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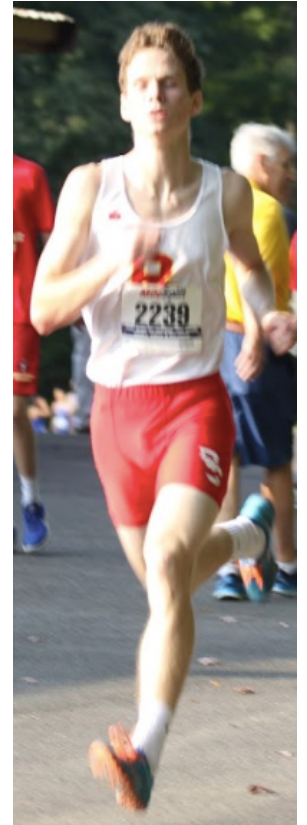
**VILAFRANCA'S 2 GOALS AND REMIAS' 2 LATE SAVES LIFT
SOCCER TO WIN 1ST COUNTY TITLE IN 20 YEARS**

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DOUBLE-DIP CROSS-COUNTRY AND SOCCER



CAPTURE COUNTY TITLES

**OWEN MCCARTHY FINISHES FIRST IN THE MORNING!
REMIAS, MONAHAN, SHANNON AND VILAFRANCA LEAD BC!**

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JV Football

October 21 – Oradell, NJ – Fabian France returned a punt 65 yards for a TD as the Crusaders defeated Pope John XXIII of Sparta 14-0. Colin Foley was two-for-two kicking PATs.



Harriers Run Strong at BNC Championships

October 21 – Mahwah, NJ - The BC Cross Country team enjoyed a fairly successful day at the Big North Conference Cross Country Championships. After two weather postponements that necessitated combining several conference divisions, the Crusaders competed on a very crowded Darlington County Park course, and came away with one first place and two second place team performances.

In the varsity race, the Crusaders took second to Don Bosco, despite the tremendous efforts of junior Owen McCarthy (2nd), sophomore Alex Shaia (3rd), and senior Nick Martinez (4th).

The freshmen also took second in their division, behind Don Bosco, despite a terrific performance by James Hughes (3rd overall and 1st in our division), as well as Joseph Griffith and Aidan O'Malley.

The Junior Varsity were the only divisional winners on the day, led by sophomore Miles Suitt (10th overall and 3rd in our division), and chased home by sophomores Nick Pesanello and Matthew Marques.

Crusader Frosh School Maroons

October 22 – Ridgewood, NJ – The Freshman Soccer Team defeated Ridgewood 1-0 on a rainy Tuesday. BC's Ryan Loughlin continued his season-long assault on the goals of Bergen County, scoring the game winner off an assist from Carter Pontone. Daniel Morales (5 saves), Brendan Mescall (3 saves) and Noah Zachariah (1 save) combined on the shutout.



Goalies Shine Against Thirty-two Ridgewood Shots in the Rain

October 22 – Palisades Park, NJ – Kyle Tencza made 17 saves and Erick Valdez saved 15 Ridgewood shots on goal as the Crusaders worked out a 0-0 tie with the Maroons.

Crusaders Outlast Paladins 3-2

October 24 – Paramus, NJ – Nick Schwake continued his assault on soccer nets, scoring a pair of goals against Paramus Catholic on Thursday. Senior, Nick Shannon scored BC's third goal. Massimo Gomes and Christian Milone each assisted goals on the day.

Ryan Langberg made 3 saves and Andrew Remias made two saves in the victory.

Loughlin Lifts Crusader Frosh In BCCA Tourney Opener

October 24 – Oradell, NJ – How apropos! Throughout the entire 2019 season, one consistent scorer has been Ryan Loughlin. His late-game heroics were needed in an elimination game scenario as Bergen faced the Waldwick Warrior frosh at Crusader Stadium.

After a sluggish first half, BC itself down 2-0 at intermission and in need of some second-half heroics.

The Crusaders cut lead in half 10 minutes into second half as Liam Chin scored to make the score 2-1. In the following minutes, you could almost sense the momentum was shifting to BC's favor.

That's when Loughlin's leg kicked in. Ryan tied the score with 20 minutes remaining in regulation on a penalty kick, after being fouled inside the box. So off to an over-time we go.

With the sunlight dimming, about 5 minutes into the first over-period, Loughlin came up huge again, driving a strong kick into the goal, extending the season one more game.

The Crusader goaltending was outstanding. Javier Torres made 1 save. Gabe Tinoco made 5 saves and Kyle Tencza with 6 saves.

BC will face Pascack Valley's Indians in Hillsdale on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM.



JV Soccer Hosts Paramus Catholic and Finishes on a Strong Note

October 25 – Oradell, NJ – The Crusaders jumped all over the visiting Paladins early and sophomore, Tim Caufield drove a beautiful kick right into the center of the goal, just 4 minutes into the game. About thirteen minutes later, Pierce Collum lofted a 40-yard shot over the outstretched arms of the goalie who was recovering from a save to give the Crusaders a 2-0 halftime lead.

The first half saw very strong defense by Michael Remschel, Kevin Sweeney, Gavin Ciero, and Dylan Lincoln in front of junior goalie, Erick Valdes (4 saves, 1 assist). Together, they held their visitor's scoreless.

Kyle Loughlin, Aidan Toutounjian, Andre Ayazian, were strong on the offense and Jimmy Ralph and Zach Betz shored up the middle of the field.

Paramus Catholic scored early in the second half to wake up a team apparently a little pleased with its first-half success. But the Crusaders responded with two more goals by Andre Ayazian. Combined with strong goalie play by Kyle Tencza, who made 3 saves, the team closed out the game and finish the season on a winning note! Congratulations to BC's JV on a productive season of growth!

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Crusaders Put a Fifty Spot on Paramus Catholic

October 25 – Paramus, NJ – In the end, it seems the Crusaders must have been hitting on all cylinders as they visited the land of the Paladins on Friday night. But the games seemed competitive at the end of the first half, with the hosts receiving the second half kickoff and behind only 22-12.

That concern was put to rest quickly as Javon Cruz intercepted a pass and returned it 31 yards to set up BC's fourth touchdown, a pass from Andrew Boel to Jeremiah Grant, to increase the BC lead to 29-12 and opened the door a second-half blow out and 50-12 victory.



Amar Gist had a big night, scoring two touchdowns (diving into endzone below) one rushing and one receiving.



Meanwhile, Ryan Butler (pictured) scored a touchdown on 161 yards rushing; Andrew Boel, Esquire Boyce and Justan Luzzi all scored rushing touchdowns as well for BC.

QB play was stellar and spread out as Steve Angeli threw for 109 yards. Andrew Boel threw 2 touchdown passes and AJ Condemni completed a 2-point conversion to Ty Malone.

The Crusader defense was stingy, with Jed DeNobile leading the way with 6 tackles. Five teammates had five apiece, including Esquire Boyce, Ty Malone, Adreian Taffe and Javon Cruz. AJ Longo and Malone recorded a sack each for the Crusaders who improve to 5-2.

Frosh County Bid Comes up Short

October 26 – Hillsdale, NJ – The Freshmen Soccer Team gave a valiant effort, but were unable to finish a number of point-blank opportunities as they fell 2-0 to second-seeded, Pascack Valley Regional High School.

Daniel Morales (below) warming up at half-time.



After warming up, Morales moved in to play on the wing for the Crusaders and brought some strong physical play. Jack Ryan, played extremely hard and physically on defense. As he was matched up against the top Indian attacker, he negated him through the entire second half, keeping the Crusaders in the game.

Ryan Loughlin was his usual self, demonstrating outstanding ability to generate shots with both legs. He paired at times with Javier Torres who was also excellent in generating offensive opportunities.

Steele Matthews, Liam Chin, Ryan Henry and Spencer Neal played outstanding soccer throughout the game, while Carter Pontone, Morales, Jack Lindberg and Donald Keating we solid on defense in front of goal keeper, Gabe Tinoco.

It is clear the frosh have a solid team, filled with spirit and pride in their program. Many of the guys were at the Varsity Soccer Championship Saturday night as well including Donovan Reid, Aiden Hickey, Jackson Vonderhorst, Nicholas Wheaton, Alex Clecha, Sam Speiser and a host of others.

Congratulations on a tremendous season and work hard to prepare for 2020!

Cross Country Repeats as County Champs!

McCarthy Stars

October 26 – Mahwah, NJ – The Crusader Harriers soared on a gorgeous Saturday morning at Darlington County Park as junior, Owen McCarthy ran the race of his life. McCarthy topped all Division E runners in the 5000M event with a time of 16:41, defeating his counterpart from Don Bosco Prep by 19 seconds. Sophomore, Alex Shaia, took 3rd, running a 17:20. They were supported by strong performances from senior, Nick Martinez (5th), Alex Costabile (11th) and Jaden Ebanks (12th) in the field of 35 runners. The Crusaders finished with a low score of 32 points, 23 points ahead of the Ironmen.

Congratulations to Coach Leonard and the entire BC Cross-Country Program on an outstanding event!

Frosh Harriers Place 3rd in Counties

October 26 – Mahwah, NJ – The Crusader fledglings ran strong, placing third overall in the 2800-meter race at Darlington. James Hughes (3rd), Joseph Griffith (8th), Aidan O'Malley (13th), Drew Giacomini (31st) and Tommy Sullivan (44th) scored for BC.

Other frosh who ran strong, representing the scarlet and gold included Danny Grabstein, Ryan Dockery, Ronan Flynn, and Tristan Becan.

Junior Varsity Places Sixth in Bergen County 5K Championship

October 26 – Mahwah, NJ – Jack O'Kane led the Crusader runners, followed by Nick Pesanello, Matthew Marques, Michael Tuohy, James Adams and Elijah Somerville.

Oh, What a Night!

Here's to the Winners

October 26 – Oakland, NJ – It was twenty years ago today, Jim McGirr taught the team to play That was the last county championship for the Crusaders. 20 years later, it was BC's night once again!

They were two heavyweights, toeing the line to start the game. Neither team showing any inclination of backing down or playing with anything less than the confidence that



would accompany a county finalist. That's probably what made this game so much fun! Two teams believed they were going to win and played like it. They did not make mistakes. They did not hesitate or leave anything but their best on the field. They went for it.



Above, Crusaders celebrate Allen Villafranca's first goal of the evening, giving BC a first-half 1-0 lead.

A Senior Moment

October 25 – Oradell, NJ – At this point, I feel I need to back up to set some context to the evening. On a personal note, I know, have known, some of the dads of some of the players for a very, very long time. For that reason, I understand some of the incredible leadership that flows through them, through their sons and to the team.



I was informed that Co-captain Aidan Monahan, on Friday evening made it quite plain. There was no other option. Victory was the only acceptable outcome on Saturday night. He meant it.

The coaches understood that.

The players understood that.

And be absolutely clear, the Ridgewood forwards definitely understood that as the senior defender imposed his will, all over the defensive half of the field, ensuring anytime one of the Maroon top scorers was near or in possession of the ball, he would have to go through Aidan first. And that was NOT going to happen.

BACK TO SATURDAY NIGHT – Oakland – So after 3 minutes, the game took a concerning turn as a Maroon player needed to be transported by ambulance from the game. It resulted in a 40-minute break, but once the whistle blew, the teams went back to their aggressive style of play.

That's when Allen Villafranca drove a shot into the goal, giving BC a 1-0 lead.

The depth of the Crusader team was a great advantage as a number of players contributed and kept one another fresh. Massimo Gomes, Nicholas Schwake, Ryan Graf, Owen Fizulich, Chris Barile, Jake Sweeney, Nich Shannon, Ian Lee Christian Millone, Gavin Sapontzis, Eddie Payan, Ethan Bogg and Connor Morin all played major roles in the victory.

Andrew Remias was stellar in the goal, making two huge saves with under a minute to play and making some incredibly acrobatic, diving saves throughout to keep Ridgewood at bay.



BIRD OF THE WEEK: Bald Eagle

Fall & Winter - Bergen County, NJ – While there are at least four active nests for pairs of Bald Eagles, the fall and winter months are terrific times to view them. They move south because as you may or may not know, they LOVE FISH! And in order to catch fish, there must be running water. There is plenty of opportunities around us generally and here are some of my favorites. (Note, these are not nestin locations, rather areas you may find bald eagles fishing or flying.)

1. **Oradell Avenue Train Station.** The falls at the Oradell Reservoir are a terrific place for waters to flow and fish to search out oxygenated water. A friend once told me he counted 47 bald eagles on a winter day.
2. **Woodcliff Lake.** Oftentimes numbers of bald eagles (I've seen 7 at once) can be seen soaring and fishing the reservoir in WCL.



3. **State Line Lookout.** Off the Palisades Interstate Parkway (either in Rockleigh or Alpine) there are often Bald Eagles soaring along the Hudson River in search of food or in the fall, migrating along the river.

4. **Overpeck Park** – Ridgewood Park – Eagles love the river and can be seen in the trees along the riverside.

5. **Pascack Valley NJTransit Line** – Want a treat? Check out the eagles on the eastern side of the river as you take a morning trip to the city by train. Best spots seem to be through Oradell, New Milford and River Edge.

BE ONE OF THE FIRST!

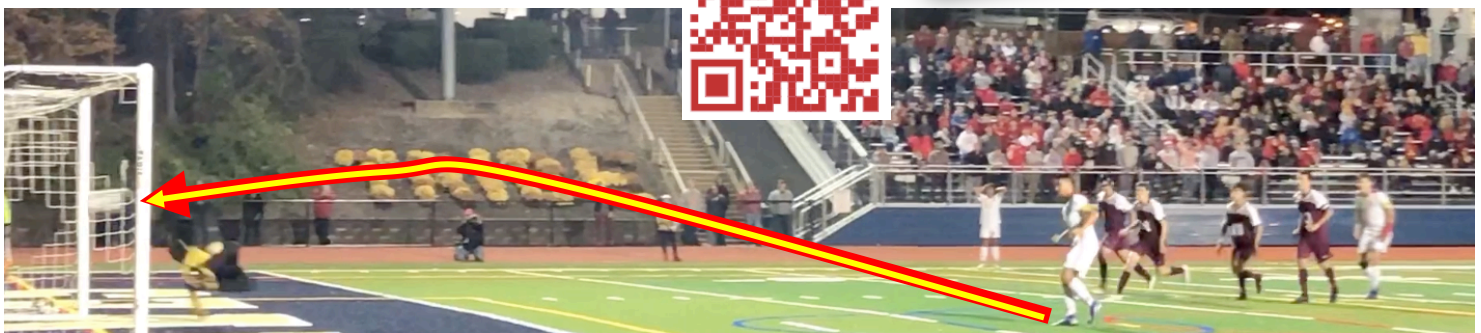
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Allen Villafranca's Game Winning Penalty Kick

NEXT WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

Monday, October 28, 2019

4:00 PM	JV FOOTBALL	PARAMUS CATHOLIC	HOME	CRUSADER STADIUM
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Thursday, October 31, 2019

7:30 PM	FR FOOTBALL	DEPAUL CATHOLIC	AWAY	DEPAUL CATHOLIC
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Friday, November 1, 2019

4:15 PM	VAR SOCCER	STATES - PINGRY	AWAY	PINGRY SCHOOL
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Saturday, November 2, 2019

10:00 AM	CROSS COUNTRY	BERGEN MEET OF CHAMPS	NEUTRAL	DARLINGTON CTY PK
2:30 PM	VAR FOOTBALL	SENIOR DAY - DEPAUL	HOME	CRUSDER STADIUM



Bergen Catholic Gala

Invitations have gone out for the 2019 Dancing with the BC Stars Crusader Gala on **November 15, 2019**. This is our school's major fundraiser and supports our school and the Bergen Catholic Financial Aid Funds. It promises to be a fun night of dancing at the beautiful Venetian in Garfield, NJ. Please RSVP as soon as possible – ticket prices go up after November 1st!

Here are the best ways to participate in our Crusader Gala:

- Buy tickets and join us for a great night of dancing and fun!
- Join in our underwriting efforts and sponsor aspects of our Crusader Gala.
- Purchase a raffle ticket for our Crusader Raffle! If every family buys at least one raffle ticket we will be well on our way to reaching our goal of selling 2000 tickets.

<https://bergencatholic.myschoolapp.com/page/giving/give-online/50-50-affle-form-page?>

- Donate great bottles of wine (\$20 and over) for our "Wine Pull."
- Take an E-Journal ad. (Deadline Nov 1.)
- Do all of the above (think "Super Crusader!")

To see our "wish list" of items for the gala, please click [here](#).



Prayer to the Founder

O God we thank you for the life of *Blessed Edmund Rice*. He opened his heart to Christ present in those oppressed by poverty, ignorance and injustice. May we follow his example of faith and generosity.

Grant us the courage and compassion of *Edmund* as we seek to live lives of love and service.



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