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9U Panthers edge White County for Super Bowl title

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Cleveland - In the final game of the year, the Union County Panthers took on the White County Warriors in the 9U Super Bowl and it was a thriller.

Trailing 7-0 at halftime, Union County began the second half with a scoring drive that pulled them within a point at 7-6.

Electing to go for two, the Panthers drew White County offside to shorten the attempt before converting and taking an 8-7 lead.

The strength of the Union County team all season has been its defense and they rose to the occasion in crunch time, keeping the Warriors on their side of the 50 during the second half, eventually sealing the win with a fourth down stop with under a minute remaining.

The game began with both teams scoreless throughout much of the first half until White County took a 7-0 halftime lead with a touchdown run and the extra point during the final moments of the second quarter.

During the third, No. 13 Kamden Kendrick would score a touchdown and No. 31 Kevin Kilpatrick would add the go-ahead two-point conversion for an 8-7 lead.

No. 2 Jackson Nichols would recover the ensuing inside



The Union County 9U football players, coaches and cheerleading squad celebrate their Super Bowl victory on Saturday afternoon at White County High School. Photo/Blake Lynch

kickoff but a Kilpatrick touchdown was called back on a hold a penalty, keeping the score at 8-7.

White County would take over but the defense would seal the game for the Panthers, who won its first Super Bowl since

2011 when Craig Young was the head coach.

The players and coaches did a great job in the 8-7 win. Here is the coaching staff and players

The Union County coaches are: Levi Kendrick, Chris Col-

lins, Mike Davis, Kevin Kilpatrick, Derick Dillinger and Tim Sewell.

The players are: No. 2 Jackson Nichols, No. 3 Mikey Davis, No. 4 Hudson Collins, No. 5 Connor Stanford, No. 8 Kylar

Juracka, No. 11 Preston Banton, No. 12 Ethan Majors, No. 13 Kamden Kendrick, No. 14 Cody Kirkland, No. 15 Haze Burnett, No. 16 Kade Owens, No. 20 Izaac Sewell, No. 22 Sawyer Gaylord, No. 23 Corbin Combs, No. 27

Sam Quillian, No. 30 Arthur Galindo, No. 31 Kevin Kilpatrick, No. 34 Isaiah Stepp, No. 40 Jax Dillinger, No. 50 Aaron Ensley, No. 77 Kason Hooper, No. 88 Micah Wallace.



The 9U Panthers take the field one final time this season prior to their Super Bowl victory over White County. Photo/Todd Forrest



A postgame hug following Union County's victory. Photo/Todd Forrest



As the final buzzer sounds on the 2019 season, the Union County 9U Panthers race off the field to celebrate the Super Bowl win with teammates, coaches, parents, friends and fans. Photos/Todd Forrest



The Union defense clamps down in the fourth quarter. Photo/Todd Forrest



Kamden Kendrick slips a tackle in the first half. Photo/Todd Forrest



Micah Wallace (88) fights for extra yards. Photo/Todd Forrest