

TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

JV Football Overwhelms Paladins

October 28 – Oradell, NJ – The Crusader JV found themselves in a difficult position with a number of players injured and a limited roster due to a Thursday night Freshman game, but they rallied and proved more than up to the task with a 45-0 victory over Paramus Catholic on Monday.

Freshman Cross-Country Wins Doc Braver Crown

October 31 – Mahwah, NJ – James Hughes (9:18), Joseph Griffith (9:40) and Aidan O'Malley (9:41) took the top three places in the 2019 Doc Braver Invitational at Darlington County Park. The Crusaders took first overall, as Nate Booth (10th), Tommy Sullivan (11th) and Drew Giacomini (12th) finished among the top runners.

Ryan Dockery, Ronan Flynn, Danny Grabstein and Jack Sheehan helped BC with a low score of 21, defeating Wayne Valley (54), PCTI (65) and Passaic Valley (85).



Coach Powers and President, Dr. Mahoney pose with the Frosh XC Team on All-Saints Day, following their win.

Freshman Football Finishes Unbeaten with Win Over DePaul Catholic

October 31 – Wayne, NJ – The 2019 Edition of the Crusader Freshman Football Team was outstanding, finishing with an overall record 7-0. Their latest conquest, a 36-6 pounding of Passaic County Rival, DePaul Catholic.

Jack Grusser opened the scoring for BC on a 20-yard QB sneak. Following a Michael Giavacco interception, Saeed St Fleur scored on a 15-yard gallop behind the blocking of

Jonathan Parkes, Ryan Phelan, Armend Uruci, Dylan Garrity and Michael Gentilello.

It was the Logan Casey show after that. The receiver hauled in two passes from Grusser (a 25-yard rocket screen and a 47-yard bomb to the post) for scores as the Crusader offense was rolling.

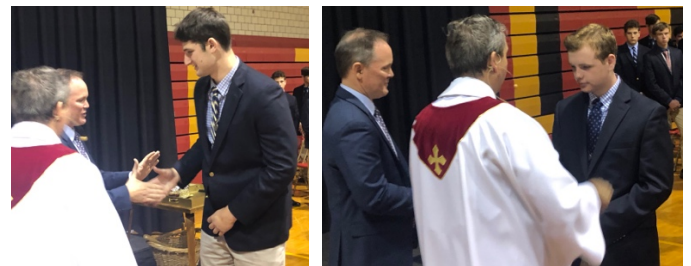
Malachi Mercer represented the defense on scoreboard, taking a pick-6 back to the house. Nick Bernick and Jack Comeau tormented the Spartan QB, each recording a sack.

Congratulations to Coach Cavalluzzo and his team for a second straight undefeated season.

Students and Athletes Take Leadership Roles in Spiritual Life of School at

All-Saints Day Mass

November 1 – Oradell, NJ – Fr. Sam Monaco took time after mass on Friday to recognize all of the students who would be participating as Eucharistic Ministers, readers and play other roles in the Liturgical celebrations at BC.



Crusader Soccer

November 1 – Martinsville, NJ – The Crusader Soccer Team travelled to Sommerville County to take on one of the

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top soccer programs in NJ, Pingry School. The Bulldogs defended their home field after mulling over revenge since 2018, taking down BC 4-2.

While this ends the Crusader season, it was certainly a memorable and exciting one, capped with last Sunday's first county championships for the school in 20 years! Congratulations to BC and Coach Berkanish for an outstanding year.

Football Celebrates Senior Day Final Score Not Optimal We've Still Got One Another

November 2 – Oradell, NJ – We are so thankful for the 25 seniors and their families that have graced our school and football program for the past 4 years. As they entered, they had so much potential and they are realizing it, player by player.



Above, the Senior Class of 2020 Crusader Football Players and Coach Vito Campanile.



The Crusaders received the opening kickoff and after going three-and-out, provided with the visiting Spartans with outstanding field position at the 48-yard line. The defense fought, but after 13 plays, the Spartans punched in a 3-yard touchdown pass. The extra point was good and BC found itself in a 7-0 hole.

BC responded with a 10-play, eighty-yard drive resulting in a nine-yard Andrew Boel to Michael Aniello touchdown pass. Giancarlo Carbonaro kicked the PAT and the score was tied.

In their first drive of the second quarter, DePaul took the ball 81 yards in 7 plays to go ahead 14-7.

Once again, BC answered with a 7-play drive of their own. They covered 65 yards, culminating with a three-level flood pass on the left side. Larue Linder found some open space in the flat and Andrew Boel found him for his second TD pass of the afternoon and another tie score.

The Spartan offense was tough all day, but the Crusader defense held on third down during their third drive of the game, holding DePaul to a Field Goal.

With the score 17-14, the Crusaders fumbled and the ball was returned 36 yards for a touchdown, giving DePaul a two-score lead, 24-14.

BC threw an interception on the ensuing drive and DePaul capitalized, scoring one more touchdown before the half



and going into the break with a commanding 31-14 lead.

BC's defense started generating some momentum, with the Ty Malone, Jeremiah Grant, Gabe Mendez and AJ Longo dominating the line and putting pressure on the DePaul passer, sacking him twice and making a number of tackles for a loss.

While the Crusader offense was struggling to score, the Spartans lit BC's fuse. The play was a fourth-down FG attempt which DePaul blocked. But the reason the kick was blocked was due to a personal-foul (15-yard penalty) roughing the long-snapper. Shortly after, Ryan Butler ran

the ball into the endzone from the 1 and BC was down 31-21 entering the fourth quarter.

The Crusaders would drive again and Butler (who finished the day with 120 yards rushing on 24 attempts) scored his second TD on the day; a 22-yard romp around the end for six. After Giancarlo Carbonaro's fourth PAT of the afternoon, BC was poised to celebrate a come-back victory at home.

It was not to be however. Both Quarterbacks proved effective in the cause, with Andrew Boel passing for 2 touchdowns and contributing 78 yards of total offense. Steven Angeli threw for 146 yards, and accounted for 165 yards of total offense. The Crusaders outgained the Spartans 373-243 yards. BC earned 22 first downs, compared with DePaul's 13.



Unfortunately, those advantages were lost with a 0-2 deficit in the turnover battle and BC tripled DePaul's number of penalties and doubled their yards of penalties which may very well have been the differences in this highly competitive game.

The Crusaders have earned a first-round bye in the state tournament and, as the #6 seed, will travel to #3 Don Bosco Prep on the weekend of November 15. This may be a best-case scenario for this year's team of road warriors, who have not lost a game that included a bus ride.



**NEXT WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS
OFF – There is NOTHING SCHEDULED**

Bergen Meet of Champs Results

November 2 – Mahwah, NJ - The BC Cross Country team turned in stellar individual performances at the Bergen Meet of Champions at Darlington Park on Saturday. Five of the seven Crusader harriers ran career-best times on the County course, led by junior Owen McCarthy in 13th place. Next in for BC were sophomore Alex Shaia and senior Nick Martinez, also in career-best times. A couple of unfortunate falls in the crowded field put a damper on the team tally, but that did not stop senior Andrew Chi and junior Jack O'Kane from posting personal records.

BOTW: Green Jay

BC will be taking an immersion trip to Brownsville, TX next week. I guess we were very fortunate with scheduling as the football team has a bye and, with any luck, will be playing Don Bosco on Saturday Night so we will be able to attend.

As we work with some of the poorest in the country, we will be exposed to some different species of avian friends that are not found in the mid-Atlantic states. One relative of crows, magpies and jays is the Green Jay. This colorful bird is clearly a tropical bird, whose vocalizations suggest jay. With any luck we will have some opportunity to see a few of these beautifully colored birds.



Hockey Tryouts Begin – TOMORROW – Monday, Nov 4

All Winter Sport Athletes MUST be sure to register for tryouts on family ID.

<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/bergen-catholic-high-school>

In the Twitterverse

October 26 – 29 – Twitterverse – There was some pretty cool stuff on social media this week. Starting with an inspirational message from the greatest soccer player to ever attend BC, through a 300-yard passing effort in Piscataway, a 2-TD effort in Princeton and continued domination on defense in Muhlenberg and a record setting performance in NYC. Crusaders continue to make sporting news...

