

Airline-Haughton clash highlights Week 7

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A key District 1-5A clash tonight at Airline stadium between the Airline Vikings and the Haughton Buccaneers highlights the seventh Friday of the high school football season. Also, Louisiana New Tech at Plain Dealing hosts Haynesville in a game that should decide the District 1-1A title.

Elsewhere, Benton visits Northwood in a key District 1-4A game and Bossier hosts Lakeview in its final non-district matchup.

The Airline-Haughton game features two similar teams.

The Buccaneers and Vikings both like to throw the ball but they've also been effective on the ground.

Airline quarterback Hayden Hildebrand, a Central Arkansas commitment, and Haughton quarterback James David Almond, an NSU commitment, rank 1-2 in Bossier Parish in passing yardage.

Hildebrand has thrown for 1,442 yards and 13 touchdowns. Almond has passed for 1,127 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Michael Nunnery leads the Airline ground game with 318 yards. Haughton's Jarred Craft is the parish's third-leading rusher with 516 yards.

Both teams have also played solid defense this season.

Airline won 21-19 last season.

New Tech is playing a Haynesville team ranked No. 5 in 1A.

The Tors' only two losses have come against Class 4A Peabody and Class 5A Natchitoches Central by a combined 11 points.

New Tech could be without standout senior quarterback Deaumante Johnson again.

Johnson injured his left shoulder in the first quarter against Red River in Week 5 and sat out the rest of that 15-12 loss.

Last week, he left the game after taking a hit on the second play and didn't return in the Lions' 42-26 victory over Logansport.

Benton's game against Northwood is a matchup of teams going in the opposite direction.

Benton will be looking for its third straight victory after a 1-3 start. Northwood has lost two in a row after a 4-0 start.

After a 1-3 start, Bossier will be looking for its third straight victory and should have no trouble getting it.

Lakeview's lone win was a forfeit over Northwood-Lena.

In their five losses, the Gators have allowed 49 points per game.

Last week, they lost to Winnfield 77-12.

Bossier played perhaps its best game of the season last week in a 39-6 victory over Block.

Quarterback Samuel Dudley had a good game running and throwing the ball.

Sophomore linebacker Isaiah McKinsey, already having a good season, led the defense. He recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

The Bearkats won 42-7 last season.