

Metamora Knocks Out East Peoria

The Varsity Metamora Redbird football team marched into East Peoria to take on the Raiders last Friday night in a battle for 1st place in the Mid-Illini conference. Both teams were undefeated in conference play entering the evening and the winner would hold sole possession of the Mid-Illini conference top spot.

The resurgent Raiders entered the game with high hopes of knocking the #1 ranked team in the state off it's track for another conference title. The East Peoria football program has improved significantly in the last couple of years and the excitement level in Raider country was high.

Unfortunately for East Peoria, the results of the game showed Metamora is still the top dog and the team to beat. The Redbirds easily defeated the Raiders 50-0 in a game that fell far short of its billing.

Metamora scored four touchdowns in the 1st quarter. Quarterback Michael Fay (#15) rushed for two TDs, Josh Kenney (#23) added a TD on a 55 yard run and Charlie Heinzmann (#49) (alias Andrew Jones) recovered a blocked punt in the end zone. Kicker Brennen VanMieghem (#26) added the four extra points as the Redbirds cruised to 28-0 at the end quarter.

Aaron Peters (#47) rushed for a total of 126 yards in the game and picked up a rushing TD in 2nd quarter. Metamora took a commanding 35-0 lead at the halftime break. Fay added another rushing touchdown in the 3rd quarter and Christian Roth (#8) completed the attack with a rushing TD in 4th.

Metamora's defense was stifling the whole game as East Peoria was only able to record 3 first downs. The Redbirds held the Raiders to 11 passing yards and 55 rushing yards for the game.

Metamora is alone at the top of the conference with it undefeated season and takes on the Canton Little Giants on Friday, October 3rd at Malone Field. Game time is 7:30pm following the freshmen game.