

TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

Getting Back to Normal (Somewhat)

September, 2020 - Oradell, NJ – Who would ever imagine this? Just 9 months ago, we could never have imagined not having an athletic season. Then three months later, the spring season was gone.

As June hit, we wondered if we would ever have sports again...at least during this academic year. Then, a month later, the first Crusader football, soccer and cross-country practices took place in Phase I of our road back to play. After two weeks, Phase II and another two weeks, we reached Phase III. While it was very different, we made progress step-by-step.



We learned much some of the lessons that sports teach, but in different ways. Responsibility and personal health came in the way of completing on-line surveys and having your temperature taken as you started working out in small pods of 10, that grew in size until the whole team could work together.

We are very thankful for our administration for supporting the athletic program and working so closely with Mike Maron and Holy Name Hospital in developing ways to get the kids back on the field. Dr. Mahoney, Mr. McElhinney, Mr. Hirschmugl and Mr. Kurpick have been developing protocols for school and ensuring a safe road back for our students and school, but the fact that they went the extra mile to ensure we would field all of our normal

programs, goes beyond what many other schools chose to do.

We came to appreciate our trainers, Ben Chianchiano and Mike VanKoppen as well as our coaches, Campanile, Berkanish, Tuohy and the countless assistants, who painstakingly planned to lead their programs in challenging times.

Our parents were outstanding, trusting in the process that their sons would be safe and transporting their sons to BC throughout the summer. Of course, our student athletes, demonstrated outstanding character as they social-distanced and wore masks.

I think back to my freshman year at BC (just a few short years ago) and considered dealing with the things our Class of 24 is dealing with now. All I can say is "Wow!" I'm so proud of how you guys are handling this start of the year.

What to expect when your attending...

Game days will be different. As per the Executive Order #161 by the New Jersey's governor, no more than 500 fans are allowed to attend games. We will continue to live simulcast our games on Local Live, so everyone will be able to watch the games, but tickets will be generally offered first to parents of players and team members of both teams. We will release more information in the weeks to come regarding remaining tickets. As the first Varsity Football home game is to be played on October 17, you can likely expect that all Varsity Football Games will be SOLD OUT on game day and tickets will not be available, day of game.

We expect to be able to provide for enough seating for most other games including Varsity, JV and Freshman Soccer as well as JV and Freshman Football.

Please prepare to social distance at these events and know that all spectators will be required to wear a mask.

As the past 6 months plus have been, so this season is sure to be. We will need to continue to work together and put others first, making sacrifices when necessary so our students, athletes and parents can all realize their goals for this coming year.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and GO BERGEN!

Soccer Scrimmage Marks Opening Interscholastic Athletic Event at “The Jack”

September 24 – Oradell, NJ – In a rematch of the 2019 Bergen County Coaches Association Tournament Semi-final, the Crusaders took on the Red Raiders from Cliffside Park HS in a soccer match that was not just a pre-season contest that didn't mean anything.



Ethan Bogg earns a big smile from Nick Schwake as he knock in his PK.

Photo courtesy of Joe Haemmele

These two proud programs gave all they had as the visitors strove to avenge a double-overtime loss to BC, the eventual county-champions.

Though determined, BC's senior Eddie Payan found first-half space in the net, drilling a beautiful shot past the Red-Raider keeper. Ethan Bogg was fouled in the box with approximately 3 seconds remaining in the first half and buried a penalty kick.

The Crusader keeper, sophomore, Kyle Tencza, made four saves in the shutout, closing out RPHS 2-0.



Sophomore Keeper, Kyle Tencza made the most of his opportunity, and looked pretty snazzy doing it!

Photo courtesy of Joe Haemmele

Bird of the Week! As I am sure you are aware, this has been a very LONG 9 months, not being able to share my bird of the week with you. Rest assured, Br. Fagan and I are having TREMENDOUS YEARS. Covid-19 has been a blessing for the bird-brained. This one was a lifer for me (first time I've seen this bird in my life) and it was a **FIRST EVER RECORDED IN NJ** (We weren't the first ones, but were among the first 50 or so). **WOOD SANDPIPER**. This Eurasian species has only been spotted on the east coast of the USA 6 times, so to say this, Bird #396 on my list is special, is a fair statement. While rare here, it is not a rare bird world-wide. My world-traveling friend, Br. Fagan, recorded it a number of times elsewhere in addition to this Lyndhurst sighting.

Upcoming Schedule

WEEK OF SEPT 28-OCT 5, 2020

VARSITY SOCCER @ PARAMUS CATHOLIC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020 – 4:15 PM

JV SOCCER @ PARAMUS CATHOLIC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020 – 4:00 PM

UNION CITY @ FROSH SOCCER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020 – 4:30 PM @ The Jack

CROSS COUNTRY (VARSITY, JV & FROSH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 @ Garrett Mountain

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL @ FROSH FOOTBALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 – 9:30 AM @ The Jack

FROSH SOCCER @ DON BOSCO PREP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 – 10:00 AM

VARSITY FOOTBALL @ ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 – 2:00 PM

DON BOSCO PREP @ JV SOCCER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020 – 12:00 NOON @ The Jack

DON BOSCO PREP @ VARSITY SOCCER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020 – 2:00 PM @ The Jack

VARSITY FOOTBALL @ ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 – 4:00 PM

