



MARION COUNTY (13-2) VS BRANTLEY (15-0)

Dec. 6, 2012 - 3 p.m.

IA Championship - Brantley 33, Marion County 0

BY THE NUMBERS

15 - Number of consecutive games won by Brantley

2 - Number of touchdowns thrown by Brantley's Andrew Lowery, tying a Super 6 record for most touchdown passes by an individual in the IA Championship game.

2 - Number of touchdown receptions by Brantley's O.J. Guice, tying a Super 6 record for most touchdown receptions by an individual in the IA Championship game.

3 - Total touchdowns by O.J. Guice. Two receiving and one rushing.

79 - Yards Sellevan Burnett covered while returning a fumble for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, breaking the Super 6 record for the longest return in the Class IA Championship game.

12th - Time there has been a shutout in the Class IA Championship Game.

10 - Number of shutouts recorded by Brantley during the 2012 season. The Bulldogs recorded four shutouts in the postseason and allowed only 14 points during postseason play.

POSTGAME NOTES

-Captains for Marion County: senior RB/DB DeShawn Riebeshehl, senior QB/LB Sean Wallace, senior RB/LB Justin Sanderson and senior TE/DL Garrett Wates.

-Captains for Brantley: senior QB Andrew Lowery and senior OL Taylor Driggers

-Marion County won the 2011 IA Championship and also won championships in 1971, 1972 and 1973.

-Brantley last won a state championship in 2009. They also won it all in 1993 and 1998.

-Brantley is now 3-2 all-time in the Super 6.

-Brantley quarterback Andrew Lowery tied a Super 6 record with two touchdown passes in the game. Junior wide receiver O.J. Guice also tied a Super 6 record with two touchdown receptions in the game.

-Sellevan Burnett set a Super 6 Class IA Championship record with a 79-yard fumble recovery for touchdown, breaking the previous record of 75-yards by Joel Ingle when he returned a punt against Brantley in 2009.

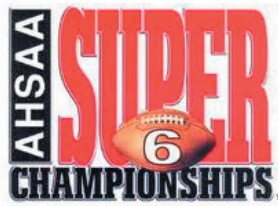
-This marks the 12th shut out in the Class IA Championship game. The last shutout came in 2008, when Sweet Water defeated Speake 42-0.

-Brantley finished the season with 10 shutouts, recording four during the postseason. The Bulldogs allowed only 14 points during postseason play.

-O.J. Guice and Andrew Parker both rushed for over 100-yards. Guice finished with 115 yards rushing on nine carries with one touchdown. Parker finished with 22 carries for 111 yards and one touchdown.

-Brantley MVP: O.J. Guice

-Marion County MVP: Ready Swanigan



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CLASS 3A CHAMPIONSHIP POST GAME QUOTES

Brantley head coach David Lowery:

First of all, it was a tremendous effort on defense tonight. That was our 10th shutout this season and to do it against a team like Marion County really meant a lot to us.

I felt that we were able to shut down the mid line and also run well on the sweeps. Andrew (quarterback Andrew Lowery, his son) made some big throws in the first half. We also got O.J. (runningback and MVP O.J. Guice) really going early and I think that really set the tone for the game.

Linebacker (#10) Adrian Howard:

We knew since it was our last game (he is a senior) that there was no reason not to give it our all and go out there and play our hearts out.

(On preserving the shutout in the final minutes of play) It was very important to us to get the shutout. We came this far and played hard for the entire game. We really wanted to finish it.

Quoting Marion County Coach Rusty Funk and QB Sean Wallace --- Class IA Championship Game

"Brantley High School is an excellent football team. The kids played extremely well and played extremely hard. They are very, very well-coached and a disciplined ball club and got what they deserved what they got tonight."

How did Brantley's defense compare on the field to what you saw on the tape preparing?

"It was extremely similar to what I saw on tape. To move the football, you have to block people. They were ruling the line of scrimmage with my offensive line, and it is just difficult to do things when that is happening."

How hard was it for you to get back to the State Championship Game?

"We graduated our entire offensive line last year with the exception of one. To try to get back as a IA school and trying to fill those voids is tough. We persevered all year. The kids worked hard all through the offseason. Technically, we have been working 21 weeks in a row trying to get ready for this. We felt very fortunate to get out with a victory over Pickens County to be able to have the opportunity to come here and defend our title from a year ago. We did not make the plays that we needed to make, and that's the way it is."

On how far the team has come in going to two straight State Championship Games

"I love these kids. I told them all week that no matter what after this ball game, we were going to celebrate. We were going to celebrate the fact that we had a great season. We were going to celebrate we've had a great two years. We were going to celebrate that Sean and the other four seniors had a great four-year run. They stuck through it. I only had four seniors this year that were with me for four years."

