

TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS



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JV Soccer Butts Heads with Rams

October 7 – Ramsey, NJ – The Crusader JV team played even with Ramsey High School on the road for about 88 minutes. Jimmy Ralph came up big for BC, scoring off a Tim Caufield pass to give the scarlet and gold a 1-0 lead. Kyle Tencza was exceptional in the goal, making 14 saves in the shutout.

JV Football's Monday Knight Football

October 7 – Irvington, NJ – The Crusaders earned a hard-fought 15-12 victory over Irvington HS on Monday. Dean DeNobile threw a 33-yard touchdown pass to Elijah Pean and Colin Foley added the point after to make it 7-0.

DeSean Cross then scored on a one-yard touchdown plunge and DeNobile connected with Christian Ross for the two-point conversion.

Ross had an outstanding day on the defensive side of the ball recording a pair of sacks. Remy Brancato and Quentin Lane each added a sack in the victory as well.

Frosh Soccer Succumbs to Seton Hall

By, Donald Keating '23

October 8 – West Orange, NJ – On Tuesday, Freshman Soccer traveled to West Orange to take on Seton Hall Prep. The young Crusaders went down 4 goals early. After that, BC dug in and only let up one goal in the second half. Gabriel Tinocco played a great game in goal for the Crusaders saving 11 Pirate shots. Unfortunately, they could not recover falling to Seton Hall Prep 5-0 at the Monsignor Kelly Athletic Complex.



Frosh Soccer vs. Don Bosco Prep

October 10 – Palisades Park, NJ – Once again Gabe Tinoco was stellar and the Crusader Freshman Soccer Team played extremely well, but dropped a 1-0 decision to Don Bosco Prep on a penalty kick late in the game.

JV Soccer vs. Don Bosco Prep

October 10 – Ramsey, NJ – Timmy Caulfield and Alex Lupu scored a couple of big goals for BC, assisted by AJ Scalpino and Kyle Loughlin. Kyle Tencza made 17 saves, but it was not enough as DBP took 20 shots, sinking 3. The Ironmen took BC on this day 3-2.

Varsity Soccer – Don Bosco Prep

October 10 – Oradell, NJ – In a well-played, hard-fought game, BC played to gain outright control over the BNC United Division Crown. Unfortunately, the decision would not become clearer on Thursday as Don Bosco Prep won 2-0.



Jake Sweeney demonstrating some exceptional ball-skills, spinning Ironmen defenders like tops throughout the afternoon.



Andrew Remias was outstanding in the goal, making 10 saves on 12 shots. Above, the 6'4" Remias taking the ball out of the air on a centering pass from the wing.



Owen Fizulich and Allen Villafranca helped in the middle of the field, giving BC opportunities to win.

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The Crusaders had a number of opportunities to score, including a couple of pipes and one cross-bar in its 11 shots on goal. Above, Coach Berkankish watches as Nick Shannon gives the ball a ride on a free kick.

Morant is First in Nation To Receive his All-American Jersey

October 11 – Oradell, NJ – Jordan Morant was honored on on Friday afternoon when he received his game jersey for the 20th Annual US Army All-American Game in San Antonio, Texas on January 5, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Bergen Catholic was the first stop on the NBC Broadcasting Team's Journey as they present jerseys to nearly 100 of the top high school seniors across this nation who will be playing in their final high school game.



Brian Cushing '05 made his mark on the game 15 years ago, recording 7 tackles and 2 passes defended. I remember seeing "Cush" just before Christmas Break and noticed how good he looked. He had a mindset to dominate that game. It was his next goal. He certainly made his mark and will be recognized as one of the Bowl's All-Time Greatest in this 20th year anniversary of the game.



Bergen Catholic President, Dr. Brian Mahoney, addresses media and students at Jordan Morant's Jersey Presentation Ceremony on Friday. Jordan is on the right, sitting next to his mother and Head Football Coach, Vito Campanile.

1800 Pullups – Bergen Beats Joes in Annual Competition

October 11 – Oradell, NJ – Hoehl Cafeteria – The Freshman Class alone, rallied for 600 pull-ups during lunch period on Friday.

"WHY?" One might ask.

It is all for the annual Great American Rivalry Series weekend, which

celebrates the BC-SJR Football rivalry for the past 5 seasons. This organization has been producing games now, nation-wide for the past 20 years.



The 600 pull-ups, more than half of what the entire SJR student-body amassed ($\pm 1,100$), set the tone for a victory and provided a really solid foundation for the rest of the school.

One might compare their performance to that brother or sister on Family Feud who just scored 175 points so all their teammate needs is 25 points in Final Feud to earn the \$10,000. Heck, that second person could probably answer “Turkey”, “Turkey”, “Turkey” in his first three answers and still get to 200 points. But I digress.

The sophomores, juniors and seniors added another 1,200 pull-ups and the Crusaders won by about 700 pull-ups! That’s BC Strong!

Crusader Freshman Football Team with Another Solid Victory

By, Michael Giovacco '23

Saturday October 12th - Montvale, NJ - In yet another great game by the Crusader freshman football team, the Crusaders went on the road to play Saint Jose on Saturday morning. An amazing performance by the offensive line led by Michael Gentilello at center, Ryan Phalen and Jonathan Parkes at the guards, and Dylan Geraghty and Armend Uruci at the tackles helped the Crusaders score 5 offensive touchdowns. Saeed St. Fleur played an excellent game at running back, scoring four touchdowns, including one on a double reverse pass thrown by Jack Grusser.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Crusader defense put out a strong performance led by the defensive line with Ryan Phalen, Jack Comeau, Raffi Bailey, and Dylan Geraghty and linebackers Joseph Marinaccio, A.J. Seker, and Malachi Mercer. The defense recovered one fumble which was returned for a touchdown by Daquan Stewart along with multiple fourth down stops to help the crusaders pick up their seventh win of the season with a score of 42-12.

Cross Country – Manhattan Invitational

October 12 – Bronx, NY – The Crusaders placed 19th overall in the Boys Varsity C Race at the Manhattan Invitational on Saturday morning. BC’s top performer was Owen McCarthy, who placed 49th overall, with a time of 13:58.8.

BC’s next four finishers were: Nick Martinez 14:44.2 (93rd), Alex Costabile 15:13.2 (120th), Jack O’Kane 15:54.6 (138th) and Andrew Chi 16:31.1 (152nd)



Stars Out in the Morning as ESPN Radio 98.7 FM Visits BC

October 12 – Oradell, NJ – Mike Quick, Matt Simms and their crew visited BC on a crisp, beautiful Saturday morning. The special 2-hour broadcast focused on the afternoon game between BC and SJR.

Mike welcomed a number of guests, beginning with BC’s dynamic President, Dr. Brian Mahoney. In front of some of the staunchest Crusader Crazy Members, Dr. Mahoney spoke about our school and its mission. He was followed by Head Coaches, Augie Hofman (SJR) and Vito Campanile (BC) and had a special phone-in guest straight from Houston, Tx: Brian Cushing '05.

It is fifteen years from what Quick describes as the “single most impressive effort” in a high school football game. Cushing scored 5 touchdowns, knocked out two linebackers and a kick return specialist. He had a number of tackles, while accounting for over 300 yards in offense on his own. It was a game with 6 NFL players including BC’s Jimmy Dray, Isaiah Williams and most notably from SJR, Devon and Jason McCourty who now play DB for the New England Patriots.



One of the highlights had to be when legendary football coaches, Fred Stengel and Greg Toal joined Mike together behind the mic. Quick asked each, what the other’s greatest strength was. Stengel responded first. He said immediately, “tenacity,” when describing Toal’s greatest strength. That has been a hallmark of Toal since his HS playing days in Hasbrouck Heights when, as a kid, I would hear countless tales of the 30+ carry Friday nights, when Toal carried the Aviators on his back.

Toal was just as quick to respond about Stengel, describing “his attention to detail,” as his greatest quality. As a person who coached with Coach Stengel for 20 years, Toal couldn’t have been more right. Every drill, every play, every minute in practice was planned to the ‘t.’

Varsity Football Falls to SJR in a Tale of Two Punts

October 12 – Oradell, NJ – So many of these games have been determined in the kicking games, it is not surprising this adds another chapter.

Was it the punt down to the SJR 1 before half, with BC leading 10-7? Unfortunately, timing is everything. The Green Knights needed to run off just one play before halftime saved them from yielding good field position to the Crusaders.

Then, just three and a half minutes into the third quarter, SJR punted the ball to the BC 2. BC started with a pair of false start penalties, moving the ball to the 1 and .5 yard line. After three incomplete passes, BC punted from its own endzone. The punt was partially blocked and a heads up Green Knight returner fielded the ball at the 25, ultimately picking up 10 more yards and setting up a first and ten at the BC 15.

In a game where BC out-gained their opponent, 275-251 and earned more first downs 17-16, it was timing of two punts that ultimately played a key part in the 28-10 loss to New Jersey's #1 ranked team.



QB, Steve Angeli reading the DE as he executes an option play with Ryan Butler on Saturday.



Senior captain, Andrew Boel, surveys the field, hoping to connect with crossing receiving Rakem Ross (#6).



Senior Defensive End, Jeremiah Grant, adds to his incredible sack numbers, pulling down the SJR QB in the second quarter. Ty Malone (#90) and Javon Cruz (#8) are not far behind the pursuit.

Prevot, Vialonga and Zampieri Honored at Great American Rivalry Series Game

October 12 – Oradell, NJ – Before Kickoff, The GARS Announced the Scholar-Athletes for 2019. From Bergen Catholic HS, Brown commit, Shane Prevot was recognized



Alyssa Longo provided everyone with her rendition of the National Anthem, certainly a highlight of the afternoon. She is pictured on the cover of TWIBCS this week.

At halftime, GARS recognized the 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees from BC. Those inductees include Wolfver Jean-Pierre '05, Dominic Santoli '00, Dave Cavalluzzo '93 and NFL Giants Running Back Eric Lane '92.

This year, we recognized two young men who will forever be such, Chris Vialonga and Robbie Zampieri. The two were close friends and teammates, graduating from BC 30 years ago in the Class of 1989. Vio and Robbie shared a desk at the World Trade Center's North Tower on the 92nd Floor. The two died on 9-11-01. The Vialonga and

Zampieri Families were surrounded by friends and classmates as their sons were honored.

Below is Mike Conway, the only coach that was at BC for the four years Chris and Robbie and their classmates were at BC.



Varsity Soccer Advances to County Final Four with Win Over Ramapo 2-0

October 13 – Ramsey, NJ – The Crusader Soccer Team



made a major step, knocking perennial powerhouse, Ramapo HS out of the County Tournament on Sunday night. Gavin Sapontzis (below) scored the first goal for BC which did all of its scoring after the halftime intermission.

Sophomore teammate Nick Schwake took advantage of the Green

Raiders a little later on, driving home a huge insurance goal with about 16 minutes remaining.

BC Hall of Fame Coach, Hugh Beattie, was at the game and was impressed with the caliber of play and a number of Crusaders including Allen Villafranca whose ball skills and strength are crucial in the middle of the field.

Jake Sweeney was like lightning and just a step away from a great scoring opportunity a number of times and the defense was sound



with Aidan Monahan playing with the poise of a senior leader, moving the ball to teammates on the wings while he was under some pressure.

Goalies, Ryan Langberg and Andrew Remias were once again exceptional, shutting out the potent Green Raider offense.

BC will once again play at a neutral site (Ramapo HS) on Saturday night, 7:15 pm vs. Cliffside Park HS who defeated Pascack Valley in double-overtime 2-1 in their quarterfinal matchup.

Crew-Sader Duo Places Third in Head of the Passaic

October 13 – Lyndhurst, NJ – Alexander Ferrari and Christian Viggiano placed third at the HOTP on Sunday. It was a gorgeous day to race and the two, certainly hit their stroke! Congratulations, men!



BOTW: Blue-Headed Vireo

October 13 – Alpine, NJ – This week's bird was known by another name for years. Many birders may know this as a Solitary Vireo (VEE-ree-OH) and as advertised, I found this little guy all by his lonesome at Stateline Lookout.



Every day is a good day to bird! Enjoy the week!