

### **St. Mary's rolls past Northwood-Lena, awaits playoff opponent**

**LENA, La.** – The Division IV Select third-ranked St. Mary's Tigers cruised to a lop-sided win Friday night on the road over Northwood-Lena 61-8 in the regular season finale.

St. Mary's (7-2, 3-1 3-1A) exploded out to a 42-0 halftime lead as they dominated the Gators in all three phases of the game. SMH's Ethan Busby scored on a 12-yard touchdown run followed by a fumble recovery in the endzone by Tate Mitchell and a two-point conversion run by Busby to make it 14-0.

The Tigers continued the onslaught as Braylon Normand scored on a 5-yard run early in the second quarter. The SMH defense, moments later, scored another touchdown as Drake Griffin scored on a fumble recovery in the endzone.

The offense maintained its dominance for SMH as Mixon Bankston connected with Connor Jordan making it 35-0 Tigers. St. Mary's added another score on a 35-yard touchdown run by John Paul Thibodaux right before halftime.

St. Mary's emptied the bench in the second half as freshman Preston Tilley threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to freshman Dennison Morgan making it 48-0. The Tigers added another touchdown on a 7-yard touchdown run by Chance Rushing.

Thibodaux scored again on a 60-yard touchdown run to make it 61-8 as SMH cruised to the win of Northwood-Lena (1-9, 0-4 3-1A).

SMH will find out its opponent for the postseason Sunday when the LHSAA releases the playoff brackets.