

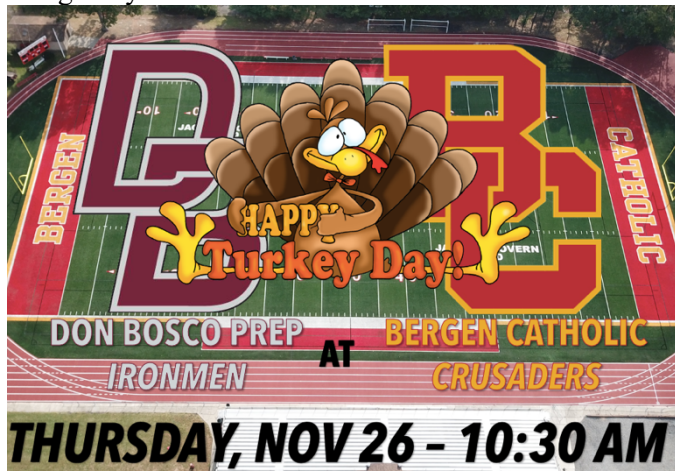


TWIBC SPORTS

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Thanksgiving Day Football BERGEN – BOSCO

October 27 – Oradell, NJ – In thirty days, the thirty-one-year tradition that represented the best of BC and DBP will be renewed after a thirty-two-year hiatus. The Ironmen will visit the Crusaders on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 10:30 am. The two schools competed against one another for 31 consecutive years, starting in 1958, when BC Head Coach John Mazziotta devised a plan to defeat DBP 14-0 in Bergen's inaugural year of football.



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CONSECUTIVE
YEARS FROM
1958-1988

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CONSECUTIVE
GAMES, BC
LEADS 17-12-2

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1988-2020

Interestingly, 1988 was Head Coach Fred Stengel's first season leading the Crusaders. The win over DBP, 17-6, followed up a 20-7 victory over Ridgewood HS the week before and ensured a winning season. Hall of Fame Coach Stengel would go on to become Bergen Catholic's All-Time Winningest Coach, putting together 192 victories and a .797 winning percentage over 22 years. His teams won 9 State Championships including undefeated teams in 1991, 1992, 1998.

There will be much, much more to talk about in the lead-up to this historic game.



Thirty years and 31 games later in 1988, the rivalry went on a long hiatus due to BC's inclusion into the now-defunct NNJIL Atlantic, comprised of the larger public schools in North Jersey and BC and the NNJIL Pacific, comprised primarily of slightly smaller publics, DBP, SJR and PC.

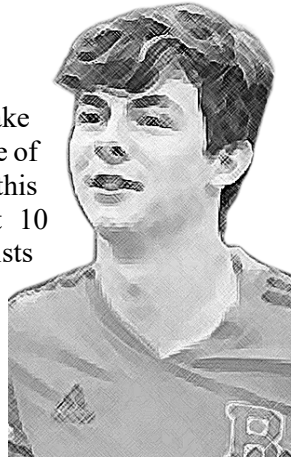
JAKE SWEENEY: AOW

Nominee

October 31 – Oradell, NJ –Jake Sweeney was nominated for Athlete of the Week for northjersey.com this week. Jake has scored in 8 out of 10 games and has 16 goals and 5 assists to date.

This week Jake had 1 goal and 1 assist vs Scotch Plains and had 2 goals and 1 assist vs Glen Rock yesterday.

Keep it going, Jake!!!



Soccin' It to Scotch Plains

October 27 – Scotch-Plains, NJ – The Crusaders Christened *Shimme Wexler Field* with a 3-1 visitor victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Raiders on Tuesday nights.

It was a long field. It was a wide field. To this point in my young life, I must admit, it was the longest, widest field I've seen. It had outstanding lighting, and better yet, no light pollution spilling into neighbor yards. And this was the first night game and according to one, the first varsity boys soccer game played on the field.



Jake Sweeney opened the scoring for the Crusaders who led most of the game and never trailed. The senior captain has been an outstanding offensive force, demonstrating game-after-game, great ball skills, vision, shooting and passing ability.

Later, an interesting sequence occurred. There was a handball in the box which resulted in a quick restart. Again, Sweeney was ready and quickly made a cross-box

pass to Ryan Graf who drove the ball into an open net, giving BC a 2-0 lead with 4:09 remaining in the first half.



The Raiders netted a second-half goal to cut the margin to just one. Captain, Gavin Sapontzis, rose to the occasion however, lifting BC with a third goal and providing just enough insurance to close the game out.



Sweeney, Conor Morin and Nick Schwake all assisted on goals for the Crusaders and a strong defense of Brian Maron, Owen Fizulich, Captain Nick Barros provided excellent support in front of keeper, Kyle Tencza, who finished with 6 saves on the night.



Andre Ayazian, Eddie Payan, Ryan Chong and Scott Christman played a very sold game as did Ethan Bogg, Christian Milone and Brian DiPalma.

JV Soccer Mauls Marauders

October 27 – Scotch-Plains, NJ – Bergen Catholic hosted St. Peter's Prep Marauders on Tuesday at *The Jack*. The host team scored 5 times and held the visitors to just one goal. Goal Keeper, Gabe Tinoco saved 9 shots to help BC to the victory.



Ryan Finizio scored two goals for BC and Javier Torres added a pair of goals as well. Dylan Lincoln provided a goal and an assist while Tim Caufield played the role of set-up man, recording two assists.

Kevin Sweeney and Nick Torres had strong games, helping BC to maintain control of the game. Luca Duardo, Brandon Esper, Andrew Lama and Daniel Makino, Steele Matthews and Spencer Neal all provided quality minutes in the win.

Cross Country Big North Golf Championship

October 28 – Mahwah, NJ – The Crusaders defeated SJR and PC, posting a shut-out against both, placing 1st through 7th and scoring 15 points on each of the meets.



Owen McCarthy won the meet with a time of 16:47 and senior, Alex Costabile tied his personal record with a 17:26. Matt Marques placed third with a PR of 17:47 (27 seconds better than his previous PR). Alex Shaia placed 4th at 17:54; Nick Pesanello took 5th with a PR of 17:56 (17s); James Hughes finished sixth with a PR of 18:03 (32s) and Miles Suitt finished 7th at 18:29 with a PR beating his previous by 40 seconds! Congratulations harriers!



Frosh Tie St. Joseph Met.

October 27 – Metuchen, NJ – The Crusaders took a rider down the GSP to exit 132 to visit the Falcons or St. Joseph High School. Their efforts earned them a 2-2 tie as Charlie Diamond and Tyler Ferris each scored goals for BC.



Goal keeper, Andrew Blodgett, turned away 4 shots on goal and held SJ to just 2 second-half scores.

Justin Botta, Luca Nazor, Nicholas Angeli and Nico Angione all gave strong efforts for the Crusaders.

Grounding Down Glen Rock

October 30 – Oradell, NJ – After a virtual day of classes, on a rainy Friday afternoon, BC took on Glen Rock HS in

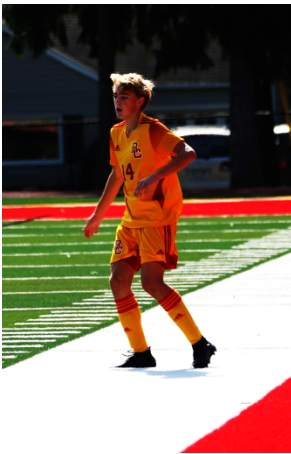


reality. The Panthers gave a good showing against the Crusaders, striking first on a breakaway and giving them a 1-0 lead.



From that point forward, Kyle Tencza was on fire, making a beautiful diving save vs. a 1-0 break and turning away 4 shots through the remainder of the game.

Jake Sweeney opened the scoring for BC with a penalty kick for a goal later in the half. Sweeney then found a cutting Brian Maron who drove a beautiful shot past the Panther keeper. That goal would prove to be the game winner as Glen Rock was never able to equal BC who led 2-1 at the half.



Gavin Saptontzis assisted on Sweeney's final goal of the day, helping BC to a 3-1

victory and to reach an 8-1 record on this crazy 2020 season.

North Jersey Championships



VARSITY 5000M

October 31 – Woodland Park, NJ – The Crusaders placed 5th overall, out of 8 teams at Garrett Mountain on Saturday. In a perfect weather day for running, BC faced off with the top teams in North Jersey, including Ridgewood (44 pts), Clifton (63 pts), NVOT (77 pts), Ramapo (107 pts) and BC (118 pts). Following those teams were Wayne Hills (125), Garfield (176) and Passaic (209) while 66 runners from 11 high schools competed.

Owen McCarthy was the first Crusader to cross the finish line in 8th place with a time of 17:12. Alex Shaia ran 17:57 and finished 18th for BC. Shaia was #8 among all juniors. Next was Alex Costabile (32, 18:35) and Matthew Marques (38, 18:50).

The trio of James Hughes (41, 19:11), Nick Pesanello (42, 19:13), Mile Suitt (43, 19:14) all finished within 3 seconds of one another to help BC to a strong finish. Hughes is BC's lone sophomore in the race and he finished 8th overall among sophs.

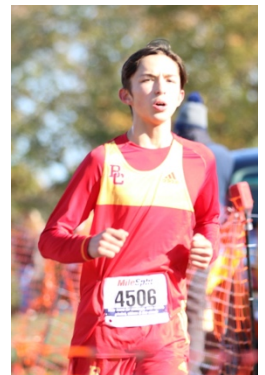
FROSH 3200M



October 31 – Woodland Park, NJ – In the opening race



of the day, BC's freshmen ran hard at Garrett Mountain. Elias Garcia placed 5th overall with a 12:32 and was #3 among Bergen County runners.



William Micholas finished 9th with a 13:00

and Ryan Stelmark finished 15th in the field of 28 with a time of 13:27.

Congratulations to our Frosh for a strong showing!



Schedule: WEEK OF NOV 2-9, 2020

Cross Country	<p>Increasingly, this column has become unreliable due to COVID-19 and the impact it has had on various opponents. What you need to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC-Bosco Football is postponed this weekend. Please check out the following QR Codes to take you to BC's home pages for the various sports: Cross-country, Football and Soccer. Use your phone to take a picture of the code and you will be redirected there.
Football	
Soccer	



BIRD OF THE WEEK:

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

October 31 – Lyndhurst, NJ – Here is another bird that I sometimes find it difficult to locate within a given calendar year. It's not exactly a rare bird, but they are more common during the colder months in these parts.

The red-breasted nuthatch is one of those weird little tree-crawling birds. Though unlike woodpeckers and creepers, they often are seen upside down. White-breasted nuthatches do the same thing.

No-one knows exactly why they do this, but some think it is to see the other side of the crevices in the bark that woodpeckers and creepers miss as they are looking upwards.

They do not walk downwards. It's more like tripping as they hold onto the bark with their #1 toe, also known as the hallux. You can see it in these pictures.

In any case, if you keep a feeder this winter, don't be surprised to see one of these little beauties. Key to recognizing them is the black line through their eye. WB nuthatches do not have them.



Prayer for All Saints Day

*We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who
ever worshiped you
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement
meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.
We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in
praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease
or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands
Used as wave offerings across the land.
We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us,
for our children to come.
Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices
made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints, God.
May we learn how to walk wisely from their
examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.*

Blessed Edmund Rice Icon



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WEAR A MASK
WASH YOUR HANDS**