

67th Home Opener – Merry Christmas

Crusaders

BERGEN CATHOLIC BASKETBALL 2023-2024

PAR/NP "A" STATE CHAMPS: 1978, 1994, 2002, 2019, 2022 **PAR/NP "A" NO. CHAMPS:** 1978, 85, 88, 89, 94, , 95, 2002, 03, 19, 20, 22
11X BERGEN COUNTY JAMBOREE CHAMPIONS: 1977, 1986, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1994, 2001, 2003, 2015, 2019, 2022

CRUSADERS WELCOME NEW OPPONENT



VS



WEST CATHOLIC PREP

BURRS (2-3)

#8 BERGEN CATHOLIC

CRUSADERS (2-0, 0-0)

Saturday, December 23, 2023 – 4:00 @ Hoehl Gymnasium

Video Broadcast:

<https://locallive.tv/bergencatholic>

THIS AFTERNOON'S TIPS

The Crusaders are opening a new chapter in school basketball history. Not only will Bergen be opening their home season this afternoon, but they will be playing a new opponent, the Burrs from West Catholic Prep in Philadelphia.

CRUSADERS: Coach Armstrong's Crusaders opened with a pair of easy wins on the road and a #9 state rank into this afternoon's contest. **Declan**

Wucherpennig (#13) has been Bergen's most effective offensive player on offense. With the departure of last year's front court, he has been very effective in creating a presence with his hustle and heart. **AJ Williams (#2)** knocked down a dozen points in the team's opener. At point guard, **Naiim Parrish (#0)** and **Tyler McQuaid (#11)** have been solid. The Crusaders get their senior leadership from **Jaylen Bushell-Robinson (#3)** and are getting quality minutes from **Julius Avent (#24)**, **Jakub Lomika (#4)** and **Jaden Brown (#10)**.

BURRS: Coach Miguel Bocachica has a talented, young squad led in scoring by point guard, **Saaid Lee (#2)**. The junior is averaging 11.4 points per game and 3.8 assists per game. Big **Kingston Wheatley (#22)** leads the Burrs with 6.3 rebounds per game. While only a sophomore, his 50% FGA is tops for the team as well. **Zay Muhammad (#24)** is the Prep's next top scoring threat with 9.2 ppg, shooting 38% from beyond the three-point arc and **Xavier Fauntroy (#14)** averages 7.6 ppg.

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2023-2024 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	ST	HA	WL	BC	OPP
14-Dec	4:30	Bergen Tech	NJ	A	W	70	36
17-Dec	4:30	Newark Collegiate Ac.	NJ	A	W	75	39
23-Dec	4:00	West Catholic Prep	PA	H			
27-Dec	8:30	Tampa Catholic HS	FL	N			
28-Dec	TBD	Holiday Tournament		N			
30-Dec	TBD	Holiday Tournament		N			
1-Jan	TBD	St. Rose of Belmar	NJ	N			
2-Jan	7:00	Ramapo	NJ	H			
4-Jan	7:00	Paramus Catholic	NJ	A			
9-Jan	7:00	St. Joseph Regional	NJ	A			
11-Jan	7:00	Don Bosco Prep	NJ	A			
13-Jan	3:00	Seton Hall Prep	NJ	A			
14-Jan	TBD	St. Francis Prep	NY	A			
16-Jan	7:00	DePaul Catholic	NJ	A			
18-Jan	7:00	Paterson Kennedy	NJ	A			
20-Jan	8:00	Montclair Immaculate	NJ	A			
21-Jan	6:00	Newark Arts	NJ	A			
23-Jan	7:00	Dwight Englewood	NJ	H			
25-Jan	7:00	Roselle Catholic	NJ	H			
29-Jan	7:00	Saddle River Day	NJ	H			
30-Jan	7:00	Paramus Catholic	NJ	H			
1-Feb	7:00	St. Joseph Regional	NJ	H			
6-Feb	7:00	Don Bosco Prep	NJ	H			

BC Head Coach: Billy Armstrong '94

13th Season: (.735-.734); 3 County, 3 Section and 2 State Titles

Athletic Trainers: Mike VanKoppen, Dominic Barbarullo

BERGEN CATHOLIC ADMINISTRATION

President.....**Dr. Brian Mahoney**

Principal.....**Mr. Timothy McElhinney**

Athletic Director.....**Mr. Brendan McGovern '10**

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BERGEN CATHOLIC CRUSADERS

2023-24 VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HT
0	Naiim Parrish	PG	6'0	JR
1	Nehemiah Snell	PG	6'0	JR
2	AJ Williams	G	6'7	SO
3	Jaylen Robinson	G	6'3	SR
4	Jakub Lomicka	G	6'9	JR
10	Jaden Brown	G	6'2	SO
11	Tyler McQuaid	PG	5'11	JR
13	Declan Wucherpennig	F	6'7	JR
21	Alex Nuenzig	G	6'1	JR
22	Antonio Tristani	G	6'0	FR
24	Julius Avent	G	6'7	SO
30	Jahlil Owusu	PG	6'0	FR
33	Jermaine Kinsler	F	6'7	SO



This Day in Crusader Basketball

SPOTLIGHT: DECEMBER 23, 1958

Sixty-five years ago...two teams that are not more than a mile apart travelled up to Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey for the Bergen County Holiday Festival Basketball Tournament. In the evening's second game, some 750 fans watched the Crusaders, led by hall of fame coach John Mazziotta defeat Mickey Corcoran's River Dell Team and his group of Golden Hawk players including a future 2x Super Bowl Champion Coach, Bill Parcells.

John O'Brien and Bob Hoehl (did we mention, Welcome to Hoehl Gymnasium?) were the Bergen duo that combined for 37 points. John Waibel added ten points leading BC to a 57-48 victory

The box score:

Bergen Catholic (57)				River Dell (48)			
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
Hoehl	6	5	17	Parcells	2	3	7
O'Brien	8	4	20	Bartlett	2	2	6
Waibel	3	4	10	Cesarsky	3	2	8
Hudson	2	2	6	Frey	1	2	4
Sullivan	0	1	1	Flensberg	9	3	21
McNamara	0	1	1	Roy	0	0	0
O'Neill	1	0	2	Tripp	1	0	2
Dundorf	0	0	0	Cleveland	0	0	0
Fisher	0	0	0				
Totals	20	17	57	Totals	18	12	48

SCORE BY PERIODS

Bergen Catholic 11 18 15 13 - 57

River Dell 10 10 16 12 - 48

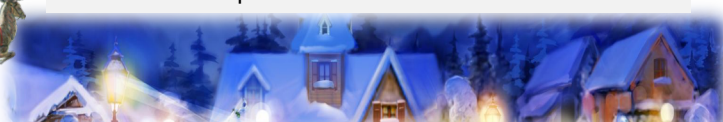
Referee: Cuccinello.

Umpire: Milsop.

WEST CATHOLIC PREP BURRS

2023-24 VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HT
1	Tariq-Kobe Jennings	SG	12	6-6
2	Saa'id Lee	PG	11	6-2
3	Micah Waters, Jr.	G	11	6-3
4	Jaden Banner	SF	11	6-6
10	Ja Sabb	G	10	6-0
11	Jasir Tyler	PG	10	5-9
12	Nyeire Farlow	G	9	6-2
13	Jayvon Byrd	PG	9	5-10
14	Xavier Fauntroy	G	9	6-1
15	Myles Moore	G	9	6-3
22	Kingston Wheatley	F	10	6-7
23	Darrell Gaines, Jr.	F	12	6-4
24	Zay Muhammad	W	11	6-5
31	Rahmir Speaks	G	9	6-1



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DECEMBER 23

The Crusaders have a 4-2 overall record on December 23rd but have not played on this day in twelve years. Bergen is averaging 60.0 points per game and is holding opponents to 50.2 ppg on this date.

This marks the first time on this day BC will be playing an out-of-state opponent and the first time BC will be playing West Catholic Prep from Philadelphia, PA. The Burrs are joining us today, playing their sixth game of the season. This afternoon will be Bergen's third.

YEAR	OPPONENT	ST	HA	VENUE	WL	BC	OPP
1957	North Arlington	NJ	N	Don Bosco Prep	L	56	64
1958	River Dell	NJ	N	Don Bosco Prep	W	57	48
1977	Paterson Catholic	NJ	H	Bergen Catholic	W	69	38
1993	Barringer	NJ	A	Barringer	W	73	40
2003	Clifton	NJ	A	Clifton	W	52	38
2011	Don Bosco Prep	NJ	H	Hoehl Gymnasium	L	54	67
2023	West College Prep	PA	H	Hoehl Gymnasium			