

# Noxubee County beats Jefferson County, 36-14, earns trip to Oxford



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Noxubee County High School will be heading to Oxford for the MHSAA Class 3A State Championship after beating Jefferson County, 36-14, on Friday.

“I feel like these guys came out and played great and they did exactly what I told them to do so we’re now back to where we want to be, which is in the state championship,” Noxubee County head coach Teddy Young said.

Jefferson County came out moving the ball down the field until Artez Mccrary came up with an interception.

Late in the first quarter, Noxubee’s quarterback Kamario Taylor connected with Dequadrion Welch on a quick screen that went for 30 yards. Two plays later Taylor hit Ledareoun Mosley for a 12-yard touchdown pass to put the Tigers up 6-0.

The Tiger defense then forced a punt to put the offense in good field position. Taylor eventually got the Tigers back in scoring range after throwing a 31-yard pass to Welch. Taylor scored on a five-yard run on the next play and Mosley ran in the successful two-point conversion that put the score at 14-0.

The second quarter belonged to Noxubee County as they continued to run up the score. Taylor rushed for five- and 13-yard touchdowns in the second quarter and threw an 18-yard touchdown to Welch. Jayden Caravantes also kicked a 32-yard field goal to give the Tigers a 36-0 lead.

Deareake Gray and Jimetri Johnson both grabbed sacks to keep Jefferson County off the scoreboard heading into halftime.

A running clock was enforced after halftime and Jefferson County quickly got on the board when Jabari Watson threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Royale Shelvy. Shelvy also scored the successful two-point conversion.

Jefferson County's defense stiffened and forced a punt on the next series. They would then follow up with another touchdown as Watson threw a 50-yard bomb to Luke Bolin to put the score at 36-14.

Jefferson County continued to make big plays in the fourth including a 34-yard run by Watson and a 40-yard catch by Bolin, but with the running clock still in effect, Noxubee County had no trouble taking the win and returning to the state championship game for the second-consecutive year.

"We came too close to coming up short but we're going to have to continue to dominate going into the championship game," Young added.

Taylor finished the night with five total touchdowns, including two passing touchdowns and three on the ground.

"We had a little miscommunication at first but we worked everything out so we're going to state and I want to just thank God," Taylor said.

The Tiger will face undefeated Winona in the 3A state championship game in Oxford on Dec. 2.

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