

Metamora Sophomores In A Different League

The Metamora sophomore football team took the long road trip to Canton on Monday, October 6th and came away with an easy 49-8 victory.

The Redbirds appeared to be in a completely different league than the Little Giants as Metamora took the opening kickoff and used just two plays to reach the end zone. Kyle Heck (#34) recorded the first touchdown on a 26 yard outside run while kicker Brennen VanMieghem (#26) collected the extra point for an early Redbird 7-0 lead. Metamora then forced Canton to punt after just three plays. Again, Metamora used just two plays on their next possession to score a TD as quarterback Beau Geier (#12) took the ball in from 14 yards out. Metamora safety Jake Ferguson (#32) recovered a Little Giants fumble on the next possession giving the Birds the ball on the Canton 26 yards line. Several plays later Geier threw a 15 yard touchdown pass to Tyler Sluga (#3) as the Redbirds took a commanding lead 21-0 with 5:35 left in the 1st quarter. A couple of minutes later, Brandon Freeburg (#16) made a nice interception and brought the ball to mid-field for the Redbirds offense. Then with 3:14 left in the 1st quarter, Bryan Love (#41) rushed into the end zone from 12 yards out to put the Redbirds up 28-0.

Metamora offensive linemen Devin Taseff (#54), Chris Nannie (#61), Preston Butner (#53), Eric Ford (#70) and Lane Mitzelfelt (#71) were completely dominating the Little Giants as the Redbirds seemed to be able to score at will. Defensively the combination of linebackers Bryan Love (#41), Tom Bieneman (#83), Tyler Sluga (#3), David Tracy (#46) and linemen Zack Swords (#50), Andrew Jones (#45), Drew Cullett (#36) held the Little Giants to just 10 offensive plays in the 1st quarter. Coach Curt Ryan, along with the rest of the Metamora sophomore coaching staff, recognized early the dominance of his team and began substituting in mass by the end of the quarter.

The Redbirds continued the offense blow out in the 2nd quarter with touchdowns on a 61 yard rush by Love, an interception by Mark McDaniel (#22) and 81 yard pass from Geier to Brett McKinney (#21). Metamora took the half time lead 49-0 and played the remainder of the game under a running clock. The Metamora reserves held Canton to single touchdown for the rest of game as every Redbird collected valuable playing time.

The sophomore Redbirds are undefeated with six wins on the season. The sophomores defend their perfect record Monday, October 13th against Limestone for the final sophomore home of game of the season. Metamora then takes it on the road October 20th against Morton and October 23rd at Pontiac to complete the season. Game times are 6:00pm.