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Chiefland claims Levy County Championship win over Williston -- 31 to 14



Chiefland celebrates its win over Williston Friday night. The team gathered for a group photo with the Levy County Championship trophy.

Story and Photos

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CHIEFLAND -- Chiefland defeated Williston 31-14 Friday night (Nov. 2) to claim the Levy County Championship and the trophy that goes with it.



Indian defensive back Arthur Lee goes high to break up a pass intended for Red Devil receiver Octavious Lee.

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Chiefland running back Kirk Williams gains yardage before being tackled by Rhett Munden (22).



Williston's Octavious Lee picks up a block from Shane Crawford on a kickoff return.

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Red Devil runner Jerome Collins is tackled by Jalen Rutledge as a second Chiefland defender arrives.



Chiefland's Amonte' Young turns on the jets on a 60-yard touchdown pass.

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Chiefland senior football players stand their parents as they are honored on Senior Night at on the track around C. Doyle McCall Field as they face the audience in Pridgeon Stadium.



Chiefland senior cheerleaders and band members are honored on Senior Night with their parents.

The Indians finished the regular season 9-1 and Williston 3-8.

“Levy Champs, Levy Champs, Levy Champs,” the team chanted as CHS Head Varsity Football Coach Adam Gore handed them the coveted Levy County Championship trophy.

“We played with our hair on fire. We played with a lot of intensity and we played really

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undisciplined at times on both sides of the ball,” Gore said.

Gore said the fumbles that plagued the team all night can be corrected as the Indians get ready for the playoffs.

“I’m proud of the kids. I don’t want to talk too much about it tonight. We’ll fine tune it. We’re in the playoffs; first round bye, second seed in the region. We haven’t made the playoffs since 2004 and here we are,” Gore said.

Chiefland fumbled on its opening offensive series. The ball was recovered by Williston defensive lineman Issac Williams who rumbled 55 yards before being brought down at the Indian five-yard line.

Quarterback C.J. Strange crashed through a wall of Chiefland defenders on third and goal to score the first touchdown of the night. The extra point was good with 3:15 left in the first quarter. Williston led 7-0.

Chiefland drove 60 yards on its next possession to score on a 20-yard quarterback keeper by Ty Corbin. The extra point was good and the score was tied at 7-7 with 9:05 left in the second quarter.

The Indians forced Williston to punt on its next possession. Chiefland quickly scored on a 60-yard pass from Corbin to Amonte’ Young. He sprinted into the end zone alone. The extra point was good. The score was 14-7 with 2:31 left in the half.

Late in the half, Corbin hit Lint Jerrels on a 36-yard pass at the Williston nine-yard line. Williston kept the Indians out of the end zone but Noah Nguyen hit a 20-yard field goal to extend Chiefland’s lead to 17-7 with 14 seconds left in the half.

Chiefland opened the second half with big runs by Hunter Barrant and Jerrels that moved the ball to the 34 of Williston. Jerrels burst through the line for a 34-yard touchdown run to cap the drive. The extra point was good, giving Chiefland a 24-7 lead with 10:16 left in the third quarter.

The Indians added a final touchdown with 7:12 left in the third quarter when Corbin threw to Young for a 29-yard touchdown. The extra point was good. Chiefland led 31-7.

A fumbled snap by Chiefland with 6:18 left in the fourth quarter gave Williston an opportunity for its final touchdown of the night. The Red Devils drove from their own 33 and scored on a one-yard plunge by Strange. The extra point was good.