

# Barbe vs. Ponchatoula

## Game Notes

August 31, 2018

1. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting between these two schools. Barbe won the previous two contests 41-27 (2011) and 56-13 (2017).
2. Ponchatoula is a Class 5A powerhouse that plays out of District 6 (Covington, Mandeville, Slidell, St. Paul's, Fontainebleau, Northshore and Hammond).
3. Ponchatoula head coach, Hank Tierney was happy with what he saw as the Green Wave beat De La Salle 15-14 in the team's jamboree at Ponchatoula's field, "The Swamp" last Friday night.
  - a. Ponchatoula had an opening 17-play, 96-yard drive taking 5:57 off the clock, with senior running back Tyjae Spears (senior, 5-10, 170 pounds) scoring on a 7-yard run.
  - b. Spears rushed 16 times for 63 yards with 2 TDs in showcasing his shiftiness and top-end speed.
  - c. TJ Finley (junior LSU-commit, 6-6, 225 pounds) completed 8-15 passes for 90 yards, throwing to 5 different receivers in the first half. The jamboree consisted of 2-15 minute halves.
    - i. Tayvien Cole (senior) caught 4 passes for 43 yards
    - ii. Tyler Tillman (senior) caught 1 pass for 22 yards
    - iii. Cameron Gresham (senior) caught 1 pass for 12 yards
    - iv. Jack Smith (senior) caught 1 pass for \_\_ yards
    - v. Tyjae Spears (senior) caught three passes for 17 yards
  - d. Damian McCarthy (junior, 6-1, 218 pounds), Dante Vega (senior, 5-10, 199 pounds) and Jarill Thomas (junior LB) were all credited with sacks.
  - e. Andrew Pollard (senior DB, 6-0, 186 pounds) had an interception.
  - f. Coach Tierney said the defense played very physical.
4. Coach Mike Cutrera has compiled an overall winning record of 68-20 (77%). This is currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest winning percentage of all Barbe head coaches:

Charles Vicknair	1978-1981	79.60%	(39-10)
Mike Cutrera	2011-	77.27%	(68-20)
Jimmy Shaver	1982-2010	70.42%	(238-100)

These 3 coaches have compiled an amazing 72.63% winning percentage over the last 40 years (345-130) at Barbe.