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Football Monday

**NJ.com Football Top 20, Week 6:
A public team takes No. 1**



Ferris at St. Peter's Prep

Fri, Oct. 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Team	1	2	3	4	Final
Ferris	0	0	0	0	0
St. Peter's Prep	35	14	0	7	56

3 things we learned from Hudson County Interscholastic League football in Week 5

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
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.....3 - No hangover for Prep

St. Peter's Prep entered the weekend fresh off a bye week. Prior to the bye, the Marauder suffered a disappointing loss to St. John Bosco at Don Bosco Prep. It looked like Prep had a strong week of practice, though, showcasing their typical dominance in a 56-0 victory over Ferris. In the win, Damion Abrams, Sa'id Boykin, Malcolm Brunson, Maasai Maynor and Chris Shaw all recorded rushing scores for the Marauders.

SCORING & STATS

FINAL

1st: St. Peter's Prep: Zamir Mickens 91 kickoff return (Joe Henry kick)

1st: St. Peter's Prep: Sa'id Boykin 9 run (Joe Henry kick)

1st: St. Peter's Prep: Jorge Portorreal 15 interception return (Joe Henry kick)

1st: St. Peter's Prep: Miles Strickland 10 interception return (Joe Henry kick)

1st: St. Peter's Prep: Damion Abrams 21 run (Joe Henry kick)

2nd: St. Peter's Prep: Malcolm Brunson 8 run (Joe Henry kick)

2nd: St. Peter's Prep: Maasai Maynor 19 run (Joe Henry kick)

4th: St. Peter's Prep: Chris Shaw 15 run (Joe Henry kick)

NON-PUBLIC TOP 10

- 1-**Bergen Catholic** (4-2)
- 2-**Paramus Catholic** (2-3)
- 3-**St. Joseph (Mont.)** (4-2)
- 4-**Don Bosco Prep** (3-1)
- 5-**St. Peter's Prep** (3-2)
- 6-**St. John Vianney** (5-0)
- 7-**St. Augustine** (5-0)
- 8-**Red Bank Catholic** (5-0)
- 9-**Camden Catholic** (5-0)
- 10-**Seton Hall Prep** (3-1)



St. Peter's Prep Football

Mascot Marauders **Team** Varsity 15-16 **Colors** Maroon, Silver
Coach Rich Hansen **Address** 144 Grand St, Jersey City, NJ 07302
Overall 3-2 **League** 1-0 **National Rank** 372 **State (NJ) Rank** 6



Hurricane Irene not enough to prevent Minkah Fitzpatrick from shining at Alabama

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com

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When football fans across the country watch Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick make plays, it's tough to fathom that he's only a true freshman.

In the Crimson Tide's 38-10 victory over Georgia on Saturday, the New Jersey native recorded four tackles, one sack and scored a touchdown on a blocked punt.

Fitzpatrick has been electric in his first four games with Alabama, no question, but it hasn't come without working his tail off to get where he is today. This includes busting his hump while at St. Peter's Prep for four years, all while dealing with plenty of adversity off of the field.

In an article written by Matt Zenitz, AL.com highlights Fitzpatrick's struggles, which included a major setback for his family during Hurricane Irene in August of 2011.



During that storm, water from nearby rivers made an unwelcome appearance inside the home and an electrical panel blew up inside. The house was condemned, and the Fitzpatrick's were essentially left homeless, Zenitz wrote.

Fitzpatrick, a freshman for the Marauders at the time, would go to football practice, then arrive home late in the evening and help his father with some repairs around their home in Old Bridge, which was heavily affected by the storm.

"It was hard for him to focus on school and football while we were going through what we were going through," Minkah Fitzpatrick Sr. told AL.com. "He felt bad because he was thinking about us. He was thinking about us and the situation and everything. But we told him, 'Your mother and I, we're going to get through it. Try not to let the situation take your focus away or take your drive away.'"

But since that storm, things have only gotten better for Fitzpatrick and his family. The Fitzpatrick's have since moved back into their old home and have been able to watch their son make play after play for the No. 6 Crimson Tide.

"Minkah's done a really good job for us," Saban told AL.com. "He's a good player. He's only going to get better and better and better as he gets more experience.

"The more reps he gets and the more recognition he has, I think he has a really good ability to make plays. He's very instinctive, and we're excited about where he is, and we're hopeful that he's going to continue to improve and continue to develop and be a real sort of staple in our defense."



Inside Minkah Fitzpatrick's rise from 'peanut butter room' to one of Alabama's top young players

The "peanut butter room" inside St. Peter's Preparatory School in New Jersey is for students who can't afford school lunches.

While others have normal meals, these kids eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches prepared by one of the Catholic school's pastors.



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One of Alabama's top young players — freshman cornerback Minkah Fitzpatrick — utilized that room all four years of high school at St. Peter's.

Hurricane Irene changed everything for Fitzpatrick, his family and many around New Jersey in late August 2011.

Four years later, Fitzpatrick's family is still working through financial and house-related issues stemming from the damage caused.

Teammates and coaches at Alabama have regularly commended Fitzpatrick for his maturity, focus and work ethic — characteristics that have helped him make an uncommonly significant early impact as a defensive back for the Tide.



Following a pass breakup vs. the Badgers, well-known ESPN college football analyst Kirk Herbstreit said of Fitzpatrick on the broadcast, "He's the next great one."

If Fitzpatrick should go on and star at Alabama and eventually make it in the NFL, he has talked playfully with his mother about plans for the "peanut butter room" at St. Peter's.

"Minkah and I," Melissa said, "joke all the time, 'If we ever get rich, that room is going to be like the place. That room is going to be like Domino's and Pizza Hut and everything else.'"



St. Peter's Prep Football Roster

Mascot Marauders **Team** Varsity 15-16 **Colors** Maroon, Silver

Coach [Rich Hansen](#) **Address** [144 Grand St, Jersey City, NJ 07302](#)

Overall [1-0](#) **League** [0-0](#) **National Rank** [166](#) **State (NJ) Rank** [5](#)

- (C) = Captain
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# ▲	Name	Position	Gr.	Ht	Wt
1	Johnathan Lewis	QB, SS	Jr.	6-2	200
2	Jorge Portorreal	RB, WR, CB	Jr.	5-10	170
3	Shayne Simon	QB, SS	So.	6-3	195
4	Johnny Yorey	RB, OLB	Jr.	5-9	215
5	K.j. Gray	WR, CB	Sr.	6-2	190
6	Sa'id Boykin	RB, CB	Sr.	5-9	190
7	Eddie Reaves	FS, SS	Sr.	5-11	173
8	Miles Strickland	MLB, TE	Sr.	6-2	225
9	Maasai Maynor	QB	Fr.	5-10	165
10	Kolton Huber	WR, SS	Sr.	6-2	200
11	Luke Bedell	WR, CB	Sr.	5-9	170
12	Alijah St. vil	RB, CB	Jr.	5-9	215
12	John Armwood III	CB, QB	Sr.	5-10	184
13	Austin Burk	RB, CB	Sr.	5-10	160
15	Brendan Popovich	WR, SS	Sr.	6-1	185

16	Jordan Francullo	WR, FS	Sr.	5-9	150
17	Masaki Aerts	WR, FS	Jr.	6-2	175
18	Michael Hester	WR, FS	Sr.	6-2	165
20	Luca McLaughlin	FB, MLB	Sr.	5-6	160
21	Jeremiah Lynch	WR, CB	Sr.		
22	Damion Abrams	RB, MLB	Jr.	5-10	220
24	Dominic Meleo	RB, LB	So.	5-10	185
25	Zamir Mickens	WR, SS, FS	So.	6-1	175
26	Justin Ademilola	TE, OLB	So.	6-2	235
27	Charles Mainor	RB, SS	So.	5-9	138
28	Cameron Clarke	WR, FS	Jr.	6-0	150
29	Dakari Falconer	RB, FS	Jr.	5-11	170
30	Malcolm Brunson	RB, WR, OLB	So.	6-0	180
31	Benji Mowatt	TE, OLB	Jr.	6-2	220
32	Jacob Mirlas	MLB, RB	Jr.	5-10	205
33	Spencer Nuzman	RB, OLB	So.	5-9	200
34	Mike Mangual	MLB, FB	So.	5-9	188
35	Michael Richards	WR, SS	So.	6-0	150
37	Peter Stokes	WR, FS	Jr.	5-11	175
39	Markus Bagley	WR, FS	So.	6-0	150
40	Judah Wehner	FB, MLB	So.	5-9	190

40	Michael Leber	WR, DB	Jr.	5-9	150
41	Jordan Blassingame	WR, CB	Jr.	6-2	175
42	Cameron Blair	WR, FS	So.	6-0	165
43	Seth McLaughlin	CB, RB	So.	5-9	175
44	Tommy Mcintryre	WR, OLB	Sr.	6-7	230
47	Christian Tanas	K	Jr.	6-1	165
48	Christopher Shaw	RB, CB	So.	5-5	150
49	Rj Oben	TE, DE	Fr.	6-2	190
49	Xavier Posso		Jr.	6-1	130
50	Ricardo Colon	DE, G	So.	6-3	220
50	Stanley Dennis	G, DE	Fr.		
51	Adam Scagliarini	OLB, TE	Jr.	6-2	220
52	Brian Richards	G, DE	So.	6-0	185
53	William Woltmann	G, DE	So.	5-11	215
54	Elijah White	DT, G	Fr.		
55	Richard Doren	FB, MLB	So.	5-7	200
57	Jayson Ademilola	DE, DT	So.	6-3	256
58	Freddie Recio	NG, G	Sr.	6-2	275
59	Zachary Lewis	G, DE	So.	6-3	180
60	Johnathon Butler	T, G, DT	Sr.	6-1	231

64	Samuel Pellot	TE, DE	Jr.	6-0	190
65	Andrew Marrero	T, DT	Fr.		
66	Benjamin Petrula	G, T	Jr.	6-6	295
67	Harley Monteiro	G, DT	Jr.	6-2	251
68	Philip Grimaud	T, DE	Fr.		
69	Mike Desousa	G, NG	Jr.	5-6	215
70	Krishen Khurana	T, DT	Sr.	6-1	285
72	Chris Stultz	NG, G	Fr.		
73	Aaron Coleman	T, DE, DT	Jr.	6-3	266
74	Andrew Chiurazzi	G, DT	So.	6-2	260
74	Andrew Chiurazzi	T, DT	So.	6-2	260
75	Max Telemaque	T, DT	So.		245
76	Paul Weeks	NG, G	So.	6-1	252
77	George Dawoud		Jr.	6-1	
78	Jan Brentjens	T, DT	Jr.	6-4	280
81	John McAndrew	WR, FS	Jr.	5-8	160
85	Joe Henry	K, P	Jr.	5-11	
88	Brendan Ekwughalu	WR, FS	So.	5-11	180