

Metamora Advances with Win Over Mt.Zion

In the words of Redbird Rewind TV announcer Dave Zimmerman, “wow”. That’s the best way to describe the Metamora Redbird's victory over the Mt. Zion Braves in Round 2 of the Class 4A high school football playoffs.

Metamora used a four touchdown 2nd quarter to take control of the game and record a 48-14 playoff victory. The Birds took an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter as quarterback Michael Fay (#15) found the end zone from 26 yards out. The Braves responded with a touchdown early in the 2nd quarter to tie the game at 7.

After the Mt. Zion score, the Redbird's defense took control by forcing the Braves to punt on three consecutive possessions. Metamora’s offense struck on all three of their offensive chances with a 1 yard run by Fay, and 8 yard run by Fan and a spectacular 56 yard double handoff run by David Tracy (#46). Metamora held a 28-7 lead with less than a minute in the half when kicker Brennen VanMiegham (#26) forced a Mt. Zion fumble recovered by sophomore Sam Ryan (#47). Fay then found a backup quarterback/receiver Beau Geier (#12) for a 50 yard touchdown pass and a 35-7 Metamora halftime lead.

In the second half, Charlie Nowotnik (#34) scored from 23 yards out giving the Birds a 42-7 lead. Later in the quarter, Tracy recovered a Mt. Zion fumble and returned it 38 yards to the end zone. With the running game clock rule in effect and the score 48-7, Metamora pulled their starters to again allow the reserves valuable playing time.

Mt. Zion scored an additional touchdown to bring the final to 48-14. Metamora did not commit turnover in the game nor did they allow Mt. Zion a pass completion in the game. Rushing leaders for Metamora were Fay with 142 yards, Tracy with 85, Jake Ferguson (#32) with 50 and sophomore Dekota Doerr (#25) with 32 yards. Fay completed three passes for 80 yards to Geier for 50 yards, Andrew Jones (#45) for 19 and Brett McKinney (#21) for 11 yards. The Birds recorded 444 yards of total offense on the afternoon.

Metamora will take on the Pontiac Indians this weekend in Round 3 of the playoffs. Pontiac enters the game undefeated with a number one seed in the tournament. No doubt the Indians will be out for revenge after Metamora eliminated them from the playoffs with victories in 2008 and 2009 during the regular season. Emotions will be running high as the Redbirds and Indians resume their long standing rivalry.

As of this writing, the game date and time had not been announced. Please check with Metamora Township High School later in the week to get the official game time.

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