

## NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL RECRUITING

### Can Notre Dame Use St. Peter's Prep To Help Boost Its New Jersey Recruiting?

Developing pipelines in football recruiting is important. Notre Dame is trying to do just that at St. Peter's.

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To be honest, Brian Kelly has never made New Jersey much of a priority during his time at Notre Dame.

That priority is starting to change, and the change is happening at St. Peter's Prep.

Over the last few years, St. Peter's has sent a large number of players off to the FBS. Some of their recent blue-chip recruits have been:

5 Star Minkah Fitzpatrick

5 Star Savon Huggins

4 Star Sheldon Royster

4 Star Keith Lumpkin

4 Star Brandon Wimbush

This year the Marauders have two more blue-chip recruits with current Notre Dame commit, 4 Star Jayson Ademilola and Notre Dame target 4 Star Shayne Simon. The Marauders also have another Notre Dame commit this year with Jayson's twin brother Justin Ademilola.

So, right now, Notre Dame has its quarterback of the present/future in Brandon Wimbush (2 years of eligibility after this year), and two very good defensive linemen in this years class in the Ademilola twins - all from St. Peter's Prep. The Irish also have a very good shot of signing Shayne Simon in this class as well. That would mean that for Notre Dame in 2018, a program that recruits nationally, they could have four players from one high school.

That's quite a bit - even three would be a lot for one school.

I spoke to a source close to the St. Peter's program, and he believes that Notre Dame is doing a tremendous job at the school and has a great relationship with the coaching staff. This person also believes that Simon will end up in South Bend and that the Irish would be getting "just a fantastic kid."

This same source wanted to make sure that I knew that 9 of the 11 starters on the defense this year have scholarship offers to FBS schools. It's a solid group that challenges each other and feed off of one another.

For Notre Dame, this is really great news. St. Peter's is a premier program, and the defense that they run is very close to what new Notre Dame defensive coordinator Mike Elko runs. So, future recruiting here could become a lot easier, and when one school becomes a pipeline school, recruits from other schools that are in close proximity take notice.

Getting a foothold in a school like St. Peter's Prep is extremely important to Notre Dame as the Irish once again try to establish a recruiting pipeline. The possibility of four players from one school sets that foothold and will allow the footprint to expand.



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