

## **Freshmen Win Opener 36-28**

Friday, August 29 at Bellaire High School, the freshman Cardinals defeated the Alief Taylor Lions 36-28. The former middle schoolers wearing the Cardinal red for the first time of their career got off to a brilliant start. Behind a standout effort by the offensive line, Melvin McAdams rushed for 134 yards and 3 touchdowns in the effort.

The Cardinals finished the night with 263 yards rushing and 82 yards passing for a total of 345 yards of offense in their first outing. Sam Harker led the Cardinals in the passing game finishing 5 of 13 with 1 touchdown and 1 interception. Jacoby Pringle added a two-point conversion and was 1 of 2 for 15 yards in his role as quarterback.

Four different Cardinals finished with 1 or more catches with Jarvis Hickey also contributing another two-point conversion. The freshman Cardinals roared in the first half with 28 points while Lawrence Myers, Donovan O'Connor, Brian White, Dylan Moore, Khairi Shariff and Dorian McNeil provided more firepower than the Lions could handle offensively and defensively. Joshua Allen ripped the Lions defense with 8 carries for 97 yards as well as the defensive unit snuffed the Alief offense.

In clearly the best effort of the last decade from a 9th grade team, Bellaire opened the door to a new era in Cardinal football. The Cardinals will face the Chavez Blue team this Friday at Bellaire at 4:30.

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