No. 1 St. Peter's Prep rolls past No. 10 Bergen Catholic on national television

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JERSEY CITY — St. Peter's Prep, the No. 1-ranked team in The NJ.com Top 20, looked the part with an emphatic 49-20 triumph over tenth-ranked Bergen Catholic on Thursday night at Caven Point in front of a national television audience on ESPNU.

The Marauders jumped out to a 21-0 lead after the first quarter behind senior quarterback Brandon Wimbush, a Penn State commit. Wimbush went nine-of-10 passing in the first period for 136 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for 46, accounting for every yard by St. Peter's Prep in the quarter.

From there, it was academic.

St. Peter's Prep added two more scores in the second quarter on a touchdown run by Corey Caddle and another Wimbush touchdown pass. The defense also pitched in en route to the dominating 35-0 halftime lead, registering four sacks and forcing two turnovers.

KJ Gray had two touchdown catches in the first half. Kolton Huber also had one and Caddle had the other.

Wimbush then started the second half like he started, somehow getting rid of a pass with two men draped on him that went for a 59-yard touchdown pass to Caddle on the first play of the third quarter.
Wimbush later added an 8-yard touchdown run to make it 49-0 later in the period. St. Peter's Prep then forced another turnover after that.

Wimbush finished the game 19-of-24 passing for 330 yards and five touchdowns. He also ran for 72 yards and a score. Bergen Catholic finally got on the board in the fourth quarter on a 2-yard touchdown run by Corey Russo. Quarterback Jarrett Guarantano then added a 15-yard touchdown run with under two minutes left and a late long touchdown strike to Gene Coleman.

Next up: St. Peter's Prep (2-0) will be at Seton Hall Prep next Saturday (the game will be played at West Orange High).

Thursday Night Lights: St. Peter's Prep QB Brandon Wimbush puts up video game-type numbers in big win

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The stats don’t lie.

When New Jersey football fans take a look at the box score, St. Peter’s Prep quarterback Brandon Wimbush’s name is going to jump out.

In the Marauders dominant 49-20 victory over No. 10 Bergen Catholic Thursday night, the future Penn State signal caller put on a show. Matter of fact, he put on an offensive clinic. Wimbush finished 19-of-24 for 330 yards, with five touchdowns. In addition, he added 72 rushing yards and one more score.
He was absolutely stellar throughout the night and he had his big performance in front of the ESPNU cameras, who were on hand in Caven Point as part of the 2014 Geico High School Football Showcase.

“It felt great and this was probably the biggest game of my career,” Wimbush said with a smile. “It was exciting that it happened on ESPN too because I was able to show the world what I can do.”

On St. Peter’s Prep’s opening drive, Wimbush accounted for all 84 yards, capping off the four-play drive with a 16-yard touchdown pass to Corey Caddle. On the second drive, Wimbush accounted for all 42 yards. On that series, he hooked up with wide receiver KJ Gray on a 16-yard touchdown pass.

In the first half alone, the 6-2, 220-pounder was 16-of-21 for 256 yards and four scores. His performance left head coach Rich Hansen downright impressed.

“Brandon got us in a great place all night,” Hansen said. “It was more than just his great arm, too. He did a great job with his legs. He was able to get us into the right play each drive. I think it just tells you what kind of quarterback he is. He’s a cerebral kind of kid.”

Early on in the third quarter, Wimbush escaped the pocket and had several Bergen Catholic defenders draped all over him. It looked like he was going to go down, but instead, he flicked his wrist and fired off a pass to Caddle.

Caddle then showcased his wheels, bursting down the sideline for a 59-yard touchdown. The play showcased the monstrous athleticism Wimbush has. Something Penn State fans should be excited to see for the next four-to-five years.

Later on in the evening, as the fans made their way toward the exit and the clock struck zero, the scoreboard read 49-20. Wimbush and the Marauders proved to everyone on hand, and everyone tuning in to ESPNU from their homes, that they indeed are a national-level team.

“With the confidence we have and the players we have on this team, we knew we had the ability to come out here and do something special,” Wimbush said. “It builds our confidence for the rest of the year.

“Coach told us we needed to come out here and prove to the world that we are one of the top teams in the nation. That was our goal and I think we achieved that tonight.”

They achieved that goal indeed and a lot of the credit certainly belongs to Wimbush.
How St. Peter's Prep QB Brandon Wimbush threw a perfect game in big win over Bergen Catholic

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JERSEY CITY — OK, yes, Brandon Wimbush did only complete 19 of his 24 pass attempts in St. Peter's Prep's 49-20 win over Bergen Catholic here at Caven Point on Thursday night.

But his outing was indeed perfect - at least when it comes to the method used to calculate his standard NFL passer rating.

The formula is not rocket science, but it is close. A quarterback's passer rating is a measure of several numbers - completions, attempts, yards, touchdowns, interceptions - used to determine a signal caller's efficiency. The highest passer rating an NFL quarterback can receive is 158.3.

And after going 19-of-24 for 330 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions against BC, Wimbush's passer rating came out to a cool 158.3.

So, perfect.

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St. Peter's Prep receives big night from Corey Caddle in big win over Bergen Catholic

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JERSEY CITY — Standing on the Caven Point turf a few moments after his team, the state’s top-ranked squad, completed an impressive 49-20 win over No. 10 Bergen Catholic, St. Peter’s Prep coach Rich Hansen reached down and grabbed the play call sheet attached to his belt.

“Listen, this thing is great. It keeps me getting a paycheck every week,” Hansen said. “But if you don’t have the dudes ... We have the dudes.”

Wide receiver Corey Caddle is undoubtedly one of the dudes. Caddle does not necessarily get the same amount of attention as his quarterback, Penn State commit Brandon Wimbush, or his counterpart in the defensive secondary, Alabama-bound cornerback Minkah Fitzpatrick, but the Fordham recruit is right up there with those two five-stars when it comes to importance to the Marauders.
“I just play my role,” said Caddle, who hauled in six catches for 140 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for another score. "Coach always tells us to play our role. I know Penn State, Alabama, and I’m going to Fordham ... I love playing the game and do whatever I can to contribute to my team.

"Caddle hauled in St. Peter’s Prep’s first touchdown of the game on a 16-yard reception in the first quarter and then added an 8-yard run to make it 42-0 early in the third. But his final score was his most impressive. With two defenders draped on him, Wimbush somehow evaded a sack and flicked his wrist, sending the ball toward the sideline.

“I just wanted to get rid of the ball,” Wimbush said. “Get it to a playmaker.”

Wimbush found one in Caddle, who took the pass, made a move and took off from there, turning a near-loss into a 59-yard touchdown to put a cap on a dominating performance for the Marauders.

“I had a lot going on in my mind, I didn’t know who was behind me or what I was going to get,” Caddle said. “But I turned around and I saw green. So I just took it.”

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**Stop-motion video of St. Peter's Prep's Minkah Fitzpatrick**

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Alabama commit **Minkah Fitzpatrick** of **St. Peter's Prep** took a pass from **Brandon Wimbush** in the third quarter, cut and beat the Bergen Catholic defense for a first down. The video above is a series of rapid-fire pictures that puts the play into one stop-motion video. You'll see Fitzpatrick's elite speed, agility and elusiveness on full display:

Video: St. Peter's Prep CB Minkah Fitzpatrick discusses big win, play of QB Brandon Wimbush and more

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It was a night where No. 1 St. Peter's Prep made it look easy.

The Marauders jumped out to a 49-0 lead over No. 10 Bergen Catholic in the second half. The game felt like it was over before it even got under way.

Standout athlete Minkah Fitzpatrick, an Alabama verbal commit, spoke with NJ Advance Media following the 49-20 romping of the Crusaders. A statement was made on ESPNU Thursday night, Fitzpatrick said.

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St. Peter's Prep's Dave Tolentino (54) sacks Jarrett Guarantano, of Bergen Catholic

Jarrett Guarantano is tackled for a loss by St. Peter's Prep's Cheyenn Robertson

Minkah Fitzpatrick (21) avoids being tackled by Jack Reilly (7) of Bergen Catholic

KJ Gray (5) catches a pass for a touchdown against Bergen Catholic
Kolton Huber (10) grabs a touchdown pass past the defense.