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## Jenks vs. Putnam City North

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Score: Jenks 29 Putnam City North 23

**Jenks Trojans escape Putnam City North 29-23 in final quarter to advance to the 6A State Finals game. Win streak stands at 21!**

Jenks Trojans had to rally twice in the fourth quarter in Saturday's Semi-Final game to beat Putnam City North's Panthers 29-23 and set the stage for another state championship chance.

Jenks trailed much of the game and it looked like their hopes for another state championship would have to wait until next season.

Putnam City North's kicker, Stephen Hoge, hit a 44-yard field goal into a stiff 25 mile per hour wind with 2:10 left and put Jenks into a two-point deficit in Saturday's 6A State Semifinal game at Broken Arrow's Tiger Stadium.

It was then that the top-ranked Trojans showed why they've won seven state titles in the last eight years and are ranked in the top 10 nationally.

At the kickoff, the Trojans took the ball at their own 20. QB Andrew Brewer orchestrated an incredible drive that was highlighted by a 6-yard TD run by RB Freddie Carolina 47.5 seconds left to give Jenks the win over Putnam North 29-23.

Brewer was 9-of-13 on the day for 146 yards and a TD. He also rushed for 125 yards and two TDs on 17 carries, plus a two-point conversion. Brewer also intercepted a hail mary pass on the game's final play to secure the Trojan's victory.

Trojans started off like they did the previous week against Westmoore, sluggish. They botched a play into a fumble which was recovered by Putnam North.

On their next possession, the Trojans were forced to punt and the Panthers recovered the ball after it bounced off a Trojan blocker.

Five plays later, Putnam City North's RB Deji Karim opened the scoring with a 21-yard run with 2:32 left in the first quarter. Karim gained 109 yards on 23 carries.

The Panthers then drove down to the Putnam North 5 yard line and turned the ball over on a fumble by Freddie Medina.

The Panthers continued to give Putnam North great field position with punts of 17 and 7 yards but fortunately, the Panthers weren't able to capitalize on those opportunities thanks to a tough Trojan defense and some Panther mistakes.

Early in the second quarter, the Panthers missed a 42-yard field goal as the result of a bad snap.

The Trojans then countered with a 10-play, 65-yard drive that was ignited by Brewer's 14-yard run. Carolina then had two short runs of 14 and 13 yards. The Trojans then converted a third down and 9 situation at the Panther 34 when Brewer passed 13 yards to Meyer. Jenks converted another third down when Brewer rolled right and threw back to tight end Ben Cutten in the end zone for a 7-yard TD. Woodward's extra point gave Jenks a 7-0 lead with 6:57 left in the half.

Putnam North's next possession ended with a 49-yard punt that pinned Jenks inside the 1. It appeared the Panthers might escape the poor field position when Brewer gained 17 on the first play. However, the Trojan defense couldn't muster another first down and Cutten's high punt into the stiff wind for only 7 yards gave Putnam North the ball at the Jenks 34.

On the next play, Bradford connected with Hilliard for a TD pass but the two-point conversion pass failed and Putnam North led 12-7 with 3:01 left in the half.

Bradford threw for 178 yards and two TDs on the day.

The second half began much like the first half for the Trojans and it seemed that Jenks was going to end the game early.

Putnam North led 20-7 going into the fourth quarter. Then, the Trojans finally got things in gear. They started a seven-play, 81-yard drive which included Brewer passes of 26 and nine yards to Meyer, plus Medina runs of 10 and 14. Brewer scored around right end on a 17-yard run to trim the Trojans' deficit to 20-14 with 9:54 left.

The Panthers' couldn't move against the Trojans on their next possession and were forced to punt. Jenks then had a punt of 71 yards in four plays. Meyer had a diving 20-yard catch, then Carolina had consecutive 21-yard runs. The Trojans then delivered a key block on Brewer's nine-yard TD run around left end. Steven Woodward's point-after

...e it 21-20 Jenks with 6:16 left.

Putnam North then countered with a drive down to the Jenks 27 and faced a fourth-and-eight situation. The Panthers elected to call on Hoge for a 44-yard field goal against a stiff wind which had earlier forced a mis-...-point attempt. Hoge drilled the kick and was mobbed by his teammates as the Panthers led 23-21.

The Trojans then mounted their "do-or-die" drive with Brewer's 21-yard pass to Meyer at the Jenks 41. Following a later from the Putnam North 44, Brewer raced 30 yards around right end to the 14.

Meyer gained nine on the next play, but Jenks wasn't settling for a field goal. The Trojan offensive line opened a big hole for Carolina to run through for the winning points.

"Soon as I saw that hole, I knew it was over," Carolina said. "We fought hard as a team and believed in each other."

Carolina rushed for 192 yards on 30 carries. Jesse Meyer had seven receptions for 134 yards.

Brewer's conversion run gave Jenks a six-point lead.

Putnam North tried to mount a last-ditch effort but only reached the Jenks 49 before Bradford's hail mary was picked off by Brewer.

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The Trojans will defend their 6A State Title against crosstown rival, Union, at Skelly Stadium Friday night, September 3rd, at 7:30 pm.