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JV Football Slams SPP – 30-14

September 23 – Jersey City, NJ – The Crusader JV Football Team defeated St. Peter's Prep on Monday as Dean DeNobile threw for one TD and completed three 2-point conversion passes. Justin Mehran ran for two touchdowns and Fabian France electrified the fans and the BC bench as he returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

Christian Carti had a touchdown reception and brought down a two-point conversion pass. John Fiore and Christian Ross each made catches for 2-pt conversions. Ross also sacked the Prep QB and blocked one punt on the day. Aidan Welch had an interception as well and Frankie Zito and Quentin Lane each added a sack.

Frosh Soccer Shocked by Fair Lawn

September 23 – Oradell, NJ – 4-1. Things looked to be on the up and up. After a scoreless first half, Ryan Loughlin scored the Crusader lone goal to put BC up 1-0 in the second half. Unfortunately, all that seemed to do was awaken a sleeping giant as Fair Lawn rattled off four goals in about three minutes. It was certainly a shocking turn of events, especially considering soccer is typically such a low scoring game.





The frosh never gave up and played with heart until the final whistle. Daniel Gonzalez played in the goal during the second half and Gabe Tinoco combined with strong efforts in the goal.



Varsity Soccer Perfect 7-0 as NICK Schwake Scores a Pair

September 24 – Fair Lawn, NJ – As we tested everyone's

knowledge of the varsity soccer roster last week, only two people recognized the imperfection. Sophomore, Nick Schwake and his dad, Greg.

Nick left no doubt about whose name would be in headlines this week as he scored BC's first two goals against Fair



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Lawn's Cutters as the Crusaders were en route to a 3-0 shutout of their host.



The teams played a scoreless half with Ryan Langberg achieving perfection in the goal. Andrew Remias was just as impressive in the second half as the two recorded three



saves apiece. They have now combined for playing 7 games and yielding a total of 4 goals.

Chris Barile added an insurance goal with 2:53 remaining as the Crusaders recorded their seventh Nick victory. Shannon, Christian Milone and Eddie Payan each assisted on the day.



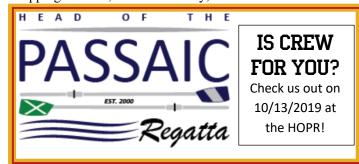
JV Soccer Mowed Down by Cutters 4-1

September 24 – Fair Lawn, NJ - Gavin Circo scored a goal and Kye Tennzca recorded 4 saves and teammate, Erick Valdez added 3 saves of his own. It was not enough for the Crusaders to overcome a talented Fair Lawn eleven on Tuesday.



Harriers Go 3-0 in Passaic County Quad

September 24 - Paterson, NJ - The BC Cross Country team traveled to Garret Mountain to take on four North Jersey schools in head-to-head competition. The Crusaders came out on top in all four dual meets, defeating Clifton, 28-29; Union City, 25-30; Ramapo, 20-37; and River Dell, 18-37. BC was led by junior Owen McCarthy, who was 5th overall, followed by sophomore Alex Shaia (6th), junior Alex Costabile (8th), senior Nick Martinez (9th), and senior Andrew Chi (18th). The freshmen also had a good day, topping all four of their rivals, led by James Hughes (2nd), Joseph Griffith (3rd), and Aidan O'Malley (5th). The Crusaders completed the dual meet portion of their schedule with a 7-1 record. Next up for BC is the Bowdoin Classic in Wappingers Falls, NY on Saturday, 9/28.



Tinoco's Nine Saves Frosh vs. Lakers

September 26 – Mountain Lakes, NJ – The Freshmen Soccer Team visited the Lakers of Mountain Lakes and finished in a scoreless tie, thanks in large part to Gabe Tinoco and the 9 saves he made in the goal.



Frosh Football Takes Care of Business... ...Bosco Business, That Is!

September 28 – Oradell, NJ – It was a full reel full of highlights during the BC – DBP Freshman football game on Saturday morning. With a crowd that would rival and surpass most high school varsity football game attendances, the two groups of 15 year-olds offered some big hits, big plays and a great effort on both sides.



#33 Malachi Mercer had a tremendous game. He returned a kickoff for a touchdown and then returned an interception for a touchdown....a day to remember for sure!





Coach Santoli loves his Crusaders and loves beating Bosco!



Late in the half, #72, Sydir Mitchell was involved in a really interesting punt return. Frankly, I'm not sure how to record the play. I am not sure it was actually "blocked" as the punt never really got more than 5 feet off the ground, but I think it did make it to the line of scrimmage. It went directly to Sydir, who demonstrated his exceptional hands, catching the ball at the LOS and returning it for about a 15 yard return. It was quite a play.



To quote Robert Frost, "Good blockers make good neighbors," or something to that effect...



AJ Seker tackled the QB in the endzone to record a safety and provide the young Crusaders with points #34 and 35 and finish off the Ironmen with a 35-13 victory.

BOTW: Wilson's Phalarope

September 18 – Lyndhurst, NJ – OK. Let's test your birding knowledge. The birds below are different species. One is a Lesser Yellowlegs, the other Wilson's Phalarope. If you thought the smaller, slender shore bird with the thin bill, dramatically flying over the bird in the water is the phalarope, you're right! This was a someone infrequent visitor to Richard DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst this fall and worthy of note. There was a black-bellied plover at the park as well (not to be confused with last week's BOTW, the American Golden Plover).



We had a great showing at our first sign-up for Birding Crusaders, now located in Room 16. We plan to follow up the frosh football game on Saturday morning with a trip to Stateline Lookout in Alpine NJ where we expect to see the following (the larger the text, the more likely we are to see):

Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Peregrine Falcon, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Red-Tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, Red-Shouldered Hawk, Merlin, Broad-winged Hawk.

In addition, we expect to see the following birds: **Blue Jay**, Northern Mockingbird, Grey Catbird, House Sparrow, Northern Yellow-shafted Flicker, Redbellied Woodpecker, American Robin and other passerines (perching birds).

Here is data regarding sightings at Stateline... https://ebird.org/hotspot/L485624/media?yr=all&m=

Coach Nunz Takes the Reins at Rutgers

September 27 – Piscataway, NJ – Rutgers University, following a 52-0 loss to Michigan on Saturday, announced the firing of Head Coach, Chris Ash and replaced him on an interim basis with former BC Head Coach, Nunzio Campanile.



Coach Nunz, as he was affectionately known at BC, led Bergen to a 2017 state championship before joining the Scarlet Knights as their Running Backs coach in 2018. He moved over to Tight Ends this year, prior to being elevated to Interim Head Coach.

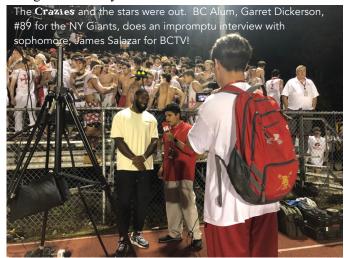
Good luck, Coach! Deus Vult!



Hard Hitting Foes

Crusaders Rock Ironland 23-17

September 27 – Ramsey, NJ – It was not without pain and injury. It was not the perfect game, but it demonstrated a strong resiliency and determination to win.



What's better than a white-out in Ramsey? The Crusaders drove in, bused in, did whatever was necessary to get in to cheer their beloved football team onto victory, culminating, "the best week of the year."

Drive number one was what we call in the football business, "a thing of beauty." It was pretty simple. Our eleven guys are going to knock you backward until we've planted the ball in the endzone. Thirteen plays and 80 yards following the opening kickoff, Ryan Butler did just that with a 13-yard scoring gallop to start BC off.

Of course, nothing can be easy as the extra-point was blocked and BC kicked off to the Ironmen with a 6-0 lead.



After BC stopped DBP, Andrew Boel was ready to show off his arm as the threw a beautifully arced pass to Amar Gist

who sprinted into the endzone and awaited the traditional take-off celebration from Sr. OT, Bryan Felter.



Pierson Tobia boxed out his opponent perfectly on a hitch route and Boel drilled a perfect pass on his outside hip, good for a two point conversion.

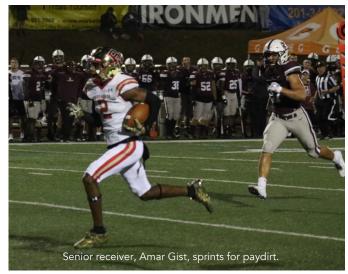


The Crusader offensive line of Felter, Jack Syslo, Matt D'Adetta, Pat Colicchio, Ethan Lang and Collin Tunc were awesome once again. Behind them, Crusader running backs churned out 240 yard and the protected Andrew Boel who was once again able to throw for over 100 yards.



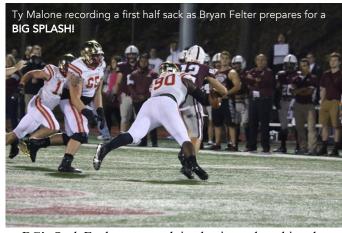
Ryan Butler was BC's rushing star of the evening, rushing for 131 yards on 24 carries. He earned 10 first downs and ran for 2 touchdowns on the evening. Amar Gist

added 43 yards on 9 carries and Boel tacked on 38 yards on 8 carries.



Gist led the team in receiving with five catches for 78 yards, including the 47-yard touchdown catch. Pierson Tobia and Rakem Ross rounded out the receiving threats for BC.

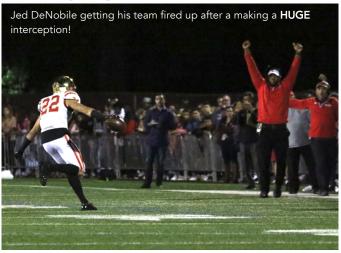
On defense, the Crusaders were once again dominant against the run, holding the Ironmen to 30 yards rushing on the evening. DBP passed for 158 yards, most of those 188 yards came in the second half when they made the game interesting.



BC's Sack Exchange was doing business, knocking down and sacking Bosco's two quarterbacks. Ty Malone increased his team-lead to 5 sacks, registering one on Friday. Javon Cruz picked up 1.5 sacks and AJ Longo recorded 1 and freshman De'Juan Samuels picked up a half-sack.



Nick Vergona picked up a tackle for a loss (TFL), as did Cruz 2.5, Longo 1, Samuels 1, Malone 1.5 and Jeremiah Grant 1. Jed DeNobile made a terrific interception from the free-safety position, diving to halt a potential big play after DBP intercepted a pass of their own.



Giancarlo Carbonaro added a field goal for the Crusaders. The Crusaders are now 2-1 on the season and 1-1 in the

NJSFC United Division. They take on Irvington on the road on Friday night, October 4th.

Watch all the action here in Jersey Sports Zone's video highlights of the game. Use your CAMERA APP on your cell phone and focus on the QR code



Crusader Cross Country Runs a New Course

September 28 – Wappingers Falls, NY – Owen McCarthy described it as one of the most difficult courses he's ever run. The mountainous 5000m called the Bowdoin Invitational challenged runners from across the region and BC's group learned a lot about themselves.

McCarthy led BC, recording a 18:04.2 and placing 64th overall in the star-studded field. Alex Shaia was just under a minute behind him, finishing at 19:01.3. Nick Martinez ran 19:29.4, Alex Costabile finished in 20:19.6 and Andrew Chi ran a 20:58.8. Jack O'Kane, Tate Barnard, Miles Suitt, Matthew Marques, Michael Tuohy, Antonio Mascaro, Elija Somerville and James Adams all finished the 5000m run for BC.

In the freshman race, Joseph Griffith led the way for BC with an 11:37.8 in the 3000 meter run. He placed 33rd overall. Four of his teammates placed in the top 100 runners also, including: James Hughes (12:02.3), Tommy Sullivan (12:54.4), Drew Giacomini (13:15.6) and Nate Booth (13:32.0) Danny Grabstein, Jack Sheehan and Ronan Flynn all finished strong for the frosh as well.



