

STATE'S THREE SECTIONS OPEN TITLE SERIES

Mid-State Contests in Murfreesboro and Shelbyville

Plans for the regional round of the state football playoff were completed yesterday with the announcement that Sparta, Lawrenceburg and Shelbyville should battle for the Middle Tennessee championship.

The Mid-State Board of Control at its meeting here Friday morning arranged the following schedule:

Sparta vs. Lawrenceburg at
Murfreesboro, Nov. 29, 2 p. m.

Winner at Shelbyville, Dec. 3,
2 p. m.

The Sparta-Lawrenceburg fight will be waged on the State Teachers College gridiron while the final conflict has been set for the Shelbyville High field.

EAST STATERS BEGIN

Next Wednesday at Kingsport, Chattanooga Central will vie with Kingsport and the victor will clash with Elizabethton at Elizabethton on the following Monday to name the East Tennessee titleholder.

The West series begins next Thursday night in Memphis with Southside and Tech, both of the host city, battling. On the following afternoon Grove High of Paris will encounter Jackson on the latter's lot.

SEMI-FINAL DEC. 10TH

The winner in each event will be eligible for the semi-finals of the state championship tournament dated for Dec. 10.

The two Western representatives will clash in either Jackson or Memphis and the king of Middle Tennessee and of East Tennessee will participate in the other penultimate fray.

The finals are slated for Dec. 17.

The Mid-State Board members who met here are Fowler Clark of Cookeville, C. H. Moore of Clarksville and E. O. Coffman of Lawrenceburg.

JACKSON COACH SEES WIN OVER ELIZABETHTON

Over 7,000 to Witness Championship Tilt This Afternoon

JACKSON, Tenn., Dec. 16—(Spl)
—Coach Tury Oman of Jackson broke a seven-year precedent to-night by naming his Golden Bear eleven the winner in tomorrow state championship high school grid game with Elizabethton here.

"I've been feeling rather blue about the game until this afternoon, he said. "The entire squad finished off practice with a fine spirit and determination to win the big game. I don't believe they'll let us down."

At a local hotel, Coach Niles Brown of Elizabethton, completing his thirteenth year as football mentor for the East Tennessee champions, predicted that a good game would be in store for the fans. He wouldn't venture to guess the winner, although he has the greatest confidence in his team.

EAST AGAINST WEST

There is very little to gain in a comparisons of records of the teams. Both stack up ace high. Only tomorrow's game will tell who's supreme, and all sections of the state will be interested to know if football down here is better than the way the East Tennesseans play it. This point has been argued many, many years, and tomorrow's game will be the first state championship affair to settle it.

The game starts promptly at 2 p. m.

Practically all tickets have been sold and a capacity crowd of 7,000 is expected. The forecast tomorrow is probably rain but the gridiron this afternoon was crisp and dry.

Jackson will have a distinct advantage if it doesn't rain. The Golden Bear backfield, featuring Jimmy Matlock, whom Elizabethton's coach believes is the best in the South, is fast and shifty. A damp playing field would aid the visitors, led by 200-pound Harold Stevenson, fullback. Elizabethton will outweigh Jackson several pounds to the man.

POWER AGAINST TRICKERY

Coach Brown explained his team uses the Warner System from single wingback, which features power plays almost exclusively. Jackson uses the Notre Dame system, with both double and single wingback formations. It will be a game that will test tricky, smart football against straight, hard football.

Ed Chambers, a big halfback who kicks from the left side, got distance on his kicks and passed with bullet like accuracy. He and the Maupin twins, Walter and Charlie, the quarterback, impressed the fans most of course. Stevenson was followed more than any of these East Tennessee all stars as he's been cashing in on most of the publicity.

One of the brightest rays of hope this week for Jackson was the return of Ross Long at fullback. Long has been suffering from a Charley horse, but Coach Oman pronounced him sound as a dollar to-night. He expected to match Stevenson for straight, hard football.

Here's how they'll start:

Elizabethton	Pos.	Jackson
W. Maupin	LE	Smith
Williams	LT	Boone
Elliott	LG	Lafon
Large	C	Koffman
Presnell	RG	Goodwin
Givens	RT	Hunt
Munsey	RE	McKinney
C. Maupin	QB	Matlock
Hale	LH	Balkum
Chambers	RH	Dowdell
Stevenson	RB	Long

BETSYS SCORE TWICE IN LAST TWO MINUTES

**Crowd of 3,500 Sees
East Tennesseans
Take Title**

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JACKSON, Tenn., Dec. 17—
Elizabethhton refused to surrender
in face of adversity here this afternoon and was rewarded for its determination in the form of a 26 to 14 victory over Jackson and the state high school football championship.

Trailing by one point, and ostensibly out of the ball game, the battered and bloody Betsys, with two minutes of the ball game still on the timer's watch, tallied 13 points to astonish a crowd of approximately 3,500.

It was the first attempt of the T. S. S. A. A. to crown a football king by the elimination process and the capacity crowd which braved freezing weather and a biting wind was well repaid for its discomfort.

BEARS IN FRONT 14-13

The home team, which showed a pair of hard-running and elusive backs in Jimmy Matlock and Ross Long was out in front 14 to 13 as the final period began and for the ensuing 10 minutes held onto that margin.

Long, one of the Jackson heroes, reverted from his usual role, when he stood on the Elizabethhton 35 and punted diagonally out of bounds on the 34.

Elizabethhton then shoved its attack into motion. Jimmy Munsey broke off right tackle and beat his way to the Jackson 45 for a first down.

Charley Maupin then passed to Buddy Hale and the latter lateraled to Walter Maupin for another first on the Bears' 26.

Hale in two sallies at the forward wall harvested six and Charley Maupin picked up six and a first on the Jackson 16.

MAUPIN PASSES TO HALE

Ed Chambers, who alternated between right tackle and left half-back, pushed his way to the 13 in a pair of off-tackle slants and then when the stonewalled Jackson club was anticipating another thrust, Charley Maupin faded back and passed to Hale on the two and he trotted across unmolested with what proved to be the marginal marker.

However the Cyclone wasn't celled and when the desperate Golden Bears began tossing passes following the kickoff, Johnny Laws, substitute wingman, intercepted one midfield and raced to the Jackson one before being nailed from behind.

Hale hit the right side of the line for the six-pointer and then produced the conversion with a line buck.

Not all of the action and thrills were crammed in those last two minutes, though. It was a spine-

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Elizabethhton Stages Rally To Whip Jackson, 26-19

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tingling tussle from whistle to whistle.

Elizabethhton, under Coach Niles Brown, countered first via a 23-yard pass, midway of the opening quarter.

Gaining possession of the oval on Jackson's 36 after an exchange of punts, Hale and Chambers collaborated in an advance to the Bears' 23. Hale then shot a ten-yard heave to Munsey who ran 13 for the tally. Chambers' attempted placement for the extra was wide. Jackson's comeback was rapid. Five minutes of the second stanza were consumed in booking a one-point lead.

Bob Given of Elizabethhton standing behind the goal line and facing the wind, kicked out of bounds on his own 30 and the Bears were quick to take advantage of this break.

Long bashed in center and in three cracks gained twelve.

Altering their mode of advancement slightly on the next formation, the Bears moved to the nine on a reverse from Long to Captain Harry Balkum. Matlock's blast at left guard was good for three and Long followed this up with a four-yarder to the two.

Long then banged center twice. The first trial resulted in a yard advance. The second in a touchdown deadlocking the issue. Long also kicked the extra point and Jackson was in the van.

The Betsys came rambling back. Chambers grabbed the kickoff and caught air down the middle of the

gridiron from his own 15 and when he was finally brought to earth he was on the Jackson's 20.

This 65-yard jaunt temporarily demoralized Mentor Tury Oman's underlings and before they could gain their poise, Hale and Chambers abetted by an offside penalty had paraded to the one in three minutes.

BEAR LINE STIFFENS

The Bear linesmen, who had been relenting, balked at this point and threw back three rushes at center, but on the final effort, Chambers bounded over and kicked goal.

Jackson concluded its point-making early in the third session. Long dived over from the two to complete a sustained march of 81 yards which started with the kickoff.

The game was a fitting climax to a season replete with surprises. Veterans fans were not able to recall when a more entertaining exhibition had been staged either here at Rothrock Field or anywhere in the state.

Too much cannot be said in favor of the Elizabethhton club. The Cyclones exemplified the old saying that "a team that will not be beaten cannot be beaten." To add to the glory of their well-earned triumph was the fact that "Flash" Stevenson, their main ground-gainer and versatile fullback, left the hostilities early in the opening quarter and did not return thereafter. It was reported that Stevenson sustained two broken ribs.

Jackson recorded 12 first downs to eight.