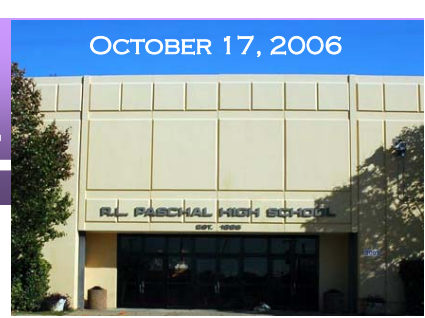


WEEK SEVEN GAMES



Bedeviled by turnovers, Panthers nevertheless show continued improvement

Yet again, the Paschal Panthers dominated many offensive categories. Playing a hearty Mansfield Tigers squad October 12, the Panthers got more first downs and outrushed the Tigers 203 yards to 181. Unfortunately, the Panthers also led in turnovers and penalties, an unholy tandem that proved impossible to overcome.

The Paschal running game was strong overall. QB Robert Gallagher and RB Chris Watson each ran for 69 yards. RB Lee Davis added 51, with additional contributions from Joseph Robinson and Jeffrey Tillman. Watson scored for Paschal in the third quarter.

Fumbles, interceptions and penalties, however, proved the difference as Mansfield was able to take advantage of unexpected opportunities. The never-say-die Panthers are now at work on improving their turnover ratio and keeping their heads up as they anticipate a hard-fought battle against Burleson on Thursday, October 19, at Farrington Field. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.



Gallagher



Watson

JV Panthers show early dominance in contest against Mansfield

The JV Panthers on October 11 traveled to Mansfield and in a tough road environment took the ball the length of the field to draw first blood. Lamentably, the Panthers were unable to continue that early dominance and ended up on the scoreboard's short end by game's end.

The Panthers initial drive, led by QB Sasha Lovett, was capped when RB Johnathon Withers found paydirt.

Although disappointed at the outcome, the Panthers demonstrated they are capable of moving the ball effectively against a stout defense. On the other side of the ball, the Panthers likewise showed a vigorous, swarming defense that will put the team in good stead in the season's home stretch.

The JV Panthers will now be looking to reverse their fortunes against a very tough and physical Burleson team – and once again will have to do so on the road. The Panthers play at Burleson on Wednesday, October 18.



Withers

Freshmen Panthers return to win column with gritty win over Mansfield

On an evening in which offense was at a premium, the freshmen Paschal Panthers displayed a platinum defense in outlasting a feisty Mansfield Tigers squad October 11.

The 8-6 win was huge for the Panthers (5-1, 2-1), who have shown a penchant for winning close, hard-fought games.

The Tigers lit up the scoreboard first, taking a 7-0 lead early. However, the Paschal defense stiffened thereafter, stifling and frustrating a talented Mansfield offense.

Mansfield displayed a stiff defense of its own, coming up with key defensive stops. Ultimately, however, the Panthers were able to answer when RB Emmanuel Smith scored.

The Panthers emerged from halftime down 7-6 but united by a common belief that they would ultimately prevail. Chanting and linked arm-in-arm like the Auburn Tigers, the Panthers displayed a quiet confidence that foreshadowed the victory to come.

The defense picked up right where it left off, flummoxing the Tigers. The Paschal defense pinned the Tigers deep in Mansfield territory, forcing what was supposed to be an end zone punt. Instead, LB Kirby Campbell forced a safety, putting the Panthers up 8-6.

The Panthers then played a ball-control game, picking up enough first downs – including a backbreaker on a fine run by RB Kevin Deal -- to keep the pigskin away from Mansfield.

The Panthers now look to build on the success October 18 in what is expected to be one of the season's stiffest challenges against Burleson. The freshmen B team is scheduled to play at 5 p.m. with the A-team game to follow. Both games will be at Paschal High.



Smith

Date	Opponent	Varsity		Junior Varsity			Freshman A/B	
		Location	Time	Date	Location	Time	Location	Time
Thu 10/19	Burleson	Farrington (West)	7	10/18	Away	6	Home	B 5 / A 7
Fri 10/27	Timberview	Away	7:30	10/26	Home	6	Away	B 5 / A 7
Fri 11/3	Summit	Farrington (West)	7:30	11/2	Away	6	Home	B 5 / A 7
Fri 11/10	North Crowley	Away	7:30	11/9	Home	6	Away	B 5 / A 7

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