

## **THE JOURNEY**

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Pearl-Cohn advances into the 4A region playoffs, this will be the Firebirds second appearance in the 4A playoffs. Current player Jayden Jackson and head coach Tony Brunetti spoke on their first opponent Jackson Southside who the Firebirds defeated last Friday by the score of 38-0.

Star quarterback Keshawn Tarleton threw for 197 in total passing yards and running back Malachi Cromwell ran for two touchdowns. "We had to focus on being disciplined and executing each play on all three phases of the ball," the coach said. Coach went on and said, "It's not only about performing well on the offensive and defensive side of the ball, but special teams. It is very crucial towards the team's success." Current player Jayden Jackson also stated when asked how the team feels opening with a win for the 4A playoffs, "It feels great, but we got to keep going. One down four more to go is the mindset." The Firebirds continue in the playoffs at home Nov. 11 preparing for their next opponent in Hardin County who withstands a record of 8-3. Both agreed when asked if there is still any more room for improvement for the team to make in the second round of the playoffs, "To be a state team we have to prepare like a state team." Lastly Jayden Jackson stated, "Fans continue to come out and support us through our next opponent Hardin County. Go Firebirds."