## **Cardinal Sports Release**

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Hello Cardinal Fans:

What a great weekend it was!! A SUPER gathering with many parents, and the game in which our CARDINALS WON 42-15, over Benedictine. Some of the good parts are the gatherings with the football parents and the foster parents where many of you served as hosts to the football players earlier in the season.

Now, the game. It was not as easy as the score might indicate. Benedictine was a fine football team that read our offense very well. The turning point was in OUR game plan and the fact our TEAM executed very well.

Our scoring plays went this way: In the 2nd quarter, Kelly passed to Scott Martin for 16 yards for a T.D. Steve Hudson added the PAT. Later, in the 2nd quarter, Kelly ran the ball on a keeper for 26 yards with a great effort for a score. Jerry Burch added the extra point, and it was 14-0. Steve Hodges scored early in the 2nd half, taking a Groom pitch-out and rambling 58 yards for a score, with a Burch kick, and a 21-0 score. After a good Benedictine drive, and a score, the Cardinals engineered a 15 play drive that culminated when SCOOP GILLESPIE went in for 3 yards for a score. Burch made the PAT, and it was 28-7.

A Kelly Groom pass to MIKE McGILL was perfect for a 49 yard scoring strike, early in the 4th quarter, and with a BURCH point-after-touchdown, it was 35-7. What a play it was!

"WALLACE COMMENTS"

Last week I was impressed with our effort. This week I was most impressed with our offense, specifically the offensive line: Dwight Fay, Mike Rogers, Greg Embree, Mark Mundell, alph Yeater and our tight ends, Scott Martin and Mike Phillips. A good football team will usually have power plays, option plays, quick hitters, the dropback pass, the spring-out pass, the action pass and a few trick plays. What normally happens is that in any one game you can utilize a portion of your offense effectively but seldom all of it. Saturday, we dominated the line of scrimmage and used every phase of our game. We ran 19 power plays and averaged 7.3 yards per carry for 138.7 yards and and 2 TD's. We ran 10 option plays and averaged 17.6 yards for 126 yards and 1 TD. We ran 6 quick hitters and averaged 6.4 yards. We had misdirections for 14 yards. We completed 2 of 6 sprint outs for 48 gards and 1 TD. We completed 2 of 5 action passes for 52 yards and two TD's, and 6 of 11 dropbacks for 89 yards. Totally our offense averaged over 8 yards per snap, and is now averaging 427 yards per game and 6.3 yards per snap; that's good. Last year Cunningham averaged 7.9 yards per carry. This year in three games, Scoop Gillespie is averaging 8.3 yards per carry and Hodges 7.3 per carry. Move over record book!