

# Tech Defeats South Side In Playoff

## RIP WOODWARD STARS AS JACKETS TRIUMPH

Tech Enters Finals of West  
Tennessee Playoff

FLACK HELD IN CHECK

South Side Star Victim of Tight  
Defense—Scrappers Scoring  
Chance—5994 Watch Hard  
Fought Battle

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A line ripping back called Ripper Woodward—smacked right through the South Side Scrappers last night in crucial moments and as a result Tech High Yellowjackets won, 13 to 0, before 5994 paid admissions in the inaugural of the West Tennessee title playoff at Crump Stadium.

This was the second victory for Tech over the city champion Scrappers, having beaten them 21 to 7 in the prep league. South Side succeeded Tech as titleholders, after the Jackets had held the crown three straight years.

Scored Both Markers

This mighty man of the Blue and Gold rear ranks delivered both touchdowns, and was about as easy for the Scrappers to stop as the fast express thundering down the track. In the second and third quarters, the need arose for ball carrying punch and it was Woodward who furnished it. The stocky built kid ducked his head and rammed through the line with rapier-like thrusts that were not to be checked.

Larry Smith, end and co-captain, kicked the extra point from placement, following the initial touchdown. Rob Walt, also a wingman, tried the other effort, but it was blocked.

Tech won the right to meet the winner of today's Jackson and Paris game, scheduled in Jackson, for the West Tennessee crown on Dec. 10 at Crump Stadium. The survivors will tackle the East-Middle sector champions for the state laurels on Dec. 17 at a site to be selected.

Stars Perform Well

The two backs slated for the spotlight last night had to take a back seat to Woodward. Joe Brown, Tech's All-Memphis ball carrier, played the full 48 minutes of football, and if his shoulder was badly hurt, there was no evidence of it. Brown performed well, along with his star rival, Jackie, Flack, but neither could grab the spotlight from the Ripper.

Tech had only two real scoring threats—and Woodward made them both good. South Side had one, smashing through to Tech's two-yard stripe as the end of the game neared, but the pass from center on fourth down struck Flack's headgear and bounced away. Walt recovered for Tech and a few plays later the game had ended.

The struggle, tight all the way, proved a non-scoring affair the first quarter, but Tech began its drive early in the second period, which brought the first touchdown. The march began after Flack quick-kicked and the ball was downed on the South Side 43. Brown and J. C. Ray alternated in carrying the mail, the latter working only on reverses, until they reached the 15.

Jackets Tally

Then Woodward picked up a yard through the line. Brown gained four and then three on off-tackle tries, placing the ball on the Scrappers' seven. Woodward literally cracked the Maroon and Gold defense wide open as he drove to a first down on the five. Brown lost two yards, but Woodward hurtled

through to the three-yard stripe and on the next effort sailed the way to a touchdown. Smith's placement sailed through the bars.

The final tally came in the third quarter, the Techmen marching down the field after Flack kicked out on the South Side 46. Ray made nine yards on a reverse, and Brown got loose for a 29-yard advance off-tackle. Woodward faked a reverse and gained a yard, South Side lost 10 yards on a pair of offside penalties, and Brown moved the ball within a foot of the goal line. Woodward, his head down, bounded through the line with ferocity and the effort put him over for six points. Walt's placement was blocked as several South Siders broke through the line.

The rest of the night was a duel between Woodward, hitting through center and guard, and Flack, who passed with reckless abandon and completed numerous aeriels. South Side's receivers let quite a few passes slide through their arms, possibly preventing them from scoring, and at least once Tech's alert play prevented a touchdown on an air try.

Flack Passes

In the fourth, Flack began hurling all over the field, after Brown kicked out of bounds on Tech's 47. After two unsuccessful heaves, Flack dropped back to pass and the South Side line failed to charge as the ball was snapped. But Carpenter took a toss from Flack as Techmen hurried toward the passer, and the entire forward wall began to clear the way for a 13-yard advance. Then Flack dropped back to heave, but instead ran the ball to the 25.

Johnny Perry drove through for a first down on the 17, and followed by plowing over center for four yards. Flack then passed to Carpenter in the end zone, but a thicket of Yellowjackets proved too much, and the oval was batted down. Flack to Ralph Keltner netted four yards. Flack picked up a yard, but Tech drew a penalty half the distance to the goal—four yards—for unnecessary roughness. Perry

was stopped after gaining a yard, and Flack ran for another yard, leaving two to be negotiated.

The climax came as the ball sailed from center and apparently caught Flack unaware, bouncing off his headgear, with Walt covering it. Woodward gained six yards and Brown made a first down on the 23 as the game ended.

First downs showed eight for Tech against seven for South Side.

Tech	Position	South Side
L. Smith	L. E.	Dixon
Arnold	L. T.	Boyer
Jacob	L. G.	Loyell
Hildebrand	C.	Esary
Rausch	R. G.	Selman
Andrews	R. T.	Nolen (1)
Walt	P. E.	F. Smith
Taylor (C)	Q. B.	Flack
Brown	L. H.	Morris
Ray	R. B.	Shoff
Woodward	F. B.	Warner

Tech	0	7	6	0-13
South Side	0	0	0	0-0

Summary: Scoring touchdowns: Tech; Woodward (2). Scoring point after touchdowns—L. Smith (placement kicks).

Substitutes—Tech: Johnson, re. Birch; Ford, re. Cummings; re. Sayle, re. S. Smith; Mills, re. Guitman; re. Jenkins; re. Roberts, re. Madson; re. Keltner, re. Carpenter; re. Perry (1).

Officials—Referee, Tveret; Derryberry; umpire, H. H. O'Neil; head linesman, Harold Thomas; line judge, Frank Cherry.