

TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

CRUSADERS SOAR PAST EAGLES

OFFENSE FLEXES ITS MUSCLE, ROLLING UP 52 POINTS AND OVER 500 TOTAL YARDS



September 4 - Oradell, NJ - BC's first meeting with a team from the country's first state (Delaware), the scarlet and gold racked up the best offensive day in the Coach Vito Campanile era showing that right now, the Crusaders are playing as a Top-10 Nationally Ranked Team.

BC defeated Smyrna HS of Delaware by a score of 52-6 which showed the ability of the Crusaders to methodically pound the ball and win in the trenches on short-yardage situations. In addition, the offense showed of a dynamic big-play element which recorded some of the longest plays in recent memory.

Let's not forget about the defense who was stifling against one of the nation's top quarterback recruits, digging in when the ball was nearing the goal line and producing a number of goal line stands in the process.

The first drive was methodical in nature. Ten plays, sixty-two yards with Steve Angeli hitting Christian Carti on two passes for 20 yards. Ryan Butler contributed 6 carries for 37 yards which set up Larue Linder hauling in an Angeli pass for a five-yard touchdown reception, his first of the year. The special team of long snapper Logan Rager, holder Jack Duffy and place kicker, Giancarlo Carbonaro added the extra point and the Crusaders were in business 7-0. That battery was perfect on the day, recording 10 points, 7 PATs and 1 FG.

On the Eagles' first drive, their outstanding QB engineered a 77-yard drive





of his own. The Eagles marched 15 plays to the Crusader 3 when senior defensive lineman Dominick Brogna made a devastating tackle for a loss and gave BC the slightest bit of breathing room.

Angeli and Butler wasted no time moving the ball into the red zone as a quick flick of the wrist and Ryan B sprinting up the Crusader sideline was BC's biggest play of the year. A 92-yard completion set up first and goal for the Crusaders at the Smyrna 2. The next play, Angeli handed to Butler who took the ball into the endzone and BC went up 14-0.



Carmello Vellardo kicked his second-straight touchback, setting the Eagles back 1st and 10 at their own 20-yard line. Once again, the Eagles started to move the ball. It was becoming apparent that their attack, which utilized a solid screen game to attempt to slow down BC's pass rush was not fooling the Crusader linebacking corp. The Eagles executed a toss sweep "punt" that was well-executed from the 42-yard line, pinning BC at their own 7.

But once again, the Crusaders responded. This time with a 93-yard touchdown pass from Angeli to Correa, the new

longest play of the season. BC led 21-0 early in the second quarter.



A quick three and out and a shanked punt, gave the Crusaders their best field position of the day at the Eagle 25 yard-line. Larue Linder's 19-yard catch set up Angeli's fourth touchdown pass of the game as Noah Carti becomes the fourth different receiver to score, this time from four yards out. Yes. Yes. Carbonaro kicked the extra point. (I almost feel like I'm calling on him on class through this process.). BC now led 28-0.



The Eagles were not going to quit. Despite yielding a sack to Dom Brogna on first down, QB Cameron Edge found a Yamir Knight down the left sideline for a 76-yard gain. On the following play, he handed the ball to Wayne Knight, who bolted 5 yards into the endzone. The PAT was no good and BC lead 28-6

Fabian France took possession of the ball for the Crusaders on the ensuing kickoff at the 10-yard line. He found some running room and accelerated 23 yards, putting the ball at the Crusaders' 33. Ryan Butler, Justan Luzzi, Saeed St. Fleur and Angeli combined for 32 yards rushing. Angeli and Butler combined for the last 32 yards of the drive with a touchdown pass to put BC up 35-6.

DJ Samuels and Sydir Mitchell combined for a sack on second down, setting up a 3rd and 16 which was just a bridge too far for the visitors to cross. After the Crusaders forced the



ball to be turned over on downs, BC took possession.

Two penalties put Bergen in a 2nd and 30-yard hole, but Angeli was poised. Taking advantage of what the defense was giving he found Santino Correa and Logan Casey who quickly picked-up 22 and 14 yards respectively, giving BC first down at the Eagles 24. A visiting penalty moved the ball half the distance to the goal with 3 seconds to play in the half.

Enter Carbonaro and company, who sent a 29-yard field goal attempt perfectly through the uprights, giving BC a 38-6 halftime lead.

Smyrna received the second-half kickoff and began marching the ball down the field. Looking for the same magic they had from the five-yard line earlier, Edge handed off to Wayne Knight on fourth down. Brogna wasn't having any of it. The senior defensive lineman broke through the line and tackled the Eagle carrier for a 5-yard loss which gave BC possession at its own 10.

Coach Campanile was using all of the tools in his arsenal, Butler, Correa, St. Fleur, TE Jack Comeau as BC methodically

moved the ball across midfield. That's when Saeed St. Fleur made something special happen, turning a 1-yard completion into a spectacular 48-yard touchdown reception as he sprinted past the Crusader Crazies to paydirt.

Junior QB Jack Duffy finished off the throwing of touchdown passes for the day, hitting Mike Delpome for a 38-yard touchdown. BC led 52-6 and that would do it for the scoring as the clock would quickly expire due to the "running clock rule."

Two in the books for BC. 94-13 is the combined final scoring for their two games against two of the best teams from OH and DE respectively.

EXTRA POINTS: Angeli threw for 5 TD passes on 360 yards on 14-15 passing. His season completion percentage now stands at a ridiculous 90.3% with an almost incalculable QB Passer Rating. BC's 52 points were the most scored by a Crusader football team since November 11, 2017 in a state playoff game vs. St. Augustine Prep (Richland, NJ) in the NJSIAA quarterfinals (BC won 56-21). The 46-point margin of victory was the largest since November 17, 2012 when BC defeated Notre Dame (Lawrence, NJ) 63-0 in the quarters.

TEAM	QTR	SCORE	PLAY
BC	1	7-0	Linder 3yd TD pass from Angeli (Carbonaro kick)
BC	1	14-0	Butler 2yd TD run (Carbonaro kick)
BC	2	21-0	Correa 93yd TD pass from Angeli (Carbonaro kick)
BC	2	28-0	Carti 4yd TD pass from Angeli (Carbonaro kick)
S	2	28-6	W. Knight 5 yd TD run (PAT fails)
BC	2	35-6	Correa 93yd TD pass from Angeli (Carbonaro kick)
BC	2	38-6	Carbonaro 29yd Field Goal
BC	3	45-6	St. Fleur 48yd TD pass fr. Angeli (Carbonaro kick)
BC	3	52-6	Delpome 38yd TD pass fr. Duffy (Carbonaro kick)

<u>BY THE NUMBERS</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>SHS</u>
First Downs: Rush - Pass - Pen	8-11-1	3-8-2
Rush Yds	114	44
Pass: Comp/Att	17/18	19/28
Pass Yards	422	196
Pass: TDs/INTs	6/0	0/0
Total Plays	45	55
Total Offense	536	240
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	10/96	4/47
Defensive Sacks/Yards Lost	8/31	2/10
Time of Possession	23:07	27:17
3rd Down Efficiency	5 of 7	2 of 0
4th Down Efficiency	2 of 2	0 of 4
Punts - Average	0 for 0	2 for 31



Frosh Look Strong in Opener at DePaul

September 2 - Wayne, NJ - The Freshman football team showed its might, taking down a talented Spartan Football Team on Thursday Night Football.

The Crusaders chose to kick off into the wind, which to some may have appeared to be a miscalculation. It all worked out just right as Guytano Bartlomeo's opening boot hit an updraft which caused the ball to come up a little short. The Spartan receiver misplayed the ball and David Matesic generated the season's first turnover, jumping on the loose ball and setting the Crusaders up in terrific field position.

Mujahid Russell sprinted down the sideline for a long gain, setting up his first of three touchdowns on the day.



TACKLES: Phillips (7.5), Morris (5), Matesic (4), Parish (4), Hoeffler (3), Matos (3), Shue (2.5), Irby-Mason (2), Adams (1.5), Virtis (1), Russell (1), DeNobile (1), Varoli (1), Garcia (.5), Perrotti (.5), Kearney (.5), Gallo (.5), Reid (.5)

SACKS: Morris (3)

TFL: Phillips (2), Morris (1), Shue (1)

Forced Fumbles: Shue (1)

Fumbles Recovered: Matesic (1), Shue (1)

Interceptions: Parish (1), Matos (1), Perrotti (1)

Passes Defended: DeNobile (1), Gallo (1)



Naiim Parrish intercepted this pass on DePaul's opening offensive play from scrimmage. He had a spectacular return for 35 yards on the play.

QB, Dominic Campanile threw for over 200 yards in his first freshman game, recording three touchdown passes and no interceptions. Pictured above is Quincy Porter who will make this translate into a touchdown reception. He finished with three catches for 84 yards.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mike Bajakian '92 & Tim McDermott '93

September 3 - Evanston, IL - 22-0 was their combined record through 1991-1992 and all these years later, their education and work ethic help them to continue as impact players in their professional lives today. Mike "Jake" Bajakian is currently the Offensive Coordinator at Northwestern University. Coach Bajakian played QB and CB for Coach Stengel's first state championship team at BC in 1991.

Tim McDermott was a dynamic wide receiver for the 1992 state championship team. His 4.4 speed made him a dynamic deep threat for QB



Mark DeRosa. The two met up as Tim is a producer for college football on ESPN and was working at the NU-Michigan State opener.

The 1991 and 1992 teams combined for a record of 22-0 and added to an opening day win in 1993, the 23-game streak still remains as the longest win streak in school history.

The message was GO CRUSADERS! from Evanston. These were two of the most diligent, hard-working players and students in our programs. Their commitment to education and their love of the game still fuels their fires today.

BIRD OF THE WEEK: BROWN CREEPER

I love the confluence of prayer sports, birding and education. One enriches the other, creating the possibility for a fuller life. That made me think of the Brown Creeper and this Rudyard Kipling passage.

"NOW this is the law of the jungle,
as old and as true as the sky,
And the wolf that shall keep it may prosper,
but the wolf that shall break it must die.

As the creeper that girdles the tree trunk,
the law runneth forward and back;
For the strength of the pack is the wolf,
and the strength of the wolf is the pack.

Wash daily from nose tip to tail tip;
drink deeply, but never too deep;
And remember the night is for hunting
and forget not the day is for sleep.

The jackal may follow the tiger,
but, cub, when thy whiskers are grown,
Remember the wolf is a hunter—
go forth and get food of thy own.

Keep peace with the lords of the jungle,
the tiger, the panther, the bear;
And trouble not Hathi the Silent, and mock not the boar in his lair.

When pack meets with pack in the jungle,
and neither will go from the trail,
Lie down till the leaders have spoken;
it may be fair words shall prevail.

When ye fight with a wolf of the pack ye must fight him alone and afar,
Lest others take part in the quarrel and the pack is diminished by war.



The creeper pictured above is a bird that circles around (girdles) a tree to find insects and their larvae to eat. They are specially designed to creep upwards, spiraling up a tree and will fly back down to start over.

"The Strength of the pack is the wolf and the strength of the wolf is the pack." For Crusaders this is an important idea, not just on the field, but in the classroom. Your preparation for every class will make each class more interesting and by making each class more interesting, you will become more interested. Same is true with practice on your teams. The better you commit to hard work outside the games, the better you and your team will perform on those game days.

"And cub, when thy whiskers are grown, Remember the wolf is a hunter—go forth and get food of thy own." Simply put, you are at BC not to have things handed to you. You are a hunter. Make things happen. Read beyond what your teachers assign. Lift and work on skills outside practice time. You could be at any school and not have a challenge in front of you. You chose to become a Crusader!

A great journey has begun. Have faith! You were called to be at BC for reasons you cannot possibly yet understand. Here's to making the most of 2021-22!

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JOIN THE BIRDING CRUSADERS!

WHEN YOUR MIND IS CONSIDERING TO FILL TIME WITH SOCIAL MEDIA, CONSIDER OPENING THE TOOLBOX INSTEAD. PRAYERS FOR ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.

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 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.

Happy Labor Day Weekend!