



## Football Monday



**Minkah Fitzpatrick**  
CB/WR/RB



**Jordan Fox**  
LB



**Brandon Wimbush**  
QB/FS

**No Game This Past Week  
But Plenty of Stories**

## NJ.com Top 20 schedule and picks for Week 5

By James Kratch | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com  
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### WEEK 5 NJ.COM TOP 20 PICKS

**1-DON BOSCO PREP (3-0) IS IDLE.**

**2-ST. PETER'S PREP (3-1) IS IDLE.**

**3-PARAMUS CATHOLIC (4-0) VS. 12-BERGEN CATHOLIC (3-1)**

*Saturday, 4 p.m.*

If Saturday's win over St. Edward (Ohio) was truly the return of Bergen Catholic football, the next step is proving it can compete with its fellow North Jersey non-public powers. The Crusaders will have that opportunity Saturday when they take on Paramus Catholic and its cast of Division 1 prospects that includes defensive lineman Rashan Gary, wide receiver Najee Clayton and linebacker Saleem Brightwell.



Paladin quarterback Willy Hansen played through a knee injury last week and totaled 272 yards and three touchdowns. The Bergen Catholic defense, which has allowed only 20 points in its last two games, needs to continue to make strides to slow Hansen and running back Marquise Spence. **Pick: Paramus Catholic, 23-14.**

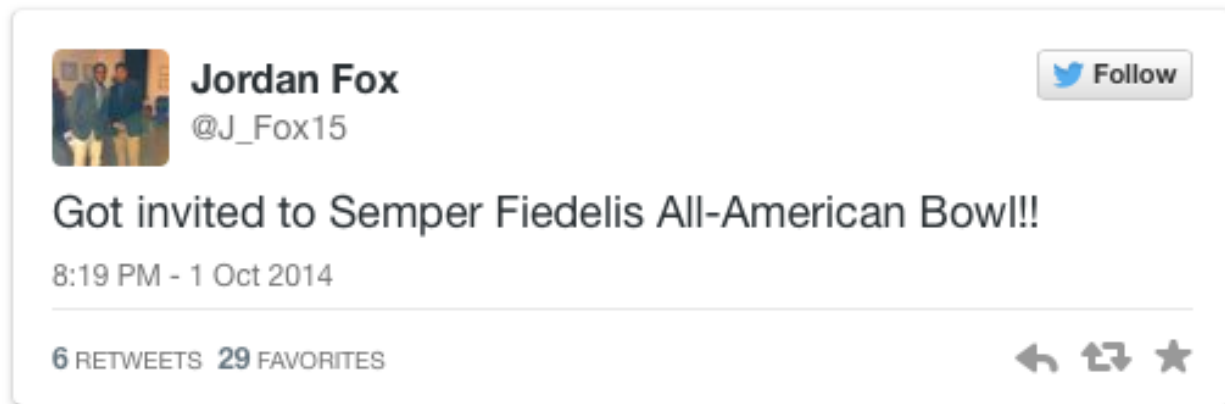
**(Actual result: No. 3 Paramus Catholic 44, No. 12 Bergen Catholic 7).**

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## St. Peter's Prep LB Jordan Fox receives invite to 2015 Semper Fi All-American Bowl

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com  
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On his Twitter account Wednesday evening, **St. Peter's Prep** standout linebacker **Jordan Fox** announced that he was invited to the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl. The annual game is held in Santa Ana, Calif., at the Santa Ana Stadium.



The 2015 edition will be held on Sunday, Jan. 4, and will be televised to a national audience on Fox Sports 1.

Fox, who is rated three stars by Scout.com, recently told NJ.com that he **has a final four** of Stanford, Syracuse, Virginia and Miami. The 6-3, 215-pounder currently holds 17 scholarship offers.

# St. Peter's Prep stars Brandon Wimbush and Minkah Fitzpatrick selected for Under Armour All-American Game

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com  
on October 03, 2014 4:34 p.m.

There's no question both **Minkah Fitzpatrick** and **Brandon Wimbush**, of **St. Peter's Prep**, are off to fantastic starts this season. Wimbush has thrown for 1,112 yards and 12 touchdowns in four games. He's added over 200 yards rushing and three additional scores.

Meanwhile Fitzpatrick has recorded 346 receiving yards and three touchdowns and 247 yards and three more touchdowns rushing.

On Friday, both were named to the 2015 Under Armour All-American Game, which will be played at 4 p.m on Friday, Jan. 2, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla.



Fitzpatrick took to his Twitter account to add his excitement on receiving the honor.



Both players are committed to Division-I schools. Wimbush is committed to Penn State, while Fitzpatrick is committed to Alabama. Both are also on official visits this weekend, with **Wimbush at Notre Dame** and **Fitzpatrick is at Florida State**.

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## St. Peter's Prep QB Brandon Wimbush, a Penn State verbal, will visit Notre Dame this weekend

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com  
on October 03, 2014 11:12 a.m.

It's a big weekend for a pair of **St. Peter's Prep** standouts.

Veteran Marauders' coach Rich Hansen informed NJ.com on Friday morning that in addition to cornerback **Minkah Fitzpatrick**, an Alabama commit, **taking a visit to Florida State this weekend**, quarterback **Brandon Wimbush**, a Penn State commit, will take an official visit to Notre Dame.

Both Wimbush and Fitzpatrick are leaving for their visits on Friday and will be back in New Jersey on Sunday. Per NCAA rules, official visits can't exceed a time period of 48 hours.



Notre Dame (4-0) will be hosting No. 14 Stanford tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. As for Florida State (4-0), the Seminoles will host Wake Forest, also at 3:30 p.m.

Wimbush, ranked the No. 1 player on the NJ.com Top 50 list, committed to Penn State in early May. This is his first official visit of the fall. It's also the first official visit for Fitzpatrick.



# St. Peter's Prep CB and Alabama commit Minkah Fitzpatrick to visit Florida State this weekend

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com  
on October 02, 2014 4:54 p.m.

According to ESPN National Recruiting Analyst Gerry Hamilton, **St. Peter's Prep** cornerback **Minkah Fitzpatrick** will be taking an official visit to Florida State this weekend.

Fitzpatrick, who committed to the Crimson Tide back in April, recently told NJ.com that he **wanted to take some additional visits**. Florida State was one of the schools he mentioned, as well as Penn State and Oklahoma.



The 6-1, 195-pounder is ranked **four stars** and the **No. 7 cornerback in the country** by Scout.com and holds more than 20 scholarship offers.

# High School sports recruiting & transfers

By Matthew Stanmyre | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com  
on October 01, 2014 12:22 p.m.

As New Jersey high school football continues to rapidly grow in notoriety and visibility, so to have the number of schools lobbing recruiting allegations against one another. The past five weeks alone, national powerhouse Paramus Catholic has been accused by two schools of recruiting high-profile players. Despite the allegations, **Paramus Catholic** has never been found guilty of any wrongdoing.

Stop by here at noon Wednesday to ask sports enterprise reporter Matthew Stanmyre questions about the current high school sports landscape, the recruiting allegations plaguing it and the recent surge of players allegedly transferring schools for athletic advantage. The Q & A will happen **in the comments section below** and you're welcome to start leaving questions at any time.

You can read about the latest allegations made by **St. Peter's Prep** coach Rich Hansen **accusing Paramus Catholic of trying to nab top-rated player Minkah Fitzpatrick here.**

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## Paramus Catholic accused of recruiting, nearly nabbing Minkah Fitzpatrick, top N.J. prospect

By Matthew Stanmyre | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com  
on September 30, 2014 10 a.m.

Five weeks after **Paramus Catholic** was accused of recruiting the country's overall No. 1 prospect away from his public school, the New Jersey high school football powerhouse is facing new accusations.

Rich Hansen, of St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, the No. 2-ranked team in NJ.com's statewide poll, said Paramus Catholic tried to snatch the state's top-rated junior recruit at the time, Minkah Fitzpatrick, just before the 2013 season.



Hansen called Paramus Catholic and other teams that he believes recruit players from other high school teams "dirty."

Hansen said Fitzpatrick visited Paramus Catholic and spoke to coaches at the school. Fitzpatrick missed at least one practice and a scrimmage at St. Peter's, Hansen said.

"You almost feel victimized because I feel like we run a tight ship," Hansen said. "We do things the right way. And to be victimized by a place that I consider to be everything but — that was troublesome to me."

Hansen said the discussions became serious enough that St. Peter's received a transfer waiver form from Paramus Catholic, indicating Fitzpatrick was on his way to the Bergen County school.

In danger of losing his best player, Hansen said he hastily arranged a nearly four-hour meeting at Fitzpatrick's home in Old Bridge, and ultimately convinced his prized player to stay.

Hansen said he did not log a complaint with the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, the state's governing body for high school sports, because Fitzpatrick ended up staying at **St. Peter's**.

Paramus Catholic president James Vail said that since an official complaint was not filed by St. Peter's against his school, he was not compelled to comment on the specific allegation.

"Anything other than that is hearsay," Vail said. "Students have transferred out of this school and are now playing for other schools. I don't see why you're so obsessive about that it's something that only applies to Paramus Catholic. Somehow we get all the attention."

Fitzpatrick's father, also named Minkah, said Paramus Catholic did nothing wrong.

"We initiated the situation with him becoming a student at Paramus Catholic," Minkah Fitzpatrick Sr. said. "They followed up on our initial interest. That's all it was."

Hansen's allegations come four games into the start of strong seasons for St. Peter's Prep (3-1) and Paramus Catholic (4-0), the two-time defending Non-Public, Group 4 champions. Paramus Catholic ended St. Peter's title dreams the past two seasons, including a 13-6 victory in last year's final at MetLife Stadium.

The head coach at St. Peter's for 26 seasons, Hansen said the experience with Fitzpatrick is endemic of what goes on at Paramus Catholic — a program that in five years under head coach Chris Partridge has gone from a middling team to a national juggernaut, thanks, in part, to numerous high-profile transfers such as Jabrill Peppers.

"I don't believe Partridge would directly call a kid," Hansen said. "But there are people close to the program, and they claim they're not employees of the program. They can claim anything they want — that's why boosters get in trouble at the collegiate level."

“(But) I don’t think any of those contacts are made without knowledge of and approval from the people that call the shots up there.”

In late August, **Paramus Catholic was accused of recruiting Rashan Gary** — the nation’s top-rated junior — from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High. But a special committee from the NJSIAA **unanimously cleared Paramus Catholic**, which never has been found guilty of any wrongdoing in recent cases.

Officially, the NJSIAA defines athletic recruitment as “any effort to proselytize, pressure, urge or entice a student to enroll in or transfer to a school for athletic purposes.” Those efforts include, “engaging in proselytizing interviews, initiated by school personnel or associates,” while recruiting encompasses “anyone associated with the school or acting at the direction of the school, including but not limited to administration, staff, coaches, students, parents, booster clubs, or any organization having a connection with the school.”

East Orange Campus coach Marion Bell, Seton Hall Prep coach John Finnegan and Morris Hills coach Mike Sabo said they lost players to Paramus Catholic suddenly over the past two years.

Bell said cornerback Dyshawn Simpkins worked out with East Orange most of the summer, but transferred in late July. Bell said he believes Simpkins was recruited by Paramus Catholic and said Simpkins’ father had spoken with a coach from Paramus Catholic.

“It was terrible because we trained him,” Bell said. “Don’t let me develop a kid and then you take him. That’s what I have a hard time with. I develop the kid, he looks good and then you take him.”

Finnegan said he “wasn’t too happy” when starter Donald Stewart left.

“What bothers you most,” Finnegan said, “is you don’t get to talk to the player or the parents. They just pull him out before you know anything. There was no dialogue between us and Paramus Catholic.”

Father Michael Kelly, the Seton Hall headmaster, said his school did not sign Stewart's transfer waiver form and checked a box indicating he left for athletic advantage. A hearing was scheduled by the NJSIAA, but Kelly said his school did not show up because he felt they did not have enough evidence to support their case.

"It's just hard to prove it," Kelly said. "We didn't want to get a lawyer involved. We made our point by not signing it and then that was it."

Sabo, who lost starting quarterback Willy Hansen, said “I didn’t hear any type of explanation. We got a phone call from Paramus Catholic and we said, ‘Good luck.’”



Fitzpatrick's mother, Melissa, said her family considered having Minkah transfer to Paramus Catholic because the school seemed to play a more competitive schedule, tuition was cheaper and practicing against Peppers, an All-American, could help her son, who has verbally committed to Alabama. She added that a family member helps work out players from Paramus Catholic.

Melissa Fitzpatrick also said Paramus Catholic didn't do anything wrong.

"All the parochial schools try to get the better players," she said. "That's what they do. I think PC's just trying to be competitive like everybody else."

Hansen, meanwhile, is still upset, nearly 14 months later. He said once an athlete decides to attend a high school, the player should be left alone by other schools.

"There's an ethics layer to this and a morality layer to this that goes beyond just football," Hansen said. "It's backdoor, it's dirty, it's uncalled for and it taints high school athletics."

He added: "I just don't think that's realistic to believe that it happens without their knowledge and approval. They can say whatever they want and paint it any color they want to paint it. But everybody out here who's lived through it and [has] been in the business a long time — you really know what the deal is. Not everybody out here is as naïve as they think."

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**A Very Special "Memories" Section**

**Will Appear Here**

**Tomorrow!!**

## 2014-2015 SEASON

#1	Walker, D'won	FS	SR	6'0"	180lbs
#2	Thomas, Ahmad	CB	SR	5'9"	178lbs
#3	Plaza, Daniel	FS/RB	SR	5'8"	184lbs
#4	James, Dennis	WR/FS	SR	6'3"	180lbs
#5	Gray, KJ	WR/CB	JR	6'2"	190lbs
#5	Walker, Dwon	WR/FS	SR	6'1"	175lbs
#6	Boykin, Sa'id	RB/CB	JR	5'8"	180lbs
#7	Wimbush, Brandon	QB/FS	SR	6'2"	210lbs
#8	Robertson, Cheyenn	TE/OLB	SR	6'3"	225lbs
#9	Kovacs, Tyler	OLB/QB	SR	5'11"	195lbs
#10	Huber, Kolton	WR/SS	JR	6'1"	192lbs
#11	Lewis, Johnathan	QB/SS	SO	6'2"	200lbs
#12	Armwood III, John	QB/CB	JR	5'9"	184lbs
#13	Reaves, Eddie	FS/SS	JR	5'11"	163lbs
#14	Cunningham, Brendan	TE/MLB	JR	6'1"	195lbs
#15	Fox, Jordan	OLB	SR	6'3"	217lbs
#16	Popovich, Brendan	WR/SS	JR	6'0"	175lbs
#17	Sabia, Anthony	-	SR	5'9"	175lbs
#18	Hester, Michael	WR/FS	JR	6'2"	155lbs
#20	Caddie, Corey	RB/CB	SR	5'9"	175lbs
#21	Fitzpatrick, Minkah	CB/WR/RB	SR	6'0"	196lbs
#22	Abrams, Damion	RB/MLB	SO	5'9"	195lbs
#23	Aldarondo, Richard	FB/MLB	JR	5'7"	164lbs

#24	Perez, Dean	OLB/WR	SR	6'2"	210lbs
#25	Martino, Tyler	RB/CB	SR	5'5"	170lbs
#26	Portorreal, Jorge	RB/WR/CB	SO	5'8"	150lbs
#27	Kennedy, Michael	RB/CB	SR	5'8"	180lbs
#29	James, Isaiah	OLB/TE	JR	6'1"	215lbs
#30	Burk, Austin	RB/CB	JR	5'10"	160lbs
#31	Strickland, Miles	OLB/TE	JR	6'0"	225lbs
#32	Mirlas, Jacob	RB/MLB	SO	5'8"	170lbs
#33	Francullo, Jordan	WR/FS	JR	5'9"	150lbs
#34	Helstowski, Dean	FB/MLB	SO	5'10"	185lbs
#35	Bedell, Luke	RB/CB	JR	5'8"	160lbs
#37	Stokes, Peter	WR/FS	SO	5'11"	175lbs
#38	VanWinkle, Dave	FB/MLB	JR	5'10"	215lbs
#39	St. VII, Aljah	RB/CB	SO	5'8"	195lbs
#39	Staniszewski, Tristian	WR/CB	SR	5'10"	170lbs
#41	Blassingame, Jordan	WR/CB	SO	5'9"	140lbs
#42	Mowatt, Benji	QB/FS	SO	6'0"	190lbs
#43	Beckwith, Keillor	K	SR	-	-
#44	McLaughlin, Luca	FB/MLB	JR	5'6"	160lbs
#47	Hernandez, Ryan	K	SR	5'9"	155lbs
#51	Githens, Andrew	T/DT	SR	5'11"	225lbs
#52	Richards, Marc	MLB/FB	SR	6'1"	218lbs
#53	Oliveira, Matt	TE/DE	SR	6'3"	230lbs
#54	Tolentino, Dave	NG/T	SR	6'2"	280lbs
#55	Fennell, Andrew	DE/MLB	SR	6'1"	225lbs

#56	Geissler, Christopher	MLB/FB	SR	6'0"	219lbs
#57	Ademilola, Jayson	G/DE/OLB	FR	6'2"	220lbs
#57	McCauley, Christian	T/DT	SR	-	-
#58	Recio, Freddie	T/DT	JR	6'2"	285lbs
#59	Malki, George	MLB/FB	SR	5'11"	225lbs
#63	Trujillo, Steven	C	SR	6'1"	290lbs
#64	Martin, Alton	MLB/C	SO	5'8"	180lbs
#66	Petrula, Ben	T/DT	SO	6'6"	304lbs
#67	Monteiro, Harley	G/DT	SO	6'0"	230lbs
#69	Desousa, Mike	G/NG	SO	5'6"	215lbs
#70	Khurana, Krishen	G/DT	JR	6'0"	245lbs
#77	Palomino, Jose	T/DT	SR	6'3"	290lbs
#78	Brentjens, Jan	T/DT	SO	6'4"	291lbs
#80	Clarke, Cameron	WR/FS	SO	6'0"	150lbs
#80	McIntyre, Tommy	WR/OLB	JR	-	180lbs
#81	McAndrew, John	RB/SS	SO	5'7"	140lbs
#84	Scagliarini, Adam	OLB/TE	SO	6'2"	210lbs
#85	Pellot, Samuel	TE/DE	SO	6'0"	190lbs
#85	Torres, Anthony	RB/CB	JR	-	-
#88	Aerts, Masaki	WR/FS	SO	6'0"	155lbs
-	Ademilola, Justin	TE/OLB	FR	6'2"	200lbs
-	Burks, Paris	FS/SS/RB	SO	5'8"	147lbs
-	Hodgins, Finn	TE/DE	SO	6'0"	202lbs
-	Simmons, Dashaun	RB/OLB	SO	5'8"	175lbs

## ◀ 2014-2015 SEASON ▶

Sep 06, 2014	8:00 PM	Wise High School	Regular Season	Neutral
Sep 13, 2014	4:00 PM	Bergen Catholic High School	Regular Season	Home
Sep 20, 2014	1:00 PM	Seton Hall Prep High School	Regular Season	Neutral
Sep 27, 2014	7:00 PM	IMG Academy	Regular Season	Away
▶ Oct 11, 2014	1:00 PM	Ferris High School	Regular Season	Away
Oct 18, 2014	4:30 PM	Bayonne High School	Regular Season	Home
Oct 25, 2014	7:00 PM	Union City High School	Regular Season	Home
Oct 31, 2014	7:00 PM	North Bergen High School	Regular Season	Away
Nov 08, 2014	7:00 PM	Eastern Christian/National Connections Academy	Regular Season	Away