

ST. JOSEPH'S PREP FOOTBALL ANNOUNCES 2019 NONLEAGUE SCHEDULE

Season-Opening Trip to Marietta (GA) and Games vs. National Powers St. John's (DC) and IMG Academy On the Docket

PHILADELPHIA -- St. Joseph's Prep Football Coach Tim Roken has announced its opponents for the first three games to start the 2019 season. After scrimmages vs. DeMatha Catholic (MD) and St. Joseph's Regional (NJ), the team will again face a challenging non-league slate. The season will again travel out of state early, traveling to Georgia to play Marietta High School, about 25 miles northwest of Atlanta, on August 30 and then to New Brunswick, NJ to play DC powerhouse St. John's at Rutgers University on September 6. The following Friday, September 13, the Prep will host IMG, the noted athletic power from Bradenton, FL who won 40 straight games from 2014-18.

"In my time here we have always been aggressive in scheduling our non-league games and I have seen first-hand how it has prepared us for the league and then beyond into state playoffs," says first-year head coach Tim Roken, who served as Associate Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator for nine years. "We feel that we will learn a lot about our team after the scrimmages and first three weeks of our season,"

For the ninth straight year, the team will again travel to play an out-of-state power over Labor Day Weekend. The Marietta HS Blue Devils are a historically outstanding program and promise to give a test to the Prep; in 2017, the team reached the state quarterfinals and had one of the toughest schedules in the country last year.

Game two will mark a return to Rutgers University's HighPoint.com Stadium as last year, the Prep defeated St. Peter's Prep in a thrilling fourth-quarter comeback. This season, the Hawks will face St. John's College High School, which finished last season 9-1 and ranked second in the region. The team was ranked in top five in the nation before being upset in the league championship last year.

The Prep will open its home schedule with a game against nationally renown IMG Academy. Playing a national schedule, IMG finished 7-1 last season and ranked second in the country, according to MaxPreps. The squad had a 40 game win streak, dating back to 2014, snapped in a loss last year to Mater Dei.

"These games should prepare us well for our league schedule" says Roken. "We are very excited and grateful to have the opportunity to play these high-level opponents."

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2019 SCHEDULE

Week 1:	Fri., 8/30	@ Marietta (GA) HS
Week 2:	Fri., 9/6	vs. St. John's (DC), @ Rutgers University
Week 3:	Fri., 9/13	vs. IMG
Week 4	(9/20-21)	BYE
Week 5	(9/27-28)	@ LaSalle
Week 6	(10/4-5)	Roman Catholic
Week 7	(10/11-12)	Archbishop Wood
Week 8	(10/18-19)	@ Father Judge
Week 9	(10/25-26)	@ Archbishop Ryan