**Prep Sports Forums**

Beginning this week there will be individual Forums on our website for each of the current Prep sports. They're just for '62 and our “Guests” and are designed to spur comments and stories of our “glory days” at Grand & Warren.

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**THE STAR-LEDGER TOP 20**

1-St. Joseph (Metuchen) (6-0)
2-Roselle Catholic (4-0)
3-Paterson Eastside (6-0)
4-Newark East Side (5-0)
5-Linden (5-1)
6-St. Anthony (4-1)
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9-Hudson Catholic (4-2)
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**11-St. Peter's Prep (5-2)**

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Cardinal Hayes (N.Y.) (67) at St. Peter's Prep (47), IN-SEASON TOURNAMENT

By The Star Ledger on January 04, 2014

St. Peter's Prep took advantage of a poor shooting Cardinal Hayes team in the opening half and led by as many as 15 points, but the New York City opponent was red hot in the second half and turned things into a track meet in recording a 67-47.
victory in the SFIC Festival at Kean University late Saturday night.

St. Peter's, No. 11 in The Star-Ledger Top 20, led 22-7 with 6:27 left in the half on an alley-oop dunk by 6-7 sophomore Veer Singh, who finished with 13 points and seven rebounds.

St. Peter's still led by 11 with a little under 3:00 left in the half, but two major things happened: Senior point guard Austin White, who scored 11 of his 13 points in the opening quarter, went to the bench with his third foul. Also, St. Peter's was called for a foul on a three-point heave near halfcourt with 0:00.4 seconds on the clock.

Senior guard Shavar Newkirk then made all three foul shots as Cardinal Hayes trailed just 27-21 at the half.

Cardinal Hayes, ranked No. 2 in the MSG Varsity New York City poll, outscored St. Peter's Prep 29-10 in the third quarter to take a 13-point lead. The lead would then get into the 20's. Cardinal Hayes outscored St. Peter's 46-20 in the second half.

Mustafa Jones, a 6-7 senior, led Cardinal Hayes with 21 points and seven rebounds. He shot 10 of 14 from the floor. Nathan Ekwu, another 6-7 senior, added seven points, 11 rebounds and five blocks.

After shooting 7 of 31 from the field in the opening half against St. Peter's 2-3 zone, including 0 of 6 from 3-point range, it would shoot 20 of 33 (64 percent) and 5 of 7 from 3-point range in the second half. Hayes also forced 15 of St. Peter's 21 turnovers in the second half. Hayes out-rebounded St. Peter's, 42-33.

Spotted in the Prep crowd signing autographs was renowned TV celebrity Tony Verdoni, a/k/a “The Wine Professor”. He was seated between Marine veteran and SPC Flag Football Champion, Nick Micucci and dapper, dashing CPA rock star, Joe Carr. Seated directly behind was Racing Commissioner Bob Dempsey and the Prep Class of '62 Chairman of the Board Jack Kelly with his delightfully enchanting wife Elaine. There were also reports of sightings of Golf Commissioner Danny Murphy, “The Travelin' Man” Mel Logan, and Sr. Olympic Gold Medalist, Brian Sheeran.
Memories from 50+ Years Ago

The Freshman Team

Front Row: McGregor, Milanesi, Albers, Mendola, Curley, Shearon.
Back Row: Mr. Pickett, S.J., Murtagh, Hochstein, Malitano, Depero, Adams, Bryan.

“Like Father, Like Son”
Augie Lio’s Cracker Barrel

“Like father, like son.”
Well, not always.
However, if your last name is Pickett, then it follows that son will be like father, a coach.

Ray Pickett, Passaic High School athletic director, coached some mighty fine football teams at the Hilltop from 1921 through 1947. He also handled the baseball team and occasionally filled in as boss man of the basketball squad. However, the latter happened only whenever Amasa A. Marks or Rube Bramson, former basketball coaches were ill.

Now one of Ray’s sons, Mr. William Pickett, S. J. is basketball coach of the undefeated St. Peter’s Prep team of Jersey City. Young Pickett’s club has tied the school’s freshman record by winning 10 straight games as a first year coach.

What’s more remarkable about Pickett’s progress is that the only basketball he played was as a grammar school student at St. Nicholas in 1945. But he had a little touch then, too, as St. Nick’s won the grammar school crown. His coach, says young Pickett, was Ray Roach, popular basketball official of the time.

St. Peter’s defeated a strong Ferris High School team last night.

Two area boys are on the St. Peter’s squad. Stu McGregor, of Wood-Ridge, is one of the starters while Ed Kopens, of Clifton sees his share of action as a substitute.

Yes, like father, like son is the case of Ray and Bill Pickett. However, Ray’s other son, Eddie, is in the seminary at Woodstock, Md., and will be ordained a priest in a year. He’s staying away from the sport as coach . . . but he’ll be “coaching” folks in religion.

Prep Frosh
Rip St. Michael’s

Frank Nicoletti and Al Milanesi sparked St. Peter’s Prep’s unbeaten freshman basketball team to a 95-33 clubbing of St. Michael’s of Union City at the latter’s court Saturday morning.

Nicoletti burned the nets for 30 points and Milanesi added 20 as the Petreians recorded their 10th victory of the season.

The score:

ST. PETER’S | G F P
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McGregor | 1 | 2 | 4
Sheenan | 6 | 1 | 2
Nicoletti | 13 | 4 | 30
Milanesi | 8 | 4 | 20
Cammarata | 1 | 2 | 4
Murtagh | 2 | 1 | 5
Hochstein | 1 | 0 | 2
Albers | 2 | 0 | 4
Hanley | 1 | 1 | 2
Kosnik | 4 | 1 | 9
DiGeronimo | 0 | 0 | 0
Mendola | 1 | 0 | 2
Curley | 1 | 0 | 2

ST. MICHAEL’S | G F P
---|---|---
Grey | 8 | 1 | 7
Jones | 0 | 0 | 0
McEnroe | 0 | 4 | 4
Conner | 0 | 0 | 0
Ubertino | 6 | 2 | 11
Contucci | 1 | 0 | 2
Dreyer | 0 | 0 | 0
Calabru | 1 | 0 | 2
Downes | 0 | 0 | 0
Trappiano | 0 | 0 | 0
Gotberg | 1 | 0 | 2
Gibbons | 0 | 0 | 0

Totals | 41 | 13 | 95
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Ice Hockey: Five New Jersey teams to skate on the ice at Yankee Stadium!

For those who have grown up around the game, shinny hockey on an outdoor rink -- a makeshift frozen pond smoothed over by the elements -- brings out the inner child in all of us.

Rutgers and Notre Dame football were on hand at the Stadium last month.

A handful of high school hockey teams in New Jersey will get the chance of a lifetime to play on a much bigger stage -- and relive those childhood memories -- when they brave the elements later this month on the ice of Yankee Stadium in the Bronx as part of the National Hockey League's 2014 Stadium Series.

Chatham, Christian Brothers Academy, Delbarton, Don Bosco Prep and St. Peter's Prep have been afforded this unique opportunity as each will take to the ice at "The House that Jeter Built" on Jan. 31.
Don Bosco Prep of Ramsey will battle Christian Brothers Academy of Lincroft on Friday, Jan. 31 at 1:15 p.m., followed by Chatham versus St. Peter's Prep of Jersey City, tentatively scheduled for 5:45 p.m. later that day. Six-time and defending NJSIAA Non-Public state champion Delbarton of Morris Township will test its mettle against one of Massachusetts' best in Catholic Memorial on Saturday, Feb. 1. A puck drop of 5:30 p.m. is tentatively in place.

All games are tentative until contracts are officially signed.

As part of the NHL's Stadium Series, the New York Rangers will skate twice -- against the New Jersey Devils on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 12:30 p.m., and again three days later when they take on the New York Islanders on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

"It's been a long, grueling process but it's going to be awesome," said Jason Romano, manager of Amateur Hockey Operations for the New Jersey Devils. "When the Stadium Series was announced back in November, we were in contact with several teams about the possibility to skate at Yankee Stadium. It was on a first-come, first-serve basis. If the opportunity became available, several high school teams were hoping for the opportunity. It is going to be awesome."

The Detroit Red Wings and the Toronto Maple Leafs at the 2014 Winter Classic in Ann Arbor, Michigan (Gregory Shamus/Getty Images)

In truth, the quest to secure ice time at Yankee Stadium was a process that began much earlier.

"For us, this all started in the summer," Chatham coach Frank Gilberti said. "St. Peter's coach Mike Goodrich first had the idea. This was his baby from day one. When he first approached me with the idea, before he could even finish his sentence, I said, 'Yes, we want to be part of that game.' It's going to be an unbelievable opportunity for these kids, our town and our community."

Don Bosco Prep and Christian Brothers shared those sentiments.

"CBA and I have been working closely with the Devils since the idea was brought up in September," Don Bosco Prep coach Greg Toskos said. "(CBA) Coach (Ryan) Bogan asked me, "If we can get this done, do you want to move your home game to Yankee Stadium?"

"The kids have all seen the Winter Classic, saw Frozen Fenway," Toskos said. "There were rumors, there was chatter, but as a staff we never spoke about it because we didn't want to let them down. But now, the kids, the players, the excitement behind it... it's great for New Jersey high school hockey to be represented by five of the best programs in the state. The arena, the ambiance, playing outdoors -- it's going to create memories these kids will never forget. It's going to be fantastic."
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WRESTLING

A lack of team-oriented results makes it tough to rank wrestling teams early in the season.

This is the time of year for holiday and prestigious individual tournaments, and, as a result, the first in-season edition of The Star-Ledger Top 20 remains almost identical to the preseason edition.

THE STAR-LEDGER WRESTLING TOP 20
(records through Dec. 29)
1-Bergen Catholic (0-0)
2-Don Bosco Prep (0-0)
3-Bound Brook (1-0)
4-St. Peter’s Prep (0-1)
5-Delbarton (0-0)
6-High Point (0-0)
7-Brick Memorial (1-0)
8-Southern (0-0)
9-Howell (7-0)
10-Phillipsburg (0-0)
11-South Plainfield (3-0)
12-Paulsboro (1-0)
13-Hanover Park (0-0)
14-Kittatinny (3-0)
15-Toms River South (0-0)
16-Roselle Park (1-0)
17-DePaul (0-0)
18-Clearview (3-0)
19-Hunterdon Central (1-0)
20-Raritan (10-1)(1-0)

Wrestling: Bergen Catholic holds firm, St. Peter’s Prep enters Flowrestling national poll after Clash

Bergen Catholic, No. 1 in The Star-Ledger Top 20, held firm in its spot near the top of the Flowrestling national high school rankings while No. 4 St. Peter’s Prep entered the poll after impressive showings at The Clash Tournament in Rochester, Minn., this past weekend.

Bergen Catholic remains sixth in the site’s national poll, while St. Peter’s Prep enters at No. 22. Bergen Catholic finished third overall at The Clash Tournament, while St. Peter’s Prep finished seventh after defeating No. 3 Bound Brook in the seventh/eighth consolation match.
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January 4, 2014 The Hispanic Games at the New Balance Center in Manhattan, the new year, the snow and the canceled meet yesterday did not slow down the Marauders. Sophomore Brandon Parrado running a personal best by 10 seconds was 2nd overall in the Sophomore Mile in 4:44.69. Not to be outdone, Freshman Cesar Esteban was 1st in the Freshman Mile in 4:49.12. Cesar's time was 3rd overall in the combined race. Cesar's time for Freshmen is 2nd in New Jersey and 11th in the United States. Brandon's time is 7th fastest in New Jersey for Sophomores and 45th in the United States.

January 5, 2014 The New Jersey Catholic Track Conference at the New Balance Center in Manhattan started with a bang for the New Year for the Marauders. Senior Dan Apicella led off the 1200 meter leg in the Distance Medley Relay with a 3:15.50, Junior Declan Wollard ran 54.53 for the 400 meter leg, Senior Chris Butko ran 2:01.85 for the 800 meter leg and Senior Fritz Heinrich ran 4:24.82 for a team time of 10:36.80 and a 2nd place finish. Fritz received the baton in third place and was only nipped at the finish for 1st. This is the 5th fastest time in this event in New Jersey and 7th in the United States. The time qualifies for the National Elite Silver Standard on the National website Milesplit. The Shuttle Hurdle relay saw a personal best for Senior Barrington Bennett with a 7.97 leg, Junior Will Springer ran 9.25, Sophomore Robbie Wisowaty ran 9.83 and Sophomore Nelson Yang ran 10.25 for a combined time of 37.3 and a 5th place finish. In the 4x200 meter relay, Junior Corey Caddle ran 23.8, Junior Dan Plaza ran 27.5, Junior Erik Aborde ran 25.4 and Senior Barrington Bennett ran 24.3 for a combined time of 1:41.0. In the varsity Shot Put, Senior Malcolm Merritt threw 36'6", Junior Stephen Sprofera threw 31'9" and Sophomore Frank Coleman threw 26'7".

In the Varsity 4x800 meter team, there were four personal best indoor times with Senior Jimmy Sause who ran 2:08.10, Sophomore Brandon Parrado ran 2:10.59, Senior David Deleon ran 2:08.75 and Sophomore Billy Fitzpatrick ran 2:08.16 for a team time of 8:35.60 for a 7th place finish. In the High Jump relay, the team of Seniors Barrington Bennett 5'0" and Eamonn Dwyer 6'6" was 1st overall in a combined jump of 11'6". Eamonn's jump was the best of the meet and met the National Silver Elite Standard on the Milesplit website. In the Varsity Sprint Medley relay, Senior Chris Butko in a personal best of 52.50 for the lead off 400 meter leg, Junior Corey Caddle in 23.10 in the 200 meter leg, Senior Barrington Bennett in 23.78 for the 200 meter leg and Senior Fritz Heinrich anchoring on the 800 meter leg in 2:01.92 for a team time of 3:41.3 for a 2nd place finish. This is the 7th fastest time in this event in New Jersey so far this season and 11th in the United States. The time also qualified on the National Milesplit website for the Elite National Silver Standard.
In the Freshmen races, it could not have started out any better. In the 4x800 meter relay, the Marauders broke a 38 year old meet record by 6 seconds in smashing the previous record with a team time of 8:49.70. This is also a school freshmen team record in this event. Again in four personal best times, Mike Larkin 2:12.06, Brandon Rossi 2:08.82, Matt Honig 2:17.22 and Cesar Esteban 2:11.60 ran the fastest 3200 meter relay time in the United States for a freshmen indoor team this season to take 1st place overall. In the Freshmen high jump relay, Diego Anderson jumped 4’10” and Matt Honig jumped 5’0” to take 2nd place overall with a combined jump of 9’10”. In the 4x200 meter relay, Anthony Reyes ran 28.84, Jonathan Thybulle ran 28.00, Diego Anderson ran 27.63 and Dan Rivera ran 26.43 for 4th place in 1:49.90. In the final event of the meet in the 4x400 meter relay, Mike Larkin ran 59.72, Cesar Esteban ran 58.40, Matt Honig ran 59.54 and Brandon Rossi ran 58.44 to take 2nd place overall in 3:56.10.
St. Peter's Prep football coach Rich Hansen coaching in Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl

By Patrick Villanueva/The Jersey Journal
on January 02, 2014

As Winter Storm Hercules takes aim on the East Coast, snow was perhaps the furthest thing from the mind of Rich Hansen earlier today.

The St. Peter’s Prep football coach was busy taking in the 80-degree weather of Southern California while serving as one of nearly 30 coaches from around the country at the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in Carson, Calif.

Hansen, who has steered the St. Peter’s Prep program for the last 26 years, is coaching the slot receivers for the East team, which meets the West all-stars in Sunday’s 9 p.m. game on Fox Sports 1. Even with his 200-plus coaching victories and three state championships, Hansen certainly enjoying the chance to rub elbows with some of the most successful high school football minds in the country.

“No question. It’s a bunch of great coaches, everyone runs successful programs,” Hansen said. “You get to pick people’s brains and talk to different coaches about things they do.

“That’s the best part about it, coaching with coaches from all over the country. It’s like a week-long coaching festival.”

One of 14 coaches on the East staff, Hansen arrived in sunny “SoCal” on New Year’s Eve, several weeks removed from guiding the Marauders to the NJSIAA Non-Public, Group 4 championship game against Paramus Catholic — a heartbreaking 13-6 loss at MetLife Stadium.

While his team remains on the opposite coast, Hansen says he’s enjoyed working with two of the Garden State top wide receivers — Manalapan’s Saeed Blacknall and Timber Creek’s Adonis Jennings, both of whom are among the 90 players from across the country selected for Sunday’s game.

“It’s just overall a good experience,” Hansen said. “The bottom line is that you never stop working as a coach, you never stop trying to get better.”
DB - Minkah Fitzpatrick, 6-1, 180, St. Peter's Prep (Jersey City, N.J.)
Despite missing time due to injury, Fitzpatrick still recorded 62 tackles and four interceptions and was a first team all-state selection.

James Fox Junior Highlight Video:

http://www.hudl.com/athlete/1375736/highlights/115199386

Prospect Report: Jordan Fox
DECEMBER 17, 2013

Six FBS schools offered St. Peter’s Prep outside linebacker Jordan Fox last week. It all started when UConn was the first to extend Fox a tender. Then Georgia, Vanderbilt, Nebraska and Virginia stopped by and offered. Rutgers also joined in and offered Fox on Thursday, Dec. 12.

“It was a great feeling, I feel blessed to receive offers from such prestigious schools,” he said.

Fox’s highlight tape reveals that he is usually put up on the line of scrimmage as opposed to covering a slot receiver. That has put him in a position to defend the run and set a perimeter, which he does well. However, Fox has also shown through film that he can drop back in pass coverage as well. His 6’3, 215 pound frame fits well for an FBS linebacker.

Fox told me that schools like his physicality, speed to the ball and his knowledge of the game. Although Rutgers invited him to several games this year, he has yet to take a trip to Piscataway. In fact, Fox has not visited any schools.

More offers may be on the way for the stud 2015 outside linebacker. Fox also has interest from Miami, Penn State, Ohio State, Maryland, and Georgia Tech.

When I asked Fox about what he was looking for in a school, he said, “A school that makes me feel at home, a school with great academics, and has a great athletic program.”
Still need identification of each of the players pictured above.

Please send your recollections of who’s who to Gene (geneboyle3@gmail.com).

A picture identifying each of the guys will be posted in the next “SportsMonday”. 
This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 7th

Basketball vs. Kearny, 4/5:30/7
Fencing @ Montclair, 6:00, Montclair HS
Hockey @ Delbarton, 4:45, Aspen Ice
Track in HCIAL Relays, 4:00, JC Armory
Swimming @ Pingry, 4:00, Pingry HS

Wednesday, Jan. 8th

Wrestling vs. Ocean, 5:30/7

Thursday, Jan. 9th

Hockey vs. Bergen Catholic, 7:30, Prudential
Basketball @ Union City, 4/5:30/7:00
Fencing @ Columbia, 4:30, Fencing Alliance
Bowling vs. Snyder, 4:00, Hudson Lanes
Swimming @ Bayonne, 4:30, Lincoln School

Friday, Jan. 10th

Swimming vs. North Bergen, 4:30, SPU

Saturday, Jan. 11th

Wrestling @ Rutgers Team Tournament, 9am, RAC
JV Wrestling @ Fort Lee Tournament, 8am, Fort Lee HS

Sunday, Jan. 12th

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