

# CRUSADERS

## NJSIAA Non-Public "A" North First Round

# PIRATES



**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

**BERGEN COUNTY JAMBOREE CHAMPIONS:** 1977, 1986, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1994, 2001, 2003, 2015, 2019, 2022

## OLD RIVALS TO TIP OFF STATE TOURNEY



**SETON HALL PREP**

**PIRATES (11-13, 5-7 SEC)**

VS.



**BERGEN CATHOLIC**

**CRUSADERS (20-7, 6-1 BNC)**

Friday, February 23, 2024 - 7:00 @ Hoehl Gymnasium

**Video Broadcast:**

<https://locallive.tv/bergencatholic>

## THIS EVENING'S TIPS

The Crusaders and Pirates meet for the 57<sup>th</sup> time dating back to 1959. The Pirates lead the overall series 34-22, but the Crusaders have won the last three meetings including a 59-45 decision back on January 13<sup>th</sup> of this year. Both teams have experienced a lot since then and with a date with St. Benedict's Prep on the line, you can expect everyone's best. So welcome to the Hoehl Gymnasium and enjoy some terrific basketball!

**CRUSADERS:** Crusaders have won 3 of their last 5, but they have not played in eight days, with their last game coming on February 15<sup>th</sup>, a 61-55 victory over St. Joseph Regional. Junior forward **Declan Wucherpfennig (#13)** is making the most of year eleven, breaking out to 16.3 points per game, 7.3 rebounds and a little over a block a game. Classmate **Naiim Parrish (#0)** has quietly become the teams #2 scorer with 11.4 points per game. He has had an outstanding offensive month of February. **Julius Avent (#24)** continues to impress with 10.7 points per game and four rebounds per game. The long (6'7") sophomore looks as he is becoming a star before our eyes. His class is especially deep with guard **Jayden Brown (#10)** and **AJ Williams (#2)** becoming key contributors. Senior **Jaylen Robinson (#3)** likely will be playing in his last game at Hoehl Gymnasium. Watch for **Nehemiah Snell (#1)**, and **Tyler McQuaid (#11)** when the Crusaders need a jolt. Both are capable of scoring double-digits as they have each proven numerous times this year.

**ALL BERGEN JAMBOREE TEAM:** Congratulations to Declan Wucherpfennig and Naiim Parrish, both named to 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Tournament. Julius Avent earned Honorable Mention All-Tournament and Tyler McQuaid earned the Yennie Award.

**PIRATES:** The Pirates have won 3 of last 5 as well. They are led by senior guard, **Gino Romano (#11)** who averages 13.8 points per game. A pair of sophomores grab 5 boards off the glass each night. Six-foot-five **Alex Ante (#24)** is in the forward position and **Daniel Beazer (#5)** is active from his guard position.

## BERGEN CATHOLIC CRUSADERS

### 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	W	86	53
27-Dec	8:30	Tampa Catholic HS	FL	N	W	80	57
28-Dec	7:00	Cavalry Christian Ac.	FL	N	L	66	67
30-Dec	12:30	Martin County HS	FL	N	W	59	51
1-Jan	12:00	St. Rose of Belmar	NJ	N	L	42	68
2-Jan	7:00	Ramapo	NJ	H	W	50	43
4-Jan	7:00	Paramus Catholic	NJ	A	W	83	60
11-Jan	7:00	Don Bosco Prep	NJ	A	L	46	60
13-Jan	3:00	Seton Hall Prep	NJ	A	W	59	45
14-Jan	TBD	St. Francis Prep	NY	A	L	52	57
16-Jan	7:00	DePaul Catholic	NJ	A	W	78	48
18-Jan	7:00	Paterson Kennedy	NJ	A	W	69	38
20-Jan	8:00	Montclair Immaculate	NJ	A	W	77	73
21-Jan	6:00	Newark Arts	NJ	A	L	52	57
23-Jan	7:00	Dwight Englewood	NJ	H	W	89	67
25-Jan	7:00	Roselle Catholic	NJ	H	W	72	46
27-Jan	4:15	Jamboree vs. Cliffside Pk	NJ	N	W	90	50
29-Jan	7:00	Saddle River Day	NJ	H	W	77	69
30-Jan	7:00	Paramus Catholic	NJ	H	W	70	33
1-Feb	7:00	St. Joseph Regional	NJ	H	W	85	53
3-Feb	3:45	Jambo vs. St. Joseph Reg	NJ	N	W	69	54
6-Feb	7:00	Don Bosco Prep	NJ	H	L	52	65
8-Feb	7:00	DePaul Catholic	NJ	H	W	69	61
10-Feb	1:00	Jambo Semi vs. Ramapo	NJ	N	L	57	69
15-Feb	7:00	St. Joseph Regional	NJ	A	W	61	55
23-Feb	7:00	NJSIAA - Seton Hall Prep	NJ	H			

### BC Head Coach: Billy Armstrong '94

13<sup>th</sup> Season: (.253-.92; .733); 3 County, 3 Section and 2 State Titles

### BERGEN CATHOLIC ADMINISTRATION & TRAINERS

President.....**Dr. Brian Mahoney**  
 Principal.....**Mr. Timothy McElhinney**  
 Athletic Director.....**Mr. Brendan McGovern '10**  
 Sports Information Director.....**Mr. Joe Haemmerle '86**  
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## BERGEN CATHOLIC CRUSADERS

### 2023-24 VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	YR
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

**Head Coach: Billy Armstrong**

## SETON HALL PREP PIRATES

### 2023-24 VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HT
1	Cole Jordan	G	6'0	JR
2	Nicholas Black	G	6'1	SR
3	Primo Delgato	G	5'11	JR
4	Noah Roberts	G	6'1	SR
5	Daniel Beazer	G	6'2	SO
10	Miller Nelson	G	6'0	SR
11	Gino Romano	G	6'0	SR
12	Brandon Mathey	F	6'4	JR
13	Dylan Guzzardo	G	6'0	JR
14	Michael Kilmas	F	6'4	SO
15	Connor Herring	F	6'5	JR
21	Lucas Fernandez	F	6'2	SR
23	James Dunnemann, II	F	6'5	JR
24	Alex Ante	F	6'5	SO

**Head Coach: Kevin Williams**

## 50 YEARS AGO IN BC HOOPS

### BERGEN 45 – SETON HALL PREP 43

February 13, 1974 – Oradell, NJ – Coach Chris “CJ” Donfield’s five earned a close victory over a strong Seton Hall Prep line up. Kevin McDonald, Seton Hall Prep’s 6’5” star ball player was held to just 5 points, due to Jimmy Moye and John O’Brien double-teaming him throughout much of the contest.

O’Brien scored his final five of his 20 points in the final 1:19 of the game. He hit one of two free throws with 35 seconds remaining and Moye knocked down a pair shortly after to put the game out of reach.

The box score:

#### Bergen Catholic (45)

	G.	F.	P.
Moye	6	7	19
O’Brien	8	4	20
Molloy	2	0	4
Burke	0	0	0
McDermott	0	0	0
Eberhart	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>45</b>

#### Seton Hall Prep (43)

	G.	F.	P.
McDonald	2	1	5
Hevesy	3	0	6
Duckett	3	0	6
Lally	1	0	2
Driza	6	3	15
Zimmerman	4	1	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Seton Hall Prep (9-7)	11	14	9	9	- 43
Bergen Catholic (14-4)	14	8	12	11	- 45

## CRUSADERS-PIRATES

### BY THE NUMBERS

	BC	SHP	BC WIN %
Overall (56)	22	34	.393
Reg Season (26)	12	14	.462
State Tournament (30)	10	20	.333
Home (17)	9	8	.529
Away (23)	8	15	.348
Neutral (16)	5	11	.313
Overtime (3)	1	2	.333
First Win	<b>1960</b> 58-42	<b>1959</b> 68-38	
Last Win	<b>2024</b> 59-45	<b>2016</b> 61-40	
Most Points	<b>1969</b> 78	<b>1982</b> 80	
Fewest Points	<b>1998</b> 35	<b>1981, 94</b> 40	
Largest Margin of Victory	<b>1978</b> 21	<b>1998</b> 40	
Current Streak	BC 3-game winning back to 2016		