



2019 IHSAA FOOTBALL FINALS CLASS A

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 - 1:30 p.m.

WEST HANCOCK, BRITT (12-0) vs. GRUNDY CENTER (11-1)



WEST HANCOCK Eagles (12-0)

Rankings – AP: 1; RI: 1; RPI: 1

Playoff Appearances – 30 (as Britt and West Hancock, Britt)

Titles (Year) – 2 (1973 as Britt, 1996 as West Hancock, Britt)

Head coach – Bob Sanger, 53rd season, 357-160

Scoring average – Offense: 49.8; Defense: 11.1

Notes – Appearing in first title game since 2011 with 2-4 record all-time in finals as Britt and West Hancock...Three rushers over 1,100 yards each – Tate Hagen, Josef Smith, Cole Kelly – and combined 64 rushing TDs.

Pronunciation guide – N/A

PROBABLE STARTERS

<u>OFFENSE</u>			<u>DEFENSE</u>		
<u>Pos</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>
LT	55	Chandler Redenius	DE	36	Cole Kelly
LG	51	Tristan Hunt	DE	51	Tristan Hunt
C	74	Josh Stromer	DT	55	Chandler Redenius
RG	53	Justin Ausborn	DT	54	Tanner Thompson
RT	54	Tanner Thompson	ILB	23	Tate Hagen
TE	33	Tanner Hagen	ILB	56	Chase Kronemann
SE	9	Cole Wood	OLB	7	Josef Smith
FB	23	Tate Hagen	OLB	20	Mathew Francis
HB	7	Josef Smith	CB	18	Brayden Leerar
HB	36	Cole Kelly	CB	8	Kane Zuehl
QB	18	Brayden Leerar	S	4	Cayson Barnes
P	33	Tanner Hagen	PR	7	Josef Smith
K	4	Cayson Barnes	KR	23	Tate Hagen

GRUNDY CENTER Spartans (11-1)

Rankings – AP: 5; RI: 5; RPI: 5

Playoff Appearances – 12

Titles (Year) – 3 (1984, 1987, 1988)

Head coach – Travis Zajac, 7th season overall, 31-39

Scoring average – Offense: 29.1; Defense: 9.0

Notes – Holds 3-0 record all-time in finals...Semifinal win over Saint Ansgar was first UNI-Dome appearance since 1988...RB Zach Opheim and QB Logan Knaack have combined for 2,155 yards and 35 TDs rushing.

Pronunciation guide – Zajac [Zay-jack], Muller [Mull-er], Knaack [Kuh-nock], Heltbridle [Hilt-bridle], Opheim [Oh-pime], Engelkes [Engel-kiss], Mackie [Mack-ee], Lehr [Leer]

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LT	68	Austin Heltbridle	DE	21	Nick Ascher
LG	57	Trevor McMartin	DE	74	Wes Willis
C	50	Brayden Sawyer	DT	60	Kolby Muller
RG	60	Kolby Muller	DT	76	Austin Engelkes
RT	74	Wes Willis	LB	5	Jensen Clapp
QB	10	Logan Knaack	LB	23	Zach Opheim
RB	23	Zach Opheim	LB	19	Jesse Mackie
WR	21	Nick Ascher	LB	6	Cole Lehr
WR	12	Cale Hendricks	DB	12	Cale Hendricks
WR	13	Matt Jansen	DB	27	Adam Hoy
WR	5	Jensen Clapp	DB	10	Logan Knaack
P	5	Jensen Clapp	PR	10	Logan Knaack
K	27	Adam Hoy	KR	13	Matt Jansen

MEDIA INFORMATION

STATISTICS

The IHSAA supplies box scores and keeps live stats online (State Playoff Central) for championship games. Season statistics are available on QuikStatsIowa.com. Rankings listed below through latest postings of Associated Press and Radio Iowa polls and final posting of IHSAA's RPI.

www.iahhsaa.org

INTERVIEWS

Postgame interviews will be conducted in or around the classroom at the end of the NE tunnel. Locker room access is **prohibited** for media members at the UNI-Dome. Do not delay coaches or players on the field or after award ceremonies.

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