



Minkah Fitzpatrick
CB/WR/RB

Football Monday



Brandon Wimbush
QB/FS

Preview of the Big Game vs. IMG Last Friday Night

The NJ.com Top 20 picks and schedule for Week 4:

2-ST. PETER'S PREP (3-0) AT IMG ACADEMY (4-1)

Friday, 7:30 p.m. in Bradenton, Fla.

This will be the first big test for No. 2 St. Peter's Prep this season. The 3-0 Marauders travel to Bradenton, Fla., Friday to face the No. 9 Florida high school football team IMG Academy. The Ascenders, coached by former NFL QB Chris Weinke, are led by quarterback Deondre Francois, who is committed to Florida State. In total, IMG Academy has eight players committed to Division-I programs. It'll be a big test for Rich Hansen and his Marauders, but they should come out on top in a close battle.

St. Peter's Prep, 42-31.



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

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
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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 loaded with national talent. The 2014 squad holds **eight players who**



are currently committed to Division-I programs .

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.

IMG Academy head coach and former Florida State Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke discusses St. Peter's Prep

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
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When **St. Peter's Prep** and **IMG Academy** face off in Bradenton, Fla., this weekend, the stars will align for a huge showdown between the two national powerhouses.

Such stars include St. Peter's Prep cornerback **Minkah Fitzpatrick** (Alabama), quarterback **Brandon Wimbush** (Penn State) and linebacker **Jordan Fox** (uncommitted) and IMG Academy quarterback Deondre Francois (Florida State), defensive end Scott Patchan (Miami) and linebacker Nick Thomas (Wisconsin).

However, what some might now know is that the head coach for IMG Academy is former NFL signal caller and Florida State Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Chris Weinke.

He and his players have been hard at work this week preparing for the 7:30 p.m. kickoff on Friday.

Weinke took time out of his prep work Tuesday afternoon to speak with NJ.com about the showdown with the talented Marauders (3-0) and the challenges he and his squad will face. Weinke didn't mince words either, saying this is the biggest game of the season for his Ascenders (4-1).

St. Peter's Prep has playmakers on both sides of the ball. How do you prepare for a team that has so many weapons like they do?

"There's no question they're a very talented football team. Well coached too. There's really no weaknesses that we've seen. That's what makes it very challenging to prepare for. They're obviously explosive and they start quickly. We need to do a good job of combatting that if possible. Defensively, they're very active with good athletes. We're trying to find ways to attack them."

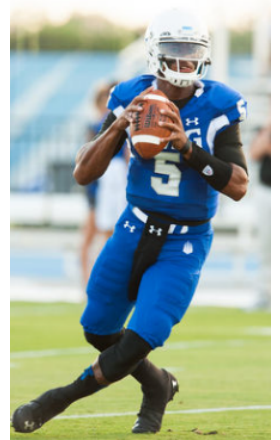
A matchup that jumps out is at quarterback with Brandon Wimbush going up against Deondre Francois. What kind of a show do you expect those two to put on for the fans on Friday night?



IMG Academy, coached by former Florida State Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Chris Weinke

“I think fans should be excited about it. You have a guy committed to Penn State and one committed to Florida State. Those are two big-time programs and I think it’ll be exciting for them go to head-to-head. At the same time, though, it’s not about those two guys. They’re the spotlight players people will be looking at, but Brandon has a good team around him. He’s a great player, though. Deondre is great too.

Naturally, you want to build the matchup between those two. They’re the leaders of their respective teams and it’ll be exciting to see two quality quarterbacks compete. They bring a lot of things to the table. It’s two of the best QBs in the country going up against one another.”



Minkah Fitzpatrick is committed to Alabama as a cornerback, but he’s pretty special when he’s lined up at running back or in the slot. How do you prepare for a player like Minkah?

“He’s a five-star kid and well deserving of that. You see him making plays all over the place. He’s got great instincts and when you look at him on defense, he is extremely athletic. On offense, they find ways to get him the ball because he’s so explosive. He’s one of the premier guys in the country, no question about it. For us, when we look at attacking him defensively, we have to understand where he is on the field at all times. We have to try and eliminate as many big plays as possible.”



You’ve obviously got experience as a quarterback. You won the Heisman Trophy at Florida State and went on to play in the NFL. With your knowledge of the game, what makes Deondre Francois so special?

“He’s got the it factor. Plus, he’s naturally gifted. He can spin the ball as well as anyone I’ve ever been around. Deondre has a knack for pocket presence and moves around when he needs to. He throws with great anticipation and is really one of the more accurate guys I’ve been around in terms of throwing downfield. He’s the total package. He knows the game and he’s cerebral, which I think is reflected in his play.”

People are pegging this game as New Jersey vs. Florida. Obviously both teams have had success and are recognized at the national level. How big is this game for you and your team?

“I know this game was highlighted for us before the season and I’m sure it was highlighted for them as well. We’re the underdog and we honestly haven’t been in that situation a whole lot. It’s exciting for our players and I think it is for both teams really. For us, it’s a situation where we understand their talent level and understand they’re well coached. No one has found a way to beat them yet. They’re 3-0. We have our hands full and our players understand that.

The challenge is exciting, though. It’s a great opportunity for the kids to play in an exciting environment at IMG and compete against quality players. There’s no question this is the biggest game of the year for us. We’re going to prepare the best we can to put on a good showing against a quality team. We’re going to do what we can make this is a great football game.”

St. Peter's Prep head man Rich Hansen previews Friday's tilt with Florida's IMG Academy

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
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After a short week of practice, the time has arrived for No. 2 **St. Peter's Prep**. The Marauders will leave New Jersey on Thursday and head south for Bradenton, Fla., where they'll face **IMG Academy on Friday night**.

Following practice on Wednesday evening, head man Rich Hansen spoke with NJ.com about the big-time meeting of the two elite programs.

Hansen discussed IMG Academy's talent, which includes **eight Division-I commits**, the matchup between **quarterbacks Brandon Wimbush and Deondre Francois** and more.

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Video: Jordan Fox, Minkah Fitzpatrick and Brandon Wimbush ready for challenge at IMG Academy

By Braulio Perez | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
on September 25, 2014

Following practice Wednesday evening, **St. Peter's Prep** LB **Jordan Fox**, CB **Minkah Fitzpatrick** and QB **Brandon Wimbush** said they're ready for the game that has been called "New Jersey vs. Florida."

What else did the three have to say about Friday's game at **IMG Academy**? Click on the video link below to find out.



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Now for the Game Report

IMG overcomes nationally ranked St. Peter's Prep 36-20

BY JASON DILL

jdill@bradenton.com September 27, 2014 Updated 12 hours ago

MANATEE -- With so much attention focused on all the prized recruits in IMG Academy's senior class, it was a junior who made all the difference for the Ascenders (4-1) on Friday.

Facing St. Peter's (Jersey City, N.J.) Prep, the 29th-ranked team in the nation according to MaxPreps, IMG cornerback Saivion Smith, who has several Division I offers, made two momentum-shifting plays in the Ascenders' 36-20 victory.

"He shuts down half the side of the field," IMG head coach Chris Weinke said.



IMG Academy's Jack Wegher, center, dodges Saint Peter's Chris Geissler on a 61-yard touchdown run



Prep quarterback Brandon Wimbush gets ready to pass as the IMG Academy Ascenders host the Saint Peter's Prep Marauders

First, Smith knocked Marauders quarterback Brandon Wimbush, a Penn State commit, to the ground on a pivotal fourth-and-goal during a long third-quarter drive.

Wimbush, who had terrorized IMG's defense to that point, was stopped after catching a pass on a trick play and appearing headed safely to pay dirt.

But Smith, the lone defender on the outside who could stop the 6-foot-2, 215-pounder, drove Wimbush to the ground and forced him to leave the game briefly.

On IMG's subsequent drive, the Ascenders padded their 19-14 lead when Tony Jones rumbled in for his second straight touchdown. Jones gave IMG its first lead of the second half with a 32-yard run down the right sideline, where he dragged a defender across the goal line.

The former St. Petersburg Catholic star tailback's 27-yard run on the first fourth-quarter play armed the Ascenders with a 26-14 lead. But that lead wasn't safe yet.

And Smith wasn't done, either.

Smith, who transferred in the summer from St. Pete Lakewood, delivered his second key play on St. Peter's next possession. With the Marauders driving into IMG territory, Wimbush connected with Anthony Sabia for a 15-yard pass

That's when Smith came from behind to strip the ball, collect it and return it 34 yards into St. Peter's territory. The result of that play was a Jackson Dick 37-yard field goal that made it 29-14 with 4:14 remaining.

IMG tacked on a 98-yard interception return from Bryce Beard -- the program's longest touchdown play in history -- with 2:01 remaining to account for its final tally.



Prep quarterback Brandon Wimbush gets ready to pass as the IMG Academy defense close in

"The interception late in the game was huge," Weinke said.

St. Peter's other top recruit, Minkah Fitzpatrick, a consensus five-star playmaker who is committed to Alabama, racked up 139 receiving yards on five catches but was limited to 18 rushing yards by the Ascenders' stout run defense.

The win marked the fourth straight for IMG, the first defeat for St. Peter's and took three hours to complete after a 1½-hour lightning delay.

IMG Academy (FL) (36) at St. Peter's Prep (20) - Football

By The Star Ledger
on September 27, 2014

Tony Jones had rushing touchdowns of 32 and 27 yards for IMG Academy, which scored 23 consecutive points on the way to a 36-20 victory over St. Peter's Prep, No. 2 in the NJ.com Top 20, in Bradenton, Fla.

St. Peter's Prep tied the game at 7-7 on a 51-yard touchdown pass from Brandon Wimbush to Minkah Fitzpatrick in the first quarter. Fitzpatrick, an Alabama commit, added a 3-yard rushing touchdown to give St. Peter's Prep a 14-13 lead heading into the half.

IMG Academy put the game away in the fourth quarter on Brayden Beard's 98-yard interception return touchdown to make it 36-14.

St. Peter's Prep at IMG Academy (FL)

Fri, Sept. 26, 2014, 12:00 a.m.

Team	1	2	3	4	Final
St. Peter's Prep	7	7	0	6	20
IMG Academy (FL)	7	6	6	17	36

SCORING & STATS

FINAL

1st: IMG Academy (FL): Jack Wegher 61 run (kick)

1st: St. Peter's Prep: Minkah Fitzpatrick 51 pass from Brandon Wimbush (kick)

2nd: IMG Academy (FL): K.J. Osborn 18 run (kick failed)

2nd: St. Peter's Prep: Minkah Fitzpatrick 3 run (kick)

3rd: IMG Academy (FL): Tony Jones 32 run (run failed)

4th: IMG Academy (FL): Tony Jones 27 run (kick)

4th: IMG Academy (FL): FG Jackson Dick 37

4th: IMG Academy (FL): Brayden Beard 98 interception return (kick)

**Further Info Obtained By Joe Parkes
from
Peter Mac Issac, '57
(Joe relates that Peter was a terrific Lineman at Prep)**



Peter Paul MacIsaac

Sodality 1; Student Council 1, 2; Debating 3; French Club 3; Class Officer 1, 2; Crusaders 4; Glee Club 4; Intramural Council 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, Baseball 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

St Peters lost to IMG 36 to 20. The game was scheduled for 7:30 and was delayed for two hours due to rain. They played in the rain. I don't have the stats, but the refs gave them a tough time. SPP had three touchdowns called back because of penalties. Florida is noted for their refs. Some say that the Refs in Florida are very aggressive against both teams. Don Bosco also played Friday night and the penalties were 18 against Bosco and 4 against the opposition, Ft. Pierce Central (Bosco won 41 to 14). St peters played well and this game should not count them out. The Prep QB, Wambush, did very well. This was just too much with the delay, the rain and the refs. Nobody thinks St Peters is going away with this loss.. This is a good team and their QB is special.
Thanks.

Regards Peter M.

Peter C. Mac Isaac

Sunday, Sept 28

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

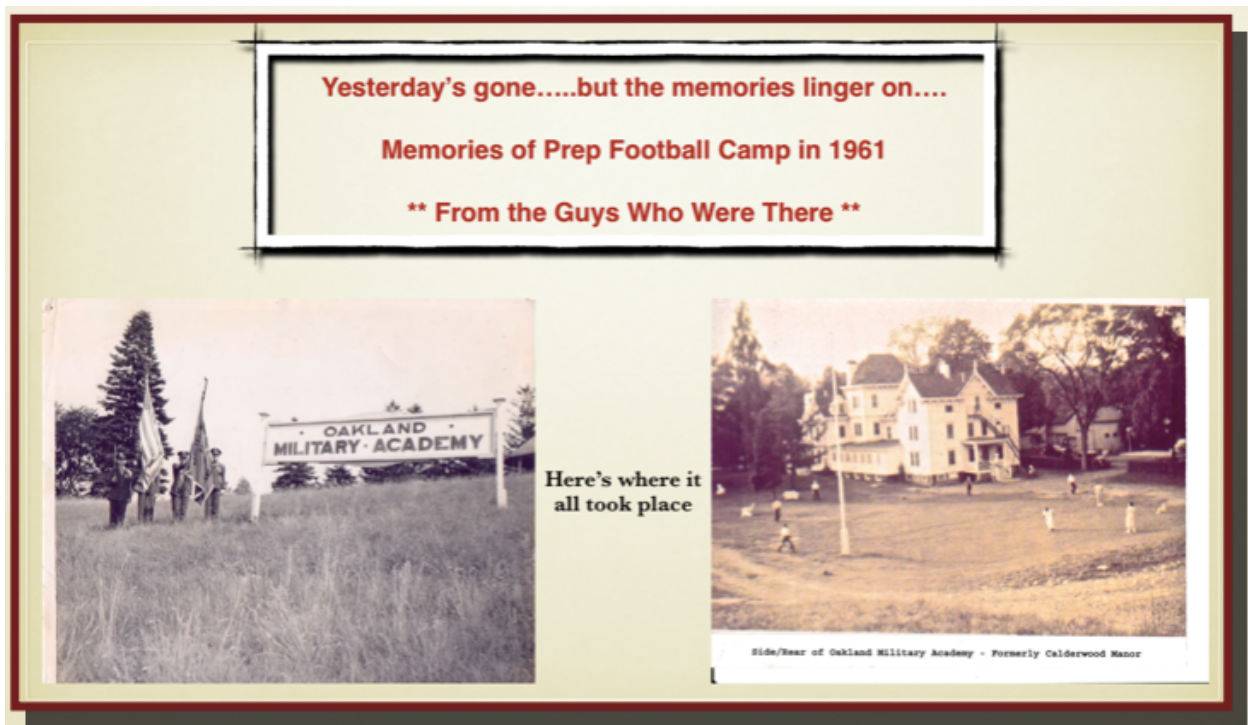
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Sep 13, 2014	4:00 PM	Bergen Catholic High School	Regular Season	Home
Sep 20, 2014	1:00 PM	Seton Hall Prep High School	Regular Season	Neutral
Sep 27, 2014	7:00 PM	IMG Academy	Regular Season	Away
▶ Oct 11, 2014	1:00 PM	Ferris High School	Regular Season	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

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Memories of Prep Football Camp in 1961

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