

## Georgetown, Galena win youth league championships

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Championships were on the line in the Little Highlander Youth Football League Oct. 22 under the lights at Ron Weiglab Stadium.

In the third and fourth-grade championship, Georgetown turned back Greenville, 26-6.

Galena defeated Georgetown's fifth and sixth-grade team, 36-0, in the fifth- and sixth-grade contest.

In the third-grade championship, Georgetown got on the board thanks to a 35-yard quarterback keeper by Matthew Weimer.

Weimer kept the ball again on the PAT (point after touchdown) and Georgetown was in front 7-0.

On Georgetown's second possession they used a wildcat offense that led to a 10-yard touchdown run by Jacob Spaulding.

Spaulding scored again on a 25-yard run, and Weimer added the PAT, giving Georgetown a 20-0 advantage at halftime.

In the second half things continued to go Georgetown's way.

Weimer put his team on top 26-0 with a 35-yard run.

Greenville did manage to score late in the contest and were driving for another score when Georgetown's Andrew Nash intercepted a pass.

Nash's pick ended the game.

Georgetown Head Coach Brian Weimer said the talented group will be a nice addition to the fifth and sixth-grade program next season.

As good as Georgetown was at the third- and fourth-grade level, Galena was just as dominate in the upper division.

The Raiders didn't allow a touchdown all season and used a very good offense to roll through the campaign.

"We started a lot of sixth graders and one year makes a big difference at this level," said Galena Head Coach Brian Smith.

Galena took control of the fifth and sixth-grade game right away when Kyle Peters scored on a 50-yard run.

Peters added another score, and later threw for two more to Sam Youthers.

Besides having talented players, Smith credited the team's option for a lot of their success.

"We work on the option a lot and we run it three, four or five times a game, and it usually leads to a big play when we pull it off," Smith said. "Our kids do a good job of reading whether to make the pitch or not. When it works, it's really good."

Galena was also very good on the defensive side of the ball.

Smith said he hates to single any one player out because that entire unit performed all season, but did say he feels like Chris Rogers, at the middle linebacker spot, anchored the Galena defensive unit.

Smith said as experienced as his team was, he thinks Weimer will be the team to beat heading into next season.

"Georgetown started a lot of fifth graders and I think if all goes well for them, they will be a lot like we were this year," he said.

Both Georgetown's third and fourth graders and Galena's fifth and sixth graders finished their respective seasons with undefeated records.

Georgetown was 8-0 and Galena finished with a 7-0 mark.