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NOTES

- Washington County Captains – Kerrigan Pennington, Cedric Chapman
- Tanner Captains – Blake Whitt, Seth Smith, Shamaud Baker, Baltazar Rubio
- Tanner won the toss and deferred to the second half
- Tanner wins the second championship in school history (2012, 2013)
- Washington County entered the game averaging 42.2 points per game and was limited to 13 points, the lowest total since the Bulldogs scored 28 against Sweet Water in the semi-finals and Mobile Christian in the regular season.
- Tanner tied a 2A game record with nine punts, sharing the previous mark with Reeltown set in 2009.
- Game MVP: #22 Hayden Stephens - 23 carries, 159 yards, 2 TD

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Washington County head coach Chris Wilson:

I just want to say Tanner played a great game. They are a great team. They made the plays down the stretch. They played with a lot of class and a lot of sportsmanship and it was just a great game.

Some of the weather conditions limited what we wanted to do. We just missed out on some plays. But I did think we took care of the ball better than last year (against Tanner). We also played defense better.

On stalling after the kickoff return to open the game:

I've seen it several times when a team makes a great play, then just relaxes and allows the other team to get back in the game. You can't do that against a team as good as Tanner.

We were trying to wear them down in the fourth quarter but they just kept making plays and we just couldn't catch up.

#9 Kerrigan Pennington:

It was a great experience to get back and experience the same experience we had last year. It was just a fun opportunity to have one more time.

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Tanner Head coach Laron White:

Last year we had a team that was kinda stacked. This year we had a lot of young guys that started the season with a blowout loss to Madison Academy. We just got better and better every week.

This year's team is resilient but not perfect. We still have not played the perfect game. There were a lot of mistakes here and there but these guys were just resilient.

On the loss to Madison Academy:

Win or lose, I knew it was going to make us a better team (to play that game).

#52 Shamaud Baker:

To be a state champion again, it feels great. Everybody said we couldn't do it. That just made us stronger in the locker room and it feels so good to know that we did it and didn't give up.

#22 Hayden Stephens:

Both teams (Tanner, this year and last year) were great. Last year's team was kinda stacked. This year we had to work as we could for each win. It means a lot because we had to work a lot harder for this one than we did last year.