



TANNER (13-0) VS WASHINGTON COUNTY (13-1)

Dec. 7, 2012 - 3 p.m.

2A Championship - Tanner , Washington County 14

POSTGAME NOTES

-Captains for Tanner: senior Greg Maclin, senior Dexter Douglas and senior Kyle Shoulders

-Captains for Washington County: senior Dane Howard, senior TJ Kidd and senior DeMarcus Holcombe

-Washington County won the coin toss and elected to receive

-Tanner returns to the championship game after losing the 2011 championship game to Elba by a score of 34-14. This marks the first appearance in the Super 6 for Washington County

-Tanner wins the first championship in school history

-Tanner junior running back Heyden Stephens broke a Super 6 Class 2A individual record with 29 carries, breaking the previous record of 25 carries set by Ty Abernathy of Sand Rock in 1997 against Luverne

-Tanner tied the Super 6 Class 2A team record with 55 total rushes with Southern Choctaw in 2002 against Choctaw

-The Tanner defense tied a Super 6 Class 2A team record with four interceptions on the night.

-Tanner defeated Class 3A Champion Madison Academy 13-7 in week 1

-Tanner MVP: Fred Rich

POSTGAME QUOTES

Tanner head coach Laron White:

I am so thankful for the opportunity to coach these kids and to be in this game.

Playing solid defense has been our M.O. all year. Many of the same guys who lost last year in the finals were on that defense and were really determined to get back here. It was just a matter of gelling and coming together.

It means so much to win this championship. For 10 years you try to run a program the right way and this is the ultimate payoff. I am so proud right now.

Fred Rich (linebacker, #18, MVP)

(on the big interception in the first half) I saw the ball in the air and just broke on it. I tried to take it all the way back. After the game I was just so happy.

Washington County head coach Chris Wilson:

It's such a privilege to be here. Tanner did some things to make it difficult on us. They are a very deserving team but it doesn't take anything away from what we did this year. I am very proud of this team. We didn't win it all but we made it here. Hopefully that starts a championship tradition at Washington County.

Garrett Thornton (linebacker, #6)

(On leading the team in tackles all season) I just listen to coach Wilson every week at practice. He tells me how to read each play and I do it and get stops.

TJ Kidd (runningback, #5)

They (Tanner) were very hard hitters. There was not a lot of room to run. They are definitely the best team we have played all year.