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CHAMBERSBURG CARDINALS ADVANCE TO SECOND ROUND OF PLAYOFFS

CHAMBERSBURG, PA, September 3, 2011—After having to wait nearly two weeks due to Hurricane Irene to see two playoff teams with dominating records face off, it took less than 5 minutes into the first quarter for the Chambersburg Cardinals (9-0 regular season) to show the Virginia Cougars (9-1 regular season) that they had met their toughest competition of the year. The result was a game completely controlled by the Cardinals in route to 48-20 victory in the first round of the playoffs held at Trojan Stadium in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

On the third play from scrimmage, Keon Lattimore (11 carries, 105 yards, 1TD) wasted little time in starting the scoring with a 62 yard TD run off the left side aided by good blocking by the offensive line. Once Lattimore turned the corner down the home field sideline and broke into the secondary there was no doubt he was on his way to the end zone.

After a quick march down the field and a first and goal for the Cougars it looked like it might be a back and forth battle all night long. On the second bad snap of the series, Cardinals' linebacker Ronald Frazier recovered the football and took it 75 yards the other way for the second score of the night. Less than 5 minutes into the game and the Cardinals took the early 14-0 lead; a lead they would never relinquish.

Sensing early desperation by the Cougars, the Cardinal defense got very stingy very fast. The Cougars attempted two fourth down conversions deep in their own territory on their next two possessions and failed both times. The Cardinal defensive line and linebackers put constant pressure on Virginia quarterback Zach Terrell and were able to contain and limit his out of the pocket play.

Two second quarter productive drives yielded two field goals (29 & 25 yards) by Cardinal kicker Stephen Link who was perfect on the night. Cardinal quarterback Anthony Gardner (11-16 on pass attempts, 85 yards passing & no turn-overs) played a smart and effective game and led the Cardinals to a key late touchdown hitting wide receiver Ottis Lewis wide open in the end zone for a 15 yard score to give the Cardinals a commanding 27-0 halftime lead.

The second half was dominated by missed opportunities by the Cougars, while the Cardinals made the most of their opportunities, matching scoring drives on their way to the 48-20 win.

The Chambersburg Cardinals' next battle will be against the Hampton Road Hurricanes Saturday September 10 at 7:00 pm at Trojan Stadium in Chambersburg. The Hurricanes advanced to the second round after defeating the South Jersey Lynx 10-0 in the first round.

If the Cardinals can keep up the strong running game (27 rushes, 210 yards, 3 TD), continue to get strong leadership from the quarterback position and let the Cardinal defense do what it does best – shut down offenses – then Saturday's second round home playoff game may look much like this game did. All Cardinals.

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