

The Journey

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The Pearl-Cohn Firebirds continue their playoff journey into the state championship game. The Firebirds defeated the Haywood Tomcats by the score 53-47 overcoming the 13-0 team in the semifinals last Friday. Star quarterback Keshawn Tarleton threw for four touchdowns and star receivers Darious Reed and Javion Kinnard also had an impressive night with Reed scoring two touchdowns and Kinnard scoring three. "Offensively our team had a great performance. In the special team phase, we started out with a turnover, so that's a great sign of our team improvement," said Coach Brunetti. "Obviously our defense wasn't as consistent as we wanted it to be but were going to fix it." Jayden Jackson said, "I'm happy about how our team prevailed throughout the game, we stayed focus and executed the best we could, but we got one more game left and we must do the same." The Firebirds will go up against the 14-0 Anderson County Mavericks this Saturday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. in Chattanooga at Finley Stadium. "This team isn't undefeated for no reason were going to come with our A-game and do our best to execute," Jackson stated. "This will be Pearl-Cohn's 5th appearance in the state championship game, winning in 1996 and 1997. We're hoping to end the 25-year drought of not accomplishing winning the gold ball, it's on us to put the city on our back and bring the gold ball home."
