

TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

Crusaders Rush Past SJR in Season Opener

October 3 - Montvale, NJ - It's never easy. While the Crusaders jumped out to a 14-0 second-quarter lead, you just knew the home Green Knights would not go quietly.

Junior tailback, Ryan Butler, had a day. Making up for a lost month of September, Butler combined for 254 total yards of offense and three touchdowns to lead BC to a 24-21 opening day victory.

After stopping SJR on their opening drive, the Crusaders started driving with Butler making an impact as a rusher and as a receiver.

The drive ended with a very long missed BC field goal attempt, but it pinned St. Joe's deep.

On the following drive, St. Joe's fumbled and an alert Joe Stern recovered.

It was time for Butler and QB, Steven Angeli, to go to work. The Crusaders went 55 yards on 7 plays, finished off by a 14 TD run by Butler, his first TD of the game. Giancarlo Carbonaro pumped through the point after touchdown (PAT) and BC took a 7-0 lead on the last play of the first quarter. Defensive back, Jaden Gould would make the next big play of the day, receiving a fumble and returning it 30 yards to the SJR 18-yard line.

John Rust rumbled-off three yards on first down. Rust would finish the day with 42 yards of total offense. Then, on second and seven, Butler scored his second TD of the game. This time, it was a pass reception on a beautifully thrown slant from Steven Angeli.

The junior QB connected for two TD passes on the day and threw for 217 yards on 17 completions and no interceptions overall.

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Joseph Regional showed some exceptional speed, bursting for 80 yards and a score to answer BC's second score, but the one-score gap did not last very long.

BC answered in a hurry with an 80-yard drive marked by some explosive plays. The Angeli-to-Butler connection was good for a 64 yard completion down the BC sideline, followed by a 19-yard romp by Rust. BC once again connected the #1 and #9 train, for the third touchdown of the half. Carbonaro added his third PAT and BC led 21-7 at half.

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(above: Jaden Gould scoops a fumble and returns it 35 yards after Fabian France strips the ball from the receiver.)

The Crusaders dominated possession of the ball throughout the game, holding it for 29:29 of the 48 minutes of play. They put themselves in good position with 8:50 remaining in the fourth quarter as Giancarlo Carbonaro punched through a 22-yard field goal, giving BC a 24-7 lead. Those three points were big as the game was now a three-score game and boy did we need it!



(above: Giancarlo Carbonaro gives a little body English as he watches one of his three extra-points sail through the uprights. Oh, and let's not forget AJ Conдеми with the perfect holds!)

SJR would not go quietly, scoring TDs at the 7:20 and 4:12 marks of the fourth quarter. Those minutes of possession were suddenly very difficult to come by, as BC went three plays and out on their final drive of the game, giving Joe's 1:51 to drive 63 yards for a potential game winning score.

The BC defense came up strong as Malachi Mercer came up with a number of big tackles. Mercer tied for the team lead in tackles with Esquire Boyce with 11 apiece.



(above: Christian Carti hauls in a beautiful ball from Steven Angeli (below), good for an 11-yard gain.)





(above: Justin Luzzi about to break off a 12-yard run in the ball game.)

Colicchio Recognized as Scholar-Athlete

October 3 – Montvale, NJ – Senior offensive tackle, Pat Colicchio was recognized by the Great American Rivalry Series with a 2020 Scholar-Athlete Scholarship.

Pat has grown tremendously over the years, not just physically, but mentally as well. In class, he demonstrates a confident independent thought, challenging norms and speaking his mind with confidence.

You can see the same thing on the field as this Columbia University commit works to master his trade as an outstanding run-blocker and Steve Angeli's "best friend and left tackle" protecting the QB's blind side when he drops back to pass.

Pat is pictured below with his mom and dad and Head Coach Vito Campanile.



McCarthy Places Third at Season Opener

October 3 – Woodland Park, NJ – Senior Owen McCarthy ran a 17:13 to place third in the 2020 Season Opener (5000 Meter Run) at Garrett Mountain. Mc Carthy was first among all Bergen County runners in the race and was followed by teammate, junior, Alex Shaia whose 18:17 was good enough for 16th and 3rd from Bergen County in the heat.



(above: Owen McCarthy #215, representing BC in the leader pack)

James Hughes (19:35), Nick Pesanello (19:37), Alex Costabile (19:38) all broke the 20-minute mark. They were followed by fellow Crusaders, Miles Suitt (20:03), and Joseph Griffith (21:13), which was good enough for a team fourth place finish overall behind Montclair, Clifton and Seton Hall Prep. The Crusaders finished ahead of Bergen County Schools, Don Bosco Prep, Cliffside Park and Ridgewood HS in the 9-team race.

Freshman CC Season Opener

October 3 – Woodland Park, NJ – In the Freshman Pod 4 race, William Micholas debuted and recorded a 12:51 in his first high school meet. Elias Garcia finished at a very luck 13:13 and Raymond Stelmark finished under the 15-minute mark with a 14:31. Congratulations to our newest Crusader Harriers on their first flight!

Crusader Frosh Open Winning

October 3 – Oradell, NJ – The Frosh Football Team kicked off their careers in scarlet and gold on a positive note, soundly defeating the Green Knights from SJR on Saturday morning 22-6. The team was missing one of their favorite teammates, Kaj Sanders, who suffered a season-ending injury during the pre-season and clearly, they were motivated to play for their new teammate.

God – Family – School – Athletics

in that order

The Brotherhood

Quarterback and Strong Safety, Christopher Mimmo scored on a 32-yard run and intercepted two Green Knight passes for good measure.



(above: Center, Marcus Linder makes a perfect snap to QB, Christopher Mimmo and Left Guard, Ryan Marchina steps to reach block his adversary.)



Jaden Estrella scored two touchdowns on the day. His first, a 15-yard run and then a 20-yard reception of a Mimmo pass for six!

Cameron Austin had a critical interception on the goal line to stop a St. Joe's drive. Marcus Linder also recovered a fumble for the Crusaders.

(above: Not only can Jaden score touchdowns, he's a heck of a punter as well! Don Ohnegian ensures he has all the time he needs to pin the Green Knights deep.)



(above: No blocking the big man! When he gets it going, Nyier Daniels can be one of the most dominant players in all of New Jersey Frosh Football)



(above: Christian Gonzalez makes a terrific solo tackle as Chris Mimmo and Kameron Austin are more than ready to finish off the job!)



(above: Nigel Jennings returns the opening kick-off of the 2020 frosh season as Carlos Navarro and James Hunt prepare to block for him.)

O God we thank you for the life of Blessed 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 Blessed Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Varsity Soccer Scores Big Win over Paramus Catholic

October 1 – Paramus, NJ – The varsity soccer team won its season opener with Paramus Catholic HS yesterday, 8-0.

Jake Sweeney recorded a hat trick and an assist in the victory. Gavin Sapontzis, Brian DiPalma, Conor Morrin, Nick Schwake and Ryan Graf all recorded goals while freshman, Ryan Chong tallied his first career assist.

Kyle Tencza turned away 3 shots and Erik Valdez helped to complete the shutout, turning away another.



Frosh Soccer Tests Out “The Jack” vs. Union City High School

October 1 – Oradell, NJ – The Crusader Freshmen played a tough game against Union City’s Bulldog FC on Thursday. It was a very tough foe, perhaps the toughest they will play all season and BC played tough.



(Above: Andrew Blodgett tracking a warm-up shot as he prepares for opening day vs. Union City.)

Frosh Soccer Works Out Tie vs. DBP

October 3 – Ramsey, NJ

– The Crusader Freshmen worked out a 1-1 tie on the road in Ironlandia. Luca Nazor drove home an assist from Graham Ewers to ensure the tie. The visiting Crusaders got tremendous goal-keeping from Andrew Blodgett, who recorded 7 assists while allowing only one goal against.



JV Soccer Defeats Ironmen 3-2



(Above: the Crusader defense protects the net and begins a rush from deep in its own end.)

October 4 – Oradell, NJ – The Crusader soccer team won a fantastic battle against Don Bosco Prep in a barn-burner, 3-2. The first half was tightly contested with neither team wanting to yield an advantage. While the Ironmen controlled much of the play in the half, neither team scored and they took a 10-minute breather with the score tied at zero.

BC scored its first goal with approximately 2 minutes into the second half. Three



minutes later, Bosco tied the score at 1 and then three minutes later, BC pushed ahead once again.



(Above: Captain, Timmy Caufield playing solid defense and holding the Ironmen in check during the 1st half)

It seemed no one would win the game as DBP scored with approximately 8 minutes left to again tie the score at 2. With 4 minutes remaining an Ironman was fouled in the box and a penalty kick awarded. Gabe Tinoco made a remarkable save (his eighth of the afternoon) to hold the score at 2 and give BC an opportunity to go ahead. From the parking lot, the sound of the crowd was all that was needed to tell the crowd entering the stadium, with two minutes, the Crusaders earned their third and ultimate lead of the game.

Bergen's goal scorers were Brandon Esper, Ryan Finizio and Dylan Lincoln. Esper also recorded a save. The Crusaders are now 1-0, looking forward to week 2 of the season.



(above: Spencer Neal was all over the field, recording a shot and playing solid defense and offense throughout the game.)



(above: The Varsity gets ready for its home opener.)

Ironmen Hand Crusaders Tough Blow at Opening Game at "The Jack"

October 4 – Oradell, NJ – On a glorious day, two teams took the field, but a number of penalty shots determined the outcome in a hard-fought game. Unfortunately for BC, Don Bosco Prep got the lion-share of those opportunities



and capitalized, on their way to a 4-0 victory over the Crusaders.

After falling behind 2-0 at the half, the Crusaders were not able to generate any more offense through much of the second half. Jake Sweeney, who led BC with 7

shots, scored on a penalty kick with 11 minutes to go.

The hope that goal generated soon evaporated as a Don Bosco striker found his way behind the Crusader defense and won his 1v1 match-up with BC goalie, Kyle Tencza, who made four saves on the day.

The Crusaders fall to 1-1 on the young season and look forward to getting back to work on Monday!



(Above: Connor Morin with some fancy footwork on Saturday.)

Bird of the Week: American Pipit



As it turns out, some of us around here like birds. Here is an interesting bird that is currently migrating through our areas. You can find them in fields throughout New Jersey. This particular bird was eating among some sandpipers at Walker Avenue Wetlands in Wayne. (Say that five times fast!). I really liked the color combination in this picture, so I figured I'd share it with you.

American Pipits are among the very few species of American songbirds that nest in both Arctic tundra and alpine meadows. Although they're found in the open and are not especially shy, these small birds can still be inconspicuous as they walk briskly through tundra or agricultural fields. They also forage along river and lake shores, much in the manner of a shorebird. If you don't live in the Arctic or above tree-line, look for these birds in winter. (www.allaboutbirds.org)



Birding is a terrific hobby. Here are some different species. What are some of the characteristics you notice about them? How might some of their advantages/differences help

them survive and thrive in our world? Ever want to talk birds? Seek out Mr. Haemmerle or Brother Fagan. They're always up for talking birds.



Upcoming Schedule

WEEK OF OCT 5-12, 2020

JV FOOTBALL vs. ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 - 4:00 PM

FROSH SOCCER vs. ST. PETER'S PREP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 - 4:00 PM @ "The Jack"

JV SOCCER @ UNION CITY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 - 4:30 PM

VARSITY SOCCER @ DEPAUL CATHOLIC HS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 - 7:00 PM

FROSH FOOTBALL vs. POPE JOHN XXIII

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020 - 9:30 AM at "The Jack"

VARSITY FOOTBALL @ POPE JOHN XXIII

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020 - 1:00 PM

JV SOCCER vs. ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020 - 11:00 AM @ "The Jack"

VARSITY SOCCER vs. ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020 - 1:00 PM @ "The Jack"

FROSH SOCCER vs. ELIZABETH HS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020 - 3:00 PM @ "The Jack"

CROSS-COUNTRY AT THE "BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN INVITATIONAL"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020 - TBA @ Garrett Mountain