TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

REMARKABLE!

August 27 – Oradell, NJ – So in the middle ages, when I was a HS guy, we wouldn't start the football workout season until August 1st (Captain's Practices). September 1st was the first day of practice and generally, third weekends in September were reserved for opening day.

SOMEBODY SHOULD TELL THESE GUYS WE AREN'T EVEN IN SCHOOL FOR A WEEK!

What is so remarkable to me about the early start, wasn't even the well-prepared Crusader team that took the field. It was the Security, TD Club, Hut, and especially the presence of THE CRAZIES that seemed BC is in mid-season form.

It really struck me, thinking about the community at BC, as I walked up the stairs following the big opening day win! I don't mean to say I'm surprised by it. I was just moved by it as I am time and time again. Here's to many more of these days!

THE BIG MAN STARTS BC SCORING MACHINE

August 26 – Oradell, NJ – Welcome Cardinal Gibbons, the new scoreboard at BC read. Well, maybe not so much once the game starts. In the battle of two teams named Crusaders, the home team proved to be very unwelcoming.

In BC's first meeting with a team from North Carolina, the visitor deferred the opening coin toss and BC took the ball. After a touchback, Bergen drove from the 20 to the Gibbons eleven before fumbling to stop the drive.

No matter. Three plays later, Texas-bound defensive tackle, Sydir Mitchell scooped and scored on a fumble caused by linemate Elijah Kinsler. Sophomore placekicker Guytano Bartolomeo converted on the first of his seven PATs and BC put its first digits on the new scoreboard.

The Crusaders were far from finished in the first quarter. After a booming kickoff from Carmelo Velardo, the defense held tight forcing a punt after 3 plays. The QB combination of senior Jack Duffy and Dominic Campanile translated into a drive with Duffy converting a beautiful play-action pass to Princeton-bound TE, Jack Comeau for an 11-yard touchdown. BC led 14-0 with 3:46 remaining in the quarter.

BC forced the Green Crusaders backwards 9 yards and the visitors chose to punt on 3rd down. That provided just enough time for BC to get in the endzone as Delaware-bound running back, Saeed St. Fleur took the pigskin to paydirt from 5 yards out. 21-0 Bergen.

North Carolina's defending state champions would not go down without a fight and opened the second quarter with a touchdown drive of their own to close the gap to 21-7.

That is when sophomore Anthony Perrotti made his debut on the big stage at The Jack. Perrotti caught the opening kickoff at the 5 yard line, drove toward his left and sprinted

95-yards to the endzone, putting a dagger in the hearts of the visitors.

Both teams traded interceptions through the remainder of the half with middle linebacker Malachi Mercer recording both for BC. Sydir Mitchell sacked Gibbons' 6'6" starting QB, knocking him out of the game and the teams would go into half-time with BC holding a 28-7 lead.

The Green Crusaders received the second-half kick-off and put together a 58 yard drive. BC's defense stiffened and forced a field goal attempt which sailed wide right going toward the Oradell Avenue side. That left BC with the opportunity to start to really put the game away, which they proceeded to do.

BC went on a 10-play, 80-yard punishing drive in the August heat, pounding the will out of their opponent. St.Fleur finished the drive with a 19-yard gallop to put BC up 35-7.

After a quick three-play drive, BC forced a punt and drove 32 yards capped by a 7-yard run by DJ Samuels.

The visiting Crusaders scored again, closing the lead to 42-14, but Samuels scored his second touchdown of the game on a three yard run. Bartolomeo's kick finished off a perfect afternoon and BC had a 49-14 victory and continued its 14-game winning streak.

AUGUST NOTES: BC is now 3-0 in August football. The Crusaders never played an August football game until Coach Vito took the helm. In his first victory, BC went to Grayson (GA), dismantling the #6 team in the USA in 2018. Covid-19 upended the 2020 season, but BC travelled to Archbishop Hoban (OH) and returned home with a big victory.

OPENERS: BC is 56-9 (.861) on opening day and have a 16-game opening day win-streak. The last Crusader loss on opening day came at MetLife Stadium (a 28-27 Overtime loss to Phillipsburg HS). Opening day at home has BC holding a 23-3 (.885 winning percentage) advantage over their guests. BC's last loss at home on an opener came on a final drive touchdown pass as Ridgewood HS ended an 11-game losing streak to the Crusaders.

STATISTICAL LEADERS:

PASSING: J. Duffy 6 for 9 – 107 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT, D. Campanile 9 for 11 – 178 yds, 1 INT
RUSHING: S. StFleur 17 carries for 87 yds, 2 TDs, DJ Samuels – 3 carries 18 yds, 2 TDs, D. Campanile 6 for 16 yds, M. Russell – 2 for 14 yds, N. Jennings – 1 for 8 yds.
RECEIVING: C. Carti – 5 for 54 yds, Q. Porter 3 for 35 yds, J. Comeau – 2 for 63 yds, 1 TD, Casey 1 for 28 yds, S. StFleur 1 for 39 yds, D. Stewart 1 for 54 yds, L. Cutitta 1 for 15 yds, R. Reid 1for 12 yds, A. Perrotti 1 for 9 yds, M Campanile 1 for 2 yds.
SACKS: E. Kinsler (2), S. Mitchell (2), DJ Samuels (1), J Hoeffler (1)
INTERCEPTIONS: M. Mercer 2 for 39 yds
RETURNS: S. Mitchell – 1 FumRet for 25 yds, TD; A. Perrotti – 1 KOR for 95 yds, TD

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE PHOTOS VS. ST. JOSEPH PREP

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BIRD OF THE WEEK

BLACK TERN

August 26 – Secaucus, NJ – Say, "hello," to Life Bird #429 (#303 in New Jersey). NO…It's not just a seagull, SLY! This small fishing bird is an immature Black Tern and NO…it's not because of its behavior. Let's take a step back.

First, a "life bird" or "lifer" is a bird that someone identifies for the 1st time in their life. As I count lifers, this bird was #429 for me.

Second, immature refers to any bird that is a bird that is any age other than adult. It may, but not always, include juvenile birds which are birds in their first plumage (set of feathers).

I'm glad to have had the opportunity to see this bird. It is somewhat rare in these parts (NJ) and it gave me an opportunity to compare it with other gulls in the area.

For those going to Arizona, I plan to do a birding walk on Friday, September 2nd in the morning at the ***Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch, Gilbert, AZ.*** Feel free to e-mail me if you are interested.

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Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name
Thy Kingdom Come.
Thy will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with You
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance,
to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and
Wisdom to know the difference. Amen

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Blessed Edmund Rice prayer

Creator God, we thank you for the life and work of this gifted man, Blessed Edmund Rice. He opened his heart generously to Christ present and appealing to him in the poor who were oppressed by poverty and injustice. May we follow his example of faith and generosity. O God, give us the courage and compassion of Blessed Edmund as we seek to support one another, protect the vulnerable and care for the earth, our common home. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

The Golden Rule

Love one another as I have loved you.

Traditional Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these, thy gifts
Which we are about to receive from
thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

DEUS VULT – JOHN 6:39

And this is ***the will of Him who sent me***, that I shall lose none of all those He has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace

Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness joy.
O Divine master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand.
To be loved. as to love
For it's in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born...
To eternal life.

PRAYER FOR PEACE (IN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA)

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.
Amen

- Pope Saint John Paul II

an Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,
through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Superman Grace Before Meals

We thank you Lord, for giving us food.
We thank you Lord, for giving us food.

And for our daily bread
When we need to be fed
We thank you Lord, for giving us food
Bum, bum, bum, bum, bum.

Addams Family Grace Before Meals

We thank you for this food, Lord.
For Mom and Dad and you, Lord.
We thank you for this food, Lord.
And for our family.
Duh, duh, duh duh. SNAP SNAP.
Duh, duh, duh duh. SNAP SNAP.
Duh, duh, duh duh. .
Duh, duh, duh duh. .
Duh, duh, duh duh. SNAP SNAP.