

TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

CRUSADERS SLAM OHIO'S #2

ANGELI, BUTLER, COMEAU SHOW OFF THE ABC'S OF NJ FOOTBALL

August 27, 2021 - Akron, OH - In a match-up between two of the nation's highest ranked teams, BC travelled to Ohio to take on defending state champions, the Archbishop Hoban Knights on Friday. This was the earliest a Crusader team has ever played a game, so facing an opponent with a 38-0 victory already under its belt made it a curious battle.



The home team received the opening kickoff and you could see from the outset, this would be a physical battle. Knight bodies flew as Malachi Mercer and Chris Mimmo

recorded the first tackle at the 22-yard line for the Crusaders.

The Knights had some opening-drive jitters as the QB mishandled the opening snap, resulting in a loss of three yards. After two incompletions, Hoban punted and DJ Samuels partially blocked the kick, setting up a first down for the Crusaders at the 50-yard line.



Senior running back, Ryan Butler, rushed for 5 yards on first down, but junior runner Saeed St. Fleur was stopped on his opening attempt bringing up a third and five for BC.



Notre Dame-bound QB Steve Angeli threw a beautiful pass that was not handled for a first down, so the Crusaders punted, placing the Knights deep in their end.

On third down and two, the Knights fumbled for the second time in the opening minutes of the game, but this time the Crusaders recovered it. Junior defensive tackle Sydir Mitchell reached his great hand out and pulled the ball in, giving BC possession in scoring range.

On first down, Angeli threw his second and last incomplete pass of the evening (he would finish the evening 14 for 16,



195 yards, 2 TDs and 0 INTs). After Butler lost a yard, Angeli ran on third down and picked up eight yards. The play brought up a 4th Down and two from the 9-yard line and Coach Campanile decided to go for it. When you have a strong offensive line and Princeton-bound Ryan Butler running behind it, that is often a good decision. Butler scored his first touchdown of the season and when Giancarlo Carbonaro added the extra point (his first of 6 on the day), BC led 7-0.



On the second kickoff, AJ Morris joined Mercer as the first to the kick returner after Carmello Velardo drove the ball down to the 24-yard line. Once again, the Crusader defense was in business.

After no gain on first down, the Knights decided to throw. Christian Ross showed some great resolve as he chased down Hoban QB, Kharion Davis on the perimeter and sacked him for a 2-yard loss. After an incomplete pass, the Knights were

ready to punt again, but gave the Crusaders outstanding field position at the Hoban 41.

It took less than two minutes for Angeli to engineer a touchdown drive, completing a twelve-yard pass to birthday boy, Jack Comeau, and handing off to Butler for a six-yard gain. On third and twelve, the QB hit a leaping Logan Casey who perfectly shielded his opponent in the endzone as he hauled in the long pass.



The Crusaders were up 14-0, but the home team was not going to go quietly. Three consecutive big plays resulted in a 4-play, 76-yard scoring drive for the Knights and BC's lead was cut in half 14-7.

That was as close as the Ohioans would come. The two teams had short second-quarter drives. John Fiore's sack of Davis would be the key play in the Knight's try and that would set up solid field position for BC.

Angeli wasted no time, completing a 30-yard pass to Santino Correa and quickly returning to Correa for a 22-yard gain. His next completion would come to junior tight end



Jack Comeau, who brought the ball 13 yards to the 2. Butler was not going to waste any time and quickly scored his second TD of the evening.

The third quarter was all Crusaders as they scored 21 additional unanswered points.

Saeed St. Fleur started the third quarter scoring, capping off a 6-play, 80-yard drive with an 8-yard burst into the endzone.

On the Knights second play of the half, AJ Morris sacked the quarterback and forced a fumble which Malachi Mercer jumped on and recovered. A Ryan Butler 12-yard run helped to set up Angeli's scoring run of 9 yards.

On the ensuing drive, Davis threw an interception to Fabian France, who returned the ball and helped to set up an Angeli to Correa scoring strike.



The fourth quarter provided St. Fleur, Justan Luzzi and DaQuan Stewart some opportunities to show-off their ball-carrying skills. Jack Duffy and Dominic Campanile completed their first career varsity passes and the Crusader faithful celebrated the end of the running clock with the singing of the school's alma mater, *Lead on Bergen Catholic High!*

TEAM	QTR	SCORE	PLAY
BC	1	7-0	Butler 9yd TD run (Carbonaro kick)
BC	1	14-0	Casey 34yd TD pass from Angeli (Carbonaro kick)
AH	1	14-7	Hayden 18yd TD pass from Davis (Bauer kick)
BC	2	21-7	Butler 2yd TD run (Carbonaro kick)
BC	3	28-7	St. Fleur 5yd TD run (Carbonaro kick)
BC	3	35-7	Angeli 9yd TD run (Carbonaro kick)
BC	3	42-7	Correa 3yd TD pass from Angeli (Carbonaro kick)

BY THE NUMBERS

	BC	AH
First Downs: Rush - Pass - Pen	7-9-1	4-2-1
Rush Yds	115	125
Pass: Comp/Att	16/18	3/12
Pass Yards	208	33
Pass: TDs/INTs	2/0	1/1
Total Plays	46	41
Total Offense	323	158
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/2
Penalties/Yards	6/67	2/20
Defensive Sacks/Yards Lost	3/16	1/3
Time of Possession	23:07	24:53
3rd Down Efficiency	2 of 7	2 of 10
4th Down Efficiency	1 of 1	0 of 0
Punts - Average	4 for 38.8	6 for 37.3



THE MYSTERIOUS CASE OF BISHOP SYCAMORE

August 30, 2021 - Canton, OH - While BC did not play Bishop Sycamore, their opponent did! Archbishop Hoban opened their 2021 season with a 38-0 victory over the Columbus, OH virtual high school team a week prior to hosting the Crusaders.

For those who haven't been following, BS was the team that played IMG Academy of Florida in the Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium at Canton on national TV via ESPN. The Centurions fell to the Ascenders 58-0.



THE FIRST 2021 BIRDS OF THE WEEK



NORTHERN BOBWHITE

August 29 - Lyndhurst, NJ - It was very difficult to pick just one bird as this has been a terrific summer of birding. It's best to start off with a lifer (a life bird, aka a bird one has seen or identified or encountered for the first time in one's life). My personal bird #412 is the Northern Bobwhite (quail). She was roaming on a hill in the Richard DeKorte Park nearest the first parking lot. I am not sure if she was lost or, more likely, released from a falconer to feed his falcon or hawk. She was fun to see, though and even popped out from under the brush so all could get a quick photo.



RUDDY TURNSTONE

August 24 - Block Island, RI - While I've encountered many of these shorebirds through the years, this was absolutely the most attractive one I've seen. Normally, I will see them in the winter, when they are not sporting breeding plumage and they look quite different. This bird, however, was a beauty and blended into the New England shoreline's stones very well. Had he not been moving I think my friend and I could have easily overlooked him. I'm so glad we didn't so we could share this with you.



ROSEATE SPOONBILL

August 23 - Galloway, NJ - There are not often a lot of tall pink birds wandering around the garden state. You are far more likely to find these guys in and around the gulf coast: Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana. Yet this bird, named "Chip" because of the chip in his bill, found a nice spot and routine at Edwin Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge just north of Atlantic City. Not a lifer and not even a first timer in NJ, but it was a FOY (first of year) bird for me and definitely deserving of first week honors.

JOIN THE BIRDING CRUSADERS! RM 16 ACTIVITY!

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven
 Hallowed be Thy Name
 Thy Kingdom Come.
 Thy will be done
 On Earth as it is in Heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation.
 But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace
 The Lord is with You
 Blessed are you among women
 And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God
 Pray for us sinners
 Now and at the hour of our death.
 Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
 In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
 I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
 I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance,
 to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
 to accept the things I cannot change,
 Courage to change the things I can, and
 Wisdom to know the difference. Amen

I Confess to You

I confess to almighty God, and to you,
 my brothers and sisters,
 that I have sinned through my own fault,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
 and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
 all the angels and saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The T O L B O X

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
 have mercy on me, a sinner.

Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer

O God we thank you for the life of
 Blessed Edmund Rice.
 He opened his heart to Christ present in
 those oppressed by poverty and injustice.
 May we follow his example of
 faith and generosity.
 Grant us the courage and compassion of
 Blessed Edmund as we seek to live lives
 of love and service. Amen.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these, thy gifts
 Which we are about to receive from
 thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

The Golden Rule

Love one another as I have loved you.

St. Patrick's Breastplate (shortened)

Christ with me. Christ before me. Christ behind me.
 Christ in me. Christ beneath me. Christ above me.
 Christ on my right. Christ on my left. Christ when I lie down.
 Christ when I sit down. Christ when I arise.
 Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me.
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.
 Christ in every eye that sees me.
 Christ in every ear that hears me.

Prayer of St Francis

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace
 Where there is hatred let me sow love.
 Where there is injury, pardon.
 Where there is doubt, faith.
 Where there is despair, hope.
 Where there is darkness, light.
 Where there is sadness joy.
 O Divine master grant that I may
 Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
 To be understood, as to understand.
 To be loved. as to love
 For it's in giving that we receive
 And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
 And it's in dying that we are born...
 To eternal life.