



Last Game: (G10) Kennedy W 28-14

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Fudge, Lanier, Glover lead Woodbridge football team to victory

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Senior quarterback Tracy Fudge concluded his stellar career on a high note, connecting with favorite target Quasim Glover on a pair of touchdown passes to lead the Woodbridge High School football team to a 28-14 victory over J.F. Kennedy on Thanksgiving Day.



The teams, who last met on Thanksgiving Day in 1993, renewed their holiday rivalry, which the township's local public access channel broadcast live, allowing those who couldn't make the contest to watch a stream of the game over the internet.

Woodbridge head coach Bill Nyers, a graduate of the high school, said the atmosphere at Nicholas A. Priscoe Stadium reminded him of the "old days."

"I saw little kids asking players for autographs," Nyers said. "I haven't seen that for years. There were a lot of alumni at the game. One (graduate) flew in from California. There were other people that came from out of state. It was everything we were hoping it would be. It was nostalgic."



Running back Nate Lanier opened the scoring with the first of his two touchdown runs before Glover caught his first touchdown pass for a 12-0 lead with 6:57 left in the first quarter.



A penalty-aided drive that featured two pass interference calls led to a J.F. Kennedy touchdown as the Mustangs closed the deficit to 12-6 with 4:35 left in the opening half.

Woodbridge placekicker Harry Rutkowski, a junior who has already committed to the Rutgers University baseball program, rebuilt his team's lead to 15-6 on a field goal with five minutes remaining in the third quarter.



Less than four minutes later, Lanier's second touchdown run made the score 21-6.



The teams traded touchdowns in the final three minutes. Fudge's second touchdown pass gave the Barrons a 28-6 lead with three minutes left, while the Mustangs answered with a scoring strike of their own with 2:13 remaining



"I give them credit," Nyers said of the Mustangs (1-9). "They played hard. They didn't quit."



Woodbridge, which qualified for the NJSIAA playoffs for a second consecutive year, finished with a 6-4 record that included a one-point loss to crosstown rival Colonia and a nine-point loss to South Plainfield.

Iselin Kennedy (14) at Woodbridge (28)

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Tracy Fudge threw two touchdown passes to Quaasim Glover and Nathan Lanier rushed for two scores for



Woodbridge in its 28-14 victory over Iselin Kennedy in Woodbridge.

Woodbridge leads the all-time series 22-10-1 and halted a two-game Iselin Kennedy winning streak. This was the first time the teams played on Thanksgiving since 1993.

Woodbridge led 12-0 just 6:57 into the game on a TD run by Lanier and a scoring pass from Fudge to Glover.



Kennedy closed to within 12-6 at the half, aided by two pass interference penalties.

Woodbridge took a 15-6 lead early in the third quarter on a field goal by Harry Rutkowski.



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Fudge's second touchdown pass to Glover gave Woodbridge a 28-6 lead with three minutes left in the game, while Iselin Kennedy scored with two minutes left to shape the final score.

Gameday Prediction

**NJSIAA, North Jersey 2 – Group 4
Championship**

NJSIAA - North Jersey 2, Group 4 - Championship
Middletown South v. Phillipsburg
At MetLife Stadium
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Middletown South 35 – Phillipsburg 20

**Phillipsburg looks to regroup for state final
following Easton loss**

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 Greater Middlesex Conference - White Division
 NJSIAA - NJ 2, Group 4
 Overall WHS Football Record: 445 - 356 - 40 .553

EASTON - Phillipsburg's defense found ways to slow down Easton's offense, routinely making key stops to stall drives and give the Stateliner offense a chance. But outside the consistent play of its defense, there weren't too many positives for Phillipsburg during a 26-0 loss to rival Easton.



"The defense rose up, stopped them a couple times in the red zone. We just could not get any semblance of anything going offensively," Phillipsburg coach Ryan Ditze said. "We had a tough time pass protecting, tough time throwing, tough time running the ball. And when you're doing that, it's a long day."



The game was tight throughout before back-to-back defensive touchdowns by Easton blew it open early in the fourth quarter. Even without those scores,

Phillipsburg would have still been searching for a way to break into the 12-point deficit that Easton put on the team early.



Easton kept the Phillipsburg rushing attack in check, forcing the Stateliners into some throwing situations, where the Red Rover defensive line dialed up the pressure.

"It's just a matter of wills when you're inside there, and today, their defensive line, they did an excellent job," Phillipsburg coach Ryan Ditze said. "Special teams was a killer today."



Along with giving up a fumble return for a touchdown off a punt on the last play of the third quarter, Phillipsburg



also saw Easton's Greg Albertson return a punt 81 yards for a touchdown to build on a first-quarter lead.



While Easton closed its season at 9-4 with a win over its New Jersey rivals, Phillipsburg still has plenty to play for. The Stateliners will be aiming for their third straight North 2, Group 4 title when they play Middletown South, the No. 1 team in the NJ.com Top 20, in the final next Saturday.

With all attention on Easton, Phillipsburg will try to regroup over a long weekend before returning to practice on Monday. Ditze will let the team clear their heads before tackling their next challenge.



"We're all going to take a step back," he said. "That's the one thing about Thanksgiving weekend, we take a step back, and we'll come back to work on Monday, and we'll get everything hammered out, and watch some film."

No. 1 Middletown South says no letups, letdowns against Middletown North on Thanksgiving Day

By Joe Zedalis | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
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MIDDLETOWN – On the road to the No. 1-ranking in New Jersey, Middletown South knows there are no holidays.

The Eagles (10-0), ranked No. 1 in the state by NJ.com, promise no letups or letdowns when the host crosstown rival Middletown North (7-3) for the second time in six days Thursday, 10:30 a.m., at the South Swamp.



Middletown South thumped Middletown North, 41-14, last Friday to reach the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 final. The Eagles will meet Phillipsburg (9-1) for the NJG4 title Dec. 5, 7 p.m. at MetLife Stadium.

"We're a good team because we focus week by week, team by team," said Middletown South linebacker Kevin Higgins. "We're not looking past this game. We know the



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championship is next week and we are beyond hungry for it.



“We have tunnel vision and this game is just another road block for us to pass until we get to where we want,” Higgins added. “Finishing No. 1 is always a dream, and we have a chance to make it a reality, and we’re gonna take advantage of it.”

“Winning this game is as important as winning any other game,” said junior linebacker James McCarthy. “We are not taking our foot off the gas but going in full throttle so we can gain momentum for the state game.”



Middletown South has won 14 straight Thanksgiving Day games against Middletown North (15 straight overall). And there is something to play for. Middletown North can

win a share of the Shore Conference Class A North title with a victory.



“We want to prove we are the best team in the division and in Middletown,” said Middletown South offensive lineman Joe Rutkowski. “This week in practice we worked on our mistakes and we are confident we will play even better on Thanksgiving.”

“Of course it’s important,” Higgins said. “It’s our conference championship on the line. We’re not the type of team to share things, we want to be the best.”

Players of the Game – (G10) Kennedy
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