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THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

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JV Hockey Gives Strong Effort Versus St. Joseph Regional

December 8 – Monsey, NY – In a game of runs, BC, did not have enough time to finish their final run against St. Joseph Regional, falling to the Green Knights 5-4 on Sunday night.



The Crusaders jumped out to a 3-0 lead off a natural hat trick by Nick Carlucci. His first goal was assisted by Barnes, followed by a first-period power-play goal and an early second period goal.

St. Joe's went on a five-goal run, netting three in the third and two to start the final period against BC. Will Walsh set up Hughes during a 5 on 3 power play for BC who pulled within a goal with 5:01 remaining, but it was just too little too late for BC to close the gap.

BC shared net responsibilities among two keepers. Constanza started the game, saving 10 and allowing 3 goals, while Charlie Borg finished it up, saving six and allowing 2 goals. The Crusaders out-shot the Green Knights 30-21.

Crusaders Pepper Pope John XXIII 6-0

December 9 – Hackensack, NJ – The state's #5 ranked Crusaders took on 8th ranked Pope John of Sparta on Monday afternoon at the Ice House. The Crusaders peppered the Lions goal, letting 51 shots fly on net and putting 6 of those shots past the PJ netminder.

Aram Minnetian kept on his torrid pace, scoring the opening goal of the game at the 8:57 mark, assisted by O'Connor and Lago. He then assisted Devon Kelly who



Antonio Arcaroli

scored 32 seconds later, partnered by Brenden Kelly. Nick Chiurazzi finished off the first period scoring off an assist from Nick Stoebling at the 1:34 mark.

Antonio Arcaroli and

Stoebling set-up Tommy Olson 3:41 into the second period, giving BC a 4-0 lead and Stoebling recorded his third point of the game, a beautiful goal assisted by Mick Thompson at the 6:08 mark in the period.



Mick Thompson

Thompson would finish off the scoring for the Crusaders at 2:03 remaining in the game off an assist from Minnetian, his third point of the game.

Brendan McCaskey earned the shutout, stopping 18 Pope John shots. The Crusaders are now 4-0, their best start

to a season in over a decade.

Crusader Scarlet and Gold Overpowers Ridgewood Maroon

December 9 – Ridgewood, NJ – On Monday, the Swim Team enjoyed another great meet with the Crusaders defeating Ridgewood High School decisively 106-64. It was a satisfying win, especially after suffering a tough loss to the Maroons in last year's dual meet. BC won 7 out of the 11 events and again showed great depth by winning all the relays and placing strong each of the eleven events. Here is a summary of the races:

200 Medley Relay -

The team of Sam Hughes (JR), Ian Liu (SR), Tim Anderson (SR), and Alex Rose (SO) came in 1st and Ben Rose (SR), Gavin Perez (FR), Alex Vester (JR), and

Christian Skaff (SO) came in 3rd. **200 Freestyle** - Julian Chun (SR) placed 2nd in this event and Tom Haemmerle (JR) placed 3rd. **200 IM** - BC placed 2nd and 3rd in this event as well with Ben Rose (SR) and Ian Liu (SR). **50 Freestyle** - Tim Anderson (SR) placed 3rd in this event.



James Deegan

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Tim Anderson swims Butterfly

100 Butterfly - Tim Anderson (SR) and Alex Rose (SO) placed 1st and 2nd. **100 Freestyle** - BC placed 1st and 3rd with Julian Chun (SR) and Gavin Perez (FR). **500 Freestyle** - Tom Haemmerle (JR) and Alex Vester (JR) placed 1st and 3rd.



200 Freestyle Relay - The team of Sam Hughes (JR), Tom Haemmerle (JR), Tim Anderson (SR), and Julian Chun (SR) won the event with the team of Gavin Perez (FR), Chris LaBianco (SR), Christian Skaff (SO), and Tyler Perrino (FR) coming in 3rd.



Sam Hughes swimming backstroke.

100 Backstroke - BC placed 2nd and 3rd with Ben Rose (SR) and Sam Hughes (JR). **100 Breaststroke** - Ian Liu

(SR) and Ben Vester (FR) came in 1st and 3rd. **400 Freestyle Relay** - The team of Alex Rose (SO), Ben Rose (SR), Tom Haemmerle (JR) and Julian Chun (SR) won the event with Matt Semelsberger (FR), Chris LaBianco (SR), Ben Vester (FR), and Alex Vester (JR) placing 3rd.



Bowlers Fall to DePaul Catholic in Season Opener

December 9 – Wayne, NJ – BC's opening match did not open as hoped for, as the Crusaders were swept 7-0 by DePaul Catholic. Bowling matches are scored as follows: two points per game and one point for total pins for all games.



Varsity matches are 3 games (7 points) and JV matches are 2 games (5 points).

BC is the four-time defending BNC United Red Champion. They will have their work cut out for themselves if they want to repeat in 2019-2020.

Michael Belfemini rolled a 545, leading BC. His final game was high score, 201. John DelJuidice bowled a 515 series with a high game of 175. Final score 2016-1884.

JV Bowling Strikes DePaul Catholic

December 9 – Wayne, NJ – The JV Bowlers shut out DePaul Catholic in their opening match, 5-0. Dan Chung was the Crusaders leading bowler, rolling a 424 series. Tyler Butkera joined the team for game 2 and rolled the high game of the match: 161. BC won 1576-1264.

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Twice as Nice for Aedan Kearns

December 10 – Oradell, NJ - After spending three weeks in the Czech Republic this past July playing for Team Ireland, Aedan Kearns returned to Ireland in August to see if lightning would strike twice.



Kearns spent one week at University Limerick in Limerick, Ireland trying out once again for Team Ireland. This time hoping to earn a spot on the U19 Team representing Ireland in the 2020 World Lacrosse

Championship. The upcoming 2020 World Championship will be held during July 2020 at the University of Limerick. There are currently 19 Teams from throughout the globe competing making this the largest and most competitive U19 World Championship to date.

Lightning did strike again and Kearns was once again selected to represent Ireland and play on its National Team. Playing at a National level requires a year-round commitment to the program. He has been able to satisfy that commitment through his membership on Bergen Catholic's Lacrosse Team; where he is playing with other members of team whenever and wherever they are together and Bergen's Winter Track Team; where he throws shot put and it's daily workouts in the weight room at Saingas; and his independent workouts that support all three teams.

A scholar-athlete who is a member of the National Honor Society, Kearns is currently in the college recruitment and selection process. He credits his success to his family, his classmates and his faith. Hard work and dedication would amount to nothing without any of them.



Minnetian Earns Gordon Conference POW Honors

December 10 – Newark, NJ - Aram Minnetian, Bergen Catholic, Fr. – Most freshmen would need some time to acclimate to varsity level hockey, let alone the Gordon Conference. Minnetian has proven to be an exception to that rule, however, after a stellar start to the season where he has scored nine goals and assisted on three more. Just as he has, Bergen Catholic has been on a tear during this opening four-game stretch, staying unbeaten with wins over Delbarton and Pope John.

Fast Start for Swimmers

December 11 – Ridgewood, NJ – The Crusaders are now 3-0 after winning their third straight meet, this time against Fair Lawn High School with a score of 109 to 61 winning 10 of 11 events. Here is a summary of the races, some of them pretty exciting! **200 Medley Relay** - In probably the most exciting moment of the meet, BC claimed 1st and 2nd place with our team of Freshman boys - Gavin Perez (FR), Jaden Lee (FR), Ben Vester (FR), and John Nalbanadian (FR) edging out the older team of Andrew Mazzacano (SO), Ben Rose (SR), Chris LaBianco (SR), and Sam Hughes (JR) by 0.04 seconds! A great sign of promise for the next 4 years! **200 Freestyle** - Chris LaBianco (SR) took 1st place.



200 IM - Christian Skaff (SO) and Logan Andrade (SO) took 2nd and 3rd place. **50 Freestyle** - Jaden Lee (FR) took 1st place. **100 Butterfly** - Alex Vester (JR) and Chris LaBianco (SR) took 1st and 2nd place. **100 Freestyle** - Alex Vester (JR) and Ben Vester (FR) took 1st and 2nd place.

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500 Freestyle - Tom Haemmerle (JR) and Tyler Perrino (FR) placed 1st and 2nd.



200 Freestyle Relay - BC placed 1st and 3rd in this event with the winning team of Sam Hughes (JR), Matt Semelsberger (FR), Tim Anderson (SR), and Tom Haemmerle (JR) and the team of Tyler Perrino (FR), Ben Collins (SR), and Brodie Kinnear (JR), and Logan Andrade (SO). **100 Backstroke** - Ian Liu (SR) took 1st place. **100 Breaststroke** - BC took 1st and 3rd with Jaden Lee (FR) and



Charles Qu (SR). **400 Freestyle Relay** - BC placed 1st and 2nd with the winning team composed of the Rose brothers and the Vester brothers - both

sets named Alex and Ben. The second-place team was Gavin Perez (FR), Tyler Perrino (FR), Matt Semelsberger (FR), and Andrew Mazzacano (SO).

Bowlers Sweep Don Bosco Prep

December 11 – Montvale, NJ – The Crusaders righted the ship quite a bit with a 7-0 victory over the Ironmen at Montvale Lanes on Wednesday.



The team knocked down 1865 pins to Don Bosco's 1579. Marvelous Michael Bellifemini rolled a series high 512. His 179 led all bowlers on

Wednesday. John DelJuidice rolled a 501 followed by Tyler Butkera (476) and Tommy Muir (376).

JV Bowling on a Roll!

December 9 – Montvale, NJ – The JV Bowlers bowled their second consecutive shut-out, this time against rival Don Bosco Prep, 5-0. Dan Chung led BC with a 429 series, 169 high game. Brady Menapace rolled a 366 series, Liam Chin (314) and Paul Brignola (290). BC won 1399-1309.

Crusader Hockey Jumps to #2 in State Rankings

December 11 – Newark, NJ – The Bergen Catholic “Cinderella” story from 2018-19 keeps dancing. Their four-game opening win-streak has certainly caught the attention of pundits and various media as the team was highlighted during a period intermission of a Rangers Game on MSG this past week and most recently has jumped from #6 to #2 in state rankings by nj.com. This sets up an epic clash with top-ranked Don Bosco. It will come on the heels of two games toward the end of next week at the Ice Vault in Wayne.



McCaskey Cloisters Hermits 3-1

December 12 – Mt. Laurel, NJ – Senior netminder, Brendan McCaskey allowed a first period goal. After that, he was perfect, shutting down a potent St. Augustine Prep offense that fired another 36 shots on goal.



Nick Stoebling scored a short-handed goal with just 0:00.8 remaining in the first period to tie the score at one. With about six minutes remaining in the second, Aram Minnetian scored on a power play and the gave BC insurance about a minute later.

Bryceon Lago, Tommy Olson, Mick Thompson, Nick Chiurazzi and Jack Antonucci all contributed assists for the Crusaders. This strong defense and consistent offense has BC at 5-0 on the season.

#231-Crested Caracara

December 15 – Hillsdale, NJ – As I drove away from the



Resaca de la Palma World Birding Center, I spoke with my mom on the phone when something caught my eye. “Mom, I’ve got to run.” Among dozens of turkey and black vultures, a juvenile crested caracara looked to join in on the feast of a variety of carcasses (What kind? I don’t know.) stewn across a field.

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JV Hockey Stays Up Late to Take Down Ridgewood 4-0

December 14 – Wayne, NJ – Despite the 10:30 pm game time, BC was up for the challenge, shutting out their rivals from down the road 4-0. Charlie Borg denied ten shots in shutting out the Maroons while the Crusaders peppered the Ridgewood goal 57 times, finding the back of the net four times. Steve Saxton led a second period onslaught with a goal at the 12:01 mark assisted by Garrett Kata. Leonard Carlucci scored off an assist from the duo of Kata and Max Baldomir. Zach Cestero scored off a Chris Donnelly assist with six and a half minutes remaining in order to give BC a 3-0 lead heading into the final period. Jake Barnes scored BC's final goal with 3:45 remaining in play off an assist from Saxton as BC improved to 2-2-1.

Fall Sports All-Star Teams

All-Big North Conference Cross Country 2019:

Congratulations to the following Crusaders who earned 1st Team All Big North Conference United Division Cross Country: Owen McCarthy '21, Alex Shaia '22, Nick Martinez '20. Second Team: Alex Costabile '21, and Honorable Mention: Andrew Chi '20.

Christmas Season Events

Tuesday, December 17 – 7:30 pm

Jazz Ensemble Concert @
Bergen Catholic HS

Weds, December 18 – 8:00 am

NLI and College Commitment Signing Event –
Edmund Rice Library

Weds, December 18 – 7:30 pm

Vocal Ensemble Christmas Concert
St. Joseph School, Oradell

Friday, December 20 – 7:55 am

All Bergen County Cross Country 2019
Congratulations to Owen McCarthy '21, Second Team All-County.

All-Big North Conference Soccer 2019

Congratulations to the following Crusaders who earned 1st Team All Big North Conference United Division Soccer: Allen Villafranca '20 (F), Aidan Monahan '20 (D), Andrew Remias '20 (G), Nich Shannon '20 (M), Jake Sweeney '21 (M), Chris Barile '20 (M). Second Team: Gavin Sapontzis '21 (M), Nicholas Barros '21 (M), Brian DiPalma '21 (M), Nicholas Schwake '22 (F), Owen Fizulich '22 (M) and Honorable Mention: Massimo Gomes '20 (F).

All Bergen County Cross Country 2019

Congratulations to First Team All-County Players: Allen Villafranca '20 (F), Aidan Monahan '20 (D); Second Team: Andrew Remias '20 (G), Nick Shannon '20 (M) and Third Team: Jake Sweeney '21 (M).

In addition, congratulations to Coach Peter Berkanish who was named BCCA Coach of the Year. Coach Berkanish is the first coach in Bergen County History to serve as head coach for both a Freshman County Championship Team and a Varsity County Championship Team.

All Bergen County Football 2019

Congratulations to First Team Award Winners including: Brian Felter '20 (OL), Amar Gist '20 (WR), Tywone Malone '21 (DL), Jeremiah Grant '20 (DL), Javon Cruz '20 (LB); Second Team: Collin Tunc '20 (OL), Joseph Aniello '20 (TE), Andrew Boel '20 (QB), Ryan Butler '22 (RB), AJ Longo '20 (DE), Dean Denobile '22 (DB).

Holiday Choral Concert



Featuring

*Bergen Catholic's Male
Vocal Ensemble*

Under the direction of

Mrs. Barbara Peraino

With Guest Choir,

*Salesian Voices
from
Mary Help of Christians*



Wednesday, December 18
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
@ St. Joseph Church
300 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ

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Bergen Catholic Sports Next Week at a Glance

Day/Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Location
Monday, December 16	3:00 PM	Var Hockey	Pope John XXIII	Ice House, Hackensack
Monday, December 16	3:30 PM	V&JV Bowling	St. Joseph Regional	Bowler City
Tuesday, December 17	4:00 PM	V Basketball	St. Peter's Prep	Hoehl Gymnasium (scr)
Tuesday, December 17	5:15 PM	JV Basketball	St. Peter's Prep	Hoehl Gymnasium (scr)
Wednesday, December 18	4:00 PM	V&JV Bowling	Bergenfield HS	Bowler City
Wednesday, December 18	3:00 PM	Swimming	Wayne Hills HS	Ridgewood YMCA
Thursday, December 19	6:15 PM	Var Hockey	Morristown-Beard	Mennen Arena
Thursday, December 19	7:00 PM	Wrestling	Bergenfield HS	Hoehl Gymnasium
Friday, December 20	3:00 PM	Swimming	Wayne Valley HS	Wayne YMCA
Friday, December 20	4:00 PM	Fr Basketball	Paterson Eastside	Paterson Eastside HS
Friday, December 20	5:30 PM	JV Basketball	Paterson Eastside	Paterson Eastside HS
Friday, December 20	7:00 PM	V Basketball	Paterson Eastside	Paterson Eastside HS
Friday, December 20	5:15 PM	Var Hockey	Summit HS	Ice House
Friday, December 20	9:00 PM	JV Hockey	Don Bosco Prep	Ice House
Sat-Sun, Dec 21-22	All Day	Var Wrestling	Beast of the East Trny	University of Delaware
Saturday, December 21	All Day	JV Wrestling	Jackson Season Opener	Jackson Memorial HS
Monday, December 23	6:30 PM	Var Hockey	Don Bosco Prep	Ice Vault
Monday, December 23	9:00 AM	Indoor Track	Spiked Shoe Meet	168 th Street Armory, NYC

Prayer of Thanks for Blessed Edmund Rice

O God, we thank you for the life of **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 **Edmund** as we seek to live lives of love and service.

