



Last Game: (G8) St Joseph W 27-25

Next Game: (G9) Playoffs, Round One at Phillipsburg

Gameday Predictions

NJSIAA – NJ2-G4, Round One

Phillipsburg Stateliners!



It's time to slay the opponent!

By WoodbridgeFootball.com November 7, 2015

The Stateliners (7-1) are a talented team that has a structured and disciplined approach to their game plan, and they have in the past handed the Barrons (5-3) setbacks every time they have faced them. But that

doesn't mean that success cannot be attained, it simply means determination and a different tactical approach is required, and that approach is fourfold.

First, to seek and destroy the most valuable assets they put on the field on EVERY play while on defense. The Stateliners have three of those assets.

#13 Manny Romero, 5'11" - 175#, RB

#2 Jaquan Jones, 5'10" - 170# RB.

#11 Yusef Shelton, 6'00" - 185#, WR

Jones (7 TD) and Romero (4 TD) account for 75% of all rushing yards and 11 TDs. Shelton (1 TD) and Romero (5 TD) account for 78% of all receiving yards and 6 TDs. But undoubtedly, Romero is the engine that makes the wheels move. He has 4 Rushing TDs, 5 Receiving TDs and 2 KOR TDs. He has quickness and speed, and if special attention isn't devoted to stopping him along with Jones and Shelton, it will get ugly.

Second, is to take advantage of what is given on offense. Phillipsburg plays a straight up 4-4-3 defense. The 4 DL are big and physical and running inside the tackles will be difficult. The 4 LBs fill their gap assignments at the line of scrimmage and the outside backers are capable of moving out to cover slot receivers. Finally, there is the 2 DBs and 1 FS. The secondary plays off the ball and drop steps at the snap. The secondary, have a combined 17 INTs with 288 yards of returns with 2 TDs. Throwing over the top isn't going to work in their base defense. Executing what the Barrons offense is capable of doing underneath will create positive yards. Adjustments can be made if and when the Stateliners fill the box or press, but they are absolutely vulnerable.

Third, Special Teams has to become the game changers. On KO and P, kicking away from the potential threats, Romero 244 yards on 6 KO returns with 2 TDs, Jones 180 yards on 8 KO returns is critical. If that means kicking out of bounds and letting them start at the 35 or the spot, it is better than watching #13 take one to the house. PATs and FGs of 30 yards or less are also a critical part of defeating the Stateliners. Missed scoring opportunities may be the difference between winning and losing.



And fourth, turnovers have to be minimized, while takeaways maximized.

Here is something to ponder. In their first eight games, Phillipsburg has scored 278 (34.8 pg), Woodbridge 216 (27.0 pg). Phillipsburg has allowed 113 (14.1), Woodbridge 122 (15.2 pg). The only common opponent was Hillsborough. Phillipsburg defeated the Raiders 28-21 in a regular season game, while Woodbridge registered three scores to one in a controlled scrimmage. Lastly, Phillipsburg has played against teams with a record of 26-38, and the Barrons 28-36.

The Phillipsburg Stateliners are a formidable team. And so are the Woodbridge Barrons. It's time to slay the opponent!

With that said...

Woodbridge 24 – Phillipsburg 21



NJ2G4 Football Preview:

Woodbridge at Phillipsburg

By Greg Tufaro - MyCentralJersey.com
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No. 7 Woodbridge (5-3) at No. 2 Phillipsburg (7-1), Friday, 7 p.m.

The game is a rematch of last year's sectional semifinal, which the eventual North 2 Group IV champion Stateliners won 34-13. Phillipsburg's stadium has a mystique about it, but the Barrons should not be daunted by the atmosphere of the home crowd upon their return trip. Phillipsburg picked up where it left off last season and rides a seven-game winning streak into the playoff opener. The team's lone loss was a 31-28 setback to undefeated Bridgewater-Raritan, which garnered the top seed in North 2 Group V. Phillipsburg remains a run-

heavy team, having amassed 1,584 yards and 21 touchdowns on the ground, but quarterback Danny Fisher (685 passing yards and four scores) is a threat through the air. Still, Phillipsburg has run the ball 302 times while throwing it just 66. The disparity is the byproduct of a traditionally outstanding line, which makes Phillipsburg's running backs great. With 1,430 all-purpose yards, Manny Romero is Phillipsburg's most versatile offensive performer. He has 552 rushing yards and 466 receiving yards. Ja'Quan Jones complements him in the backfield with 581 yards and nine touchdowns on the ground. Brendan Grube has been a reliable placekicker for the Stateliners, converting 30 of 33 PATs and all three of his field goal attempts. Phillipsburg has allowed two or fewer scores in five games. Robert Melise and Garrett Boures anchor the defense with 51 tackles apiece. The Stateliners have recorded 18 sacks with Melise (six) and Matt Yanes (5.5) leading the way. Woodbridge had a bye after snapping a three-game losing streak against a trio of NJSIAA playoff qualifiers with a dramatic 27-25 victory over St. Joseph. Having had some time to heal, the injury-riddled Barrons are almost at full strength. Quarterback Tracy Fudge, a dual threat and one of the Greater Middlesex Conference's most exciting players with 1,287 yards passing, is the key to Woodbridge's offense. His favorite target is Quaasim Glover, the league's leading receiver with 36 catches for 610 yards and six touchdowns. The Barrons feature a stable of running backs including Keshawn Henry (393 rushing yards), Nate Lanier (267 rushing yards) and Ian Mania (154 rushing yards). Dylan Leone (79 tackles), James Modica (59 tackles) and Alex LaGrippo (45 tackles) anchor a defense that has recorded 15 sacks, nine interceptions and eight fumble recoveries. Woodbridge dropped a 32-20 decision to New Brunswick (the second seed in Central Group V), a 27-26 decision to incumbent North 2 Group IV finalist Colonia and a 12-3 decision to Central Group III playoff qualifier South Plainfield. The Barrons do not have a victory over a team with a winning record.
 Prediction: **Phillipsburg 25-19.**



Football playoffs, 2015: North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 preview and predictions

By Chris Ryan | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com on
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The favorite: Middletown South, the No. 1 team in the NJ.com Top 20, enters the North 2, Group 4 playoffs as the top seed, aiming to finish off an unbeaten season and capture a state title. Cole Rogers and Matt Mosquera have powered the Eagles offense all season long, with Rogers racking up 922 yards and 12 touchdowns on just 99 carries, while Mosquera has thrown for 895 yards and 12 touchdowns. James McCarthy has added depth to the ground game, scoring 13 touchdowns. The Middletown defense has been superb, mirroring the offense's physicality. The Eagles are allowing just 6.5 points per game, posting three shutouts along the way. Middletown South hasn't given up more than seven points in a game since Sept. 25.

The contenders: Phillipsburg enters as the two-time defending section champions, and the Stateliners are again in strong position to make a run at the title behind a physical running game powered by Manny Romero and Ja'Quan Jones. Colonia still boasts many of the skill players that made its 2014 final run possible, and Chase Barneys, Bryce Barneys, Solomon Manning and Bashir Lauderdale have powered the Patriots to four straight wins entering the playoffs. Middletown North is getting running back and linebacker Chad Freshnock back from injury just in time for the playoffs, and Donald Glenn has been a rock under center all season.

The dark horse: Summit has had an up and down season, but the Hilltoppers appear to be peaking at the right time. After losing three straight games to fall to 3-3, Summit rattled off three straight victories to close the regular season, highlighted by a 38-16 win over a talented Voorhees team. Quarterback Jake Froschauer has helped the offense find its rhythm in recent weeks, while its defense allowed just 11 points per game over its final three wins.

Best first-round game: 6-Summit at 3-Colonia. Summit has been one of the state's most consistent public teams, and this year it jumped up the North 2, Group 4

from Group 3, so it will be looking to continue its winning ways in a higher section. Colonia reached the final in this section a season ago and will be trying to set up a potential rematch with Phillipsburg in the semifinals.

Game we'd like to see: 2-Phillipsburg vs. 1-Middletown South in the final

Players to watch: Cole Rogers, RB, Middletown South; James McCarthy, LB/RB, Middletown South; Matt Mosquera, QB/K, Middletown South; Manny Romero, RB/DB, Phillipsburg; Robert Melise, DL/OL, Phillipsburg; Solomon Manning, LB, Colonia; Chase Barneys, QB/DB, Colonia; Donald Glenn, QB, Middletown North; Chad Freshnock, RB/LB, Middletown North; Michael Liberti, RB, Sayreville; Coray Williams, WR/DB, Sayreville; Jake Froschauer, QB, Summit; Matt Newman, RB/WR, Summit; Tracy Fudge, QB, Woodbridge; Quaasim Glover, WR/DB, Woodbridge; C.J. Markisz, RB, West Windsor-Plainsboro North; John Owens, LB/WR, West Windsor-Plainsboro North



Championship prediction:
Middletown South over Phillipsburg

**Coach Borden's Week Four Predictions****November xx, 2015**

(winning team in bold)

No Pick

WHS Administration's Game Day Predictions**November 11, 2015**

Principal - Mr. Lottmann

Woodbridge 20 – Phillipsburg 18

Vice Principal - Mr. Hasan

Woodbridge over Phillipsburg

Vice Principal - Mr. Connelly

Woodbridge over Phillipsburg**GMC FOOTBALL TOP 10**

Greg Tufaro, @GregTufaro 3:50 p.m. EST November 8, 2015

- 1. South Brunswick (7-1):** Idle. Next: Hunterdon Central, Friday, 7 p.m.
- 2. Piscataway (6-2):** Danny Haus completed nine of 13 passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-14 drubbing of Old Bridge. Next: Union, Saturday, 1 p.m.
- 3. Colonia (7-2):** Bashir Lauderdale rushed for 106 yards to climb over the 1,000-yard mark for the season in a 28-14 win over South Plainfield that clinched a second consecutive White Division title for the Patriots. Next: Summit, Friday, 1 p.m.
- 4. New Brunswick (8-1):** Samad Davila amassed 225 rushing yards and the defense made two huge red-zone stops in the closing minutes as the Zebras held on for a 27-21 win over St. Joseph. Next: Freehold Township, Friday, 7 p.m.
- 5. Old Bridge (5-3):** Nick Sodano returned the opening kickoff 91 yards for a score in a 42-14 loss to Piscataway. Next: Edison, Friday, 7 p.m.

6. South Plainfield (6-2): Trouble inside the red zone negated Jason Lee's 164-yard rushing effort in a 28-14 loss to Colonia. Next: at Red Bank, Friday, 7 p.m.

7. Sayreville (5-4): Playing without injured starting quarterback Jayson DeMild, the Bombers received 119 rushing yards from Michael Liberti in a 20-19 loss to Edison. Next: at Middletown North, Friday, 7 p.m.



8. Woodbridge (5-3): Idle. Next: at Phillipsburg, Friday, 7 p.m.

9. St. Joseph (3-5): Despite 178 rushing yards from Luke Yakely, the Falcons endured their third consecutive heartbreaking loss, dropping a 27-21 decision to New Brunswick. Next: Bishop Ahr, Nov. 21, 1 p.m.

10. Spotswood (7-2): Ryan Szatkowski's 31-yard field goal with nine seconds left and a complete team effort enabled the Chargers to win their second consecutive Blue Division title with a 27-24 victory over Metuchen. Next: at Delaware Valley, Friday, 7 p.m.



**NJSIAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
OPENING ROUND**

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FRIDAY

North 2 Group IV

- 7. Woodbridge at 2. Phillipsburg, 7 p.m.
- 6. Summit at 3. Colonia, 7 p.m.
- 5. Sayreville at 4. Middletown North, 7 p.m.

Central Group V

- 8. Hunterdon Central at 1. South Brunswick, 7 p.m.
- 7. Freehold Township at 2. New Brunswick, 7 p.m.
- 6. Edison at 3. Old Bridge, 7 p.m.

Central Group 3

- 8. Rahway at 1. Rumson-Fair Haven, 7 p.m.
- 6. South Plainfield at 3. Red Bank, 7 p.m.

Central Group 2

- 7. Spotswood at 2. Delaware Valley, 7 p.m.

Central Group 1

- 5. Middlesex at 4. Florence, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

North 2 Group V

- 6. Union at 3. Piscataway, 1 p.m.

NJSIAA CONSOLATION GAMES

THURSDAY

Linden at Bayonne, 7 p.m.

Dickinson at J.P. Stevens, 7 p.m.

Iselin Kennedy at Long Branch, 7 p.m.

Dunellen at Bound Brook, 7 p.m.

Monroe at Montgomery, 7 p.m.

East Brunswick at Hillsborough, 7 p.m.

Franklin at North Brunswick, 7 p.m.

North Plainfield at Carteret, 7 p.m.

Highland Park at New Egypt, 7 p.m.

Pingry at Bishop Ahr, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Perth Amboy at Plainfield, 1 p.m.

Bernards at Metuchen, 1 p.m.

South River at Keansburg, 1 p.m.

Metuchen at Spotswood football and the winner of this game will be GMC Blue Division Champions.