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## **Firecats Trounce the Law; Clinch Third Straight Playoff Berth**

**Estero, FL-** A crowd of 4,554 fans came out to see Florida's Steve Gorrie, Quincy Sorrell, and Chris Morant win the Baby Ruth Real Deal Offensive Player of the Game, ADT Defensive Player of the Game, and U.S. Army Ironman of the Game, respectively.

The Florida Firecats (9-5) set a franchise scoring record by pounding the Laredo Law (3-11) 67-17. The Firecats also surpassed many other franchise and league milestones. Most importantly, the Firecats clinched a playoff berth for the third consecutive year.

Florida's Steve Gorrie came into the contest only 19 yards short of breaking the af2's all-time single season rushing record. Gorrie carried the ball\_\_ times for \_\_ yards, bringing his season total to \_\_, a new arenafootball2 record. Gorrie also broke the team rushing touchdowns and career rushing yards records.

The game started off slow, ending the first quarter with a meager 6-3 lead for the Firecats. The Firecats' first touchdown came when quarterback Ken Mastrole hit up Magic Benton for an 18-yard score. After the Firecats defense forced Laredo to attempt a 23-yard field goal on their ensuing drive, Florida's Comone Fisher broke through the Laredo line and blocked the attempt. Chris Morant then picked up the blocked field goal and ran it into the Firecats end zone, bringing the score to 13-3.

Laredo then answered on their next drive with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Rich Lucero to Torrey Prather. Lucero had to come in and replace starting Laredo quarterback Rocky Perez after a viscous hit from the Firecats defense sidelined him for the remainder of the game. Florida then quickly answered with a Mastrole to Cainon Lamb 14-yard touchdown. The heavy-hearted Lamb dedicated his performance to his late mother, who was tragically lost to cancer this past week.

After Laredo brought the score to 19-17, the Firecats went on to score 48 unanswered points.

Steve Gorrie led the way on the ground with his record-breaking performance. He carried seven times for 26 yards and one score. Chris Morant carried six times for 17 yards and two touchdowns. Anthony Snead also ran in a sweep for a three-yard score.

Magic Benton led the way in receiving, catching four passes for 33 yards and two touchdowns. With the 33 yards, Benton eclipsed 1,000 receiving yards for the first time in his career. Anthony Snead caught four balls for 60 yards and another score. Cainon Lamb also pulled in four passes for 33 yards and another touchdown. Brent Burnside and Comone Fisher also hauled in passes.

Quarterback Ken Mastrole completed 11 of his 19 pass attempts for 135 yards and three touchdowns. Chris Wallace relieved Mastrole in the fourth quarter, going three of four for 15 yards and his first touchdown as a Firecat.

On the defensive side of the ball, Quincy Sorrell once again led the way. Sorrell had then tackles, bringing his season total to 84.5, breaking teammate Roy Stabler's team tackle record. Chris Morant added five tackles, one for a loss. Steve Gorrie also had a tackle for a loss. Rashieem Reed added a sack to the cause, and Keith Drayton and Tanaka Scott shared another tackle for a loss. Scott also had a fumble recovery, as did Anthony Snead.

The Firecats hit the road next week to play the Columbus Wardogs. The game will be on Monday, July 26.

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