Paramus Catholic Game Day Pullout Preview

2013 Record- 9-2 Overall 2-2 Conference

Head Coach- Chris Partridge 4th year- 29-15 Overall 2012 State Championship and 1997 State Champion Captain Linebacker

2013 Playoff Results: Defeated Notre Dame 55-14 and Don Bosco 21-20 in State Semifinals

Paramus Catholic finally got a major monkey off their back after defeating the Ironmen in the State semifinals for the first time since 1999. The Paladins are riding a four game winning streak into Metlife Stadium tomorrow night. Two weeks ago they extended their playoff-winning streak to 5 and have taken 19 of their last 25 contests over the past two seasons under Chris Partridge. Paramus Catholic will look to be the first back-to-back Group 4 Non-Public Champions since Don Bosco did it from 2006 to 2011.

The Paladins feature an electric two-way superstar Jabrill Peppers, who is committed to Michigan. Peppers enters this matchup as the one of the two 5-star players facing off at Metlife Stadium. Saint Peter's Prep's Minkah Fitzpatrick is a Rivals Junior 5-star recruit like Peppers was in 2012.

OFFENSE:

34.6 Points Per Game172.2 Passing Yards a game182 Rushing Yards a game354 Total Offensive Yards a game

Senior Quarterback Steve Shanley has three years of experience and comes into tomorrow's matchup with 1,832 passing yards, 22 touchdowns, and a 63% completion percentage. He has thrown for 4,500 career yards and 52-career touchdown passes and has fielded offers from East Kentucky, Elon, Buffalo, and Central Michigan. Shanley has a plethora of aerial weapons at his disposal starting with Senior Jabrill Peppers who leads the team with 8 touchdown receptions and is second with 413 yards receiving and 595 yards rushing. Junior Najee Clayton leads the Paladins in receptions with 31 and yards with 462. Tyrone Washington caught the game winning touchdown pass in last year's state final against Bergen Catholic and leads the team with a per catch average of 19.17. Senior Dejon Harrison had 139 yards rushing and two touchdowns versus St. Peter's Prep in last year's semifinals. He is second on the team with 29 catches and third with 358 receiving yards. Harrison will take some end arounds

in the Paladin's wildcat package with Jabrill Peppers and had the game winning touchdown catch last week. Senior Keyon Washington leads the way at running back with 622 rushing yards and 8 scores. Highly touted Sophomore Ahmad Thomas rushed 22 times for 84 yards against Don Bosco two weeks ago. On the year he is third on the team with 379 yards rushing and 3 scores. Juwann Bushell-Beatty will join Jabrill Peppers at Michigan next season and is the anchor on the offensive line.

DEFENSE:

39.5 Sacks in 2013 14 Interceptions 21 Takeaways

Paramus Catholic's defensive unit's 39.5 sacks on the 2013 season can be attributed to a balance of defenders that take pride in wreaking havoc in opposing signal caller's backfields. The defensive line is an athletic and physical bunch led by Joseph Baccas who leads the team with 7 sacks. This unit has racked up 11 sacks total this year. Senior Nick Flores is extremely disruptive in the running game and leads the team with 16 tackles for loss and is second with 6.5 sacks. Senior Terrance Harris, an Iowa Commit, is a speedy pass rusher with 4.5 sacks this season. Senior Marcus Pantoja has 4 sacks and is a staple in the middle for the Paladins. Safety Saleem Brightwell leads this squad with 100 total tackles and is third with 5.5 sacks. Seniors Tyrone Washington and Jabrill Peppers patrol the secondary alongside Junior Curtis Oliver. Pepper's is the leader of this pack with 4 interceptions with Washington and Oliver second with 3 picks.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

Senior Kicker #15 Matt Golabek

2-2 PATS 4-8 Field Goals 50 Long

25 Touchbacks 37.3 Per Punt

Senior Kicker #18 Dan Conte

45-49 on PATS

ST. PETER'S PREP PARAMUS CATHOLIC KEY MATCH UPS TO WATCH FOR:

SPP RB/WR #21 Minkah Fitzpatrick vs. PC DB #5 Jabrill Peppers SPP Defensive End #16 Armand Cox vs. RT#73 Juwann Bushel-Beatty SPP Guards #52 Nick Angeli #71 Jimmy Palmeri vs. DT #92 Nick Flores DL#94 Terrance Harris

Listen Live below to all the live action tomorrow night at 7:30pm as John Kelly Jr. and Matt Hladik of Njvarsity.com bring you the action from Metlife Stadium:

