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CHATTANOOGA -- Brennan Swindoll's 6-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-goal in overtime followed by Hunter Anderson's extra point, lifted Friendship Christian to a 21-20 win against host Boyd Buchanan in the 2A quarterfinals Friday, Nov. 18.

Controversy surrounded Swindoll's touchdown run as video tape by local television stations showed he was lying on the ground short of the goal line and then bounced forward and stretched the ball across the goal line and only then did the official award him the touchdown.

The tape also showed that the official was standing behind the play and not on the goal line when Swindoll was down.

On third down, Swindoll was driven out of bounds by a Boyd Buchanan defender at the 12-yard-line for a loss of six, but an official ruled he threw an incomplete pass before going out of bounds and marked the ball at the original line of scrimmage.

Boyd Buchanan had the first possession in overtime and scored on a 10-yard run by sophomore quarterback Jim Cardwell for a 20-14 lead but Reed's extra point attempt was blocked by Kyle Wood setting up the stirring finish.

Friendship Christian improves to 10-3 while the Bucs closed out the season at 10-2. The victorious Commanders travel to Oliver Springs in a semifinal game Friday, Nov. 25.

"We played with a heart of a champion tonight, but we came up short," said Boyd Buchanan coach Grant Reynolds.

"I have a locker room of players who are hurting right now and all I could say was that I loved them and was proud of them," stated Reynolds.

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For the second week in a row, the Bucs rallied in the second half, but this time the rally ended a play short. Last week, Boyd Buc trailed Rockwood 10-0 at halftime and won, 17-13.

FCS led 14-6 at halftime thanks to the running of Wood who had 44 rushing yards in the first half, including a pair of 5-yard touchdown runs.

Reed had a 35-yard scoring run for the Bucs in the first quarter, but he missed the extra point attempt.

FCS controlled the tempo in the first half as it had an 11-3 advantage in first downs, 36-16 lead in plays from scrimmage and a 177-54 lead in total offense.

But as they did against Rockwood, the Bucs came alive in the final 24 minutes against FCA and tied the game at 14-14 at the 4:49 mark of the third.

Reed dashed 56 yards to pay dirt, followed by a Cardwell to Kyle Thomas pass completion for the 2-point conversion.

In the second half, the Bucs out rushed FCS 87-to-34 and had a 128-to-50 advantage in total offense.

Overall, the total offense numbers were in Friendship's favor, 238-184 and rushing, 211-168.

Individually, Reed led Boyd Buchanan with 134 yards and two scores in his final high school game. He also had 100 kickoff return yards on two carries.

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Dekolas Reeves led FCA with 90 yards on 23 carries, while Wood gained 51 yards on 14 carries and two scores. Swindoll ran for 21 yards on eight carries, including the final six for a score.