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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

Electing to go for two, the Panthers drew White County offsides 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

ahead two-point conversion for an 8-7 lead. No. 2 Jackson Nichols would recover the ensuing onside

a touchdown and No. 31 Kevin

Kilpatrick would add the go-

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

down was called back on a hold a head coach. penalty, keeping the score at 8-7.

over but the defense would seal is the coaching staff and players the game for the Panthers, who

The players and coaches

White County would take did a great job in the 8-7 win. Here

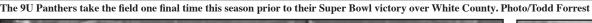
The Union County coaches won its first Super Bowl since are: Levi Kendrick, Chris Colrick, Derick Dillinger and Tim

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

kickoff but a Kilpatrick touch- 2011 when Craig Young was the lins, Mike Davis, Kevin Kilpat- Juracka, No. 11 Preston Banton, Sam Quillian, No. 30 Arthur 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

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.







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







