



Woodbridge named MyCentralJersey.com Snapple Bowl XXIII host

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(Photo: JASON TOWLEN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Woodbridge High School's recently renovated Nicholas A. Priscoe Stadium has been selected as the host site for MyCentralJersey.com Snapple Bowl XXIII, a charity all-star football game that has raised more than \$530,000 for its beneficiaries.

Marcus Borden, the game's founder and director, said he selected Woodbridge for the July 21, 2016 contest because he believes the school district and the township's officials "are going to do everything and anything to make this a success in their own backyard."

The event, which on July 17 raised a single-game record \$50,000 for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Edison-based Lakeview School, a

program of the New Jersey Institute for Disabilities, pits the top recently graduated scholastic seniors from Middlesex and Union counties against one another.

"We are just thrilled to have this opportunity to host Snapple Bowl XXIII," Woodbridge High School Athletics Director Joe Ward said. "We think it's a wonderful event that provides funding for two great institutions. I think it's great for Woodbridge High School and the Woodbridge community. I'm excited to have football players and cheerleaders from Middlesex County and Union County see the first-class facilities we have at Woodbridge and for us to be a part of the Snapple Bowl tradition."

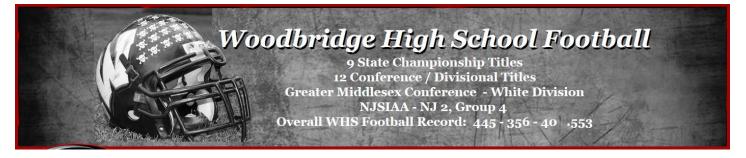
Woodbridge Township used \$9.89 million in property-inlieu of taxes (PILOT) funding to upgrade facilities for athletics and extracurricular activities district-wide including, but not limited to, the installation of synthetic turf football and baseball fields at J.F. Kennedy and Colonia high schools and a complete overhaul of Priscoe Stadium.

Improvements to the stadium, originally built in 1948, include the demolition of the white concrete home stands, which were replaced by red and black metal bleachers that reflect the school's colors, a larger athletic trainer's room, a revitalized coach's office equipped with ceiling projectors and white boards, a beautified locker room, new public restrooms, wheelchair ramps for handicap access to the venue, a new press box and internet access.

Woodbridge Principal Glenn Lottmann said the district and the township will work together to ensure that accommodations for spectators, including parking and bleacher seating, will be more than adequate.

"Everyone wants to make a great event even better by hosting it," Lottmann said. "Everyone is on board and wants the same thing. It's such a great event, anytime you can get involved in something like that, you should jump at the opportunity."

Borden said Woodbridge's school spirit, which ranks among the best in Middlesex County, also factored into his decision to choose Priscoe Stadium as MyCentralJersey.com Snapple Bowl XXIII's host.





Snapple Bowl (Photo: Marcus Borden)

The school's mascot, Johnathon O'Halloran, a rising senior, won the inaugural Snapple Bowl Mascot Challenge on July 17 after raising an individual record \$2,500-plus for the game's beneficiaries and placing first in online voting with 8,620 of the more than 21,000 votes cast for the nine competing mascots.

Woodbridge and Colonia hosted Middlesex County All-Star practices in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Borden said the district's generosity factored into his decision to select Woodbridge as a first-time host.

The game, which alternates being played at a Middlesex County and Union County venue annually, has previously been contested in Middlesex County at Sayreville, South Brunswick and East Brunswick high schools.

Borden got a first-hand look at renovated Priscoe Stadium while covering Woodbridge's intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday as MyCentralJersey.com's football analyst.

Woodbridge head football coach Bill Nyers has been involved with the Snapple Bowl since its inception and was previously honored with a special award for his dedication to the game.

Saturday August 22 Woodbridge Red & Black Intrasquad Scrimmage

Marcus Borden, @bordenfb4ever August 23, 2015



The Woodbridge Intrasquad scrimmage left no doubt that there are plenty of play makers on the Barron roster. Senior QB Tracy Fudge led a no-huddle Red Team offense that scored on its first two plays of a 10 play series. The gifted signal caller wowed this observer as he even checked out of one play and into another!

1st Team All-County WR Quasim Glover didn't disappoint as he caught passes from Black Team QB Isaiah Exposito, a back-up to Fudge. Running backs Junior Keshaun Henry (Black Team) and Senior Nate Lanier (Red Team) showed speed and elusiveness while running the Woodbridge spread offense.

The offensive and defensive lines were led by Senior David McDevitt (Red Team) and Senior Bernardo Sanchez (Black Team). Whereas the Red Team prevailed 18-6 over the Black Team, the real winners were the parents, cheerleaders, administration and the Woodbridge 5th Quarter Club that displayed an unbelievable amount of school and community spirit at the new state of the art Nicholas A. Priscoe Stadium Complex.



Quad Scrimmage - Hillsborough

by WoodbridgeFootball.com on 08/25/15

Hillsborough was a 9-2 team in 2014, losing in Round 2 of the Playoffs to Manalapan 28-6. They too, have returned a large number of players. In last years scrimmage, they roughed us up a bit. This year, the tables were turned. The Barrons offense came to play today, dropping 3 scores on the Raiders, while the defense came up big again with a shutout of the Raiders starters. The group two and three defense allowed a lone score in the final drives.

Woodbridge 3 scores - Hillsborough 1



Quad Scrimmage - Linden

by WoodbridgeFootball.com on 08/25/15

Linden was the State Champions of the North Jersey 2, Group 5 last season. They return a good group of players. The Woodbridge offense was able to score twice against their aggressive defense, while our own stifling defense held the Tigers to a single score Woodbridge 2 scores - Linden 1



Quad Scrimmage - Edison

by WoodbridgeFootball.com on 08/25/15

The Baroons looked shaky for the first few plays, then unleashed an offensive show scoring three time. The defensive unit held Edison to two scores. Nice work gentlemen!

Woodbridge 3 scores - Edison 2 scores



Patrick making friends with a member of the USMC. We thank you for your service Sergeant Seibel! Semper Fi



Ocean Scrimmage

by WoodbridgeFootball.com on 08/28/15

The Ocean Township team were few in numbers. but they brought some very good players. The first quarter was scoreless. In the second quarter, Ocean scored first with a up and in pass from inside the 20. A Woodbridge TD that would have tied the contest was called back for offensive pass interference. A final score by Ocean with under 2 minutes saw a deep post from outside the 20 ending the play by the first teams. In the second half, Woodbridge put two TD's on the board on some brilliant running and blocking.



(S4) East Brunswick

East Brunswick (Home)
Thursday, September 3, 2015 7pm
The final tune up before the season starts for real.

The following photos are from the 2014 scrimmage.



Coach Liquori at the 2014 East Brunswick scrimmage giving some instruction.



Dylan Leone controlling the OL calls and getting things started for the offensive unit.





Alex LaGrippo waiting to unleash the "Beast".



Nat Lanier dropping SIX on the defense.



Tracy Fudge calling the play.