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QB Brandon Wimbush passing in the first quarter.



<u>Coach Rich Hansen</u> He has been at St. Peter's Prep for 30 seasons, the past 25 seasons as the Head Coach and Director of Athletics. As Prep's Head Coach he has won 18 Hudson County Titles, 3 NJSIAA Titles while being ranked in NJ's "Top 20" 18 times. His teams have twice been tabbed as NJ's #1 team.

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PREP FALLS JUST SHORT

After an injury forced quarterback Brandon Wimbush to sit out the second half of the NJSIAA Non-Public, Group 4 title game, St. Peter's Prep was unable to regroup in the final 30 minutes of what turned out to be a 13-6 loss to Paramus Catholic at MetLife Stadium.

"It was a suspected concussion, so you can't mess with it," St. Peter's Prep coach Rich Hansen said of Wimbush's injury. "(Brandon) was out of it and we tried another series with him, but he was really out, so we got him right in the locker room before the half and then they took him to the hospital."

Before his exit, Wimbush looked like he would be the X-factor for St. Peter's (10-2), ranked No. 6 in the Star-Ledger Top 20, in pursuit of its first championship since 2005.

The junior was a lightning rod in the first quarter, passing for 60 yards and rushing for another 34 against the Paladins (10-2), ranked No. 3 in the Star-Ledger Top 20.

The most noteworthy play during that span came when Wimbush sidestepped a blitz by Jabrill Peppers and broke off a 28-yard run on 3rd-and-10. The rush not only brought life to the Prep sideline, it also extended St. Peter's opening drive, which ended in 1-yard touchdown run by Jonathan Hilliman, who finished with 93 yards rushing.

However, after standing in the pocket and taking a shot later in the quarter, Wimbush was never the same. After that, he only attempted four more passes, three of which went incomplete, while the other was intercepted.

On defense, St. Peter's Prep stepped up to the challenge in the first half, limiting the Paladins' offense and stopping two fourth-down attempts. The second of those stops ended with senior defensive lineman Armond Cox dropping Jabrill Peppers – who finished with just over 100 total yards – in the backfield for a two-yard loss.

However, on Paramus Catholic's third fourth-down try of the half, the Paladins got the best of St. Peter's Prep, as quarterback Steve Shanley caught the Marauders looking in the backfield and hit wide receiver Najee Clayton for a 32-yard touchdown pass that gave the Paladins a 7-6 lead going into halftime.

With Wimbush sidelined for the second half, the Marauders were forced to snap the ball to Hilliman and junior running back Corey Caddle – an offensive game plan that couldn't deliver the game-tying score as the Marauders drove into Paramus Catholic territory on the final drive of the game.

"I can't say enough about the effort, I can't say enough about the passion and the heart," Hansen said.
"Brandon is such a big part of what we do and Corey Caddle comes in and plays the way he plays, everybody just really gave it a great effort, it's frustrating."

Before that, the Bergen County school went up 13-6 on a passing play with 9:57 to play in the game.

After a Hilliman fumble toward the end of the third quarter, the Paladins drove down the field and delivered the dagger, capping their march with a 13-yard pass from Shanley to senior wide out Tyrone Washington.

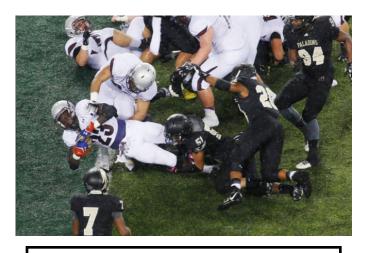
That proved to be enough for Paramus Catholic, as the Paladins won their second consecutive championship, while Prep's title quest fell just short.



Rain-soaked Fans: Fr. Azzarto & Paul Schaetzle Dr. Stan Zaborowski, '62 Commissioner Dan Murphy, '62







Prep RB Jonathan Hilliman scores on a 1 yard run on our first possession.



Paramus Catholic's DeJon Harrison is tackled by Prep's Minkah Fitzpatrick in the first half.













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NORTH BERGEN, N.J. -- St. Peter's Prep (Jersey City, N.J.) quarterback Brandon Wimbush is already hearing from several schools although the class of 2015 prospect is yet to take a starting position. The big-armed Wimbush spoke about what lies in the months ahead during the New Level Athletics 7-on-7 at North Hudson Park.

Brandon Wimbush



Class of '62 is now following Brandon on Twitter. Congratulations Brandon! We eagerly look forward to following you and all your teammates in the coming year.