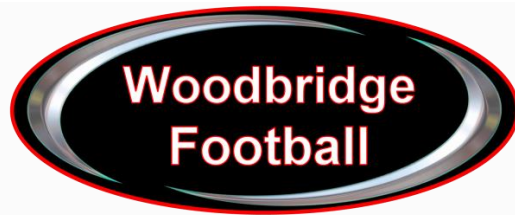




Woodbridge High School Football

9 State Championship Titles
 12 Conference / Divisional Titles
 Greater Middlesex Conference - White Division
 NJSIAA - NJ 2, Group 4
 Overall WHS Football Record: 445 - 356 - 40 .553



Last Game: (G1) Carteret W 28-6

Next Game: (G2) Bishop Ahr Sep. 18 7pm

2015 Woodbridge High School Football Preview

[Greg Tufaro](#), @GregTufaro Sept 10, 2015



(Photo: Peter Ackerman/Staff Photographer)

The Woodbridge High School football team returns an abundance of talent at the skill positions, but how well a relatively inexperienced offensive line and defense jells may determine the Barrons' success.

Coach Bill Nyers' team, which finished 2-8 in 2013, was the state's most improved year ago.

After dropping its first two games, which extended Woodbridge's losing streak to 10, the Barrons rebounded to win seven of their next nine with the lone setbacks against North 2 Group IV finalists Colonia and Phillipsburg.

Woodbridge returns one of the state's top passing combinations in dual-threat quarterback Tracy Fudge (112 of 191 for 1,545 yards and 10 touchdowns) and wideout Quaasim Glover (50 receptions, 709 yards, three touchdowns).

"Those kids are as classy character kids as you can find, and that's not just a cliché, they're super kids who work hard, they just have a work ethic second to none," Nyers said. "They're competitive and they're a joy to be around, they're everything I would want to have in a program coming back, these kids are throwbacks."

Talented running back Zahneer Schuler has graduated, but the Barrons return other gifted runners in Nate Lanier (77 carries, 563 yards) and Keshawn Henry (54 carries, 289 yards).

Austin Taylor, James Modica, Darin Tabon and Tyler Bork will complement Glover at receiver. Modica's athleticism will be a factor.

David McDevitt (tackle) and Dylan Leone (center) return to the offensive line, where the Barrons have plenty of competition at guard between Robert Bognar, Bernanrdo Sanchez, Alex LaGrippio and Nick Nyers. Sidney Pierre, Jaden Gomez and Scott Schroth are vying for time at tackle. The graduation of Elon Capers creates a huge void up front.

"We are hoping to pick up where we left off," Nyers said. "We want to keep it going. The first game against (Central Group II finalist) Carteret is huge. We are excited, but we are also very young on the line and at linebacker. That (development in those spots) is going to be the telltale sign."

On defense, Woodbridge must replace Percy Martin (99 tackles), Zaire Robinson (49 tackles), Anthony Taveras (67 tackles), Ryan Alcott (81 tackles), Alex Flores (44



tackles), Donovan Brown (53 tackles), Nat Opoku (37 tackles) and Capers (27 tackles).



Tracy Fudge fields questions for Woodbridge.

The front four of Woodbridge's 4-3 defense features LaGrippo (44 tackles), Marquan Payne, Sanchez, Antonio Prestien-Lopez, Schroth and Pierre.

Lanier (66 tackles) returns to linebacker. Isaiah Exposito, James Dunn, Nyers, Dylan Leone and Ian Maina (who had a fine varsity debut as a sophomore) will join Lanier.

The secondary features Modica, Bork, Dawud Lebron and Davian Martinez.

MyCentralJersey.com football analyst Marcus Borden, who covered Woodbridge's intrasquad scrimmage last month, said he has no doubt there are "plenty of playmakers on the Barron roster."

"(Fudge) wowed this observer," Borden wrote in his analysis, adding, "Glover didn't disappoint as he caught passes from Exposito, a back-up to Fudge. Running backs Henry and Lanier showed speed and elusiveness while running the Woodbridge spread offense. The offensive and defensive lines were led by McDevitt and Sanchez."

Red team's Tracy Fudge scrambles away from the black team's Bernardo Sanchez during the Black and Red Scrimmage at Woodbridge High School Football in Woodbridge, NJ on August 22, 2015. Peter

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Barrons

Coach: Bill Nyers

Assistants: Kevin Coleman (defensive coordinator); Ron Hilliard (offensive and defensive linemen); Daniel Harrison (running back and defensive backs); Joe Licori (linebackers, offensive line); Jay Ali (special teams); Michael Carbone (defensive backs); Greg Capone (freshmen); Eric Allen (freshmen).

Stadium: Nicholas A. Priscoe Stadium (turf)

Colors: Black and Red

Classification: North 2 Group IV

Offensive formation: Multiple

Defensive formation: 4-3

Last year (7-4 overall, 5-3 GMC White): Carteret 14-7 (L), Bishop Ahr 19-18 (L), Colts Neck 21-12 (W), Perth Amboy 28-7 (W), New Brunswick 28-7 (W), Colonia 49-27 (L), South Plainfield 42-7 (W), St. Joseph 14-7 (W), J.F. Kennedy 35-14 (W), Irvington 34-33 (W), Phillipsburg 34-13 (L).

2015 schedule: Sept. 11 Carteret, 7 p.m.; Sept. 18 Bishop Ahr, 7 p.m.; Sept. 25 Colts Neck, 7 p.m.; Oct. 2 at Perth Amboy, 7 p.m.; Oct. 9 at New Brunswick, 7 p.m.; Oct. 16 Colonia, 7 p.m.; Oct. 23 at South Plainfield, 7 p.m.; Oct. 31 at St. Joseph, 1 p.m.; Nov. 26 J.F. Kennedy, 10:30 a.m.

THE SKINNY

Returning starters: Tracy Fudge Jr., (Sr., 6-0, 180, QB/FS), Quaasim Glover (Jr., 6-1, 185, QB/FS), Keshawn Henry (Jr., 5-9, 180, RB/DB), Nathan Lanier (Sr., 5-10, 175, RB/LB), Alex LaGrippo (Jr., 5-9, 265, OL/DL), David McDevitt (Sr., 6-4, 230, OL/DL), Ian



Maina (Sr., 5-8, 170, LB), Dylan Leone (Jr., 5-10, 185, C/LB).

Top newcomers: Robert Bognar (Sr., 5-10, 210, OL), Tyler Bork (Sr., 5-9, 165, WR/DB), James Dunn (Sr., LB), Isaiah Exposito (Sr., LB), Dawud Lebron (Sr., 5-8, 145, DB), Davian Martinez (Sr., DB), James Modica (Sr., WR/DB), Sidney Pierre (Sr., 6-1, 190, OL/DL), Bernardo Sanchez (Sr., 5-10, 213, OL/DL), Scott Schroth (Sr., OL/DL), Jaden Gomez (Jr., OL), Marquan Payne (Jr., 5-7, 170, DL), Austin Taylor (Jr., WR), Nicholas Nyers (So., OL/LB), Antonio Prestien-Lopez (So., DL), Donovan Tabon (Fr., WR).

[Woodbridge High School Football Roster](#)

Key losses: Percy Martin (SS/LB), Zahneer Shuler (RB/FS), Zaire Robinson (WR/DB), Tyler Smith (WR/CB), Anthony Taveras (CB/WR), Ryan Alcott (TE/DE), Alex Florez (TE/DE), Donovan Brown (DE/LB), Nat Opoku (CB/RB), Elon Capers (T/DT).

[Woodbridge High School 14-15 Football Stats by Player](#)

Fudge, Glover look to bring Woodbridge a sectional title

[Lauren Knego](#), @laurenknego September 10, 2015



(Photo: Peter Ackerman/Staff Photographer)

Last season Tracy Fudge and Quaasim Glover were an undeniable dynamic duo that helped lead the Woodbridge football team to the North 2 Group IV semifinals.

Woodbridge, which suffered a 2-8 record in 2013, experienced a resurgence last year with a seasoned group of seniors and a strong mix of newcomers, including Fudge and Glover.

[2015 Woodbridge High School football preview](#)

Both players battled for the starting quarterback position last year, with Fudge, then a junior, winning the spot. Glover, a sophomore who had only been playing football for three years, was moved to wide receiver and the rest is pretty much history.

Fudge went on to complete 112-of-191 passes for 1,541 yards and 10 touchdowns, while Glover had 50 catches, two shy of the Barrons' all-time single-season record, for 709 yards and three touchdowns. The duo finished first and second in the Greater Middlesex Conference in yards receiving and yards passing.

[Complete 2015 GMC football preview package](#)

“Those kids are as classy character kids as you can find, and that’s not just a cliché, they’re super kids who work hard, they just have a work ethic second to none,” Woodbridge coach Bill Nyers said. “They’re competitive and they’re a joy to be around, they’re everything I would want to have in a program coming back, these kids are throwbacks.”

Glover, who had never played wide receiver before, embraced his new role as an offensive weapon. “I just played my role and just respected the position to the best of my ability,” Glover said. “Coach Nyers and all the coaching staff, they saw the effort I was putting in and they helped me out, they got me the ball and I was lucky enough to create plays when I could.”

According to Glover, he had a natural bond with his new quarterback that allowed them to connect on the field. The team had come together and played more like a



family after the dismal 2-8 season, which helped bolster the squad on and off the field.

“It was like a natural bond, we had been competing so much for quarterback ... but after that we went our separate ways,” Glover said. “He knew he was going to be the quarterback and I knew I was going to be the wide receiver and I made it my goal to do the best I could as a wide receiver so I can make his job easy, we didn’t talk a lot but we just knew what we had to do to make the team better.”

“I think it was partly the coaches, the game planning and the different teams that we played and also the trust in one another that we had,” Fudge said. “He believed that I could get the ball to him and I believed that he would catch it and make plays.”

Fudge and Glover will return to their positions this fall with a state championship in mind. Woodbridge returns a number of players that picked up big game experience last year, which will help the team en route to the playoffs.

“This year we’re expecting big things, we just know what we have is something special and we work hard every single day,” Glover said. “Hopefully we can get to the state championship, that’s the main goal.”

Fudge will do everything in his power to help lead his team to a state title, and will look to show his team what it takes to be a champion along the way.

“Me personally I had a good year last year but there’s always something I can do better,” he said. “Work with all the receivers on routes and timing and I have to be a leader, I have to show the youngers guys work ethic and lead us to do big things because after this year, I’m done, it’s not my team anymore and those guys have to be able to step up and lead when I’m not there.”

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GMC Preseason Top 10:

Loaded South Brunswick team to beat

[Greg Tufaro](#), @GregTufaro September 10, 2015

One year after the Greater Middlesex Conference failed to advance a single team to a sectional final since the NJSIAA playoff format was instituted in 1974, four league members reached championship games last season.

And while the league came up empty in its bid for a title, the conference should have an excellent chance of crowning at least one sectional champion this year with South Brunswick, ranked No. 1 in the Home News Tribune 2015 Preseason Top 10, a favorite to claim the Central Group V crown.

Following is a look at our preseason Top 10.

1. South Brunswick (9-2): South Brunswick’s vaunted triple-option is a well-oiled machine that shows no signs of slowing down with Josh Liao, who split time at quarterback last season, returning to run the offense. The cerebral signal caller, who owns a 4.0 grade-point average, is surrounded by playmakers including halfback Phil Campbell (also a linebacker) and slot receiver Mo Jabbie (also a defensive back). Both committed to Rutgers. Chrisjon Summers, known more as an incumbent first-team All-Area linebacker, will start at fullback. Justin Shorter, a receiver and free safety who Rutgers is recruiting, has been tabbed as a player to watch in New Jersey, according to Scout.com national recruiting analyst Brian Dohn. Offensive lineman Richie Hoff, South Brunswick’s lone returning starter in the trenches, is one of the conference’s best. Despite the graduation of 2014 Defensive Player of the Year Dontae Strickland, the Vikings may once again boast the conference’s best secondary, which features the multi-talented Wendell Allen. He is arguably the team’s fastest player and a playmaker on offense, as well.

2. Piscataway (9-2): Piscataway may have the best backfield tandem in the conference with Rutgers recruit Elijah Barnwell and Zaire Ashley. A traditionally run-oriented team, the Chiefs will look to be more balanced offensively, operating out of the shotgun more this



season. Moving Kaamal Stewart, who split time at quarterback with Danny Haus a year ago, to receiver enables the Chiefs to maximize the number of athletes they will put on offense. Piscataway's young offensive line must jell quickly. Piscataway features perhaps the finest linebacker corps in the conference with Aidan Rosa, Barnwell and Ashley.

3. Old Bridge (6-4): Sophomore Artur Sitkowski, who already holds offers from Rutgers and Maryland despite completing just two passes in his varsity career, will operate the triple gun behind an experienced offensive line. Veteran running backs Jake Esposito and Nick Sodano will complement the 6-foot-4 quarterback's strong and accurate arm. Esposito emerged as Old Bridge's most versatile performer last season, amassing more than 1,000 all-purpose yards. The Knights return five starters on defense, most notably lineman TJ Townsend, a preseason All-Area selection. Old Bridge, which hasn't had a losing season since 2010, is primed for a fourth consecutive NJSIAA playoff berth.

4. Woodbridge (7-4): The Barrons are loaded with skill position players including the league's top passing combination of quarterback Tracy Fudge and receiver Quaasim Glover. How well a relatively inexperienced offensive line comes together, however, is integral to the team's success. After finishing 2-8 in 2013 and dropping its first two contests of the 2014 campaign to extend its losing streak to 10 games, Woodbridge rebounded to win seven of its next nine, cementing itself as the state's most improved team. The backfield tandem of Nate Lanier (563 yards) and Kashaun Henry (289 yards) is talented. Graduation decimated the Barrons on defense, where they lost eight starters. Alex LaGrippo (44 tackles) will anchor the line.

5. St. Joseph (4-6): Expect the Falcons to be more diverse offensively than ever. Paul Coccoziello, a transfer from St. John Vianney, is a pocket passer with a cannon arm. He will play behind a sizable and gifted offensive line featuring Rutgers commit Nick Krinin. Running back Luke Yakely (1,020 yards) returns. Joining him in the backfield are sophomore Manny Resto and freshman sensation Dylan Johnson, the younger brother of Jerod Johnson, Carteret's all-time rushing leader. Freshman wide receiver Duke McDuffie promises to be one of the league's top newcomers. Incumbent Joe

Papa (290 yards) was the team's leading receiver a year ago. Mitchel Epstein anchors the secondary. Sophomore Jon Sot, one of the state's best punters and kickers, will help St. Joseph win the field position battle.

6. Colonia (11-1): The Patriots set a single-season school record for wins and reached the North 2 Group IV final. Despite the graduation of so many skilled players, Colonia will contend for the White Division title. The Patriots will replace Tenny Adewusi, the first league quarterback in more than a decade to pass and rush for more than 1,000 yards each, with Chase Barneys. A gifted athlete, Barneys is the point guard on Colonia's reigning North 2 Group III championship basketball team. Colonia must also find a successor for running back Sam Pero (1,619 yards). Bashir Lauderdale is talented enough to fill those very big shoes. The Patriots do not return a single starter on the offensive line. Colonia features Rutgers commit Solomon Manning (100 tackles) at linebacker, but the team's strength on defense is in the secondary with the Barneys twins – Chase (corner) and Bryce (safety) returning for a third year.

7. Sayreville (2-7): The Bombers may not be as deep at running back as they have been in recent years, so expect quarterback Jayson DeMild to be more involved in the offense. Coray Williams, who transferred from Old Bridge prior to the start of the 2014 campaign, and 6-foot-7 Jahsim Floyd are among the team's top receivers. New head coach Chris Beagan, who returns to his alma mater after building Monroe into a perennial contender, will employ a spread Wing-T offense. The Bombers feature a gifted runner in Michael Liberti. The offensive line, which Anthony Porcaro anchors, remains solid.

8. New Brunswick (3-7): The Zebras feature one of the league's best backfield tandems in Pittsburgh commit Maurice Ffrench and Samad Davila. With the transfer of quarterback Trevon Blakey to South Brunswick, Jah'bree Jeffery will call signals. Jeffery may be better than his talented predecessor. He will look to throw to 6-foot-2 wideout Kadas Reams, a vertical threat with speed. Carlos Hernandez, a three-year starter, also returns to wide receiver. New Brunswick features a veteran offensive line that is bolstered with the move of Mohammad Bangura from tight end to tackle.



9. Monroe (6-4): With the graduation of Akeer Franklin, who was among the league leaders with 1,736 all-purpose yards, Chase Santiago moves from receiver to running back. Miles Shipp, owner of a 3.8 grade-point average and the school's triple-jump record holder, will be the primary target of quarterback Matt van de Sande. Monroe has nearly doubled its roster size from a year ago, providing much-needed depth for rookie head coach Dan Lee. Joe Trainor will anchor the offensive line, which has been a strength of Monroe's in recent years.

10. J.F. Kennedy (7-4): Quarterback Andrew Roberts, who showed flashes of brilliance two years ago as a sophomore, had a breakout campaign in 2014, emerging as one of the conference's best dual-threats, passing for 1,145 yards and rushing for 825 more with a combined 20 touchdowns. The graduation of Terrence Young (639 receiving yards) and Stepp Oziegbe (341 receiving yards) creates a huge void at wideout, where Michael Matusz, Gavyn Mocreia, Anthony Del Popolo and Kyle Heaney have emerged as Roberts' new targets.

Gameday Predictions

Game 1 - Carteret - GMC White Division Game Friday, September 11, 2015 7pm

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Too much speed, too many play makers.

Woodbridge 24 - Carteret 20

By Chris Ryan | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com on September 10, 2015

Among White Division teams, Woodbridge has some of the most experience back on the field, while Carteret is turning to a lineup that is expected to feature just two senior starters. Woodbridge and quarterback Tracy Fudge have a solid offense, but Carteret gets the edge behind a defense headlined by Sam Kamara.

Carteret 28, Woodbridge 24

By Greg Tufaro September 10, 2015

Carteret at No. 4 Woodbridge: In quarterback Tracy Fudge and receiver Quaasim Glover, the Barrons feature the league's top passing tandem. Woodbridge

also has plenty of depth at running back with Keshawn Henry and Nate Lanier. A relatively inexperienced offensive line and the graduation of seven defensive starters must be overcome. Incumbent sectional finalist Carteret is young. Sam Kamara, one of the state's best defensive ends, is the lone returning senior starter. Farhan Khan is the lone experienced offensive lineman. Quarterback Anthony Golino won two games last season while playing for injured starter Nelson Baez. Da'avian Ellington is expected to continue Carteret's tradition of stellar tailbacks.

Woodbridge 19-12.

Offense and Defense contribute to Woodbridge football win

[Greg Tufaro, @GregTufaro](#) September 12, 2015

Woodbridge 28, Carteret 6: Nate Lanier scored one touchdown on a 60-yard swing pass and another on a 35-yard interception return as the Barrons snapped a three-game losing streak against the incumbent Central Group II finalist Ramblers.

Woodbridge, ranked No. 4 in the Home News Tribune Top 10, built a 22-6 halftime lead. Quarterback Tracy Fudge scored on a short sneak and Quaasim Glover returned a pick 30 yards for a score.

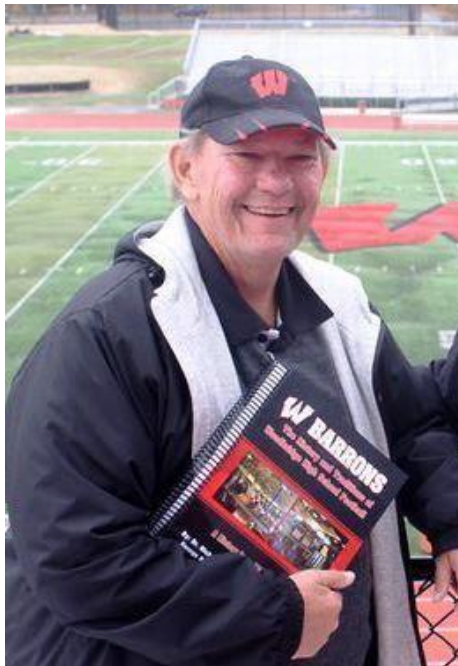
The damage could have been worse at the intermission, but Woodbridge had two scores called back because of penalties and a third drive ended at the half at the Carteret 2 yard line.

Woodbridge head coach Bill Nyers said his offense and defense played complementary roles with one side picking up the other in time of need.

"When the offense was doing well, I think the defense was getting their feet wet," said Nyers, whose offense ran just nine plays in the third quarter. "When we were really backed up, the defense stepped up and really did an outstanding job. It wasn't pretty at times, but it was a complete team effort."



Rest in Peace



GEORGE PATRICK RYAN

AGE: 62 • SEWAREN

George Patrick Ryan, 62, of the Sewaren section of Woodbridge Township passed away on Monday, September 07, 2015 at his home after a long illness with his loving family at his side. Born in Perth Amboy, George was a lifelong resident of Sewaren and graduated Woodbridge High School, Class of 1971. He later graduated from Tusculum College in 1975 and then moved on to achieve his Master's Degree from East Tennessee State University. George honorably served in the United States Navy and later owned and operated George P. Ryan, CPA Accounting Firm on Green Street in Woodbridge. He was a communicant of St. James R.C. Church in Woodbridge, a member of the Historical Society of Woodbridge, Troop Leader for Boy Scout Troop #143 and was a lifelong supporter and fan of the Woodbridge High School Barron's Football Program.

George was predeceased by his parents, George and Bertha Ryan. Surviving are his loving wife of 27 years, Mary L. (Halecki) Ryan, Children, Timothy P., Alicia M. and Ciara L. Ryan along with sisters, Karen Wasylyk and her husband Dean and Elaine Walker and her husband Bruce. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 10am from CHUBENKO FUNERAL HOME, 625 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading followed by a 10:30am Mass of Resurrection at St. James R.C. Church in Woodbridge. Private cremation will follow. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 11, 2015 from 12pm to 3pm and 6pm to 9pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of George may be made to a charity of your choice. To send online condolences, visit www.chubenkofh.com