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Covering Kickoff to the Final Out in Clinch County Athletics

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Panthers edge Turner to claim another region championship

By Len Robbins
Publisher

For the second straight year, the Clinch County Panthers are region basketball champs. But repeating wasn't easy.

Thursday, in the semifinals, the Panthers edged Atkinson County 52-50 in Folkston to advance to the finals to play Turner County, who had beaten the Panthers twice in the regular season. In a slugfest not decided until the last tick of the clock, Terrence George's boys held on for a 37-36 win and the re-

gion crown.

"We played tight, and just had poor execution on offense the entire game," said George, whose Panthers enter the GHSA playoffs with a 24-3 record and a top-five ranking in Class A, Division II. "But in the end, we found a way to win, and that's important as we go into the playoffs."

The Panthers were the second seed (behind Turner) coming into the tournament, playing in the semifinals Thursday for their first game of the region tourney. Against

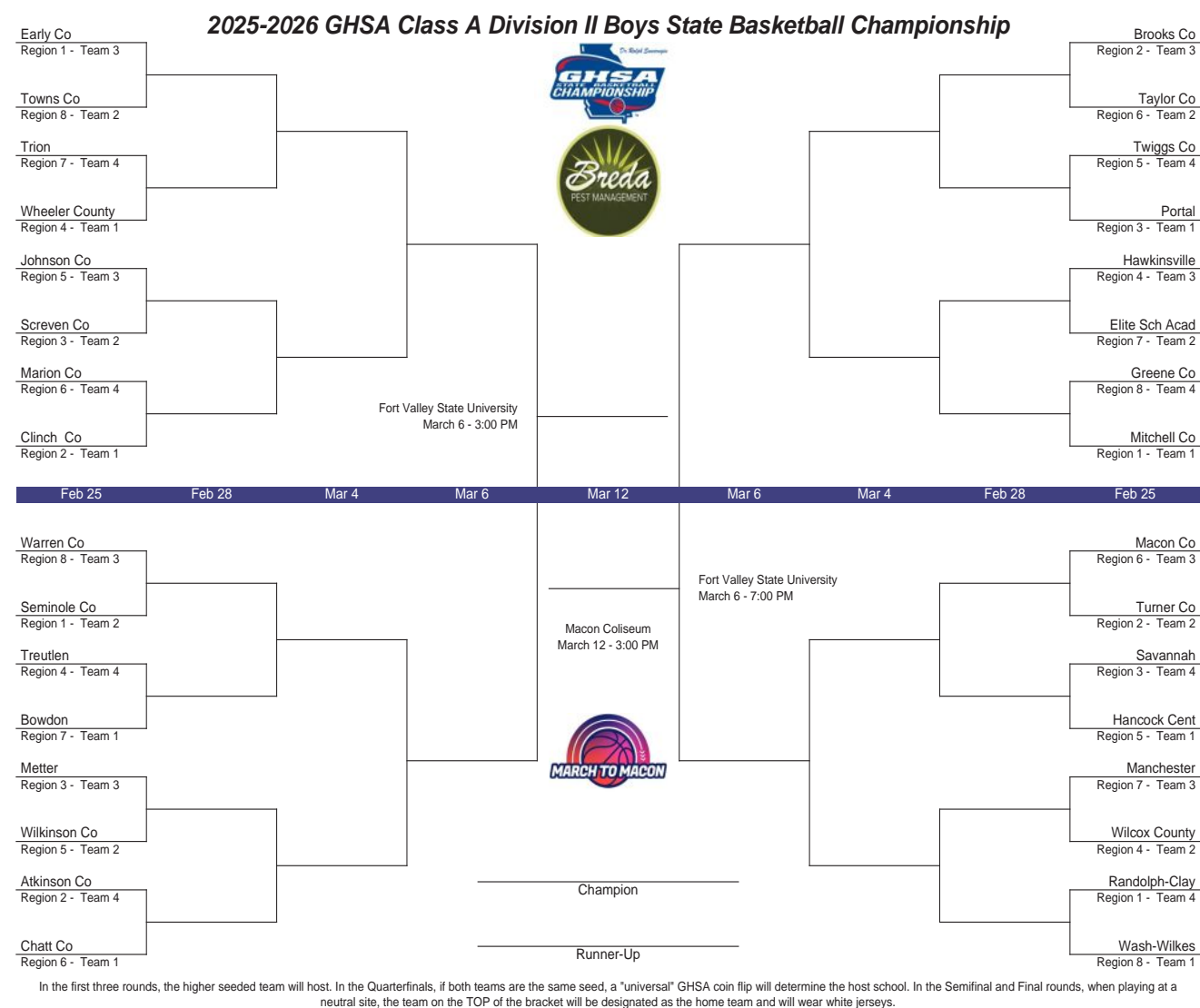
Atco, Clinch led 11-10 after one period, then were down 27-26 at halftime. Going into the fourth quarter, the two teams were tied 37-37, with the Panthers pulling out the two-point win.

Kamarion Johnson led the Panthers in scoring Thursday with 20 points, while Jakryi Posley had 15 points. Other CCHS scorers were: Kyiis Mingo-9, DeMarco Simon-4, Fred Causey-3, and Shane Burns-1.

Friday's championship didn't have much scoring, with Johnson again leading the Pan-

thers with 17 points. Other CCHS scorers that night were: Traviian Miller-12, Posley-4, Causey-4, and Mingo-2.

The Panthers will start the GHSA playoffs at home Wednesday (February 25), hosting Region 6's fourth seed, Marion County (15-14). The winner of that game will play the winner of Screven County (2nd seed, Region 3)/Johnson County (3rd seed, Region 5) later in the week. If Clinch defeats Marion Wednesday, they will host the second round.



Clinch girls end season in region tourney

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The Clinch County Pantherettes ended their basketball season in the region tournament.

Casey Daniel's girls lost to Turner County 49-43 Wednesday to complete their season with a record of 10-15. The day before, they topped Irwin County 43-39 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Against Irwin County, the Pantherettes led throughout, up 14-13 after one quarter, then 28-21 at halftime. They were up by 10, 35-25, going into the final stanza, eventually winning by four.

D'marreya Magby led the CCHS girls Tuesday with 14 points, followed by Tara Stevens with 11 points. Other CCHS scorers vs. Irwin were: Journee Johnson-6, Jhinerial Mingo-5, and KeMya Jones-2.

The Pantherettes fought the Lady Titans tough throughout Wednesday's contest. They trailed 9-6 after one quarter, then 26-18 at halftime. They cut that lead to six, 39-33, going into the final period, losing by six.

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Clinch County's D'marreya Magby drives upcourt against Turner County in Ashburn Wednesday – Photo by Joy Sumner Photography.

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