

**NCHSAA 1A Men's Soccer Championship Match Post Game Quotes**  
**Nov. 18, 2023**

Hobbton Head Coach Jonathan Jacobs

On the match

"In our school, this was the first state championship appearance for Hobbton sports since 1993, so it was a big accomplishment for the boys. It sucks to lose but it was a heartfelt game. Once you get here it's a 50/50 game and it just didn't go our way tonight."

On the community support

"The support has been huge. I think this was such a big night for our community, that someone has made it to a state championship. They got on our backs and just helped us get here."

Gray Stone Head Coach Bradley Harrington

On the match

"They've battled all year long. Having 11 Seniors on our team, they had a bad taste in their mouth losing in the 3rd round last year. They had a taste of championship-level play as Freshmen and Sophomores, so they were ready to meet that level this year."

On the field size

"We knew we'd have an advantage playing on this big field as our home field is this same size. We knew if we could keep moving the ball well, keep trusting our skill, and get it to our teammate's feet, we knew we could succeed in the 2nd half."

MVP Desmond Bullard

On motivation

"Last season taught us that we can compete with anybody. Even when everyone thinks the other team is better than you and you're the underdogs, it doesn't mean anything. Go out and play your game and good things can happen."