

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

Next Game: (G10) Kennedy
 Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 2015, 10:30am

Gameday Predictions

Game 10 - Kennedy

Thursday, November 26, 2015 10am

Brace up Kennedy! Its Turkey Day and you are on the menu!

By WoodbridgeFootball.com November 18, 2015

Ok! Here it is. The final game of the Woodbridge Football season is upon us. Crosstown rivals, the Kennedy Mustangs will be visiting Nick Priscoe Field for the close out game of 2015 on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, November 26th at 10am. Its going to be the first Turkey Day game in more than 20 years.



Kennedy has struggled this year and is carrying a 1-8 record into this contest. They have scored 72 points (8.0 pg), while allowing 229 points (25.4 pg). Woodbridge has

registered a 5-4 record and has 236 points (26.2 pg) and allowed 157 points (17.4 pg).

There are some fine, decent young men playing for Kennedy. And they have good leadership on their coaching staff. Interim head coach Tom McFadden, assistants Nick Smith, Mike and Nick Cilento are all people I have had personal relationships with. They all are capable of setting game plans and coaching them up, but the bottom line is a weak team is a weak team. Defensively, the Mustangs wouldn't be able to stop the Barrons, and Offensively they wouldn't be able to move the ball with any consistency.



Woodbridge has too many assets. Offensively, they have 955 yards rushing with 14 TDs, led by Keshawn Henry and Nathan Lanier. The 1461 yards receiving with 15 TDs was the result of Tracy Fudge's pass completions to leaders Quaasim Glover and Nathan Lanier. Another 5 TDs were recorded on Special Teams with Keyshaun Henry, and on Defense with James Modica, Quaasim Glover and Nathan Lanier. The Barrons Defense is led by Dylan Leone (78 tackles), James Modica (72 Tackles), Nathan Lanier (58 tackles), Nick Nyers (52 tackles), Marquan Payne (52 tackles) and Alex LaGrippio (49 tackles). The Unit has made 9 INTs and 8 Fumble Recoveries.

This will also be the final game ever for 17 seniors. They are a good group of young men and always delivered their personal maximum potentials in both practice and on game day. Its going to be bitter sweet to witness their



last one on the turf. #2 Ian Maina, #5 James Modica, #10 Tracy Fudge, #12 Isaiah Exposito, #17 Tyler Bork, #20 Justice Isaac, #21 Dawud LeBron, #30 Nathan Lanier, #36 James Dunn, #50 Kianu Montenegro, #53 Sydney Pierre, #53 Bernardo Sanchez, #55 Scott Schroth, #56 Stephan Lally, #66 Joseph Fail, #70 Joseph Bogнар, and #79 David McDevitt.



After taking a 35-20 loss to Phillipsburg in the NJSIAA, NJ2-G4, Round One Playoff Game, its time to heal the wounds, and the best way to accomplish that is to deliver the pain. Brace up Kennedy! Its Turkey Day and you are on the menu!

With that said... **Woodbridge 42 – Kennedy 7**

NJSIAA - North Jersey 2, Group 4 - Semi

Colonia at Phillipsburg

Friday, November 20, 2015 7pm

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Phillipsburg 35 - Colonia 21

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Middletown North at Middletown South

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Middletown South 49 - Middletown North 14

If you score you may win.

But if they don't score, you cannot lose!

By WoodbridgeFootball.com – November 22, 2015

It's relatively simple. Kill the head and the body will follow. Game plan for the opponent's number one threats, and force someone else to carry the team. Will it work every time? Probably not, but it will slow down the scoring against, and isn't that the primary objective?

Do you remember Maurice Ffrench from New Brunswick who ran wild for 400+ all-purpose yards and what, 3 TDs? Rushing, receiving, returns, this young man did it all. Manny Romero, Phillipsburg's leading offensive player took a kickoff back 98 yards for a score, and added 74 rushing. His teammate and second offensive leader, Jaquan Jones had 197 yards rushing on 25 carries (7.9 per) and a score. Don't forget Colonia's stand out quarterback, Chase Barneys 64 rushing and 130 passing, and his teammate, running back Bashir Lauderdale who dropped 86 rushing and 1 TD. Then there was running back Jason Lee from South Plainfield. He dropped 106 rushing and 126 receiving yards and 2 TDs on the Barrons.

The common denominator for all of the above players is, they are their team's number one offensive talents and we didn't give them the respect and attention they earned. As a result, we did not win any of those games!

The final game of the 2015 season is coming this Thanksgiving Day against cross town rivals, Kennedy. The game starts at 10:30am and should be a mostly sunny day with temperatures in the mid 50's and no signs of rain. It will be a great day for High School football.

Kennedy is bringing one player that can hurt the Barrons on the scoreboard. Andrew Roberts, a 6'1" QB and CB who has 569 yards rushing with 3 TDs, 314 yards passing with 2 TDs, 68 yards receiving, and 183 yards on kickoff returns. He is the player that needs to be taken out of the equation. Game planning for this young man will reap a crushing defeat.

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Middletown North (7-2) at Middletown South (9-0)

By Chris Ryan | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com

on November 19, 2015 7:51 AM

The top-ranked Eagles have won 14 straight Thanksgiving Day games against the rival Lions. Will a non-holiday game, in the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 semifinals be different? Middletown North got a boost to its running game and offensive balance with the return of bullish tailback Chad Freshnock, who went for 167 last week. Middletown South has RB Cole Rogers and an advantage in edge speed. This game comes down to defense and kicking game – Middletown South has the edge in both.

Middletown South 31, Middletown North 14

Colonia (8-2) at Phillipsburg (8-1)

By Chris Ryan | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com

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Third-seeded Colonia will travel to second-seeded Phillipsburg in a rematch of last season's state final, where Phillipsburg won an overtime classic. Both teams enter riding long winning streaks, with the Chase Barneys, Bryce Barneys and Bashir Lauderdale powering a five-game surge for Colonia, while Phillipsburg has won seven straight behind Manny Romero, Ja'Quan Jones and Danny Fisher. This game should feature plenty of running action between the two teams, and look for Phillipsburg's front to get the advantage.

Phillipsburg 28, Colonia 20

NJSIAA FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS - North 2 Group IV

Greg Tufaro, @GregTufaro - 11:07 a.m. EST

November 19, 2015

Colonia (8-2) at Phillipsburg (8-1), Friday, 7 p.m.: The game is a rematch of last year's sectional final, which the Stateliners won 28-21 in overtime. Phillipsburg picked up where it left off last season and rides an eight-game winning streak into the semifinals. The team's lone loss was a 31-28 setback to undefeated Bridgewater-Raritan, which garnered the top seed in North 2 Group

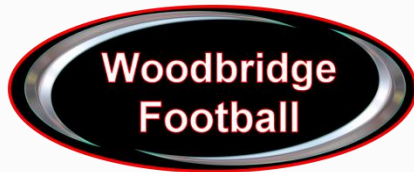
V. Phillipsburg remains a run-heavy team, having amassed 1,946 yards and 25 touchdowns on the ground, but quarterback Danny Fisher (683 passing yards and five scores) is a threat through the air. Still, Phillipsburg has run the ball 353 times while throwing it just 93. The disparity is the byproduct of a traditionally outstanding line, which makes Phillipsburg's running backs great. With 1,615 all-purpose yards, Manny Romero is Phillipsburg's most versatile offensive performer. Ja'Quan Jones complements him in the backfield with 778 yards and 10 touchdowns on the ground. Brendan Grube has been a reliable placekicker for the Stateliners, converting 35 of 38 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. The Patriots have won five in a row since falling to defending Central Group III champion Matawan. After handing previously undefeated New Brunswick, the second seed in Central Group V, a 45-27 setback, the Patriots defeated South Plainfield 28-14 to claim their second consecutive Greater Middlesex Conference White Division championship. Dual threat quarterback Chase Barneys has passed for 1,227 yards and rushed for 766 more. Barneys spreads the ball around to his receivers, four of whom each have 211 or more yards. Tyler Santos (399 yards) and Bryce Barneys (380 yards) each have four touchdown catches. Running back Bashir Lauderdale has amassed 1,298 yards on the ground. Rutgers University commit Solomon Manning anchors the defense with a GMC-leading 111 tackles. Bryce Barneys (82), Lee Tamburello (77), Bryan Pedrosa (62) and Joshua Joseph (58) are the other leaders in that department. Joseph has eight of Colonia's 22 sacks. The secondary, widely regarded as the division's best, has five interceptions. Colonia has never won a sectional crown.

Prediction: **Colonia 21-20.**



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The Sardone Report



Mustangs at the Barrons – Thanksgiving 10:30am

By Dr. Nicholas Sardone – November 21, 2015

For the first time since 1993, JFK Memorial and WHS will meet on Thanksgiving Day. During the 1920's- early 1990's, turkey day games were very popular in town and drew very large crowds. Prior to the playoffs (pre 1974), the Thanksgiving Day games decided the NJSIAA sectional champions. This was true throughout the state not just here in Woodbridge Township.



The overall series began in 1965 as JFK won the first three games. WHS finally broke through in 1968. From 1965-1979, the two schools met in the opening game of the season. Beginning in 1980, the schools began playing on Thanksgiving morning. WHS leads the turkey day rivalry 11-3. Overall, the Barrons lead the cross town

rivalry 22-9-1. The teams did not play from 1994-2011 due to enrollment differences and subsequent GMC divisional placement. The series resumed in 2012 when both schools entered the GMC white division.

Similar to all rivalry games, fans should expect some surprises. Although the Mustangs enter with a 1-8 record, the Barrons cannot afford to take them lightly. We know that JFK will be fired up and motivated to pull off a major upset. They still have an explosive, elusive, and skilled veteran quarterback. They have several quality hard hitting linemen, a talented kicker, and a quality receiver / special teams performer. The Barrons need to be fired up themselves from the outset and ready to go. The Mustangs have nothing to lose. An upset would make their season and shock the county.



Woodbridge has faced some unfortunate adversity this season, but the team played hard at Phillipsburg last Friday. Several questionable calls all went against the Barrons, and special teams allowed a kickoff return for a touchdown. The latter was a game changer because it gave momentum back to the Stateliners.

A WHS victory will add another winning season to the record books (number 52). The 2015 season will also be remembered for qualifying for the playoffs two seasons in a row (fourth time in school history). A victory will further mean a lot to dedicated senior performers such as Tracy Fudge, Nate Lanier, James Modica, Tyler Bork, Sydney Pierre, Robert Bognar, Bernardo Sanchez, David Mc Devitt, Isiah Esposito, Ian Maina, James Dunn, and the entire senior class. They have given their heart to the program for four years and the school achieved success on the gridiron with their help.



Colonia football falls to Phillipsburg in North 2 Group IV semifinal

Daniel LoGiudice, @danny_logiudice 10:36 p.m. EST
November 20, 2015

PHILLIPSBURG - Boasting a one score lead as late as the third quarter, the Colonia football team fell apart and had its state playoff dreams come to an end on Friday evening.

The third-seeded Patriots lost to second-seeded Phillipsburg in the NJSIAA North 2 Group IV semifinals 28-13.



The Patriots started the game on a high note, recovering a Phillipsburg fumble on their own 47-yard line. To cap off the subsequent long, methodical drive, senior quarterback Chase Barneys ran into the end zone from four yards out, giving the Patriots a 6-0 lead.

“We knew we had to play from ahead,” Colonia head coach Tom Roarty said. “They control the clock and are a fundamentally sound team. When you do get a fumble, you have to take advantage.”

Colonia did concede a Phillipsburg touchdown late in the first half and went into halftime trailing 7-6 but was set to receive the ball after halftime.

On the opening drive of the third quarter, Colonia put together another methodical drive, leaning heavily on the running game. Bashir Lauderdale finishing off the drive

with a two-yard touchdown run, giving the Patriots a 13-7 lead.

“We were feeling good,” Roarty said. “Our defense was bending, not breaking. We knew we had to play a perfect game tonight.”



After that, things fell apart for the Patriots. After taking a 14-13 lead late in the third quarter, Phillipsburg blocked a Colonia punt in Patriots territory and later scored on a JaQuan Jones touchdown run to extend the lead to 21-13. After intercepting Barneys late in the third, Phillipsburg scored again, this time on a Josh Burton touchdown run, extending the lead to 28-13.

“We let it get away from us tonight,” Roarty said. “That blocked punt was a big emotional swing for them. You can’t give teams like Phillipsburg a short field, you’re not going to win that way.”

Down a couple touchdowns, the Patriots kept fighting and drove the ball all the way down to the Phillipsburg five-yard line late in the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, time was working against them and they turned it over on downs with less than a minute left in the game.

Senior leads Tyler Santos and Chase and Bryce Barneys led their team down until the clock hit triple-zero.

“They’re not going to quit until there’s no time left on the clock,” Roarty said. “They keep fighting their tails off.”



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Starting the season off 3-2, the Patriots clawed their way back and eventually won a very competitive GMC White Division. Making it to the second round two years in a row, Colonia should be considered a threat next season.

"It says a lot about these kids," Roarty said. "They work tirelessly and I can't ask for any more."

Phillipsburg beats Colonia, 28-13, in North 2, Group 4 semifinals

By The Star Ledger on November 20, 2015 10:36 PM

Manny Romero rushed for 153 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries and Ja'Quan Jones added 143 yards and two scores on 17 carries as second-seeded Phillipsburg pulled away in the second half on the way to a 28-13 victory over third-seeded Colonia in the semifinals of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoffs in Phillipsburg.



Phillipsburg, No. 13 in the NJ.com Top 20, advanced to meet No. 1 Middletown South in the sectional final in two weeks. Middletown South defeated rival Middletown North in the other semifinal, 41-14.

Romero returned the ensuing kickoff 31 yards after Colonia took a 13-7 lead early in the third quarter. Phillipsburg proceeded to drive 59 yards on seven plays, capped by Garrett Boures' 1-yard touchdown run. Brendan Grube's PAT gave the Stateliners a 14-13 lead which they wouldn't relinquish.



Defensive back Voshawn Wilson had two interceptions for the Stateliners, including one that thwarted a Colonia drive immediately after Boures' TD.



Colonia finished its season 8-3.

No. 1 Middletown South rolls past rival Middletown North in semifinals of North 2, Group 4 playoffs

By Brian Deakyne | For NJ Advance Media
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MIDDLETOWN – Middletown South's annual game against its crosstown rival came a week earlier than scheduled, but it seemed to matter little.



Top-seeded Middletown South, No. 1 in the NJ.com Top 20, rode four touchdown runs from tailback Cole Rogers and two TD passes from quarterback Matt Mosquera as it defeated fourth-seeded Middletown North, 41-14, to advance to the NJSIAA/Sports Care Institute North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 sectional final on Friday night.



Middletown South, which forced four turnovers in the win, will host Middletown North again on Thanksgiving Day before facing Phillipsburg in the sectional final one week later.

"It was awesome, it was the first time these two teams ever played in a playoff game," Mosquera said. "We wanted this one real bad. It was our goal to get back to the state championship ever since we lost to Jackson in that heartbreaker (last season). To do it against these guys just makes it even more special."

After being forced to a three-and-out on its first possession of the game, Middletown South's offense went to work as it took a 20-0 halftime lead behind a 28-yard TD run from Rogers and a pair of TD passes from Mosquera.

With a 6-0 lead, Mosquera connected with Spencer Pereless for a 15-yard TD late in the first quarter and hit Tom Coffey for a 5-yard score just before halftime.



Rogers, one of the most effective running backs in the state, had 21 carries for 211 yards to go with his four scores, while Mosquera completed 10-of-11 passes for 165 yards and his two touchdowns. Pereless had five catches for 108 yards in the win.

After Rogers added a 1-yard TD to up Middletown South's lead to 27-0 early in the second half, Middletown North made a bid for a comeback as Chad Freshnock capped off a 14-play, 80-yard drive with a 1-yard TD.



The Lions recovered the ensuing inside kick, and 14 seconds later, quarterback Donald Glenn connected with Brandon Kube for a 45-yard TD strike, cutting South's lead to 27-14.



But Middletown South closed out the win as Rogers added rushing TDs of 33 and 3 yards. The Eagles have scored at least 41 points in seven of its 10 games this season.

"It's all about motivation and clicking with each other," Rogers said of his success on the ground. "We are the better team and they worked up front. I could have gone wherever I wanted to go. I just picked a hole and went."

Glenn completed 22-of-33 passing for 265 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Freshnock had 22 carries for 87 yards and one TD. Kube, Glenn's top target in the loss, hauled in 13 catches for 207 yards and one TD.



"The atmosphere was outstanding and everything that we wanted it to be," Middletown South coach Steve Antonucci said. "It was perfect. For us to play in this atmosphere, this is a historic night, and I'm proud of our kids for the job they did."

"I've been so blessed to be through this a few times and we've come away empty-handed the last few times. They're ready. This is what we wanted from day one. We walked off the field last December without anything. Now we fought back here, and we have 48 minutes to see if we could get one."