

Metamora “Flat” in Victory over Rockets

The varsity Metamora Redbird football team defeated the Limestone Rockets Friday night 56-13 in a performance that most observers could only describe as “flat”.

Whether it was the day off for teacher’s institute, the perception of taking on a one win team or elevated play of the Limestone Rockets, the Redbirds didn’t appear to be their normal selves on this beautiful fall day. Coach Pat Ryan declared the game “a lot closer than the score” as the Birds continued their undefeated season. Certainly in the 1st half, Limestone did not appear to be a one win team as their swarming defense and excellent performance receiving kickoffs seemed to keep them in the game. But Metamora wore down the Rockets in the 2nd half to collect the “W” and headed home to prepare for Morton.

Quarterback Michel Fay (#15) ran for two touchdowns and Kody Kanaga (#39) added another in the 1st half as Metamora took a 21-0 lead into the break. The 2nd half Metamora collected touchdowns on a 65 yard run by Aaron Peters (#47), a Fay to Mike VanDeVeer (48) pass play and 10 yard rush by Grant Whittington (#4).

Metamora recorded 413 yards rushing on 56 plays for the game. Leading rushers were Aaron Peters with 204 yards and Kody Kanaga with 64 yards. Michael Fay ended the evening with 6 pass completions on 12 attempts and one touchdown.

The Redbirds take on the Morton Potters Friday night at Malone Field. Game time is 7:30pm. Metamora needs to win to claim sole possession of 1st place in the Mid Illini conference – one game ahead of the Washington Panthers. The Redbirds close out the regular season against Pontiac on October 24th at home before preparing for the playoffs. The Redbirds continue to be ranked #1 in class 5A.