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## CHAMBERSBURG CARDINALS WIN XTREME CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM ADVANCES TO LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN ATLANTA

CHAMBERSBURG, PA September 24, 2011 – The Chambersburg Cardinals are Xtreme Conference Champions and are one win away from the Gridiron Developmental Football League Championship Title. With the Cardinal's 45-8 win over the Henry County Horsemen, the Cardinals will travel next week to Atlanta Georgia for the League Championship game against the undefeated Oklahoma Thunder.

In each of the previous playoff games, the Cardinals have allowed an average of only 7 points per game. Their defensive line has continually pressured opposing quarterbacks and forced them to make ill-advised throws downfield. The Cardinal secondary has taken advantage of that all postseason, intercepting passes in each game and setting up the offense with a short field. Last night the Cardinals Defense again proved their strength as they forced 6 turnovers (3 INT, 3 Fumbles) which resulted in 28 points. Further, the Horsemen carried the ball 23 times for a total of 27 yards.

Offensively, the Cardinals have relied on the play of Cardinal QB Anthony Gardner (11-18 for 68 yards). The offense has averaged nearly 42 points per game during the post-season. Gardner has repeatedly demonstrated his playmaker ability throughout the playoffs and kept to form last night, throwing for 3 touchdowns and adding a 4<sup>th</sup> on a 11-yard run. The Cardinals have also been able to keep opposing defenses honest by demonstrating the ability to run the football. Keon Lattimore (8 rushes, 43 yards) and Dustin Mowen (2 rushes, 32 yards, 1 TD) carried the load and ran the ball effectively enough to open up the passing game. Gardner threw two TD passes to Ronald Dawkins (2 catches, 19 yards, 2 TD) and one to Gary Stackfield (1 catch, 6 yards, 1 TD). Jerell Jones (3 catches for 33 yards) perhaps provided the biggest spark of the night for the offense, returning the opening kickoff to midfield and supplying a 50 yard punt return, which set up two early Cardinal scores and an early 10-0 lead.

The Cardinals will now travel to Atlanta, Georgia for the Gridiron Developmental Football League's Championship Game next Saturday night, October 1st. The Cardinals will face the Oklahoma Thunder (13-0) who won the Impact Conference Championship game 42-6. The Oklahoma Thunder have not lost a game in 5 years.

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