

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Bulldogs vanquish Lions, 42-28

Bandera plays this Friday night at University of the Incarnate Word

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The Bandera Bulldogs added three new pages to their playbook this past Friday, score early, score often and score through the air as they beat San Antonio Christian at Bulldog Stadium last Friday night, 42-28.

Bandera opened the game with two first downs on the first two plays from scrimmage, but stalled after getting stopped on a fourth and two, resulting in a turnover on downs.

SACS scored first on a 39 yard completion but the extra point misses to make it 6-0, Lions.

Bandera's fortunes changed later when Tommy Cardenas found paydirt in the first quarter with 1:41 left in the quarter on a six yard rush and Blaise Salazar, who had a perfect night kicking, put his first of six PATs on the night through the uprights, to make the score 7-0.

Early in the second, Bulldog QB, Solomon MacNeil hit Cardenas coming out of the backfield and the speedy running back outran the Lion defense for a 71 yard score after a field goal by SAC that made it 14 to 9, Bandera. A 40 yard field goal by SAC makes the score 14-12, and that

was as close as it would get for the rest of the night.

Cardenas scored again on a 17 yard rush and a pick six by Bulldog DB Gage Brown would see the teams hit the locker rooms at the half with Bandera leading, 28-12. Mason Phair had scored for Bandera with 0:00 showing at the end of the second, but an offensive pass interference call negated it.

The teams traded scores in the third with Gunnar Brown fighting for the endzone from 34 yards out and SACS scoring their second touchdown of the night and converting a two pointer to make it 35-20.

MacNeil found Phair again on a play action pass for Bandera's final score of the night.

SACS added another 8 points via a touchdown and a two point conversion to make it 42-28.

Both teams did have a problem with penalties extending their opponents drives on numerous occasions, something both will need to work on as the season progresses.

Bandera saw early season highs of 292 yards on the ground, 149 passing and 441 total yards in an impressive offensive performance.

MacNeil led the Bulldogs, accounting for 285 yards, 136 yards on the ground and 149 yards passing. Surprisingly, those scoring strikes were MacNeil's first two touchdown passes as a varsity quarterback.

Coaches were quick to point out that the Bulldog offensive line had a good night that helped make the above totals and the 20 first downs Bandera recorded, possible.

Defensively, Bandera stayed upbeat while being on the field for 79 plays while yielding just 223 yards to the Lions, 189 through the air and a meager 34 yards on the ground, while recording four sacks and that interception by Gage Brown. Colton Perkins and Emmitt Evans were named Defensive Players of the Week and Ian Short was Special Teams

Player of the Week. Short, a gunner on kickoffs and punts, had two solo tackles and was around the ball all night.

Looking forward to tomorrows game, St. Anthony has a 1-1 record, a 24-13 loss to the Center Point Pirates two weeks ago and a 48-6 whitewashing of Houston KIPP last week.

The game will take place at the University of the Incarnate Word, Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Box score

|         | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | Final |
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| SACS    | 6 | 6  | 8 | 8 | 28    |
| Bandera | 7 | 21 | 7 | 7 | 42    |

Bandera stats:

**Passing:** S. MacNeil, 5-11-149-0-2

**Rushing:** MacNeil, 16-136, T. Cardenas, 8-57, B. Johnson, 6-68, Gunnar Brown, 3-42

**Receiving:** M. Phair, 2-33, Cardenas, 1-71, T. Moore, 1-34, Johnson, 1-11

**Tackles:** Gage Brown, 7, Emmitt Evans, 4, Gunnar Brown, 3, Tyler Moore, 3, Will Paul, 3

**Assists:** Garrett Meier, 4, Gunnar Brown, 2, Liam DeMarchi, 2