

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result
12/20	Memorial	85 - 47
12/22	Pat. East.	58 - 48
12/23	No. Bergen	66 - 35
12/28	TBA	
12/29	TBA	
1/3	Bayonne	
1/4	Card.	
1/7	Kearney	
1/9	Union City	
1/14	Dickinson	
1/16	Ferris	
1/21	Memorial	
1/23	N. Bergen	
1/28	Bayonne	
1/30	Kearney	
2/1	Gill St.	
2/3	Benedicts	
2/4	Union City	
2/6	Dickinson	
2/9	Roselle	
2/10	Ferris	
2/16	FINALS	

BASKETBALL

NAME	YEAR
Austin White	Senior
Vic Jusino	Senior
Sean Ryan	Senior
Austin Roche	Senior
Chris Wright	Senior
Najja Hunter	Soph
Shamar Waterman	Soph
Kaleb Bishop	Soph
James Scott	Soph
Romello Ford	Soph
Nate Pierre-Lewis	Fresh.

RECORD & RANKING

Record	NJ	Nation
2 - 1	#	#



Austin White (2) on the defense during a game against Seton Hall Prep boy's basketball in the NJSIAA, North Jersey, Non-Public A final on Mar. 6, 2013 at Rutgers's University.

The Star-Ledger announced its preseason list of players to watch today and four Hudson County players made the cut.

By The Jersey Journal
on December 20, 2013

The Star-Ledger announced its preseason list of players to watch today and four Hudson County players made the cut.

St. Anthony led the charge in the recognitions with seniors guards Tarin Smith and Cheddi Mosely earning spots on the list.

Smith is the only returning starter for the Friars, while Mosley -- committed to Boston University -- is ready to take on a larger role for St. Anthony, which is looking to "shut everyone up."

Hudson Catholic's Nassir Barrino also claimed a spot onto the list and the junior hopes to justify the selection as he aims to be a focal point of the Hawks' offense after an injury-plagued sophomore campaign.

The final local player who made the list was **St. Peter's Prep's Austin White**, who leads a talented group of Marauders that is looking to build chemistry.

** Prep Sports Forums **

Beginning next 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.

St. Peter's Prep basketball team has talent and depth, but still building chemistry

By Patrick Villanova/The Jersey Journal
on December 16, 2013

Inside the St. Peter's Prep basketball office, a cozy two-room sanctuary attached to the school's gymnasium, the signs of the team's rabid pursuit of excellence are everywhere.

A scouting calendar marked with dozens of games hangs on one wall. Nearby, folders containing practice plans and game notes from last year are neatly organized and labeled. Basketball jargon covers every inch of a number of dry erase boards scattered around the office.

Preparation surely won't be an issue for this year's team, however, the coaching staff is placing a premium on team chemistry as the Marauders eye Friday's 7 p.m. season-opener at Memorial.

Nine months removed from an appearance in the NJSIAA Non-Public A state championship game, the Marauders return a bulk of last year's team, which went 23-7 and finished No. 8 in The Star-Ledger Top 20. But third-year coach Todd Decker is also charged with replacing three senior starters from that unit, while incorporating a cast of talented newcomers.

"We have to make this all blend together, be 12 guys strong and be five guys together out there on that floor," said Decker, whose team dropped a 57-47 verdict to St. Joseph (Metuchen) in the Non-Public A final in March. "If they can just put all personal agendas aside and just go out there and just play for each other, we'll be completely fine this year."

Leading the way is **Senior guard Austin White**, a two-year returning starter coming off a 15.9 points per game junior season. White signed with Division I High Point University this fall. **Vic Jusino**, a 6-foot-8 center/power forward that will anchor the Marauders' front court, joins White as the returning starter.

"We're so much different because last year we were a gritty, get stops on defense (type of team)," said Jusino, a senior who is signed with Division II Pace University. "This year we definitely have a lot more offensive firepower, we come back with more experience. I think this team, we just have a completely new identity."

Of course that new identity is partially tied to some new players.

Georgia transplant **Veer Singh**, a 6-foot-6 sophomore, and highly touted freshman guard **Nate Pierre-Louis** join the fold this season. Both are competing for starting jobs, while 6-foot-5 sophomore **Najja Hunter** is also in consideration to start. **Seniors Austin Roche, Jordan Whitehead and Sean Ryan** bring added experience to a team looking to win its first Hudson County championship since 2011.

Sophomores Kaleb Bishop (6-foot-8) and Shamar Waterman are also among the team's talented underclassmen that Decker hopes will mesh sooner rather than later.

Prep will certainly miss the likes of Trevis Wyche -- a Second Team All-State pick and current member of the Saint Peter's University team -- as well as the graduated Sean Cummings and Matt Halchak. Yet, last year's success has provided somewhat of a blueprint for Decker, his staff and players.

"We were a totally different team the last month of the season than we were the first two," Decker said of last year's team. "We took a lot of lumps early, but we learned from it and we grew from it and we developed an identity as a team. Our chemistry got a lot better and I think they were able to see if we're able to get this going a little earlier now, maybe that end result will be even better."

After Friday's HCLAL Red Division matchup in West New York, the Marauders will collide with Paterson Eastside at 5:20 p.m. on Saturday at the Tip-Off Hoop Group at West Orange High School. Decker's unit will then have to navigate yet another treacherous out-of-league schedule that includes the Bronx's Cardinal Hayes (Jan. 4), National power St. Benedict's Prep (Feb. 3) and defending NJSIAA Tournament of Champions winner Roselle Catholic (Feb. 9).

"Looking back on last year's team, this is a completely different team in terms of what we have to do to prepare for games and the culture of the team," said White. **"We made a really good run last year to the state championship (game) and I feel like this team is even deeper than last year."**

St. Peter's Prep basketball team practiced at their gym on December 16, 2013.



Nate Pierre-Louis passes the ball while coach Todd Decker looks on. Michael Dempsey/The Jersey Journal



Jordan Harris goes up for shot while Coach Todd Decker looks on. Michael Dempsey/The Jersey Journal



Coach Todd Decker give instructions to his players. Michael Dempsey/The Jersey Journal

Team Stats

Player Stats

St. Peter's Prep

(1-1-0)

85

12/20/2013

Memorial

(0-1-0)

47

Memorial, West New York, NJ

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St. Peter's Prep (85) at Memorial (47)

Final	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
St. Peter's Prep	26	25	26	8	85
Memorial	13	13	11	10	47

Austin White hit six 3-pointers and scored 24 of his game-high 27 points in the opening half to lead St. Peter's Prep, No. 8 in The Star-Ledger Top 20, to an 85-47 victory over Memorial in West New York.

Veer Singh had seven points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for St. Peter's Prep. Freshman Nathaniel Pierre-Louis scored 13 points and Vic Jusino added nine points. Memorial's Chris Fernandez scored 10 points.

Player Stats

St. Peter's Prep - Game stats

Player	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	A	S	Blk	Pts
Kaleb Bishop	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jordan Harris	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Najja Hunter	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Zaki Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vic Jusino	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	9
Nathaniel Pierre-Louis	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	13
Austin Roche	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	8
Sean Ryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veer Singh	2	1	0	10	8	0	0	7
Shamar Waterman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austin White	3	6	3	0	0	0	0	27
Jordan Whitehead	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

Boys basketball: No. 13 Paterson Eastside tops No. 8 St. Peter's Prep at Hoop Group Tip-Off Showcase

The diverse talents of Shakur Juiston have left Paterson Eastside coach Juan Griles facing the dilemma of how to best deploy the versatile junior forward.

“That's been the question this year,” Griles said. “He's always played center, but he has so many skills that I think it's the job of a high school coach to expand those other skills even when he makes errors. On defense, he can grab all the rebounds, but on offense, he can do more than just score underneath.”

Incorporating Juiston, a transfer from Irvington, may still be a work in progress, but regardless of his role and position, there is no denying the impact he has made in his first two games.

Juiston erupted for 17 of his team-high 19 points in the second half and added 18 rebounds when Paterson Eastside, No. 13 in The Star-Ledger Top 20, rallied to defeat No. 8 St. Peter's Prep, 58-48, yesterday at the Tip-Off Hoop Group Showcase in West Orange.

Juiston earned the game's Most Valuable Player award for Eastside (2-0). Najja Hunter had 15 points and nine rebounds to earn MVP honors for St. Peter's Prep (1-1)

“I can play all positions, but my coach feels I'm strongest down low so I can get all of the rebounds and just score,” the 6-7 Juiston said. “I can handle, I just had to play down low this game. That's how I got most of my buckets.”

Whether it was as a center, a wing or even bringing the ball up the court, St. Peter's Prep had no answers for him in the second half.

Eastside trailed, 34-24, midway through the third before closing the period on a 17-5 run. Quency Jones scored five points in the surge and Juiston had six, including a right-handed jam at the buzzer to give Eastside the lead for good at 41-39.

“When I was in the locker room I was just focused,” said Juiston, who had 13 second half rebounds. “I wasn't doing good in the first half, so in the second half I knew I had to do a lot better.”

Eastside's hot play continued with a 9-2 run to start the fourth. A put-back from St. Peter's Najja Hunter cut the deficit to 48-45 with three minutes left. But Eastside pulled away, scoring 10 unanswered points, four from Juiston.

It was the second big second half from Juiston in as many nights. He scored all 15 of his points after the intermission in Eastside's victory over Paterson Kennedy on Friday.

Austin White led all scorers with 20 points, including a 3-pointer to give St. Peter's Prep its biggest lead at 31-18 early in the third.



Johnson had 13 points and Ahmad Dauda had 12 points and seven rebounds for Eastside. Freshman point guard Nhazir Smith added six points and five assists for Eastside.



Austin White of St. Peter's Prep grabs a rebound in the 1st half.



St. Peter's Prep's Austin Roche, left, takes a shot against Paterson Eastside's Shakur Juiston in the 2nd half.

Dec 21 @ 6:00 - Basketball Box Score							Print	f	Share
	Eastside (2-0, 1-0 Neutral)		St. Peter's Prep (1-1, 0-1 Neutral)						
	58 WINNER		48						
Box Score		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final			
Eastside						58			
St. Peter's Prep						48			



St. Peter's Prep's Veer Singh, left, drives to the basket against Paterson Eastside's Shakur Juiston in the 2nd half.



Paterson Eastside's Quency Jones, left, has his shot blocked by Vic Jusino of St. Peter's Prep in the 2nd half.



St. Peter's Prep's Nathaniel Pierre-Louis looks to pass in the 2nd half.

North Bergen (35) at St. Peter's Prep (66) - Boys Basketball

By Star-Ledger
on December 23, 2013 6:27 p.m.

Veer Singh scored a game-high 18 points and hit four 3-pointers when St. Peter's Prep, No. 8 in The Star-Ledger Top 20, defeated North Bergen, 66-35, in Jersey City.

Austin White also reached double figures, adding 10 points for the Non-Public school. **Nathaniel Pierre-Louis** contributed nine points, **Najja Hunter** dropped in eight points and **Jordan Harris** had seven points to round out St. Peter's balanced attack.

Team Stats

Player Stats

North Bergen

(1-1-0)

35

12/23/2013

7 p.m.

St. Peter's Prep

(2-1-0)

66

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North Bergen (35) at St. Peter's Prep (66)

Final	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
North Bergen	6	4	14	11	35
St. Peter's Prep	15	11	22	16	66

Player Stats

St. Peter's Prep - Game stats

Player	FG	3FG	FT	Reb	A	S	Blk	Pts
Kaleb Bishop	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jordan Harris	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	7
Najja Hunter	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
Vic Jusino	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nathaniel Pierre-Louis	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	9
Austin Roche	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Sean Ryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veer Singh	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	18
Austin White	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
Jordan Whitehead	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3

Memories from 50+ Years Ago

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TOM GREELEY

BRIAN SHEERAN

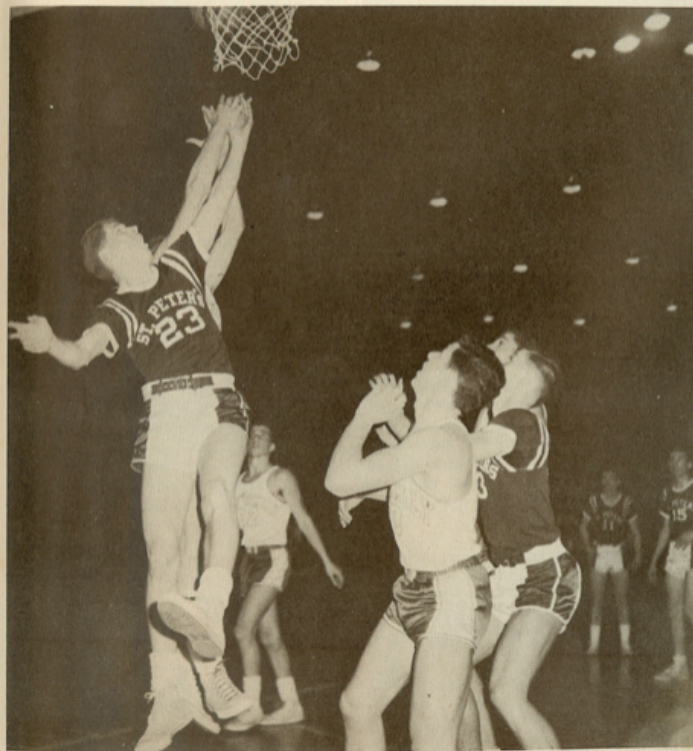
HOLY FAMILY vs SOUTH SIDE (NEWARK)
BAYONNE vs ENGLEWOOD
WEEHAWKEN vs TRENTON CATHOLIC
ST. PETER'S PREP vs ST. MARY'S (ELIZABETH)

December 26th, 28th, and 30th

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Comeback Kids Crowned County Champs!



COUNTY CHAMPS: McGregor flicks in two of twenty as he paces Comeback Kids to County title.

From the Stu McGregor Library

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result
12/2	Morristown-Beard	???
12/4	Msgr. Farrell	W 10-0
12/6	Notre Dame	W 7-5
12/11	St. Augustine	W 7-2
12/13	St. Augustine	???
12/16	Morristown-Beard	L 10-6
12/18	Pope John	W 4-2
12/20	Red Bank	W 9-1
12/22	Canisius	L 1-0
12/23	Canisius	W 1-0
1/7	Delbarton	
1/8	Bergen Catholic	
1/15	Seton Hall Prep	
1/20	Seton Hall Prep	
1/22	Bishop Eustace	
1/24	Notre Dame	
1/31	Don Bosco	
2/5	Portledge	
2/7	Bishop Eustace	
2/10	Lawrenceville	
2/12	Gloucester	
2/14	Pope John	
	FINALS	

HOCKEY

RECORD & RANKING

Record	NJ	Nation
6 - 2 - 0	#	#



Ice Hockey **Video**: Five for fighting -- Randolph, CBA, St. Peter's, Bergen Catholic, St. Joseph (Met.)

Link: <http://bit.ly/1dB9CWI>
SPP starts at 2:56 of the video

Ice Hockey: Top line paces St. Peter's Prep to 9-1 victory over RBC

By John Christian Hageny/For The Star-Ledger
on December 20, 2013

After years of toiling in the cellar of the heralded Gordon Conference, St. Peter's Prep has arrived.

The Jersey City school, which suffered through tough times after a move to New Jersey's top high school conference in 2004-05, has taken its lumps and paid its dues, and now, after years of growing pains, seems ready for payback.

The first line of Rocky Coviello, Sean Crowley and Augie Burkhardt put on a dazzling offensive display as the unit combined for five goals and six assists, including four goals during a six-goal outburst in the first period, as St. Peter's Prep, No. 15 in The Star-Ledger Top 20, skated to a 9-1 victory over Red Bank Catholic at AmeriHealth



St Peter's Sean Crowley (17) scores a goal during the St. Peter's Prep vs. Red Bank Catholic



Pavilion last night in Newark.

With Chris Picnic and Danny Harcourt in the penalty box and St. Peter's Prep facing a 5-on-3 Red Bank Catholic advantage just two minutes into the game, Crowley stole the puck at center ice, stickhandled past two defenders, deked Red Bank Catholic goalie Brandon Rossi and scored to the five-hole for a 1-0 lead.

Crowley's improbable shorthanded goal set the tone for the rest of the contest as St. Peter's top line went to work.

"That was the game right there," St. Peter's Prep coach Mike Goodrich said. "They score on that power play, they have the momentum."

Just 1:05 after Crowley's exceptional individual effort gave St. Peter's Prep the momentum, Tommy Linkus finished a fabulous tic-tac-toe, bang-bang play in front, with assists from Sam Burkhardt and Ryan Pezzolla, as St. Peter's quickly built a 2-0 lead

The Jersey City school did not stop attacking as Crowley deposited his second goal of the game at 7:34 before Sam Burkhardt, Rocky Coviello and Pezzolla added three more goals in a span of 3:27 as St. Peter's Prep firmly established a 6-0 lead after one.

"All year we've set the tone the first shift, the first five minutes and tonight we did it again," Coviello, the senior captain, said. "Myself, Sean Crowley and Augie Burkhardt we're looking for that first goal to wake up the team and get the crowd energized."

"We just kept it going from there," Crowley said. "We played smart and got every line going. It's been a great start for us offensively. The chemistry of the team right now is sick."

After a switch from Rossi to Michael Cosentino in between the pipes, Red Bank Catholic responded and fought back hard in the second period and got on the scoreboard when Ian Malone finished what Griffin Welch and Todd Goehring started as the Monmouth County school found the back of the net with 2:17 left in the middle frame to make it 6-1.

"Right from the start, we had the 5-on-3 but didn't capitalize," Malone said. "It wasn't a good night for us."

"We got off to a real slow start, broke down defensively and didn't make any plays," Goehring said. "We bounced back in the second but we were only able to put one in."

St. Peter's most successful season to date came during the 2006-07 season when it made it all the way to the state finals, falling 3-1 to St. Augustine that season. Goodrich and his staff of Chris Gannon, David Burokas and Greg Morrissey are determined to bring the Jersey City school back to stay.

"We've been smoked, been on the wrong end of a game like this before," Coviello, who scored twice in the third period, completing his hat trick with 4:57 remaining in regulation, said. "Games like that make you better as the season goes on."

"Losing all those games (in the Gordon Conference) the last several years has made us stronger," Crowley, a junior, said. "We're ready for these games now."



A Red Bank player gets checked by St. Peter's Rocky Coviello (19) during the St. Peter's Prep vs. Red Bank Catholic



Red Bank's Ian Malone (18) and St. Peter's Augie Burkhardt (25) go for the puck

Destiny lands St. Peter's Kyle Palmieri the GWG as Ducks burn Devils in OT

By John Christian Hageny/For The Star-Ledger
on December 21, 2013

If Martin Scorsese directed and New York City's own Iron Man Robert Downey, Jr. drew the starring role, it could not have been scripted any better.

Seriously. Hollywood are you listening?

Hours after St. Peter's Prep of Jersey City scored a 9-1 victory over Red Bank Catholic next door, its most famous alum, Kyle Palmieri, picked up a pass at center ice and took it wide before swooping around the net and burying a sweet wraparound to give the Anaheim Ducks a 3-2 victory over the New Jersey Devils in overtime at The Prudential Center in Newark last night.

"When we were driving in, I got to see them (St. Peter's) out on the ice there. I wish I could have caught a little bit of the game but I had to worry about my own. It was pretty cool," Palmieri said moments after netting the game-winner for the Ducks 2:37 into overtime. "It was awesome, a fun night for me and I definitely think my family and friends enjoyed it."

Palmieri was strong on his skates and looked at home on the ice as the Smithtown, N.Y. native who grew up in Montvale, N.J., drove the puck wide several times creating a couple of goals for the Ducks.

With the score tied up at 1-1 apiece, Palmieri drove hard to the net again before finding Matthieu Perreault in front as Anaheim separated itself with a 2-1 lead 9:13 into the third period.



The legendary Teemu Selanne, 43-years young, drew an assist on the play but was later outdone by 41-year old Jaromir Jagr, one goal shy of Mark Messier for seventh-place, all-time, on the NHL scoring list at 694, whose backhand saucer pass to Andy Greene on the power-play with 5:02 remaining in regulation sent the game to overtime.

The game-tying goal set the stage for Act III and Palmieri was not about to let the 100+ family and friends go home without some holiday cheer.

"You're from here, people are watching... I wasn't sure what it hit off, it might have wrapped off his stick or one of their guys," Palmieri said of his fifth goal of the season.



"He's (Cory Schnieder) a good goalie, I just thought I could beat him to the other post. It took a lucky bounce."

For Palmieri, who led St. Peter's Prep of Jersey City to a memorable state finals appearance in 2006-07, the goal could not have come at a better time.

"I'll be home for Christmas next week," he said. "Going into the Christmas break coming up, we want to take as much momentum as we can. It wasn't the prettiest, but it's still two points no matter what."



Portrait of Kyle Palmieri from the 2006-07 season. (Tim Farrell/For The Star-Ledger)



In the aftermath, Palmieri caught up with Kevin Fox, St. Peter's goaltender from the 2006-07 season. (The Star-Ledger)

Kyle's Video Interview #1:

http://videos.nj.com/nj/2013/12/kyle_palmieri_anaheim_ducks.html

#2:

http://videos.nj.com/nj/2013/12/kyle_palmieri_2_anaheim_ducks.html

Ice Hockey: Linkus nets GWG, LaBella's 30 saves lead St. Peter's past Canisius, 1-0

By John Christian Hageny/For The Star-Ledger
on December 23, 2013

Upon entering AmeriHealth Pavilion, the tremendous sister rink adjacent to The Prudential Center in Newark this past weekend, St. Peter's Prep coach Mike Goodrich greeted me at the door and asked me if I wanted to race.

With one leg suspended on a roller and the other firmly planted in hockey affairs for his rising Jersey City school program, Goodrich tore his Achilles earlier this month. Despite the physical setback, the third-year coach couldn't have been in a better mood.

Tommy Linkus' goal, assisted by Brendan Smith 5:41 into the game, gave St. Peter's Prep, No. 15 in The Star-Ledger Top 20, a one-goal lead and goaltender Jonathan LaBella made it stand with 30 saves as the Jersey City school avenged a loss the night before with a 1-0 victory over Canisius of Buffalo, N.Y. at AmeriHealth Pavilion this afternoon in Newark.

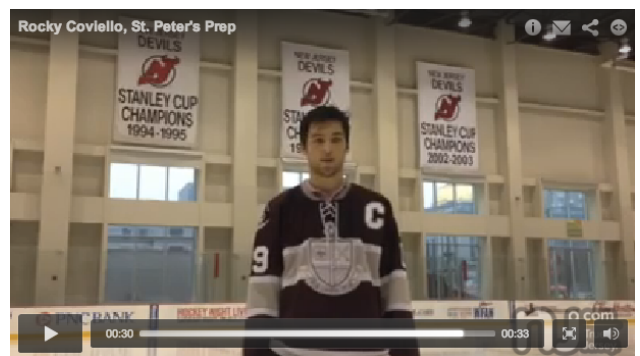
After surrendering four unanswered goals in a **4-3 loss to Canisius on Sunday**, LaBella was at the top of his game yesterday to record his second shutout of the season. The junior netminder was spectacular down the stretch, including a key save on Canisius' Elliot Crimmen with his team's goalie pulled in favor of an extra attacker with less than a minute remaining.

"Jonathan has been the quiet savior of this team," Goodrich said. "Everyone's talking about the goals we are scoring, but he's the one making the stops. Tonight, I think he made it evident -- he's a real deal goalie."



Link to video interview with Prep Goalie,
Jon LaBella:

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Link to video interview with Prep Captain
and Right Wing, Rocky Coviello after his
hat trick in the win over RBC::

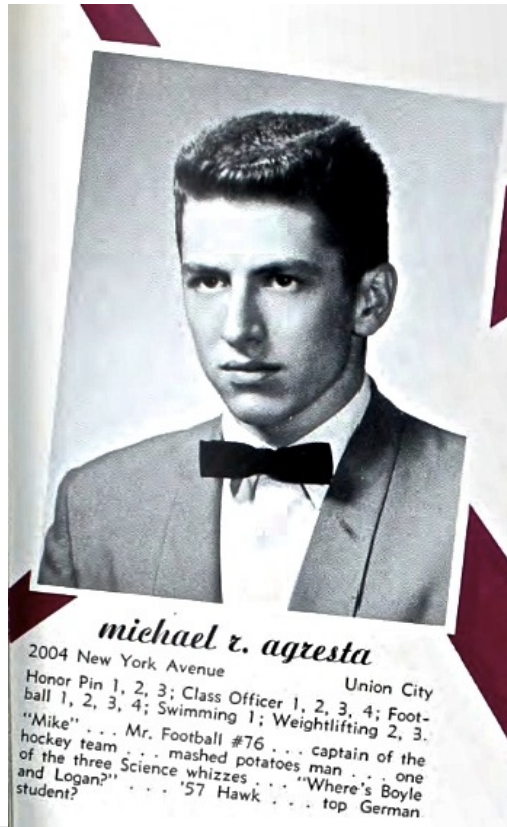
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Memories from 50+ Years Ago

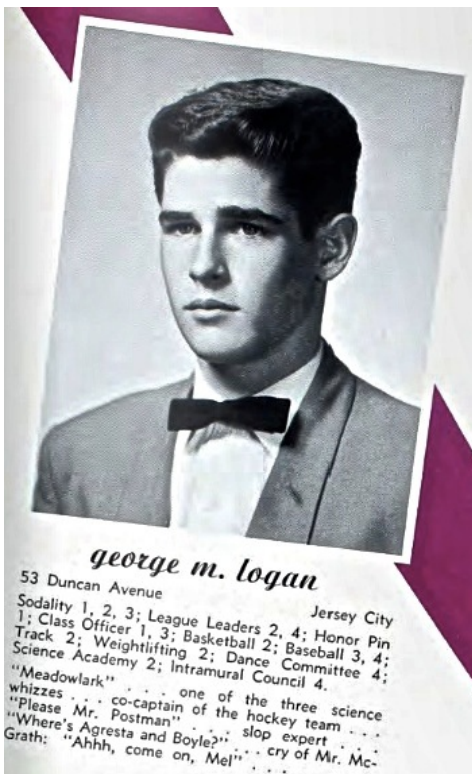
The Undefeated '62 Hockey Team

(Yes, just 3 men strong. Details in their Petrean blurbs below)

The Captain



The Co-Captain



Right Wing (MVP)



Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
12/21	Beast of the East	
12/22	Beast of the East	
12/28	Blair	
1/4	The Clash	
1/5	The Clash	
1/8	Ocean	
1/11	Team Tourney	
1/14	Cedar Grove	
1/15	Brick	
1/18	Paramus	
1/20	Don Bosco	
1/25	Roxbury	
1/26	Novice	
1/29	DePaul	
2/1	Bound Brook	
2/8	HC Duals	
Feb.	Tournament	
Mar.	Tournament	

WRESTLING



Joseph McKenna (blue) of Blair wrestles Connor Burkert (white) of St. Peter Prep in the 138lb semifinal of the 2013 Beast of the East Varsity Wrestling Tournament at the Bob Carpenter Center at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE

RECORD & RANKING

Record	NJ	Nation
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St. Peter's Prep wrestling coach Anthony Verdi speaks to the team after a practice in Jersey City on Thursday, Dec. 19.
Molly J. Smith/The Jersey Journal

Wrestling: Blair wins team title, seven New Jersey wrestlers finish first at Beast of the East

By Joe Kania/For The Star-Ledger
on December 22, 2013

New Jersey's wrestlers took home seven individual titles while earning the top two spots in the team standings at the 21st Beast of the East tournament yesterday in Newark, Del.

NEW JERSEY'S PLACE-WINNERS

106 POUNDS

1-Ty Agaisse, Delbarton
3-Alec Kelly, St. Peter's

120 POUNDS

6-Charles Tucker, Blair
7-Anthony Cefolo, Hanover Park
8-Mike Russo, St. Peter's

138 POUNDS

1-Joey McKenna, Blair
6-Connor Burkert, St. Peter's

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

(Finish among N.J. teams on left, overall on right)
1-Blair Academy (1)
2-Bergen Catholic (2)
3-St. Peter's Prep (11)
4-Delbarton (12)
5-Don Bosco (14)



Prep wrestler Jordan Fox cools down after practice in Jersey City on Thursday

Veteran group ready to 'work hard and get the job done' for St. Peter's Prep wrestling

By Brandon Gould/The Jersey Journal
on December 19, 2013

As the temperature rises in the room during the opening stages of the St. Peter's Prep wrestling practice, the heat barely phases senior Mike Russo and junior Sonny Simonetti as they lock up in their first encounter of today's practice.

The sweat running off their brows has become the norm, just part of the job. In a way, it brings a sense of calm — a sign of hard work and commitment.

Having gone through their share of sparring sessions the last few years, the two Marauders are used to the conditions inside the school's sauna-like wrestling room, but this year's practices have a different feel for Russo and Simonetti — as both grapplers now carry the responsibility of being team captains.

"If the guys see us working hard, it starts a chain reaction and the whole room works hard," said Russo, who was also a captain last year. "So we've got to bring it every day."

Heading into this season, Russo and Simonetti are joined by 11 other wrestlers who gained varsity experience on an 18-5 team that finished No. 7 in The Star-Ledger Top 20 last year. Junior Luke Leonard (170 pounds) and freshman Nick Santos (113) are the only newcomers.

Of the Marauders returning for this season, eight come back after having made it to Atlantic City last year for the individual state tournament. Five earned their way there as Region 4 champions.

It's a group that includes Russo (120), classmate Armond Cox (220) and sophomore Alec Kelly (106), in addition to juniors Conner Burkert (138), Ryan Burkert (145), Christian Colucci (195), Jordan Fox (195) and Jose Palomino (HWT).

Simonetti and fellow juniors Isaiah McGowan (126), Manny Ramirez (152), Stephen Kellner (160) and Danny Sblendorio (182) make up the rest of a battle-tested team.

"These are guys that are mentally tough, these are guys who have been through these conditions and this is nothing new, it's just another year," Simonetti said of his team, which begins its season this weekend with the Beast of the East Tournament at the University of Delaware. "They already know that we're here to do business, so we just come in here, work hard and get the job done."

And it's that wealth of experience and knowledge — which includes a win over No. 1 South Plainfield two years ago, as well as a loss in the sectional finals to Bergen Catholic later that year — that St. Peter's Prep coach Anthony Verdi hopes will give his team, ranked as high as No. 3 in one New Jersey poll, a leg up on the competition in 2013-14.

"Our juniors and seniors have been through quite a bit here," said Verdi, who is in his 12th year at the helm. "They've been through a nice little ride the last few years. They have been here for the highs of beating the No. 1 team in the state and the low points where we lose the sectional final on tiebreaking criteria.

"They've been on an emotional roller coaster and I think they've seen it all up to this point, so there's nothing that they'll see this year that they haven't seen before and I think that's going to help us."

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
12/5	Scotch Plains	94 - 76
12/12	Memorial	73 - 21
	Hoboken	83 - 9
12/13	McNair	125-44
12/17	Union City	121-44
12/19	Ridgewood	130-40
1/3	Strake Jesuit	
1/7	Pingry	
1/9	Bayonne	
1/10	North Bergen	
1/16	Hillsboro	
1/17	Hudson Catholic	
1/21	Seton Hall	
1/27	Kearny	
1/30	Ferris	
2/4	Dickinson	
2/25	HCIAL Finals	
2/26	HCIAL Finals	
2/27	Meet of Champions	
TBA	State Prelims.	
TBA	State Finals	

SWIMMING

Boys swimming: The Star-Ledger Top 20 for the week of Dec. 26

- 1-Christian Brothers
- 2-Westfield
- 3-Moorestown
- 4-Princeton
- 5-Hillsborough
- 6-Bridgewater-Raritan
- 7-St. Augustine
- 8-Seton Hall Prep
- 9-Montgomery
- 10-Pingry
- 11-St. Joseph (Met.)
- 12-Cherry Hill East
- 13-Haddonfield
- 14-St. Peter's Prep**
- 15-Bergen Catholic
- 16-Mainland
- 17-Scotch Plains
- 18-Shawnee
- 19-Hunterdon Central
- 20-Summit

RECORD & RANKING

Record	NJ	Nation
6 - 0	#14	#

RECORD
6-0
DIVISION
0-0

ST. PETER'S PREP
Jersey City, NJ

TEAM ROSTER

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#	Name	Pos	Grad.
0	Jonathan Juan		None
0	Grant Thieroff		None
0	Mike Capparis		None
	Matt Frezza		None
	Ed Oser		None
	Matthew Chu		2014
	Mike Dillane		None
	Matthew Giardiello		2014
	Nick Giardiello		None
	Matthew Jasko		2014
	Peter Tomljanovic		2015

Memories from 50+ Years Ago



Bill Holy
Hudson Cty Diving Champ



Boyle on the board

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
12/20	Leon Bailey Inv.	
12/21	Bishop Laughlin	
12/27	Marine Corps	
1/5	NJCTC Relays	
1/16	HCIAL Relays	
TBA	Jesuit Indoor	
1/19	State Relays	
1/21	JC Champs.	
1/25	New Balance Games	
1/31	Ed Grant Invit.	
2/5	HCTCA Champs.	
2/9	NJCTC Champs.	
2/15	NJSIAA Champs.	
2/22	Meet of Champs.	
2/24	Eastern States Ch.	
3/14	New Balance	
3/15	New Balance	
3/16	New Balance	

INDOOR TRACK

RECORD & RANKING

Record	NJ	Nation
0 - 0	#	#

13th Annual Leon Bailey Liberty Relays

December 20, 2013 - The start of the St. Peter's Prep Indoor Season could not have been any better when Senior Dan Apicella ran 2:05.19, Sophomore Billy Fitzpatrick ran 2:09.91, Senior David Deleon ran 2:08.90 and Junior Declan Wollard ran 2:07.00 to take First Place in the Varsity 3200 meter relay in 8:31.00 to kick off the Leon Bailey relays at the Jersey City Armory.

Not to be outdone, the Novice 3200 meter relay saw the future for the Marauders with four freshmen taking 2nd place overall and setting a new Freshmen indoor school record with a time of 9:09.12. The team consisted of Cesar Esteban (2:18.03), Brandon Rossi (2:11.32), Matt Honig (2:21.47) and Mike Larkin (2:18.30). The second Novice team of Sophomore Kenny Andrade (2:20.72), Sophomore James Wright (2:26.11), Freshman Justin Bonner (2:36.22) and Bobby Chambers (2:35.14) ran 9:58.19 to take 3rd place.

In the Novice Shuttle Hurdles, the team was 6th overall in 42.3. Junior Peter Ajayi (10.7), Sophomore Robbie Wisowaty (10.6), Junior Darnell Hutchins (11.3) and Junior Nelson Yang (9.7) made up the team.

In the Varsity Distance Medley relay, Sophomore Brandon Parrado ran a personal best 3:33.91 for the 1200 meters leg, Junior Declan Wollard ran a personal best indoor 400 meters (his 2nd race of the meet) in 55.59, Sophomore Billy Fitzpatrick ran 2:11.35 for the 800 meters and Senior Jimmy Sause ran 4:42.85 for the 1600 meter leg to take 4th place overall in 11:24.70.

In the Novice Distance medley relay, Freshman Anthony Reyes ran 4:00.44, Freshman Dan Rivera ran 64.72 for the 400 meters, Sophomore Robbie Wisowaty ran 2:34.87 for 800 meters and Freshman Mick Flanagan ran 5:45.66 for the 1600 meter leg. The team time was 13:25.69. Another Novice team in the same event saw freshman Jason Coyle run 4:14.41 for the 1200 meter leg, Freshman Tyler Cholankeril ran 68.31 for the 400 meters, Freshman Chris Apello ran 2:32.50 for the 800 meters and Freshman John Hester ran 5:37.98 for the 1600 meter leg. The team time was 13:33.20.

In the Novice 2x200 meter relay, Freshman Diego Anderson ran 28.35, Freshman Tom Girgis ran 34.31, Freshman Dylan Deans ran 33.19 and Sophomore Patrick Carroll ran 33.78 for a team time of 2:09.63.

In the Varsity Sprint Medley relay, Junior Matt Soliven ran 58.94 for 400 meters, Junior Eric Aborde ran 25:93 for 200 meters, Daniel Okoh ran 26.22 for 200 meters and Senior Dan Apicella ran 2:11.41 to take 6th overall in 4:02.5. In the Novice Sprint Medley relay, Junior Alejandro Anderson ran 61.94 for 400 meters, Daniel Rivera ran 28.00 for 200 meters, ran 27.38 for 200 meters and Senior David Deleon ran 2:14.18 for 800 meters to take 3rd place overall in 4:11.5.

In the Novice High Jump, Freshman Diego Anderson jumped 4'8" and jumped 4'10" to take 6th place in a team jump of 9'6".

In the Novice 4x400 meter relay, the Freshmen team of Cesar Esteban (60.42), Matt Honig (60.60), Mike Larkin (60.52) and Brandon Rossi (57.56) ran 3:59.1 to take 2nd place overall.

60th Annual Bishop Loughlin Games

December 21st - The Armory, NYC - Billed as both the largest, and oldest Indoor Track meet in the country, it lived up to it's promise. In the New Balance Center in Manhattan saw the first time the Marauders in action. Senior Eamonn Dwyer established the school's tradition by winning the Varsity High Jump in a tied school record of 6'6" which is a personal best indoors. Eamonn won the coveted Bishop Loughlin Games watch and plaque awarded to the individual winners. This was St. Peter's first medal at this meet which is the oldest running high school indoor meet in US history. Eamonn's jump is considered National Elite Status on the National Website Milesplit and is the 2nd best jump in New Jersey so far this season.

In the 55 meter hurdles Senior Barrington Bennett was 23rd overall in 8:25.0 and Junior Will Springer ran 9:75.0. In the 1000 meter run, Senior Chris Butko was 8th overall in a personal best time of 2:36.89. Chris's time is the 2nd fastest in New Jersey so far this season and is considered as National Elite Status on the National Website Milesplit. Senior Fritz Heinrich was 13th overall in the mile in a personal best indoors in 4:31.25

Memories from 50+ Years Ago



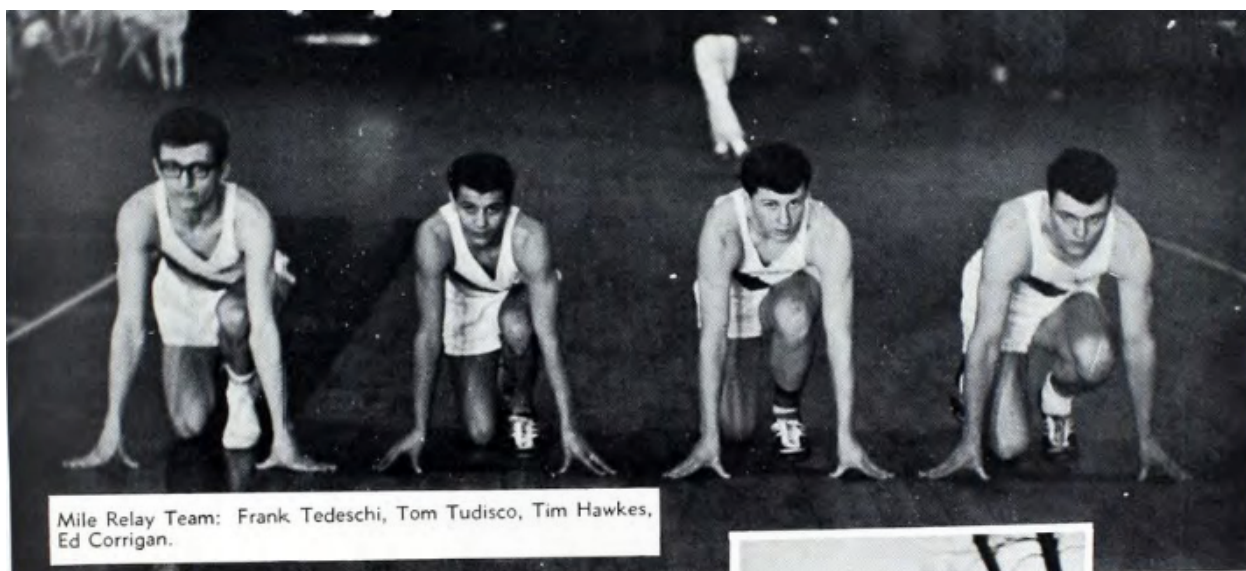
Tom Tudisco



Frank Tedeschi



Ed Corrigan



Mile Relay Team: Frank Tedeschi, Tom Tudisco, Tim Hawkes, Ed Corrigan.

Schedule

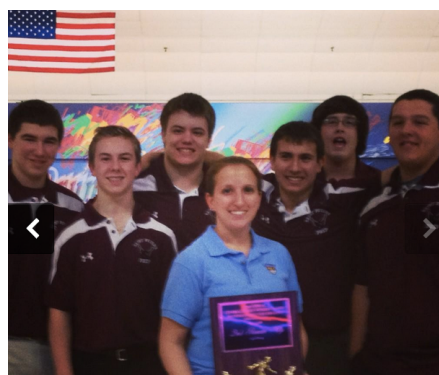
Date	Opponent	Result
12/2	Kearny	7 - 0
12/5	Marist	7 - 0
12/7	Crusader Classic	??
12/9	Bayonne	7 - 0
12/12	Lincoln	??
12/14	Warren Wheeler	??
12/16	McNair	W
12/19	Position	
1/2	Hudson Catholic	
1/6	Kearny	
1/9	Snyder	
1/13	Bayonne	
1/14	Holiday Classic	
1/16	McNair	
1/18	Woodbridge Classic	
1/23	Position	
1/27	Position	
1/30.	Play-Offs	
2/3	Play-Offs	
2/6	Play-Offs	
2/10	Play-Offs	

BOWLING



RECORD & RANKING

Record	NJ	Nation
4- 0	#	#



Memories from 50+ Years Ago

Captain—Bill Rogers			
TEAM RECORD			
CITY			
Won 8		Lost 2	
COUNTY			
Won 6		Lost 2	
COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1962			



VARSITY
Front Row: Bill Tassone, Ronnie Farrell, George Apsely, Howie Knapp. Back Row: Tom DeMartini, Gabe Scudese, Ted Turnasella, Richie Crisinino, Bill Rogers.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
12/20	Oratory Prep	21-6
12/23	CBA	16-11
1/5	Cetrulo Tournament	
1/7	Montclair	
1/9	Columbia	
1/14	West Essex	
1/21	Livingston	
1/24	Newark Academy	
1/28	Governor Livingston	
1/29	Millburn	
2/3	Montclair Kimberley	
TBD	NJIAA Champions	

FENCING

TEAM ROSTER

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▾ Name

0	Adam Chester
0	Anthony Minunni
0	Brian Bartoszek
0	Dalton Walker
	Hunter Williams-Burrows
	Benjamin Wang
	Jack Nulty
	Felipe Rosario III
	Jarrett Lewis
	Isaiah Garlin
	Justin Cardoz
	Jack McKivergan
	Jonathan Tice
	Jon Sozer
	John Filak
	Patrick Huggins
	Alex Sabatell
	Ryan Lillis
	Nicolas Oberholtzer
	Mark Chester
	Liam O'Donnell
	Jonathan Bannon
	Thomas Howard
	Justin Cardoz
	Anthony D'Aiuto

RECORD & RANKING

Record	NJ	Nation
2 - 0	#	#

Boys fencing: Season preview, 2013-14

By Erik Daur/For The Star-Ledger
on December 17, 2013

Jarret Lewis, St. Peter's Prep: Lewis turned heads last season when he claimed the District 3 sabre title before finishing fifth in the state. The talented senior will need to be at the top of his game this year if St. Peter's Prep is going to follow up on the team's breakout 2013 campaign

THE FAVORITE:

Columbia: The Maplewood power has won three overall state team titles in the past four years, shows no signs of letting up and enters the season as the team to beat thanks to the graduation of only one starter from last year's championship lineup. Sophomore Andrew Doddo will lead the way in sabre, while Jared LeBron, John Kirk and Basile Antoine return once again as one of the state's top foil lines. In epee, Bryn Hammarberg, Max Gould and Ravi Cho are back for another season together and should be a force. Simply put, no team in the state boasts the quality depth and competitive drive that Columbia fields yearly and that has been a championship recipe.

CONTENTERS:

Watchung Hills
West Windsor
Northern Highlands
Ridge

Oratory
(0-1-0)

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12/20/2013
4:30 p.m.St. Peter's Prep
(2-0-0)

21

Christian Brothers
(0-1-0)

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12/23/2013
1 p.m.St. Peter's Prep
(2-0-0)

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St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City, NJ

Player Stats

St. Peter's Prep - Weapon/Result

Player	Epee win	Epee loss	Foil win	Foil loss	Saber win	Saber loss
Jonathan Bannon	1					
Justin Cardoz	1					
Anthony D'Aiuto	1					
John Filak					2	
Isaiah Garlin						1
Thomas Howard					1	
Patrick Huggins				1		
Jarrett Lewis					2	
Ryan Lillis	1					
Jack McKivergan		1				
Anthony Minunni			1			
Jack Nulty						1
Liam O'Donnell			2			
Nicolas Oberholtzer		1				
Felipe Rosario III			2			
Alex Sabatell	1					
Jon Sozer	1					
Jonathan Tice			1			
Dalton Walker					1	1
Benjamin Wang	1					
Hunter Williams-Burrows			2			

Player Stats

St. Peter's Prep - Weapon/Result

Player	Epee win	Epee loss	Foil win	Foil loss	Saber win	Saber loss
Brian Bartoszek		1				
Justin Cardoz		2				
Adam Chester	1					
Mark Chester	1					
John Filak					2	1
Jarrett Lewis					3	
Ryan Lillis		1				
Liam O'Donnell				1		
Felipe Rosario III			2	1		
Alex Sabatell	2					
Jon Sozer		1				
Jonathan Tice				2		
Dalton Walker					3	
Hunter Williams-Burrows			2	1		

Fencing Documentary, "Fencing for the Edge" Looks to Be Catalyst for Sport

Fencing is not for athletes. Fencing is a dangerous sport. Fencing is only for the rich and privileged.

These are just a few of the myths former Oak Knoll and UPenn fencer Holly Buechel is looking to dispel with her documentary film Fencing for the Edge.

The film, which follows several NJ high school teams (Teaneck, Columbia, Bernards and Pingry) and their fencers through a high school season is in production this year, its shooting artfully coinciding with the 50th anniversary of fencing as a NJSIAA sanctioned high school sport.

"I think there are a lot of kids around the country that don't have a chance to try fencing," explained Buechel. "Because in their states and schools they don't have the kind of programs and high school leagues that exist here in NJ. I want to open up the world of high school fencing to them and hopefully see the sport grow to where a lot of other states develop New Jersey sized high school leagues."

See the captivating video about NJ High School fencing at the end of this link:

<http://bit.ly/18MbEGm>



Former state epee champion Holly Buechel looks to spread the word about fencing with her upcoming documentary on NJ high school fencing. (Photo by Jen Oldham)

Memories from 50+ Years Ago

While there was no Prep fencing back in '62, we did our share of dodging, sidestepping and parrying with our teachers.

And of course we all remember Errol's sword fighting scenes from Captain Blood and The Adventures of Robin Hood.

Here's the link to some scenes from his most famous sword fights:

<https://vimeo.com/1937576>

