

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: (G10) Kennedy W 28-14
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Players of the Game – (G10) Kennedy
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## **OVERALL Player of the Game**

Nathan Lanier - 11 Carries for 117 Yards with a Long of 33 and 2 TDs. 3 Solo Tackles, 6 Assisted Tackles with 1 Tackle for a Loss, 2 Hurries, and 1 Recovered Fumble.

## **OFFENSIVE Player of the Game**

**Keshaun Henry** - 12 Carries for 143 Yards with a Long of 54 Yards.

Nathan Lanier - 11 Carries for 117 Yards with a Long of 33 and 2 TDs.

**Quassim Glover** - 4 Receptions for 63 Yards with a long of 19 Yards, and 2 TDs.

## **DEFENSIVE Players of the Game**

Marquan Payne - 1 Solo Tackle, 7 Assisted Tackles with 2 Tackle for a Loss, and 1.5 Sacks for 15 Yards Lost.

Nathan Lanier - 3 Solo Tackles, 6 Assisted Tackles with 1 Tackle for a Loss, 2 Hurries, and 1 Recovered Fumble.

Nick Nyers - 2 Solo Tackles, 7 Assisted Tackles with 1 for a Loss, and 1 Hurry.

## **SPECIAL TEAMS Player of the Game**

Harry Rutkowski - 1 PAT, and 1 FG from 27 Yards. 6 Kick Offs for 322 Yards (53.6 Per) and 2 Touchbacks.

Phillipsburg v. Middletown South NJSIAA, North Jersey 2 – Group 4 Championship

Top-ranked Middletown South overwhelms Phillipsburg in North 2, Group 4 final

By Joe Zedalis | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com on December 05, 2015 9:51 PM, updated December 05, 2015 10:08 PM

EAST RUTHERFORD – No. 1 Middletown South played suffocating defense from start to finish Saturday night and the Eagles won their first sectional title since 2006 with a 35-7 victory over No. 17 Phillipsburg in the NJSIAA/Sports Care Institute North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 final at MetLife Stadium.



The Eagles finished 12-0 and won their 10th sectional title



The Middletown South defense allowed only 155 total yards. The Eagles lost their shutout with 10:29 to play. The South defense had 5.5 sacks and two interceptions.

"Phillipsburg likes to come out and bully people," said Middletown South linebacker Dylan Rogers. "But they couldn't bully us. We bully people. "Defense wins championships."

Middletown South's victory ended Phillipsburg's two-year run as North 2, Group 4 champs.



"This by far the best team we've seen in the finals, absolutely," said Phillipsburg head coach Ryan Ditze. "They're very well balanced, good passing attack, good rushing attack, great special teams. Great defense, honestly, and they were the better team than us today.

"That's a heck of a program. The best one we've seen all year."



Middletown South led 14-0 at the half and scored on three of five drives in the second half and pulled away.

"I think we were a little out of sorts in the first half, but we got back to running the ball in the second half," said Middletown South head coach Steve Antonucci. "We were throwing the ball in the first half, but we wanted to gas them a little ... and that worked. We were able to outflank them a little bit."

In the second half, Cole Rogers, Matt Mosquera and Tom Marron scored touchdowns.

Cole and Dylan Rogers starred for Middletown South. Cole, the running back, ran for 155 yards on 27 carries with two TDs. Dylan, the linebacker, was all over the field and had 4.5 sacks.

The Middletown South defense was also stout in the first half, limited a powerful Phillipsburg running game to 24 yards on 20 carries.





The Eagle defense recorded three sacks and blanked the Stateliners despite two Middletown South turnover deep in its own territory.

Phillipsburg had 42 total yards in the first half.

Middletown South started quickly. Jeff Lewandowski returned the opening kickoff 80 yards to the Phillipsburg 11. Two plays later Cole Rogers slammed in from the six for the TD with 11:13 left in the first quarter.

South scored its second TD on a 28 yard pass from Matt Mosquera to Jeremy Joyce. Joyce had inside position on the Phillipsburg defender and made a leaping catch for the score. Mosquera's second PAT gave Middletown South a 14-0 lead 8:44 left in the second quarter.

In the first half, Middletown South threw the ball an uncharacteristic 16 times.

Mosquera was 9 of 16 for 65 yards with a touchdown.

Middletown South had 78 yards rushing – 70 by tailback Rogers on 14 carries.

Cole Rogers on offense, Dylan Rogers on defense, power Middletown South to N2G4 title

By Joe Zedalis | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com on December 05, 2015 10:21 PM

EAST RUTHERFORD – The Rogers twins were double trouble for Phillipsburg Saturday night.

Running back Cole Rogers had 155 yards on 27 carries and two touchdowns.

Linebacker Dylan Rogers had 4.5 sacks and led a smothering defensive effort than carried No.1 Middletown South (12-0) to a 35-7 victory over Phillipsburg in the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 championship at MetLife Stadium.

"They were dynamite," said Middletown South head coach Steve Antonucci. "They got it done on both sides of the ball."

Dylan Rogers scored the first Middletown South touchdown on a six-yard run just 47 seconds into the game. He added his second TD on a nine-yard run on South's first possession of the third guarter.



"Cole killed it," Dylan Rogers said. "I told him he was going to have a big night. I could just feel it. I knew Cole was going to eat them up."

Dylan Rogers roamed sideline to sideline. He was savage against the run and terrorized Phillipsburg quarterbacks both in and out of the pocket."



When told he had 4.5 sacks Dylan Rogers said: "I thought I had more."

"Dylan was the best player on the field tonight," Cole Rogers said. "Dylan just wouldn't be denied. This was everything he ever wanted."

"He's one of the best I've ever coached and we've had some good ones," Middletown South defensive coordinator Al Bigos said of Dylan Rogers. "He just had a different look in his eyes and I knew he wouldn't be denied."

Cole and Dylan Rogers, part of a talented senior class, erased the memories of last year's 21-18 loss to Jackson Memorial in the Central Jersey Group 4 final.



"There was a lot a pressure on us to win," Cole Rogers said.

"I forgot this was my last game," Dylan Rogers said. "At least I left my legacy."

Phillipsburg's bid for 3rd straight title falls short against No. 1 Middletown South

By Chris Ryan | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com on December 05, 2015 10:15 PM

EAST RUTHERFORD - Phillipsburg's bid for a third straight state title got off to an auspicious start, with Middletown South returning the opening kick 80 yards before scoring on a 7-yard run two plays later for a quick one-touchdown lead. A three-peat was not meant to be on Saturday night.

Phillipsburg forced a pair of early turnovers on fumble recoveries, but couldn't cash in with points on either ensuing drive, and Middletown South pulled away for a 35-7 win over the Stateliners in the final of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoffs at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford.



"We couldn't the ball moving until we started doing some spread things, running that motion like we were doing, going some wildcat there, which we were successful with, "Ditze said. "Probably could have done it earlier, we had a couple chances in the play-action game that didn't pan out, and we put the defense in some tough spots in the first half."

Middletown South was limited to one other touchdown in the first half, a 28-yard touchdown from Matt Mosquera to Jeremy Joyce on a fourth-down play. Even in good



coverage, Joyce hauled in a leaping catch to secure the score. Ditze said his team was fortunate to be down only 14 points at halftime, and the defense's play contributed to that.



Phillipsburg found some traction on offense on its opening drive of the second half, but after getting to the Middletown South 26-yard line, an James McCarthy interception gave the ball to Middletown South, and the Eagles began to pull away.

They just did a good job of playing gap control. Their line didn't let our backs hit any of the creases that we normally hit," Ditze said. "We couldn't pop any of our play-action plays, and we turned the ball over there, too, which doesn't help. That's what it comes down to."



Phillipsburg closes its season at 9-3 after having its eight-game state playoff winning streak snapped. For a senior class that was a key part of two titles, its a bitter ending, but just a small blemish on a strong tenure.

"At Phillipsburg, when you set the goals where you set them, it's a tough pill to swallow for our kids," Ditze said. "But these seniors have nothing to be ashamed of. Played their tails off, some of them for the last four, some for the last three years. And we're going to love them and we're going to miss them dearly."