

2013 AHSAA Super 6 Championships
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QUOTES

Madison Academy head coach Eric Cohu:

I'm real proud of my team. The seniors stayed the course and set a goal for a state championship. We played some great football all the way through the season. We had some adversity with injuries but we fourth through the pain and stayed the course. Hats off to all the players for doing their role.

On having a target on their backs:

This is the first time I've had a team ranked No. 1 from the preseason all the way through. There has been a big bullseye on us. Everyone is trying to play their best game against us and knock us off. We played a very tough schedule week in and week out but the guys stayed the course and stayed focused and had fun.

Hats off to Leeds. Keeping them out of the endzone before half was huge.

#11 Taylor Ziak:

We had a game plan to come out and execute and I think we did that. They (Leeds) made some adjustments and went to a spread and their two good running backs didn't get as many touches after that.

#22 Jaelin Ferdinand:

The second championship feels better than the first. We worked hard for this and it feels amazing.

#1 Kerryon Johnson:

We set a goal and accomplished it. There are no blemishes on our schedule and that just makes it feel more special.

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Leeds Head coach Keith Etheredge:

I'm just blessed to be able to coach this group of guys. They laid it all on the line. You gotta be perfect to play against a team like Madison Academy.

On going to the spread:

We had been working on it all year. Most people load the box against us but they (Madison Academy) spread out more and that gave us an opportunity to run the quarterback more and make passes to the flats. Our QB played great. He threw and ran the ball good.

Up front they were real big. Most teams we can move and make plays in the running game...not against them.

We have a young group of guys and some real good players coming back next season. Hopefully we can be sitting right here talking again next year about a different outcome.

#8 Tadarriyl Marshall Jr.:

It hurt a lot (not getting the score at end of the first half) We needed that one, but we stepped it up on offense in the second half.

#3 Jacoby Lockhart:

These guys are a great group of players, teammates and friends. We'll be back next year.