

Metamora Cruise Past Canton

The Metamora Redbirds seemed to do everything right last Friday night as they cruised to an easy 63-0 victory over the Canton Little Giants. The Birds recorded an astonishing 534 yards of total offense while giving up just 38 total yards to Canton.

Senior Aaron Peters (#47) started the Redbirds scoring with a 43 yard touchdown run after just 45 seconds into the game. Junior kicker Brennen VanMieghem (#26) added the extra point for a quick 7-0 lead. The Birds defense held the Little Giants on their first possession and the Metamora offense quickly took over. With just 3:15 into the game, Peters again found the end zone with a 63 TD run. Peters would add another touchdown before the end of the first quarter to give Metamora a 21-0 lead.

The Redbirds would add four more touchdowns in the 2nd quarter to take a 49-0 lead at the half. Senior Dan Burk (#13) would score on a 41 yard run and quarterback Michael Fay (#15) walked into the end zone from 10 yards out for the second TD of the quarter. Later, Peters would add his fourth TD of the game from 3 yards out. Fay then found receiver Brandon Lambiase (#9) through the air for a nice 38 yard touchdown to close out the scoring in the half.

Backup quarterback Beau Geier (#12) added a couple of TDs in the second half on runs from 36 and 57 yards to complete the Birds scoring onslaught. Kicker VanMieghem was a perfect 9 for 9 on extra points despite the cool and rainy conditions.

Metamora's starting defensive linemen of Sean McKee (#42), captain Dane Kempf (#2) and Preston Butner (#53) commanded the line of scrimmage throughout the first half. Linebackers Tom Bieneman (#11), Vince Fraboni (#40), Colton Willett (#28) and senior Joe Wyzlic (#44) appeared to be involved in nearly every play the Little Giants attempted. The Birds defense gave up just 4 first downs in the entire game.

Leading the Redbirds with the ground game were Peters with 167 yards, 125 of those in the first quarter. Also contributing to the ground game were, quarterback Geier with 93 yards, junior Jake Ferguson (#32) with 56 yards, senior Dan Burk (#13) with 41 yards, quarterback Fay with 24 yards and senior Zach Garber (#5) with 10. Lambiase was the second leading receiver in the area last Friday night with 77 yards. Burk added 30 receiving yards with Fraboni and senior Austin Ford (#81) also recording receiving yards.

The Redbirds celebrate senior night at home this Friday, October 9th at 7:30pm. Metamora takes on the Limestone Rockets for their final regular scheduled home game of the season. Everyone's encouraged to come out and congratulate the seniors on their outstanding high school football careers. Please visit the Courier Newspapers online at "www.CourierPapers.com" for more local sports news. For additional Metamora football information and pictures, please visit "www.LakeVermilionRetreat.com/Football".