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## DFW Class 5A Week 5 Previews

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#### THURSDAY GAMES

**North Crowley (1-3, 1-0) at Fort Worth Paschal (0-4, 0-1):** North Crowley finally got their offense going in their district opener as they beat up on Weatherford 33-7 last week. QB [Josh Price](#) led the way with 178 yards passing and a touchdown and he chipped in 83 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Paschal came close, but they dropped heartbreaker to Sam Houston 24-21 in overtime. NCHS had designs on a playoff spot and taking care of business against Paschal is paramount to that cause. **Stepp's Pick: North Crowley by 28**

**Eules Trinity (5-0, 3-0) at Hurst Bell (3-2, 2-1):** It was a near miss last week for Trinity as they were taken to overtime, but escaped with a 38-35 win over a very underrated Colleyville Heritage squad. RB [Joel Kimpela](#) led the Trojans offense with over 200 yards rushing and a touchdown on the ground and a receiving score. Trinity's secondary was shredded last week, so you can bet Bell QB [Kyle Romano](#) will test that Trojans defense. The dominance by Trinity in this rivalry is well documented, so expect Bell to throw the kitchen sink at Trinity. However, Trinity should be plenty focused this week after the near miss last week. Look for the Trinity ground game to take control early and the Trojans methodically wear Bell down. **Stepp's Pick: Eules Trinity by 15**

**Justin Northwest (1-3, 0-1) at Keller Fossil Ridge (2-2, 0-1):** This is a lot bigger game than most would anticipate as the loser could be hard pressed to make the playoffs. Northwest's defense had no answers for Denton Guyer in a 49-20 loss last week, the Texans allowed over 500 yards of offense in the loss. Fossil Ridge nearly pulled off a huge upset, but the bid fell short in a 28-26 loss to Southlake Carroll. QB [Sheldon Nuese](#) had a big game in a losing effort throwing for 190 yards and a pair of touchdowns along with rushing for 153 yards. It was without a doubt, Fossil Ridge's most impressive performance in the past four seasons. The big question is can the Panthers repeat the effort? **Stepp's Pick: Justin Northwest by 3**

**Coppell (4-0, 1-0) at Denton Guyer (3-1, 1-0):** The top Thursday night game in the state features a key matchup in the race for the 7-5a crown as State Quarter-Finalist Coppell hooks up with State Finalist Guyer. Coppell hasn't lost a regular season game since 2009, but the Cowboys have shown some flaws in 2010. Last week's opponent Saginaw didn't have the athletes to expose those flaws in a 35-6 game, but you can bet Guyer has the ability. QB [Jake Larson](#) had his best game of the young season throwing three touchdown passes and if he can avoid throwing interceptions Coppell should be in good shape. Guyer sophomore QB [Jerrod Heard](#) had his best game of the year throwing for 211 yards and three touchdowns along with running for 118 yards and a score. Stanford commit WR [Conner Crane](#) had a monster night with five receptions for 168 yards and three touchdowns. He'll be a tough matchup for the Coppell secondary. This game comes down to turnovers and who can run the football better and that edge on paper looks to go to Coppell. **Stepp's Pick: Coppell by 2**

**South Garland (1-4, 1-1) vs. Rowlett (3-2, 2-0):** South Garland's offense which had struggled in the early part of the season finally showed some life last week in a 40-10 win over North Garland. RB [Ezekial Simpson](#) was the key cog in the Colonels ground game rushing for 155 yards and a pair of touchdowns. South will need to get some kind of balance on offense if they want to compete with the better squads in 10-5A, as they have yet to complete a touchdown pass through four games. Rowlett's offense was a juggernaut last week in a 49-42 win over previously undefeated Sachse. The Eagles jumped out to a 28-7 lead and put up over 600 yards of offense led by a monster night from QB [Grant Bothun](#) who had 281 yards passing and four touchdowns along with 80 yards on the ground and a pair of scores. Rowlett appears to be playing their best football of the year and their offense has too much balance for the Colonels in this one. **Stepp's Pick: Rowlett by 14**

#### FRIDAY GAMES

**Arlington Lamar (1-3, 1-0) at Weatherford (1-3, 0-1):** Lamar deserves a ton of credit for if anything

being resilient as after a tough 0-3 start, the Vikings got a balanced effort from their offense as they stunned Arlington 41-24 to open 4-5A play with a big win. The real story from the Vikings win may have been the play of their defense which was huge forcing five Arlington turnovers. Weatherford had all kinds of trouble containing the speed of North Crowley in a 33-7 defeat, the 'Roos won't face that kind of speed this week with Lamar but WHS is still at a sizeable disadvantage in the speed department. Lamar at this stage is a more well rounded squad than North Crowley so look for the Vikings to put this game out of reach early. **Stepp's Pick: Arlington Lamar by 28**

**Arlington (1-3, 0-1) vs. Arlington Martin (4-0, 1-0):** For a game and a half, the Colts looked like an elite team in the area. Arlington opened up with a solid win over Plano East and at halftime led Coppell 24-7. Something happened at that point that has drastically altered the Colts season as in the second half they were outscored 31-0 and they've dropped back to back decisions to Mansfield Timberview and Arlington Lamar. The Colts will need to right the ship in a hurry as they take on a Martin squad that is on a major roll. The Warriors led by RB **Kyle Hicks** took care of Bowie 39-22 on Saturday, Hicks ran for 141 yards and three touchdowns on the night. Martin's defense led by **Devonte Fields** has been dominant at times, they'll look to get pressure on Arlington QB **Josh Greer** and try to force the Colts into turnovers. If Arlington can hang on to the football this game will be close, but if they have a case of the turnover bug this game gets ugly in a hurry. **Stepp's Pick: Arlington Martin by 12**

**Arlington Sam Houston (1-3, 1-0) vs. Arlington Bowie (2-2, 0-1):** Bowie jumped out to a 10-0 lead on Martin in the first quarter last week, but the Vols offense sputtered once TCU verbal **Kolby Listenbee** went out of the game and Bowie fell 39-22 on Saturday. The Vols have a short week this week as they look to end a two game skid against Sam Houston who won their first game under HC Anthony Criss in overtime over Paschal 24-21. Arizona State verbal **Russell Hansbrough** did have a strong effort against Martin with 151 yards and a touchdown. With Listenbee possibly being out this week, look for plenty of touches from the powerful back and Sam simply doesn't have the personnel up front to do much about it. **Stepp's Pick: Arlington Bowie by 34**

**Mansfield (4-0, 1-0) at South Grand Prairie (2-2, 1-0):** In one of the area's most exciting finishes Mansfield knocked off Timberview 29-27. After trailing 21-7 early the Tigers battled back to take a 23-21 lead in the fourth quarter. Timberview scored with just forty seconds left to take a 27-23 lead, but the Tigers would have the last laugh as on the game's final play QB **Jerod Evans** hooked up with his brother **Lance Evans** for a 48 yard touchdown pass to give the Tigers a wild come from behind win. SGP was more than up to the task last week as they handled Midlothian 45-24, the Warriors offense showed signs of life as RB **Leonard Aikens** ran for 100 yards and two scores. **Laquinton Bailey** was the Warrior's leading rusher with 135 yards and two scores and the passing game got going as QB **Jared Johnson** tossed a pair of scoring strikes. Mansfield was thought to be one of the area's sleeper teams and although the Tigers are unbeaten they have been far from dominant. SGP has the tools to pull the upset, but that limb is still a little too shaky. **Stepp's Pick: Mansfield by 6**

**Midlothian (2-2, 0-1) at Duncanville (3-1, 1-0):** Midlothian's defense had no answers for the speed of South Grand Prairie in a 45-24 defeat. Now in a battle of Panthers, the crew from Midlothian has the tall order of trying to take down a Duncanville squad that has won three in a row. Duncanville struggled for three quarters against Grand Prairie, but finally in the fourth the DHS depth wore down the Gophers in a 42-27 win. WR **Jeffrey Thomas** hauled in a pair of touchdown passes, while QB **Deandre Grimes** was solid with not only his arm but running the football as well. Duncanville just brings skill kids at you in waves and that kind of depth wears on you. Look for Midlothian to keep this close for a half but it could be a similar repeat of last week's game for Duncanville, pulling away late. **Stepp's Pick: Duncanville by 15**

**Grand Prairie (0-4, 0-1) at Mansfield Legacy (0-4, 0-1):** Both teams come into this game simply looking for something good to happen. GPHS for three quarters gave Duncanville all they wanted before bowing out in a 42-27 loss. WR **De'Vante Lacy** had a strong game hauling in ten passes for 113 yards and a pair of scores for the Gophers. Legacy jumped out to a 16-7 lead on Cedar Hill through a quarter and a half, but the Broncos defense was no match for the high powered Longhorns attack and by the start of the fourth quarter the game was out of reach in a 42-24 loss. Grand Prairie has a few more offensive weapons and better balance across the board, so give a slight edge to the Gophers on the road. **Stepp's Pick: Grand Prairie by 3**

**Mansfield Timberview (3-1, 0-1) at Cedar Hill (2-2, 1-0):** Timberview was literally one play away from really earning a program changing win last week over Mansfield. However, a last second touchdown pass turned what was to be a thrilling win into a crushing loss. Now the Wolves must pick themselves up off the ground and try to knock off a tough Cedar Hill bunch who rolled past Mansfield Legacy 42-24. QB **Chuck Taylor** leads a very fast ground oriented option attack that is very difficult to prepare for, but the Longhorns defense is equally as fast and should be up to the task. On offense Cedar Hill has a ton of playmakers led by junior ATH **Laquionte Gonzlaez** who last week ran for 170 yards and two touchdowns along with 44 receiving yards and a score. Timberview won't have a hangover this week against Cedar Hill, but the Longhorns have a big edge on the defensive side of the ball and that's the difference in this matchup. **Stepp's Pick: Cedar Hill by 10**

**Irving MacArthur (2-2, 2-0) at Colleyville Heritage (4-1, 2-1):** Irving MacArthur has all of a sudden found their offense in 6-5A play as the Cardinals are averaging over 40 points per game in wins over Richland and Irving. QB **Justin Chavez** led the Cardinals offense last week in the 42-28 win over Irving as he ran for 105 yards and four touchdowns and he also threw a touchdown pass as well. Heritage QB **Cody Thomas** is making quite the name for himself in the Panthers pass happy offense, but it's a team thing in Colleyville as Heritage nearly pulled off a major upset last week taking Trinity to overtime before losing 38-35. Thomas threw the ball 57 times in a losing effort completing 31 of those attempts for 370 yards and five touchdowns. The Heritage offense did turn the ball over three times, but they won't face the same type of pressure this week against a young Irving Mac defensive unit. **Stepp's Pick: Colleyville Heritage by 18**

**Grapevine (2-3, 1-2) at Haltom (2-2, 1-1):** Haltom got themselves right into the thick of the playoff race with a stunning 44-0 win over Irving Nimitz. The Buffalos got a monster game from **James Gibbs** who ran for 232 yards and a pair of touchdowns as the Buffs OL led by Texas Tech verbal **Halapoulivaati Vaitai** ran for 379 yards on the night. Grapevine lost a close one to Bell last week 24-18, the Mustangs aren't a real dynamic team but they are consistent. The key for Grapevine is stopping the run, if GHS wins the battle on first and second down they should keep the Haltom offense in check. **Stepp's Pick: Grapevine by 9**

**Richland (1-3, 0-2) at Irving (0-5, 0-3):** It's been a nightmare season for both of these teams and for Richland the nightmare wasn't expected. The Rebels offense has been stuck in the mud their first two