



# Trojans Battle To Very End In State Title Game

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defensive play on second. Caledonia's King went back to pass and was chased down by Zenzen

who hit his arm just as it was going forward for an incomplete pass. A split second earlier and it might have been a fumble, but that was the story of the game for both teams. Both played very hard, gave

everything they had, but the ball always seemed to bounce in the favor of the three-time defending state champs.

A third down play saw the Trojans grab the facemask of the ball carrier, putting the ball down to the two yard line. Barnesville would stop the run bringing up a fourth down play from the one. The state championship would come down to this play.

Coach Strand called a timeout just before the play got off as the Warriors scored the touchdown, giving his team one more chance.

But Caledonia went back to their smash mouth football game with Tate Meiners pounding it into the end zone from one yard out for the score with 4:29 to play in the game. The extra point was good making the score 14-0 Caledonia.

Barnesville tried to make things happen as they went to the passing game and into their wildcat formation. After a nice run by Detloff, a bobbed snap saw backup quarterback Snobl recover the ball and throw a pass intended for Tonsfeldt.

The Warriors defender Payton Schott would make a great play to tip the ball up in the air, secure the interception at the 43 yard line and race to the end zone untouched for a defensive touchdown to virtually end the game. The extra point was good making the score 21-0.

The Trojans would turn the ball over on downs with a fourth down sack by Caledonia, who would take over the ball and run out the clock

for their fourth state championship in a row.

"This is a great group of kids, whom I could not have asked any more from," stated Head Coach Bryan Strand. "We battled and fought with a team that had won 53 straight games and three state titles in a row. We showed no fear and played with a passion to end both streaks. The outcome did not come out the way we wanted, but the journey is what I think is the most important part here.

This group of kids takes to coaching, as well as any team I have ever had. They listen and don't bicker or fight with each other. They are great kids.

Everything was set up for how I saw the game turning out. I thought our kids had a ton of grit today. They didn't let up. We made some mistakes. They're kids, they're going to make mistakes, but our kids never quit. They played so hard it was a shame anyone had to lose this game. We had so many kids banged up with shoulders, knees and ankles. It was their 14th game of the season. But they stood toe-to-toe with the best team in the state and gave them all they could handle. They truly made this coach pretty dang proud.

That is the best dang team in the state, hands down. They blow away everybody and we were right there with them. Our kids played and prepared for this game as well as they could have."

Head Coach Carl Fruechte had this to say about the Trojans. "Barnesville deserves a lot of respect. Their defense was awesome. Gave us lots of fits."

For the game, the Trojans finished with 136 total yards of offense, all rushing on 43 carries with eight first downs, but had three turnovers.

Tonsfeldt led the Trojans with 88 yards rushing on 18 carries, with Detloff adding 38 yards rushing on 10 carries. Hinsz finished the game with four carries for 11 yards rushing with Anderson adding nine yards on three carries.

Defensively the Trojans held the Warriors to 240 total yards of offense with 156 yards on the ground and 84 yards through the air, netting 11 first downs while committing two turnovers.

Zenzen led Barnesville with 10 tackles (6 solo, 4 assisted), a tipped pass, a fumble recovery and a tackle on a kick, with Snobl adding nine tackles (4s,5a) and an interception.

Adrian O'Brian finished with five tackles (4s,1a) with Anderson adding six tackles (2s,4a) and a tackle on a kick. Brenner added four tackles all solo with Brooks Martinson netting

six tackles (2s,4a) in the loss.

Coach Strand had these final comments on the game and the season for his squad. "I am sad that the season is over, but not sad about the wonderful journey the players and coaches took over the past 16 weeks. What a great group of men the community and the town can be proud of. This team made Barnesville fans, near and far, proud to be a Trojan! What a great group of seniors, they will be greatly missed."

The Trojans season ends with an overall record of 11 wins and three losses and a State Runner-Up finish in Class AA football for the 2018 season. Congratulations to all the coaches and players on an outstanding, fun-filled season!

C-McCabe 22-yard run (Wagner Kick)  
C-Meiners 1-yard run (Wagner Kick)  
C-Schott 43-yard interception return (Wagner Kick)

Individual Statistics  
Rushing:  
C - McCabe 14-115, N. King 10-34, Beardmore 4-5, Kasten 1-3, Meiners 1-1  
B - Detloff 10-38, Brenner 8-(10), Hinsz 4-11, Anderson 3-9, Tonsfeldt 18-88

Passing:  
C - N. King 9-19-1=84  
B - Tonsfeldt 0-5-0= 0, Snobl 0-1-1=0

Receiving:  
C - Meiners 3-44, E. King 3-27, Cavanaugh 2-11, Denstad 1-2  
B - None

Box Score	1	2	3	4	F
Caledonia	0	7	0	14	21
Barnesville	0	0	0	0	0

### Class AA State Football Tournament

**Pillager**  
Friday, Nov. 9 7:00 p.m.  
Alexandria HS  
**Paynesville**

**Paynesville**  
Thurs., Nov. 15  
U.S. Bank Stadium  
2:00 p.m.  
**Caledonia**

**New Richland H-E-G**  
Friday, Nov. 9 7:00 p.m.  
Burnsville HS  
**Caledonia**

**Caledonia**  
Friday, Nov. 23  
U.S. Bank Stadium  
1:00 p.m.  
**Caledonia**  
2018 Class AA State Champions

**Barnesville**  
Friday, Nov. 9 7:00 p.m.  
Brainerd HS  
**Moose Lake/WR**

**Barnesville**  
Friday, Nov. 16  
U.S. Bank Stadium  
11:30 a.m.  
**Barnesville**

**Minneapolis N**  
Friday, Nov. 9 8:00 p.m.  
New Ulm HS  
**Minneapolis N**



A Caledonia player is met with a wall of purple as he tries to gain some yardage early in the game.



Head Coach Bryan Strand and quarterback Adam Tonsfeldt review the game in the media room at US Bank Stadium after the game against the Caledonia Warriors.

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- Adam Tonsfeldt #5 • Chase Brenner #30



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