

## **Metamora Sophomores Roll Past Raiders**

The East Peoria Raiders came to town on September 29<sup>th</sup> to take on the undefeated sophomore Metamora Redbirds. The Raiders football program is vastly improved from previous years and everyone was anticipating a close game. But the Redbirds came to play, easily defeating East Peoria 65-28.

Metamora's Bryan Love (#41) started the scoring attack with a 21 yard rushing touchdown in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to give the Redbirds the early 7-0 lead. Several minutes later, David Tracy (#46) added a 14 yard rushing touchdown to put Metamora up 14-0. East Peoria was able to keep the game within reach with a pass interference call against Metamora and a 20 yard TD pass to bring the score to 14-7 at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Bryan Love again started the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with a 9 yard rushing TD and quarterback Beau Geier (#12) rushed in for the 2 point conversion giving Metamora a 22-7 lead. The Raiders then took advantage of mix up in the Redbirds secondary by completing a 70 yard touchdown pass to bring the score within a touchdown.

Metamora then went on to a 43 point scoring frenzy the rest of the game. Key rushing touchdowns in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter were Colton Willett (#28) 46 yard scamper and Love with a 29 yarder. Geier added two touchdown passes in the quarter, one to Tracy for 60 yards and another to Mark McDaniel (#22) for 22 yards. Brett (alias Matt) McKinney (#21) had nice interception to quickly stop an East Peoria drive late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The half ended with Metamora holding a 44-21 lead.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the Redbirds added touchdowns on a 20 yard rush by Love, a 46 yard pass to receiver Chris Slyman (#37) and a 57 yard rush by Kyle Heck (#34) to complete the scoring. East Peoria scored with 1/2 second left on the game clock record the final score at 65-28.

The Redbirds got to celebrate with Coach Curt Ryan as he collected the 40<sup>th</sup> win in row as a sophomore coach. Coach Curt's last defeat was the opening game of the 2004 season against Sterling. Congratulation to Coach Curt!

The Redbirds travel to Canton on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The next home game is October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm against the Limestone Rockets. Hope to see you at the game!