

TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

A Magnificent Seven Make Their College Decisions Known on Veterans Day

Nov 11 – Oradell, NJ – Wednesday morning brought seven very proud seniors to the Brother Edmund Rice Library at Bergen Catholic for the Annual Commitment Ceremony. One baseball player and six lacrosse players, joined by family, coaches and administrators enjoyed a morning filled with photos, bagels and college trivia. Let's introduce you to them...

BASEBALL: Orlando PENA – Orlando will be attending Coastal Carolina University, just minutes away



from Myrtle Beach, SC. The Chanticleers (SHON-ti-CLEERS) will be pursuing their school's second NCAA Division I title, with the first coming in 2016.

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LACROSSE: George Talarico – The fifth brother to don the Scarlet and Gold #18 for BC and serve as



Captain, George will also be the fifth NCAA Division I lacrosse player from the family. Oldest, Christian played at the USNA in Annapolis, while Guy played for the Hawks at St. Joseph University in Philadelphia. Alec and Travis precede George in Lewisburg, PA as George will be continuing onto Bucknell University where he will play with brother, Travis and BC alum, Max Nolan in the Bison's 2022 season.

LACROSSE: Brenden Kelly – Scoring records are still in jeopardy with this left-handed sniper. While losing his



junior year (as everyone did) to COVID-19, Brenden chose one of the nation's top lacrosse programs in State College, PA. Penn State's Nittany Lions have quickly

become a power under the guidance of one of the top coaches in the NCAA, Jeff Tambroni. He is pictured here with one of NJ's top coaches, Kevin Kelly, his dad and Head Coach of the Crusaders.

LACROSSE: Michael Garchitorena – Michael is also the youngest of five and he will be pursuing his education



and collegiate athletic career at Yale University. Yale is also pursuing a second NCAA Division Championship. The first saw two members of BC's first state championship lacrosse team as members: All-Americans Brendan Mackie and Doug Pula.

LACROSSE: Jake Nelson – This senior midfielder will be continuing his education and competing for the



Seahawks of Wagner College on Staten Island. Jake is known for an outstanding shot. He should make an immediate impact for the Division I NEC institution.

LACROSSE: Riley Kahill – Riley has chosen NCAA Division III's Scranton University in Pennsylvania to continue his education and lacrosse. The Royals are smart to pick up the talented face-off man. Riley follows some outstanding Crusader alum including former SU captain,



Marc Roberson and All-American attack man, Dillon McInerney. Good luck Riley!

LACROSSE and WRESTLING: Jack Patti – The Rutherfordian scholar plans to compete in two sports at Muhlenberg College. He follows some of BC's finest as he plans to make his mark in the Allentown, PA school. Whether the Mules need a takedown or score a goal, this double-threat is sure to make an impact. Oh, and did we mention, he's a heck-of-a good student. Best wishes, Jack.



Soccer Enters Time of Year When Goals Are as Sparce as The Leaves on the Trees

November 10-12 – Oradell, Clifton and Ramsey, NJ – BC played six soccer games. High school soccer games are made of two, forty-minute halves. Six times two times forty equals 480 minutes or six hours. And if you watched all 480 minutes, you would have seen a total of 9 goals scored by BC and their opponents. That's one goal every 53 minutes and 20 seconds.

That's not to say it wasn't an exciting week and there wasn't terrific soccer being played. There was. And I guess that's just the point. You know teams are playing fine soccer when goals are at a premium and BC faced the state's #1 ranked Clifton HS on Tuesday and undefeated Don Bosco Prep on Thursday night. Here's a review of the action:

Frosh Week

The Frosh travelled to Clifton and hosted Don Bosco Prep in their finales, with both games ending in ties. Tuesday was the day it was especially difficult to score with all three games yielding one goal total. Not one in each game. One goal in 240 minutes. The frosh tied 0-0 in Clifton, but finished their week with a tie at home. Those following the team will not be overly surprised that Tyler Ferris scored the Crusaders' first goal. He has been having a strong year and gave BC a 1-0 lead midway through the first half.

JV Week

Goalkeepers Gabriel Tinoco and Daniel Morales had



a very strong week, posting a shutout on Tuesday vs. Clifton and helping BC through a very competitive final week of the season. BC tied Clifton 0-0 and lost to Don Bosco Prep 3-1 on Thursday with Ryan Finizio scoring a goal assisted by Tim Caufield with about 5 minutes remaining in the game.



Varsity Week

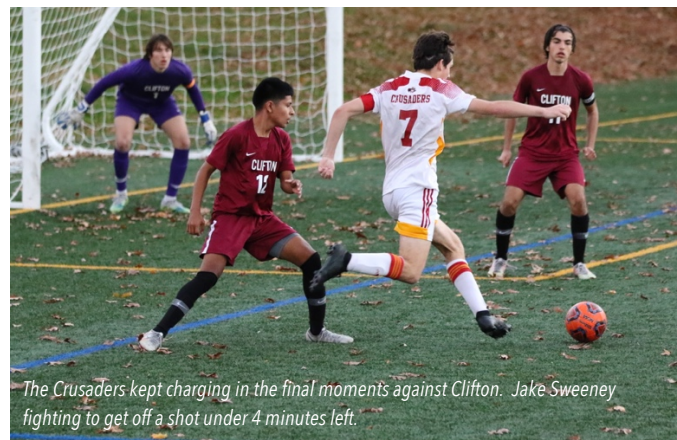
It's the Mustangs by a Nose

Nov 10 - Clifton, NJ - The Crusader Soccer program played a terrific ball game on Tuesday vs. Clifton HS, but fell just a goal short as the state's #1 ranked team knocked off BC 1-0. After roughly 66 minutes of scoreless



soccer, the home team netted a goal to put them up one.

BC continued to play hard and generated a number of transition opportunities, the last coming with about 3 minutes left in the match.



Bergen Bests Bosco 3-1

Nov 12 - Ramsey, NJ - By, Joseph Duffy - Back on October 4th, Bergen Catholic played and lost a tough game to the rival Don Bosco Prep Ironmen by a score of 4-1. It was not the type of performance we have come accustomed to seeing out of this Crusaders team and heading into the rematch on the road, revenge was most definitely on their minds.

Bergen Catholic came out energized from the jump, applying the pressure on Don Bosco in their own end and creating scoring chances as early as the first minute of play. Gavin Sapontzis opened the scoring in the first half, ending his three-game scoreless streak, and putting the

Crusaders in the driver seat. Don Bosco tried to counter right back, but Bergen Catholic were up to the task in their own end as well. That was until a questionable call was made in the box, giving Don Bosco a PK, one that ultimately tied the game.

The momentum had swung about midway through the first half, until the Crusaders subbed in freshman Ryan Chong who had an immediate impact on the game. Chong was flying around, playing excellent transitional defense in the midfield and drawing fouls whenever the ball was on his foot. Bergen Catholic had weathered the storm and swung the momentum back in their favor after Chong entered the game. Shortly thereafter, Chong was rewarded for his excellent effort getting himself and the team on the board to make it 2-1 before the half.



The Ironmen came out energized after halftime, not ready or willing to lay down to the rival Crusaders. They managed to hold possession of the ball for a large portion of the second half and hit the crossbar twice from deep outside of the box as they tried every thing they could to get one past goalie Kyle Tencza, who turned away six shots in the game. The back line held strong for Bergen heading into the dying minutes of the second half and it led to a counter opportunity for star forward Jake Sweeney, who got himself into the box and drew a penalty that would ultimately give himself and his team the chance to close the door.

Sweeney stepped up and sealed the deal, tallying his 19th goal of the season and sending the Bergen Catholic bench into a frenzy. In what was undoubtedly one of the most entertaining games of the season, the Crusaders notched their most important win date, making it 10 wins in their last 11 overall.



The win brings Bergen Catholic to 11-2 overall on the season, and their next game will be played on Tuesday, November 17th, at 2pm on their home field, against Paramus Catholic.

Don Bosco Defeats Crusader Football Team 21-20

Nov 14 – Oradell, NJ – Friday night, I had a dream I was swimming in an orange ocean. Turns out, it was just a Fanta Sea.

Or was it?

The Crusader Crazies came out in support of the football team on a beautiful November day. Not a cloud in the sky as an orange wave rushed through the Oradell Ave gate, prayed and secured their spot in the stands.



The game started and Jayden Bellamy started things off with a great couple of big plays for the Crusaders. The first was a reception on a short pass. He made a quick move to the outside and left his defender in the dust, giving BC a 7-0 lead.



Bellamy making his man miss and translating this catch into BC's only offensive points of the day.

In the second quarter, Bellamy made his second BIG PLAY of the day with an interception return and giving BC a 14-0 lead. Placekicker, Giancarlo Carbonaro, Holder, AJ Condemni and Long Snapper Logan Rager operated to perfection.



As the half ended, the Crusaders walked up to the locker room with a 14-0 lead and the hopes to continue with a strong second half performance.

Carbonaro drove the ball into the Oradell Avenue endzone to start the half and things looked pretty good. That was until five plays later when Bosco converted on a 70-yard pass completion for a touchdown, closing the score to 14-7.

After two substantial, time-consuming drives of 10 and 8 plays, the Crusaders were unable to score, leaving the door open as the fourth quarter began. Sophomore defensive end, DJ Samuels set a tone on the defensive side of the ball, recording three tackles for loss, including 2 sacks for -37 yards. Classmate Sydir Mitchell recorded 4 TFLs including 2 sacks for -13 yards and the Crusader defense held the Ironmen to -26 total yards rushing.

After the Bosco QB's helmet was ripped from his head, he left the game for one play per rule. His

replacement entered and quickly made a legendary play, throwing a screen pass that would translate into a touchdown and tying the score at 14.

BC wasted no time in responding. Fabian France drifted to his left to field the ensuing kick-off at the BC 7-yard line. With tremendous vision and acceleration, he sprinted 93 yards to paydirt giving BC a 20-14 lead. The emotion of the situation was stirring for a Crusader team that hadn't played in two weeks and was reeling from a couple of injuries suffered during the game. The point after touchdown attempt slid just wide right and with 3:35 remaining, there was optimism with a touch of uneasiness in the bellies of all Crusader faithful.

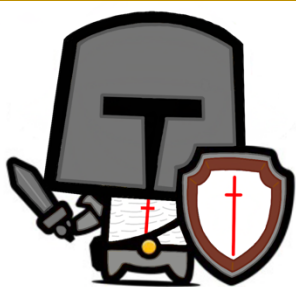


The following Don Bosco drive lasted about 1:40 and was stopped dead in its tracks by Jayden Bellamy's third really big play of the day. This time it was a vicious open-field tackle, stopping the ball carrier in his tracks and giving BC the ball with 1:54 remaining at the Ironman 36 yard line.

BC mustered only 1 yard and possessed the ball for fifty-five seconds, giving the visitor the ball with 0:59 on the clock.

That was exactly what it took for the game to slip away. On fourth down, with just six seconds, from the twenty-six-yard line, BC experienced the same pass route that DB scored their initial touchdown of the game on. This time, it was as time expired. As the PAT sailed through the upright, the result was sealed.



There is a saying that my football coaches told me almost every day of my life as a kid. "Teams get better or they get worse, but they never stay the same." How great is that? We have RIGHT NOW! Whatever we are doing, we can get better, if we want. If we commit. The 2020 season has great potential still. Let's bring home that #1 ranking in NJ. It's still out there for the our gridders! Everyone knows for this year, we're **ALL IN!**



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By Mr. Haemmerle

UPCOMING SCHEDULE NOTES

| Football | |
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|  | Continue to check the webpage (linked left) for the latest on Scheduling News. |
| | Cross Country is finished. |
| Soccer | |
|  | Varsity Football travels to Delbarton next Saturday 11/21 and hosts St. Peter's Prep on Saturday 11/28. Both start times are 1:00pm. |

SOCCKER PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Round 2 – November 17 (Tuesday) PC

@ The Jack! 2:00 PM

Round 3 – November 19 (Thursday)

Sectional Final- November 21 (Saturday)

On the COVID Front

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Executive Order 194 was signed by the Governor of New Jersey last week. He placed the following restrictions on Indoor Interstate sports competitions.

Restrictions on Interstate Indoor Sports Competitions -

1. All interstate games and tournaments involving indoor sports, up to and including the high school level, will be prohibited.

2. Collegiate and professional sports will be unaffected.

It is our expectation at Bergen Catholic that all programs and student-athletes in our community will be following and adhering to these restrictions. We have to do everything that is in our control in order to have a successful winter and spring season and this is one of those things that is in our control. If anyone has any questions regarding this please feel free to reach out to me.

BIRD OF THE WEEK

November 16 – Hillsdale, NJ – I am scrambling to finish this week's newsletter. A function of a hardware malfunction and my apologies for that. This week's BOTW will be a drawing I did on an iPad Pro of an American Avocet. This graceful bird was photographed in Brigantine, NJ and I did my best to capture its essence in this sketch. I hope you enjoy it.



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Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to Eternal Life.

Amen

Blessed Edmund Rice Icon



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