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CHAMBERSBURG CARDINALS WIN 2nd ROUND PLAYOFF GAME 39-0 BEHIND DOMINATING DEFENSE AND PERSISTANT OFFENSE

CHAMBERSBURG, PA, September 10, 2011—The skies over Trojan Stadium Saturday night threatened storms. The Hampton Road Hurricanes also blew into town with a 9-1 regular season record, a first round playoff win and plans to dampen the Chambersburg Cardinal's playoff run. Neither storm developed. The Chambersburg Cardinals shut down any chance for the Hurricanes to gain strength and the Cardinals rolled to a 39-0 victory in the second round of the Gridiron Developmental Football League Playoffs.

After a rain soaked week limited practice time for the Chambersburg Cardinal offense, the Cardinals once again turned to their defense to lead the way. Head Coach Chad Fauson praised the defense for its role in setting the tone of the game, "It was hard for the offense to get going, so if it wasn't for our defense we wouldn't have been in this football game. The defense was solid; it's been our bread and butter all year."

After forcing the Hurricanes to punt on the opening possession deep in their own territory, the Cardinals got the first break of the night on a bad snap that resulted in a safety. Field position quickly became the theme of the first half as the Cardinals continually began their drives inside Hurricane territory. Coach Fauson stressed the importance of field position, "I try to keep our field in half. That's part of the chess match. I try to keep our offense on their side of the field as much as I can."

On the Cardinals second drive of the night they went 44 yards on 7 plays resulting in an 18-yard touchdown pass from Cardinal QB Anthony Gardner (15 of 30 for 148 yards) to running back Keon Lattimore (2 catches for 24 yards, 1 TD) for a 9-0 lead. Three plays later with the Hurricanes facing a 3rd and 19 from their own 16 yard line the Cardinals got their first of four interceptions of the night with offensive linebacker Nick Watkins returning the pick 30 yards for

the score and a 16-0 lead. Late in the second quarter, offensive linebacker Markkus Davis picked up the 3rd Cardinal interception of the night deep in Hurricane territory. Starting at the Hurricane 23 yard line, quarterback Gardner led the Cardinals eight plays, converting a key 4th and 3 pass into a first down and goal, to set up 1 yard touchdown run by running back Jerrel Jones. The two-point conversion attempt was no good but the Cardinals went into half time with a commanding 22-0 lead. Of the six first half possessions by the Hurricanes, the Cardinal defense forced 4 punts, 2 three and outs, 3 interceptions and gave up only two first downs and did not allow the Hurricanes into Cardinal territory the entire first half.

The third quarter was filled with penalties on both teams and neither team scored. On the second drive of the half, which began, on the Cardinals own 14-yard line late in the third quarter, the Cardinal offense steadily marched down the field. Aided by 3 Hurricane penalties and another key fourth down pass completion for a first down, the Cardinal Offense went 86 yards resulting in a 14-yard touchdown pass to Jerrel Jones. The Cardinals added a 50-yard punt return by Jones (7 catches, 52 yards & 3 TD's) and a late field goal in the fourth quarter to complete the scoring and the 39-0 victory.

The Defensive set the tone and put continual pressure on the Hurricanes. Gardner gave another solid mistake free performance taking what the Hurricane defense gave him and Jerrel Jones had a huge game finding the end zone three times. The Chambersburg Cardinals proved Saturday night that they were the force of nature and sailed to the next round of the playoffs. Next Saturday's game is against the Asheville Grizzlies. Fans are encouraged to visit www.chambersburgcardinals.com for more details about the upcoming game.

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