

## **Sophomore Redbirds Cruise Past Pekin**

The sophomore Metamora Redbirds football team turned on the cruise control on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> against the Pekin Dragons. The Birds defeated the Dragons 21-6 in a game that was not near as close as the score would dictate.

Metamora kicked off to start the game and immediately forced Pekin to punt after 3 downs. The Birds took over on their 35 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage for Metamora, Beau Geier (#12) advanced the ball on a quarterback keeper to the Pekin 34 yard line. Several plays later, Geier completed a pass to Kyle Albertson (#1) for the Redbird touchdown with 6:04 left in the first quarter.

Metamora found the end zone again early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with a nearly identical play as the Geier-Albertson pass combination put the Redbirds up 14-0. Bryan Love (#41) crossed the goal line on a nice run with 4:06 left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Kicker Brennen VanMieghem (#26) added his third extra point on the evening as the Redbirds took a 21-0 lead over the Dragons at halftime.

Head sophomore coach Curt Ryan and staff recognized early in the game the Metamora was the dominate team and began substitutions early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The Redbirds defense was stifling all evening only allowing Pekin a single touchdown with 1:06 left in the game. Metamora appeared to lose some focus offensively in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as numerous off-sides and procedure penalties kept the Birds out of the end zone. Metamora came away with a nice 21-6 win to continue their undefeated season.

The Metamora sophomores host the resurgent East Peoria Raiders on September 29<sup>th</sup> for the second of three home games this season. The Redbirds then 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. Come out and support these fine young Redbirds!