

Clifton State's Best In Saylor's Ratings

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Very seldom in recent years has a scholastic football season produced as few as one undefeated and untied Group IV team. But, that's just what happened this fall so it should come as no surprise that Clifton's all-winning eleven is ranked the No. 1 team in New Jersey by the Saylor Ratings.

The Mustangs, who rolled over nine opponents, have been accorded a rating of 530 by Dr. Roger Saylor of Penn State University, who has been ranking New Jersey high school teams exclusively for The News for the last 16 years. In today's final set of ratings, Dr. Saylor lists all 259 high schools in the state which played football on a varsity level this past season.

Far more surprising than Clifton's top ranking is Dr. Saylor's placing of Belleville in the sec-

ond spot with 518 points. The Bellboys, after losing to third-ranked East Orange, 26-13, in their opener, clicked off eight straight victories while the Panthers were losing one (to Memorial) and being tied by Nutley. East Orange's rating is 513, the same as Woodbury, South Jersey's best which won all nine of its starts.

Plainfield (7-1-1) is ranked fifth in the state with a ranking of 502 followed by Cherry Hill in sixth with 494. Three teams are tied for seventh — Millville, Seton Hall and Tenafly — all with a rating of 494. Undefeated Butler rounds out the Top Ten with 490.

Unquestioned Choice

Clifton's claim to the top rung is unquestioned according to Dr. Saylor. The Mustangs had a comparatively tough schedule and hurdled teams like Paterson East-

side, Montclair, Nutley and Garfield.

Belleville's five-point edge over East Orange needs further explanation. But, let the good doctor tell us. "East Orange's loss to Memorial really hurt," Dr. Saylor starts out. "Hudson County football was not as good this season as in recent years and to be beaten by even the top team in such an area is costly. Secondly, East Orange was tied by Nutley, a team that Belleville beat easily. The combination of the loss to Memorial and the tie to Nutley offset the victory East Orange scored over the Bellboys on the field in the ratings."

That surely will cause some discussion but, that's what rating systems are for, they say. Actually, since 25 rating points equal a touchdown in Dr. Saylor's system, the Belleville-East Orange comparison just about works out to a tie. But, five points are five points.

Woodbury, a Group III school, romped over seven Group III schools and Vineland and Collingswood, a pair of Group IV powers, to earn its rating and thus earn the tie with East Orange (7-1-1). Plainfield, after a rocky start, straightened out and came on fast to finish as Central Jersey's best Group IV team.

Setonia Unbeaten

Cherry Hill and Millville earned their high ranking off 8-1 seasons in Group IV competition. Seton Hall gained one-third of the No. 1 rating in the state by finishing unbeaten in eight games although tied twice.

There's no argument against success and Tenafly and Butler gained the ninth and 10th berths by winning all nine games. The all-winning campaigns earned Tenafly the Bergen County Scholastic League title and Butler the Lakeland Conference championship.

Although these are Dr. Saylor's final ratings for the 1962 season, some adjustment will have to be made on Penns Grove and Salem which were scheduled to meet this afternoon in a postponed game. Penns Grove is South Jersey's best Group II team with a 449 rating while Salem is ranked third in the same group and section. If Penns Grove, which is unbeaten but tied, wins, its rating will go up to 463 and if the Red Devils lose, their rating will drop to 435 and they will fall to second place under Sterling (449). If Salem upsets Penns Grove, its rating will jump to 445. A setback will drop the Rams to fifth in the standings with 421 points.



DR. ROGER SAYLOR
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Final Saylor Grid Ratings

Top Ten ALL SECTIONS, ALL GROUPS

1. Clifton	530
2. Belleville	518
3. East Orange	513
4. Woodbury	513
5. Plainfield	502
6. Cherry Hill	494
7. Millville	494
8. Seton Hall	494
9. Tenafly	494
10. Butler	490

Top Ten in Each Group

GROUP IV	
1. Clifton	530
2. Belleville	518
3. East Orange	513
4. Plainfield	502
5. Cherry Hill	495
6. Columbia	484
7. Jefferson	481
8. Scotch Plains	481
9. Hackensack	479
10. Nutley	477

GROUP III	
1. Woodbury	513
2. Millville	494
3. Tenafly	494
4. Butler	490
5. Paramus	488
6. Millburn	488
7. Audubon	480
8. Brick Township	474
9. River Dell	468
10. East Paterson	464
11. North Plainfield	464

GROUP II	
1. Verona	482
2. West Orange Mountain	461
3. Hacktstown	454
4. Manville	452
5. Penns Grove	449
6. Sterling	442
7. Hasbrouck Heights	436
8. Salem	434
9. Glen Rock	431
10. Levittown	431

GROUP I	
1. Glen Ridge	456
2. Harrison	406
3. Glassboro	404
4. Mountain Lakes	401
5. Oakcrest	359
6. Florence	358
7. Swedesboro	346
8. Netcong	336
9. Delaware Valley	335
10. Middle Township	330

Top Five in Each Group	
PAROCHIAL A	
1. Seton Hall	494
2. St. Joseph's, West New York	475
3. Don Bosco, Ramsey	456
4. Notre Dame	432
5. St. Peter's, Jersey City	417

PAROCHIAL B & C	
1. DePaul	460
2. St. James, Penns Grove	410
3. Gloucester Catholic	405
4. Bayley-Ellard	354
5. Our Lady of the Valley	351

Group IV--All Sections NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 1

1. Clifton	530
2. Hackensack	479
3. Ramapo	474
4. Memorial	471
5. Garfield	448
6. North Bergen	444
7. Paterson Eastside	443
8. Fair Lawn	432
9. Bayonne	428
10. Passaic Valley	427
11. Dickinson	423
12. Emerson	410
13. Ridgewood	405
14. Teaneck	395
15. Snyder	375
16. Paterson Central	365
17. Passaic	364
18. Hoboken	341
19. Bergenfield	316
20. Wayne	316

NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2	
1. Belleville	518
2. East Orange	513
3. Columbia	484
4. Nutley	477
5. Montclair	473
6. Irvington	442
7. Phillipsburg	419
8. East Side	408
9. Morristown	408
10. Bloomfield	401
11. Orange	396
12. Barringer	390
13. Kearny	388
14. Livingston	379
15. Morris Hills	379
16. Central	362
17. Weequahic	306

CENTRAL JERSEY	
1. Plainfield	502
2. Jefferson	481
3. Scotch Plains	481
4. Westfield	469
5. Trenton	456
6. Long Branch	433
7. Woodbridge	433
8. Union	431
9. Springfield	429
10. Linden	413
11. Asbury Park	406
12. Freehold	404
13. Perth Amboy	399
14. Ewing	398
15. Steinert	395
16. New Brunswick	394
17. Hillside	376
18. Bridgewater-Raritan	371
19. Edison Township	362
20. Cranford	353
21. Rahway	352
22. Middletown	344
23. Hamilton	292
24. Toms River	271

SOUTH JERSEY	
1. Cherry Hill	495
2. Bridgeton	471
3. Atlantic City	430
4. Lenape	424
5. Vineland	422
6. Collingswood	419
7. Camden	399
8. Pennsauken	389
9. Woodrow Wilson	354
10. Triton	351

Group III--All Sections NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 1

1. Tenafly	494
2. Paramus	488
3. River Dell	468
4. East Paterson	454
5. Lincoln	436
6. Pascack Valley	430
7. Englewood	426
8. Lyndhurst	416
9. Lodi	411
10. Dumont	408
11. Cliffside Park	406
12. Old Tappan	391
13. Bogota	330
14. Newton	293
15. Ridgefield Park	293
16. New Milford	293

NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2	
1. Butler	490
2. Millburn	480
3. South Side	458
4. Summit	447
5. Hanover Park	435
6. Clark	426
7. West Side	409
8. Chatham	402
9. West Orange	399
10. Boonton	389
11. Berkeley Heights	378
12. Catwells	306
13. Dover	286
14. Parsippany	276
15. Vailsburg	252

CENTRAL JERSEY	
1. Brick Township	471
2. North Plainfield	464
3. South Plainfield	459
4. Red Bank	442
5. North Hunterdon	436
6. Somerville	411
7. South River	409
8. Carteret	375
9. Hunterdon Central	372
10. Neptune	370
11. Watchung Hills	352
12. Princeton	347
13. Savreille	343
14. East Brunswick	314
15. Lakewood	218
16. Madison Township	218

SOUTH JERSEY	
1. Woodbury	513
2. Millville	494
3. Audubon	474
4. Mainland	469
5. Burlington	454
6. Haddon Heights	441
7. Pausboro	436
8. Deerford Township	401
9. Pleasantville	396
10. Riverside	384
11. Haddonfield	362
12. Overbrook	362
13. Rancoocas Valley	352
14. Palmyra	350
15. Merchantville	349
	335

Group II--All Sections NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 1

1. Hasbrouck Heights	494
2. Glen Rock	451
3. Midland Park	432
4. Sparta	404
5. East Rutherford	394
6. Mahwah	394
7. Saddle Brook	394
8. Washawken	393
9. Northern Valley	392
10. Franklin	371
11. North Arlington	364
12. Ramsey	348
13. Westwood	348
14. Hawthorne	341
15. Ferris	299
16. Leonia	299
17. Rutherford	299
18. Lakeland	299
19. Paramus Lakes	317
20. Union Hill	309
21. Fort Lee	292
22. Manchester	271

NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2	
1. Verona	482
2. West Orange Mountain	461
3. Hacktstown	454
4. Clifford Scott	411
5. Madison	377
6. Roselle Park	368
7. Belvidere	240
8. West Essex	374
9. West Morris	333
10. Washington	323
11. Roxbury	315
12. Pottannock	304
13. Roselle	274

CENTRAL JERSEY	
1. Manville	452
2. Highland Park	430
3. Ocean Central	428
4. Piscataway	423
5. Malawan	393
6. Wall Township	393
7. Rumson	373
8. Middlesex	370
9. Keansboro	370
10. Franklin Township	338
11. Dunellen	352
12. Manasquan	341
13. Ocean Southern	335
14. Metuchen	325
15. Allentown	323
16. Point Pleasant	306
17. Bound Brook	295
18. Manmouth	271
19. Bernards	258
20. Raritan Township	235

SOUTH JERSEY

1. Penns Grove	
2. Sterling	
3. Salem	
4. Levittown	
5. Pennsville	
6. DeSea	
7. Moorestown	
8. North Burlington	
9. Edgewood	
10. Gloucester	
11. Williamstown	
12. Woodstown	
13. Pemberton	
14. Ocean City	
15. Clearview	

Group I--All Sections NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 1

1. Harrison	
2. Ridgefield	
3. Wood-Ridge	
4. Park Ridge	
5. Wallington	
6. West Milford	
NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2	
1. Glen Ridge	
2. Mountain Lakes	
3. Netcong	
4. Cedar Grove	

CENTRAL JERSEY	
1. Delaware Valley	
2. Ridge	
3. South Hunterdon	
4. Shore Regional	
5. South Brunswick	

SOUTH JERSEY	
1. Glassboro	
2. Oakcrest	
3. Florence	
4. Swedesboro	
5. Middle Township	
6. Lower Cape May	
7. Wildwood	
8. West Deptford	
9. Clayton	
10. Bordentown	
11. Hammonton	
12. Princeton	

Parochial Schools Class A

NORTH JERSEY	
1. Seton Hall	
2. St. Joseph's, West New York	
3. Don Bosco, Ramsey	
4. St. Peter's, Jersey City	
5. Queen of Peace	
6. St. Michael's, Union City	
7. Bergen Catholic	
8. Pope Pius, Passaic	
9. Essex Catholic	
10. Marist	

SOUTH JERSEY	
1. Notre Dame	
2. Camden Catholic	
3. Red Bank Catholic	
4. Bishop Eustace	
5. St. Joseph's, Camden	
6. St. Peter's, New Brunswick	
7. Holy Cross, Riverside	

Classes B & C

NORTH JERSEY	
1. DePaul	
2. Bayley-Ellard	
3. Our Lady of the Valley	
4. Phillipsburg Catholic	
5. Immaculate Conception	
6. St. Luke's	
7. St. Mary's, Rutherford	
8. Our Lady of the Lake	
SOUTH JERSEY	
1. St. James, Penns Grove	
2. Gloucester Catholic	
3. Holy Spirit, Atlantic City	
4. St. Joseph's, Hammonton	

PICKING THE best schoolboy elevens around at this date is just asking for trouble. But it looks like rough going ahead for opponents of such Essex County teams as East Orange, Belleville, Columbia and perennial power Montclair, the independent Big Ten teams; South Side and East Side, in the Newark City League; Verona, in the Suburban Conference; Glen Ridge, in the North Jersey Conference, and private parochial schools St. Benedict's and Seton Hall.

BELLEVILLE RETURNED to prominence under rookie coach Tom Testa. He doesn't have county scoring champion Rich Luzzi (125 points) but the backfield is still loaded

with talent—fullback John Senesky, 175, and halfbacks Joe Cervasio, 165, and Tom Greco, 130. Up front there are two toughies in tackle Len Luongo, 190, and center Joe Del Guercio, 160.

Ed Hume, a talented quarterback, will direct the Columbia attack, and he's got a couple of good runners to hand off to, fullback Mark Small, 185, and halfback Mike Petruzella, 160. The Cougars have a pair of rugged tackles in Len Bierstein, 6-2, 215, and Gordon Burns, 6-3, 210.

Montclair has plenty of trouble ahead. There isn't too much sympathy for coach Clary Anderson, who has molded the Mounties into the state's best football machine during the past 20 years.