



POSTSEASON HISTORY REPORT
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Summary

Championship Record: 0-1

Appearances (1): 1938

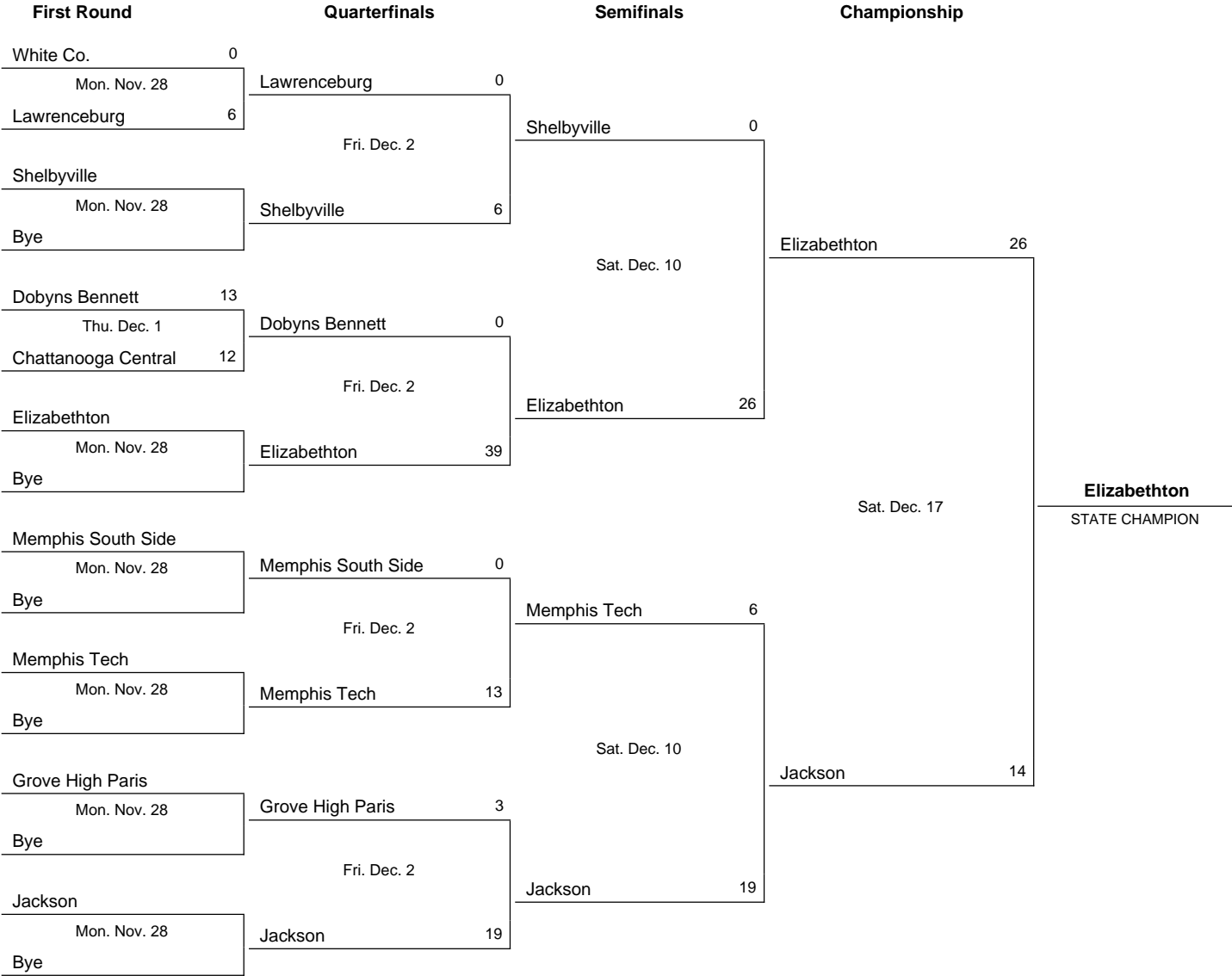
Finals Appearances

None found.

Awards

None found.

1938 Football Playoffs
November 28 - December 17, 1938



Notes:

JACKSON TOPS PARIS, 19 TO 3

**Teams, Both Unbeaten, Golden Bears Advance
Untied Battling for To Final Round of
Mid-State's Spot in West - State Grid Play-
off**

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JACKSON, Tenn., Dec. 2—(Spl)—The Golden Bears of Jackson High School rolled over the Grove Blue Devils of Paris on Rothrock Field, 19 to 3, this afternoon to advance a notch nearer the Tennessee state crown.

More than 5,000 persons from throughout the western part of the state came here expecting to see Tury Oman's crack machine easily sweep aside the challenge of the Blue Devils and gain the right to meet Memphis Tech for the West Tennessee title next Tuesday.

They saw their dreams come true but not until after the most stubbornly fought battle that has been played on the local field in quite a span. Grove was soundly whipped but the Paris boys were not out-fought, not by a country mile.

The Blue Devils became the first team in this section of the state to score on the Golden Bears this fall. Jackson had rolled up 409 points and had been scored on only by Edison High of Miami, Fla., up to today's battle. They were laying odds that Paris wouldn't score.

HORNER TAKES CHANCE

Billy Horner, the Blue Devil's crack field general, took a desperate chance early in the second quarter after Fred Holder, a brilliant center, had recovered a fumble. He called for an attempted field goal from Jackson's 32-yard line after the Blue Devils had made a first down on the 25. He stepped back and calmly booted the ball through the uprights 42 yards away for the first points scored on Jackson by a West Tennessee team since the play-off with Memphis Tech a year ago. A strong wind favored the plucky little Horner.

The Golden Bears, who made 11 first downs to two for Grove, registered their first touchdown late in the opening period. Jimmy Matlock returned a punt 23 yards to the visitors' 30. Then after Matlock, Harry Balkum and Ross Long had made two first downs to put the ball four yards from pay dirt, Long blasted left guard twice in succession for the score. He then place-kicked the extra point, his 48th of the season and his only one in three trials during the afternoon.

FUMBLING PUNT

A fumbled punt, which alert Tommy Smith recovered behind the goal line gave Jackson its second touchdown. That came mid-way the third period. A little later in this quarter, Grove throttled a determined bid 11 yards from the pay off stripe.

The final score, manufactured in the latter part of the final period, resulted from a beautiful pass by Jimmy Matlock to Captain Harry Balkum. The latter was out in the open at the right side of the field and the Grove team pulled over to the left on a fake running play. He caught the pass, a heave of about 10 yards, and raced 20 yards before reaching the goal. He side stepped three Blue Devils.

Grove never seriously threatened and the only two times it was inside Jackson's 40-yard stripe came as the result of fumbles.

Long, Balkum and Matlock, all seniors, and Dowdell, in the backfield, Harold Coffman, Lafon Boone and Tom Smith, in the line were the leading Bear performers.

Billy Horner, Fred Holder, Captain James Riley, Tommy Horner and Whitey Snow came in for plenty of praise on the Paris side.

The lineup:

Paris (3)	pos.	Jackson (19)
Wright	LT	Smith
Boyle	LT	Hunt
Keunon	LG	LaFon
Holder	C	Coffman
Underwood	RG	Boone
Snow	RT	Goodin
Hart	RE	McKinney
Horner	QB	Matlock
Duck	LB	Dowdell
Boyle	RB	Balkum
Horner	FB	Long
Jackson		7 0 6 6 10
Paris		0 3 0 0 3

Scoring touchdowns: Long, Smith, Balkum. Field goals: R. Horner. Extra points: Long.

Substitutions: Jackson: Breedon, B. Vahl, Walker, Fuertack, Forester, Watson, Thomas, Johnson, Grubbs, Paris. Vester, Watmough, Riley, Thomas, Milton.

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