

TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

Butler Named Record's Athlete of the Week

October, 2020 - Oradell, NJ – If you're familiar with



Bergen County High School Sports, you know the name Charlie McGill. The octogenarian artist has been sketching the most notable athletes from north Jersey for decades. Starting off the 2020-2021 Year, Mr. McGill's subject was BC junior tailback, Ryan Butler.

Butler played a monster game in the opener at St. Joseph Regional last weekend, recording 250

yards of individual offense and 3 touchdowns. Congratulations Ryan and thank you, Charlie, for all you have done for the high school sports community through the years!

Graf's Goals Lift BC to Victory at Spartan Pitch

October 4 – Wayne, NJ – Senior Ryan Graf scored two goals to lead BC to a 5-0 victory at DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne on Wednesday Night.

Weather was absolutely beautiful and the Crusaders took full advantage of a great field and great night for soccer. Sophomore Ryan Loughlin drove home a goal, his first varsity career tally and senior captain, Gavin Sapontzis and junior striker, Nicholas Schwake also netted goals.

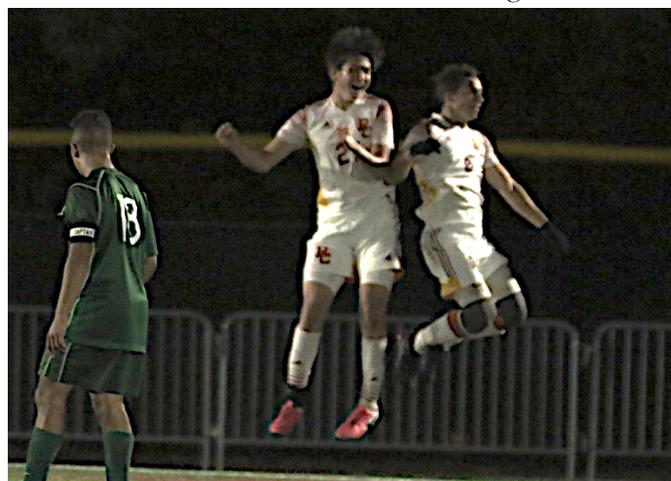
The Crusaders put a lot of pressure on the Spartan defense throughout the night. Ryan Sweeney and Schwake each recorded 5 shots while Eddie Payan and Christian Milone (2 shots apiece) and Brian Dipalma (1 shot) helped BC to a 21-7 shot advantage.

Ethan Bogg and Schwake added assists to round up the scoring and the defense of Nick Barros, Brian Maron, Owen Fizulich limited the host's opportunities in front of Nick Tencza, who turned away three-shots, earning his second shut-out of the season.



Owen Fizulich redirecting the ball on the defensive end.

The bravest men in the sport: Ryan Chong, Gavin Sapontzis and Ryan Loughlin jump as a solid wall in front of a Spartan with a free-kick. Andre Ayazian prepares to defend in the background.



Connor Morin (L) celebrates with Ryan after Graf's second goal of the evening.



Gavin Sapontzis finds the right time to celebrate his second-half goal in Wayne.

Sophomore Football Ties DBP at 22

October 8 – Oradell, NJ – The Crusaders played a hard-fought game vs. the Ironmen on Thursday in a sophomore football game. Running back, Saeed Lafleur was a beast, rushing for three touchdowns behind a massive and powerful offensive front line of Jonathan Parkes, Justin King, Armend Urici, Michael Gentilello and Sean Woods.



The defense was stingy throughout the ball game and made the critical fourth-quarter goal-line stand which ultimately decided the ball game's outcome.

Aaron Sylvester textbook: tracking the near hip of an Ironman ball-carrier.



QB Jack Duffy operates the offense with confidence and efficiency.



There's no holding back defensive end, Thian Grinaud when he's chasing down the QB.



Heat Seeker: AJ Seker tracks down the Ironman ball carrier for a tackle for loss (TFL).



(Above) Saeed St. Fleur runs for daylight and the endzone near Oradell Avenue. The Emmitt Smith-like back seems to be taking up residence in that endzone.

(Right). The look on Ian Walls' face tells you all you need to know about the final score.



SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19
[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

- Wear a mask in public spaces
- Stay at least 6 feet from other people
- Frequently wash your hands

Sweeney's Hat Trick Leads BC Over SJR

October 10 – Oradell, NJ – Another game, another big rivalry as the Crusaders hosted St. Joseph Regional on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.



Spirits and confidence were high entering the game and Greg Schwake opened the scoring with a break-away goal with 30:26 remaining in the first half.



That goal would stand throughout the half despite a number of outstanding scoring efforts including a goal by Ryan Sweeney that was disallowed because of an apparent handball in the box.



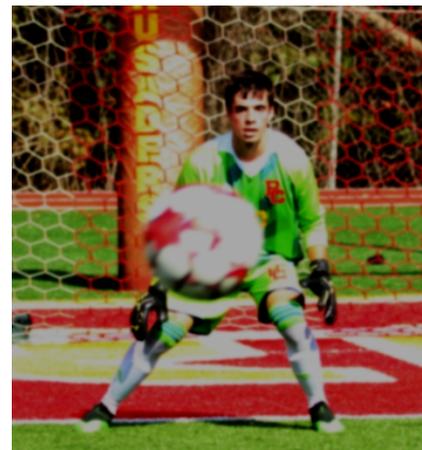
Once the second half started, it was the Sweeney show. His skills were on full display as he dodged would-be Green Knight defenders to-the-left, to-the-right and changing velocity to simply overwhelm them with speed moves.

Ryan scored with 30:59 and just about 9 minutes later with 21:43 to give BC a 3-0 lead.

As with any great scorer, Sweeney was never satisfied and made his mark with BC's first hat-trick of the season, notching it at the 2:12 mark.



Above, Nick Sweeney outperforming a Green Knight defender.

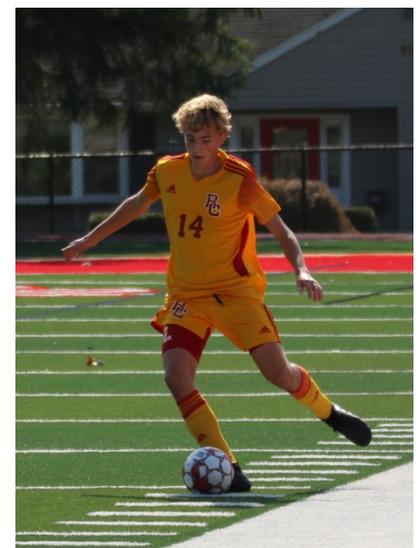


I think Forrest Gump would be proud of our goalie, Nick Tencza. and his three-saves on the day. Look as he keeps his eye on the ball!

For the second game in a row, the keeper posted a shutout against a green team. (His green is far better!)

Brian Maron (below) once again, provided some excellent defense for the Crusaders.

Numbers game: Sweeney scored 3 goals on 10 shots and added an assist to Schwake.. Eddie Payan took a shot and recorded an assist as did Ethan Bogg and Ryan Loughlin.



High Man Wins! Owen Fizulich bodies up and shows his hops to prevent a header off a free kick in first-half action.



Tyler Ferris getting a shot off early in the first half.



Aidan Hines makes a perfect pass with a throw-in on Saturday.



(Above) Graham Ewers (19) and Jason Lessieu (13) follow the bouncing ball.

(Right). After beating his defender, Luca Nazor creates space and gets off a first-half shot.



JV Soccer Tops Green Knights 5-0

October 10 – Oradell, NJ – The JV Soccer Team put a complete game together. Offense, defense and transition game seemed to be operating at full strength

Ferris: Shows He's a Frosh Force

October 10 – Oradell, NJ – If you love soccer, Saturday was the day for you at "The Jack." The triple-header, 240 minutes of soccer action, finished with the Freshmen taking on Elizabeth High School.

The most exciting game of the day arguably was the freshman game vs. E-town's Minutemen. After falling behind 2-0, Tyler Ferris showed off some terrific athleticism, scoring two goals and knotting the score at two at half. Of course, no one player does it all by himself and the finisher capitalized on unselfish play from teammates, Graham Ewers and Ken Hoang, who assisted the two goals.

Nazor Luca got off a team-high four shots, along with Ferris, putting pressure on the Minutemen defense.



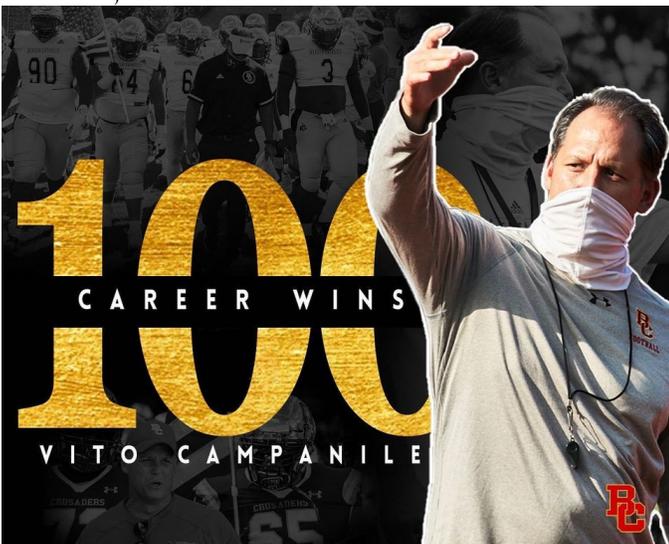
The Crusaders received strong goalie play from Andrew Blodgett and Johnpaul Sinagra, who made three and two saves respectively.



Graham Ewers (19) showing some fancy footwork as he splits a pair of defenders as Antonio Gomes (23) and Johnpaul Sinagra (1) look on.

Campanile Records Milestone Victory

October 12 – Sparta, NJ – Head Football Coach, Vito Campanile reached a milestone with victory number 100 with Saturday’s victory over DePaul Catholic. The accomplishment of our renowned head coach is another step along his road which included stops at Bergen Tech, Westwood and Seton Hall Prep. Under Coach Campanile’s direction, the Crusaders are 2-0 on the season and 17-6 overall in just 2+ seasons.



Congratulations on your accomplishment and here’s to many, many more!

**God - Family
School - Sports
In that order**

Malone, Butler, Carbonaro Make Hay as Lions Fed to Crusaders

October 12 – Sparta, NJ – There’s an old saying, “Make hay while the sun shines.” Well, on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in the rustic setting of Pope John XXIII in Sparta, the Crusaders did just that, defeating their hosts 42-0.



Running-back Ryan Butler continues on his torrid pace with 200 yards of total offense as he rushed for 158 yards and two TDs, caught two passes for 26 yards and returned a kick for 24.



Junior QB, Steven Angeli contributed to two more touchdowns, running for one and throwing for one. The signal-called threw for 181 yards on 13 for 23 passing, 1TD and 0 INTs. Santino Correa was Angeli’s favorite target on the day. The receiver was intended five times and made the most, hauling in all five passes for 78 yards. Jayden Bellamy pulled in four passes for 45 yards including a 17-yard TD reception in the first quarter which gave the Crusaders a 20-0 advantage.

Meanwhile on the defensive side of the ball...

The Crusaders created three turnovers and held the Lions to only 92 total yards. The only third-quarter scoring was a direct result of pass that was broken up by Malachi Mercer. Tywone Malone intercepted and returned the ball from the 15-yard line for the score.



Malone was an unstoppable force for BC, recording 8 tackles, 2.5 sacks and 2.5 tackles for a loss. Think about that! Those numbers, plus a forced fumble and recovery and a pick-six for a defensive lineman is a pretty special day!

Sophomore DT, Sydir Mitchell recorded 6 tackles including 3 solo tackles for a loss. Dominick Brogna and Malachi Mercer each recorded 5 tackles. They were followed by sophomore defensive end DJ Samuels who recorded 3 tackles including 1.5 TFLs and 1.5 sacks. John Fiore had 3 tackles and 1 TFL that resulted in an 11-yard loss. Christian Ross and Esquire Boyce each spent some quality time in the Lion backfield, each recording 3 tackles and contributing to 17 yards in losses. Joey Marinaccio and Justin Batts each added 3 tackles for BC as well.

So Special...

Multi-talented, kicker-linebacker Giancarlo Carbonaro had a terrific day, drilling all 4 of his PAT's and driving home 2 FGs in two attempts. He also showed off his leg strength, pinning the Lions at their 20-yard line after 4 touchbacks on kickoffs.



(Left) No one man does it himself. Carbonaro takes advantage of meticulous work by holder AJ Condem, who is fully focused on his role in the operation.

Other special teams performances included Colin Foley, getting two punts off for a total of 47 yards and a 47 yard net. John Rust returned one punt for 11 yards. Fabian France returned two kickoffs for 47 yards including a long of 32-yards.

Back to the Mountain for the Cross-Country Crusaders!

October 10 – Woodland Park, NJ – Meet results were not yet posted as of publishing, but we will update you when they are available. The 2020 Harriers are led by first-year head coach, Peter Tuohy. He joins our school community and is very proud of our team, led by seniors: James Adams, Eamon Bednarcik, Alex Costabile, Owen McCarthy, Jack O'Kane, Elijah Somerville and Connor Verzosa. Juniors: Matt Marques, Nicholas Pesanello, Alexander Shaia and Miles Suitt, Sophomores: Andrew Crane, Ryan Dockery, Ronan Flynn, Matthew Gerraghty, Drew Giacomini, Joseph Griffith, James Hughes, Michael McKimm, Thomas Rogers, Sam Speiser and Jackson Vonderhorst and Frosh: Michael Del, Elias Garcia, Minsung Kim, Daiju Matsui,

William McMicholas, Raymond Stelmark and Jerome Szmagalski.

Upcoming Schedule

WEEK OF OCT 12-19, 2020

CROSS COUNTRY DIVISION BATCH MEET

DARLINGTON COUNTY PARK, MAHWAH
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 - 5:00 PM

FROSH FOOTBALL vs. POPE JOHN XXIII

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 - 4:00 PM

VARSITY SOCCER @ PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 - 4:00 PM

JV SOCCER @ PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 - 4:00 PM

FROSH SOCCER @ SETON HALL PREP

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 - 4:00 PM

JV SOCCER @ PARAMUS CATHOLIC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 - 4:00 PM

VARSITY SOCCER vs. PARAMUS CATHOLIC

SENIOR DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020 - 4:00 PM

CROSS COUNTRY DIVISION BATCH MEET

GARRETT MOUNTAIN, WOODLAND PARK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 - TBA

VARSITY FOOTBALL vs. PARAMUS CATHOLIC

JACK MCGOVERN FIELD DEDICATION CEREMONY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 - 1:00 PM

FROSH FOOTBALL @ PARAMUS CATHOLIC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 - 9:30 AM

JV SOCCER @ PARAMUS CATHOLIC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 - 1:00 PM

FROSH SOCCER @ ST. PETER'S PREP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 - 10:00 AM

BIRDS OF THE WEEK

Luckily for us, Br. Fagan took a trip to Atlantic and Cape May Counties this week and brought back some really nice sparrow pictures. The time is right to brush up on your sparrows as they migrate through the area through the late fall, some staying around at your feeder throughout the winter...



Above: Female Eastern Towhee. Sometimes, at first glance, they can be mistaken for a robin, but their smaller size, short-conical bill and color pattern separate them. Males are typically black above, while the female is more brown. Below: Savannah Sparrow - this streaked sparrow looks similar to a song sparrow, but you'll notice there is no dark mark on the upper chest. Savannah's tend to have a yellow color to them.



Swamp Sparrow: This bird is recognizable because of its habitat and rufous (reddish) coloration on the wings.



TEST YOUR SPARROW KNOWLEDGE

FISHERS OF THE WEEK

I stole a couple of hours on Sunday in search of Life Bird #399 (or more). Stop 1 was Edwin B. Forsythe NWR in Brigantine, where I found these two fishers of the week (among many others).



1-Great Blue Heron eating Mr. Catfish. 2-Great Egret eating Mr. Fish? I don't know what kind it is.



On the way home, I stopped in Bayonne. I didn't realize I would be paying a \$16 toll to go through Staten Island to get there (damn Apple maps) but it was worth the trip as I notched #399...my first Brown Booby! You just can't make this stuff up. Smaller bird with Double-crested cormorants - white belly. Circled below.

