



Minkah Fitzpatrick looks for an opening during a drill

Football Monday



Wimbush practices with the team

No. 2 St. Peter's Prep rolls to 48-10 victory over Seton Hall Prep

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St. Peter's Prep quarterback **Brandon Wimbush** and his teammates continues to dazzle and they continue to amaze.

In a meeting with **Seton Hall Prep** Saturday afternoon, the Marauders, led by the play of Wimbush, had little trouble handling the Pirates in a 48-10 victory at West Orange High School.

In the big win, Wimbush used both his arm and wheels, having his way with the Pirates' defense. In the first half alone, the future Penn State signal caller was 11-of-13 for 191 yards and two touchdowns. He added three carries for 56 yards and two more scores. St. Peter's Prep entered the break up 21-3.

On the day, Wimbush finished with 241 passing yards, 69 rushing yards and the four touchdowns.

In addition to Wimbush, the usual suspects also had solid games for St. Peter's Prep. Alabama commit **Minkah Fitzpatrick** finished with five receptions for 70 yards. He added 46 rushing yards and one touchdown. Fitzpatrick's score came with 3:50 left in the third quarter to put the Marauders up 41-10.

Junior wide receiver **Kolton Huber** also had himself a strong showing. The 6-1, 195-pounder had five receptions for 80 yards and a touchdown.

As for Seton Hall Prep, quarterback **Zach Keller** finished the night with 179 yards and a touchdown. Early in the third quarter, Keller hit wide receiver **Vincent Nisivoccia** on a 48-yard scoring play.

Nisivoccia finished the game with five receptions for 94 yards. Kicker **Ryan McSherry** added a 38-yard field goal for the Pirates in the loss.

With the win, St. Peter's Prep is now a perfect 3-0 on the season, while Seton Hall Prep saw its record fall to 1-2. The No. 2 Marauders will travel to Florida next week to take on IMG Academy in a game that will feature double-digit Division-I recruits.

Young receivers Kolton Huber and KJ Gray gelling for St. Peter's Prep

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Throughout the rest of the 2014 season, **Brandon Wimbush**, **Minkah Fitzpatrick** and **Corey Caddle** are going to be the names that jump out when you bring up **St. Peter's Prep's** offense. All three make plays each week, there's no denying that.

But on Saturday, a pair of junior wide receivers reminded the Marauders' fans on hand for the **48-10 victory over Seton Hall Prep** that this team has other offensive threats.

Kolton Huber and **KJ Gray** both had good showings Saturday, hauling in touchdown passes from Wimbush. Huber had five receptions on the day for 80 yards, while Gray, who picked up an **offer from Boston College last week**, hauled in two receptions for 29 yards.



KJ Gray



Kolton Huber

Their performances came as no surprise to St. Peter's Prep head man Rich Hansen.

"Kolton has been solid for us," Hansen said. "He makes catches for us every week. I think Minkah, Corey and Brandon shine so brightly sometimes that some of these other guys go unnoticed."

"He (Huber) made big grabs for us, **Dennis James** is a big target and of course KJ (Gray) has been doing his thing all season. I think we're balanced and the more guys that make plays, the more flexible we can be in our offense."

Wimbush, who finished with 310 total yards and four touchdowns, added that's he's been impressed with the play of the two receivers.

"KJ and Kolton are growing together," Wimbush said. "They've become great friends on the field and off the field. The chemistry they're building is going to be outstanding for the next couple of years. Mentally, the game is coming to them and I hope they continue to grow."

Gray said the extra time in practice each week is what's making the difference for him and Huber.

"We're just having fun on the field and it comes natural to us," Gray said. "We've been working hard with Brandon on getting our chemistry right and our hard work was showcased on the field today."



Brandon Wimbush
photographed during the
St. Peter's Prep's football
team practice

Recruiting: Is Penn State QB commit Brandon Wimbush putting pressure on teammate Minkah Fitzpatrick?

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Fitzpatrick of St. Peter's
Prep bolts upfield

Much has been said when it comes to the recruitment of **St. Peter's Prep** cornerback **Minkah Fitzpatrick**. The four-star defensive back has been committed to Alabama since April and has said numerous times that he remains solidly committed to Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide.

However, there's been word around the web, especially Twitter, that teammate **Brandon Wimbush**, who committed to Penn State back in May, has been actively recruiting Fitzpatrick to join him at PSU next season.

Following St. Peter's Prep's **48-10 victory vs. Seton Hall Prep** on Saturday, Wimbush said the opposite is true.

"I'm trying to let him do his own thing," Wimbush said. "I'm happy for him wherever he goes. I just want him to be happy and comfortable. If Penn State is where wants to be, then great. Alabama is a great school with great academics. If that's where he goes, I'll be happy for him."

“It’s nice to know that he respects my decision,” Fitzpatrick added. “I took an unofficial with him up there and the deal was that he’d take an unofficial with me to Alabama. He should have taken one with me (laugh), but I respect him and I’m happy that he’s headed there.”

Now although Fitzpatrick remains solidly committed to the Crimson Tide, he is still planning on taking some official visits. One of those potential visits includes Penn State.

“I do want to take some officials, but I just don’t know which ones I’ll be taking yet,” Fitzpatrick said. “I’ll most likely be going to Florida State, Penn State and maybe a couple of other schools.”

Fitzpatrick added an offer from Oklahoma on Friday night and said he’s considering taking an official visit there as well.

“The cornerback coach (Bobby Jack Wright) called me and told me they were interested in me,” Fitzpatrick said. “It was unexpected. I saw an Oklahoma number on my phone and when I picked it up, he told me the school really liked me and they wanted to offer. I was pretty excited about it.”

First Down: St. Peter's Prep with tough challenge ahead vs. Florida's IMG Academy

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In just four days, No. 2 **St. Peter's Prep** will face it's biggest challenge of the season thus far. The Marauders, who are 3-0 following a **48-10 trouncing of Seton Hall Prep** on Saturday, travel to Florida later this week to face **IMG Academy**.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. on Friday night.

Through three weeks, St. Peter's Prep has barely broken a sweat, outscoring its opponents 132-39. This week, though, things won't be easy. Head coach Rich Hansen and his players know that.

IMG Academy is a national powerhouse. They have been for years. The 2014 squad holds **eight players who are currently committed to Division-I programs**.



The St. Peter's Prep defense will have its hands full this weekend against IMG Academy.

This includes quarterback Deondre Francois (Florida State), offensive guard Mirko Jurkovich (Nebraska), defensive end Scott Patchan (Miami), offensive guard Evan Mallory (Cincinnati), defensive tackle Ryan Fines (Miami), linebacker Nick Thomas (Wisconsin), offensive tackle Tyree St. Louis (Miami) and offensive tackle Miki Fifita (Oregon State).

As you can see, the team is stacked.

“We understand they’re a great team,” Hansen said on Saturday. “We know we have to play our best football against them, no question.”

IMG Academy, 4-1 this season, is ranked the No. 9 high school football team in Florida and No. 133 in the nation by MaxPreps. The Marauders, **the No. 2 team in our most recent NJ.com Top 20**, check in at No. 30 nationally.

Expect one heck of a battle.

THE NJ.COM TOP 20 FOR MONDAY, SEPT. 22

(first place votes in parentheses)

1-DON BOSCO PREP (2-0) (4) 99 POINTS

Last week: 1.

Don Bosco Prep was idle this past weekend.

Next: Friday at Fort Pierce (Fla.) Central.

2-ST. PETER’S PREP (3-0) (1) 96

Last week: 2.

St. Peter's Prep handled Seton Hall Prep with ease Saturday afternoon in a 48-10 victory. Quarterback Brandon Wimbush had over 300 total yards and four touchdowns for the Marauders. Two of Wimbush's scores came on touchdown passes to KJ Gray and Kolton Huber.

Next: Friday at IMG Academy (Fla.).

3-PARAMUS CATHOLIC (3-0) 90

Last week: 3.

Freshman Allan Walters threw for 150 yards and two touchdowns and Alijah Jackson scored twice - once on a touchdown run, once on a blocked punt - as Paramus Catholic rolled St. Frances, 38-6, in Baltimore.

Next: Saturday vs. St. Ignatius (Ohio).

WOODBIDGE — 9/22/14: As **Don Bosco Prep** waits to see if it will become the nation's top-ranked high school football team on Monday (**update, 7:15 a.m. Monday: They are**) the Ironmen remain the No. 1 team in **The NJ.com Top 20** for the second straight week.

The Ramsey school received four first place votes, while No. 2 **St. Peter's Prep** garnered one. **Paramus Catholic** remains No. 3 with **St. Joseph of Hammonton** at No. 4 and **St. Joseph of Montvale** at No. 5.

Monday Quarterback: Penn State commit Brandon Wimbush and Florida State commit Deondre Francois to square off on Friday

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It's almost eerie how similar **St. Peter's Prep** QB **Brandon Wimbush** and **IMG Academy** QB Deondre Francois are.

Scout.com ranks Wimbush four stars and the **No. 11 quarterback in the country** . Francois? **Four stars and the No. 9 quarterback** . Both are ranked in the top 150 list as well, with Francois No. 141 and Wimbush No. 149.

Francois (6-2, 195) is committed to Florida State, while Wimbush (6-2, 215) will suit up for Penn State next season. They're both fast, fantastic passers and capable of hurting you with their arm and legs.

They'll face off against one another at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night, as the **Marauders head down to Florida** to take on IMG.

Oh, one more thing: they're good pals.

The two competed at the Elite 11 in Beaverton, Ore., in early July, and have kept in contact since. This includes some recent banter, with Friday's game right around the corner.

"That's going to be awesome," Wimbush said of facing Francois. "He's an Elite 11 brother of mine and I know the level of competition is going to be great between both of our teams."

Naturally there'd be some smack talk going on between the two, right? Not so much, Wimbush said with a smile.

“We’re both respectable programs and we’re both working hard for what we want,” he said. “It’s an out-of-state game, so we don’t really know much about each other’s teams. We haven’t really talked any smack, but between us, we joke around a little.”

When you look at it, though, the matchup between the two quarterbacks undoubtedly has IMG Academy coach Chris Weinke (former Heisman Trophy winner at Florida State) and St. Peter’s Prep coach Rich Hansen working overtime this week with their defenses.

Through five games this season, Francois has thrown for 855 yards and 11 touchdowns. In three games, Wimbush has thrown for 686 yards and 10 touchdowns. He’s added three more scores on the ground.

















“He’s dangerous and he does so many things well,” Hansen said of Wimbush. “He’s the straw that stirs the drink for us. We have to protect him, take care of him and be smart with our play calls.












“He’s a quarterback who can hurt you in so many ways. We call him dual-threat, but really, he’s a three-way threat. He’ll beat you with his mind, legs and arm. I love that about him. He’s cerebral.”




There’s no question Francois is cerebral too. There’s a reason he’s a top-ten QB.

And with both him and Wimbush leading their respective offenses on Friday night, you better believe a lot of points will be put on the board. It’ll be an intriguing back-and-forth battle, no doubt.

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|  | #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 |

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|  | #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 |

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|  | #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 |

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