make the job much easier for Kevin Miller, who can throw the ball with the best of them. Getting Miller going, along with receiver MJ Tillman, will factor into what kind of night the Eagle offense has. The running game will also be key. Defensively, **Mykol Clark** and the rest of the linebacker core will need to have a big game containing and filling gaps against King. The Eagles will also need another good performance from **Bryson Bonds** and Ronnie Sanders as the Broncos continue to work on getting their passing game going.

Mansfield Legacy will come in a little banged up. But they're out to prove that they're more than just a 1 man show. Crowley is coming in to prove that they can play with anyone, anywhere. This is also the 3rd consecutive year that the Broncos and Eagles will meet in non district with the Broncos winning the first 2 matchups. Can the Broncos make it 3 in a row? Or will the 3rd matchup be the charm for the Eagles?

We'll findout on Thursday!

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