



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Orange High's Jayquan Hall-Watson, shown carrying the ball in the playoff semifinal loss to Caldwell last season, has received interest from several colleges.

# OHS football team gains solid camp experience

## *Tornadoes participate at four colleges*

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The Orange High School football team had the opportunity this summer to broaden its horizons by participating in camps held at colleges.

The Tornadoes attended the Rutgers University Camp and the University of Connecticut Camp. They also participated in 7-on-7 camps held at Monmouth and Lehigh, Pa. universities. The Rutgers Camp took place over four days, while the others were each held for one day.

For the Tornadoes, it was a great experience to see these places while interacting with other teams and honing their skills.

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is helpful for them. It is one of the best summers we've had since I have been here."

The Tornadoes currently are going through their conditioning program which includes weightlifting, before getting ready to start official practice for the season on Aug. 15. OHS will host Weequahic on Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. to start the season.

OHS rising senior running back/linebacker Jayquan Hall-Watson has been receiving attention from college scouts from several mid-major programs. Hall-Watson recently visited James Madison, Va. Rising senior tight end/defen-

sive end Kassin Messiah is another player gaining serious college interest. Both players already have qualified academically for athletic scholarships, said Daniel.

Mike White also has worked hard this summer, noted Daniel, who has high expectations for the rising senior linebacker. Another player to watch for the Tornadoes this season is rising senior receiver/defensive back Farrod Clarke. The Tornadoes are coming off a fine season, reaching the state North Jersey Section 2, Group 2 playoff semifinals in which they lost to Caldwell, 21-20, in double overtime to finish with an 8-3 record.

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