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District 23-4A: Terry vs. Foster Rivals square off at Traylor Stadium

BY GARY MARTIN

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TERRY

Erik Jones
FOSTER

Lamar Consolidated Mustangs rely heavily on talented defense

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Formidable unit

District 25-3A: Needville vs. Sealy Blue Jays kick off district against Sealy

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