

Update from The Pop Warner Super Bowl

The Oak Ridge Colts football team prevailed again in the Division I Midget Football Division 28-6 to advance to the championship game.

They beat the Grand Park Panthers, which were the Florida State Champs and the Southeast Region Pop Warner champs. If anybody knows the football talent out of Florida, then they know that this was no easy task. The championship game that will be played on Saturday December 13th, will be aired on ESPN December 27th and also NFL Network on Christmas Day. The Colts will play the Frankford Chargers, which are the Eastern Region champs from Philadelphia, PA. The Chargers beat the Detroit Hurricanes (from Detroit, Michigan) earlier in the day 41-12.

A summary of the game is as follows:

After a scoreless 1st quarter, the Panthers scored first with 6:40 left in the 2nd. The Colts got the ball back and put together a beautiful 5 minute 30 second drive to tie the score. The fullback Jarrod Coleman got the TD with a 2 yard plunge. That capped the first half scoring leaving it tied at half.

The Colts struggled a bit to start the second half, but finally got it going after a pass interference call near midfield, and a clutch 3rd down catch by Daniel Abernathy. So after the start of the fourth quarter, the Colts took the lead 14-6. The Panthers on the next possession fumbled and the Colts capitalized with a long 60 yard touchdown pass from Dylan Burton to Braxton Day to make the score 20-6. The Colts then got another turnover as Mike Tolliver intercepted the panther's pass in their next series with 4:56 left in the game. He returned it 14 yards back to the Panther 26 yard line. Braxton Daye punched it over from 2 yards out with 3:03 left in the game to close out the scoring 28-6. All this action happened in the hot Central Florida sun, with the temperatures reaching 85 close to an Orlando record which was 86 degrees for December 10th.

Quite a journey for 13, 14, and 15 year olds boys from the Triad area.

In the cheer and dance competition, the Oak Ridge Colts performed very well this morning, but placed 8th (out of 16 teams). They placed 5th in last year's competition, so very outstanding job to reach the finals two years in a row.