

White House falls in semis

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CHATTANOOGA — It was the end of a season but perhaps the beginning of something much bigger for White House soccer last night.

Playing for the first time in a state tournament, White House lost a shootout to Evangelical Christian School, falling 2-1 at Red Bank Stadium.

The gutsy performance by the entire White House team, however, in particular the three seniors who opted to play instead of graduate with their classmates, perhaps left a mark for years to come.

"This group brought our program to the next level," White House Coach Mark Lamberth said. "I don't think anyone associated with the school could be prouder."

Evangelical Christian hit four

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straight penalty kicks in the shootout to capture the win and set up today's 8 p.m. EST Class A-AA championship against Notre Dame, a 3-1 winner over Knoxville Catholic.

In the Class AAA championship at 6 p.m. EST, Oak Ridge will face top-ranked Baylor.

Freshman Clint Ruth scored White House's lone goal in regulation and added a goal in the shootout, but the Blue Devils came up just short as ECS keeper Charles Butler batted away two other PKs.

"In a situation like that you just guess and pray you're right," Butler said of the penalty kicks. "It's all luck."

White House, after winning Tuesday in penalty-kick fashion against Page, ended its season at 12-8-2.