



**Last Game:** (G9) Playoffs - Phillipsburg L 35-20

**Next Game:** (G10) Kennedy  
Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015, 10am

**Players of the Game – (G9) Phillipsburg**  
As selected by WoodbridgeFootball.com



**OVERALL Player of the Game**

James Modica - 4 Solo Tackles, 9 Assisted Tackles, for 13 Total Tackles. 3 Kick Off Returns for 99 Yards, with a Long of 55 Yards. 1 Punt Block and Recovery and Return of 30 Yards for a TD.

**OFFENSIVE Player of the Game**

Nathan Lanier - 5 Receptions for 93 Yards, with a Long of 38, and 2 TDs.

**DEFENSIVE Players of the Game**

James Modica - 4 Solo Tackles, 9 Assisted Tackles, for 13 Total Tackles.

Nick Nyers - 2 Solo Tackles, 7 Assisted Tackles, .5 Sack for -7 Yards, for 9 Total Tackles.

Quaasim Glover - 7 Solo Tackles, 2 Assisted Tackles, for 9 Total Tackles.

Nathan Lanier - 2 Solo Tackles, 6 Assisted Tackles, for 8 Total Tackles.

Marquan Payne - 1 Solo Tackles, 7 Assisted Tackles, 1 was Tackle for Loss, for 8 Total Tackles.

**SPECIAL TEAMS Player of the Game**

James Modica - 3 Kick Off Returns for 99 Yards, with a Long of 55 Yards. 1 Punt Block and Recovery and Return of 30 Yards for a TD.

**Woodbridge cannot overcome Phillipsburg's size**

By WoodbridgeFootball.com - November 15, 2015

The Woodbridge Barrons traveled to Phillipsburg Friday night to take on the Stateliners in Round One of the NJSIAA, North Jersey 2, Group 4 Playoffs. The trip wasn't successful if the only thing you looked at was the final score. Phillipsburg 35 – Woodbridge 20.

Woodbridge was undersized compared to the personnel that Phillipsburg put on the grass of Bellis Field. The Stateliners controlled the line of scrimmage both offensively and defensively. Even with the handicap, the Barrons struck first with a 38 yard TD pass from Tracy Fudge to Nathan Lanier.



Phillipsburg then methodically ran the ball down the field on two separate drives, scoring both times taking a 14-7 lead into the second quarter. Woodbridge responded early in the second quarter when Fudge again found Lanier for a short TD pass, tying the score at 14-14.

Then, one critical mistake made by the Barrons burst the bubble. Harry Rutkowski boomed the ensuing kickoff to the Phillipsburg 2 yard line. Unfortunately, it went to the Stateliners most potent player, Manny Romero. The combination of Romero's athleticism and Woodbridge's missed opportunities to take him down, resulted in a 98 yards TD, taking back the lead at 21-14 where it remained to the end of the half.



Woodbridge did mount a drive before the half closed that ended with a 37 yard field goal attempt by Rutkowski. The kick had plenty of leg, but missed near right.



The second half began with Rutkowski executing a perfect onside kick that was recovered by Austin Taylor, but they were unable to move the ball. Phillipsburg took over and plodded their way to a rushing TD in the third quarter, 28-14. Followed by another TD in the fourth quarter, ballooning the lead to 35-14. The Barrons moved the ball, but were unable to put it into the end zone until James Modica blocked a Phillipsburg punt, scooped the ball and scored from 30 yards out making it 35-20.





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The Woodbridge Barrons showed up ready to play. And although a tear or two were shed at the conclusion of the contest, I for one smiled, knowing they produced their maximum potential and delivered their best. Congratulations Woodbridge! Brace up Kennedy! You, are going to reap the pain from our frustrations come Turkey Day!

I have been thinking about this, and would love to know why it is that the Phillipsburg team remained in the locker room while the National Anthem was played. It happened last year and I brushed it off as a snafu. A second time is a deliberate act by someone. Personally, I think its disrespectful. I've never seen it ever before at any level of athletics. So Stateliners, what gives?

### Woodbridge falls in North 2 Group IV opener

Lauren Knego, @laurenknego 11:54 November 13, 2015

The seventh-seeded Woodbridge football team fell to No. 2 Phillipsburg 35-20 in the opening round of the NJSIAA North 2 Group IV playoffs on Friday night.



Nate Lanier caught two touchdown passes from Tracy Fudge and James Modica returned a blocked punt, accounting for all of Woodbridge's scoring. The Barrons took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on Lanier's 39-yard catch-and-run off a screen pass from Fudge. After Phillipsburg scored two touchdowns and successfully converted two point conversions after each, Lanier

hauled in a five-yard touchdown pass to make the score 16-14. (This is incorrect reporting. There were no two point conversion attempted and the score was 14-14.)



Trailing 21-14 to start the third quarter, Woodbridge recovered an onside kick but could not benefit from the excellent field position and was unable to score.

Phillipsburg jumped out to a 35-14 lead before Modica returned a blocked punt 25 yards for a score late in the fourth quarter. The Barrons, who fell to 5-4, wrap up their season against crosstown rival J.F. Kennedy on Thanksgiving.



Phillipsburg advances to the semifinals where it will face No. 3 Colonia in a rematch of last year's sectional final, which the Stateliners won in overtime.



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### Phillipsburg football defeats Woodbridge, 35-20, in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 first round

By The Star Ledger on November 13, 2015 10:06 PM

The Phillipsburg High School football team defeated Woodbridge, 35-20, in the first round of the NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoffs at Maloney Stadium in Phillipsburg.



With the second-seeded Stateliners leading, 21-14, Phillipsburg's defense came up with a critical stand after seventh-seeded Woodbridge recovered an onside kick to start the third quarter. The Stateliners proceeded to drive 80 yards on nine plays capped by Ja'Quan Jones' 14-yard touchdown run.

Jones finished with a career-high 221 rushing yards and the TD. Junior fullback Garrett Boures ran for three

touchdowns and senior Manny Romero returned a kickoff 99 yards for a TD and had a pair of interceptions.



Phillipsburg will host third-seeded Colonia on Friday night in the sectional semifinals. It will be a rematch of last year's sectional title game, which the Stateliners won, 28-21 in overtime, at Rutgers University's High Point Solutions Stadium.





### GMC FOOTBALL TOP 10

Greg Tufaro, @GregTufaro 1:52 p.m. EST November 15, 2015

**1. South Brunswick (8-1):** Josh Liao completed 8 of 9 passes for 216 yards and three touchdowns as South Brunswick rolled to a 46-7 Central Group V quarterfinal victory over Hunterdon Central. Next: Manalapan, Friday, 7 p.m.

**2. Piscataway (6-3):** Elijah Barnwell rushed for 205 yards and two touchdowns on a school-record 44 carries, but the Chiefs lost a heartbreaker, dropping a 28-20 decision to Union in the North 2 Group V quarterfinals. Next: Franklin, Nov. 26.

**3. Colonia (8-2):** Chase Barneys passed for 126 yards, rushed for 67 more and the Patriots sealed a 20-16 North 2 Group IV quarterfinal victory over Summit with a sack on fourth down from their own 6 yard line in the closing seconds. Next: at Phillipsburg, Friday, 7 p.m.

**4. New Brunswick (9-1):** Maurice Ffrench returned a punt 91 yards for score, while teammates Samad Davila and Jah'bree Jeffery-Seawright also recorded a touchdown in a 21-14 Central Group V victory over Freehold Township. Next: Old Bridge, Friday, 7 p.m.

**5. Old Bridge (6-3):** Junior running back Nick Sodano rushed for 189 yards and five touchdowns in a 38-35 Central Group V quarterfinal victory over Edison. Next: at New Brunswick, Friday, 7 p.m.

**6. Sayreville (5-5):** Playing without their starting quarterback for the second consecutive week, the Bombers dropped their second straight game, falling 31-6 in the North 2 Group IV quarterfinals to Middletown North.

**7. South Plainfield (6-3):** The Tigers dropped a 30-0 decision to Raritan in the Central Group III quarterfinals. Next: at North Plainfield, Nov. 26.

**8. Woodbridge (5-4):** Nate Lanier caught two touchdown passes from Tracy Fudge and James Modica returned a blocked punt for a score as the Barrons

dropped a 35-20 decision to Phillipsburg in the North 2 Group IV quarterfinals. Next: J.F. Kennedy, Nov. 26.

**9. Edison (3-6):** Sophomore quarterback Haaziq Daniels completed 15 of 25 passes for 259 yards and three touchdowns in a 38-35 Central Group V quarterfinal loss to Old Bridge. Next: at J.P. Stevens, Nov. 26.

**10. Spotswood (7-3):** Joe Hayford rushed 24 times for 94 yards and a touchdown in a 34-20 Central Group II quarterfinal loss to Delaware Valley.