

# TWIBC SPORTS

## THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

### AND MALONE PICKS???

### NINE CRUSADERS REVEAL

### THEIR COLLEGE SELECTIONS



**February 3 – Oradell, NJ –** The National Signing Day at BC was so big this year, we needed TWO EVENTS!

As is tradition, BC's finest and their families gathered for breakfast and celebration of their college choices first thing in the morning. But there was a big reveal that would be taking place later. Here's all the news.

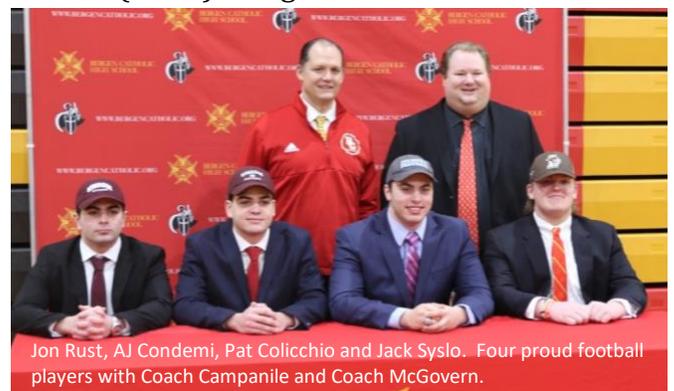
**Pat Colicchio.** The senior who has started for the state's #1 football team will be donning Columbia Blue next fall for the Lions. Following in the footsteps of JD Salinger, Isaac Asimov, Lou Gehrig, Warren Buffet, Barrack Obama, Amelia Earhart, Alexander Hamilton and William Barr, Pat will be pursuing an academic and athletic dream where he will be challenged among the best. Former Crusader players Chris Allison and Danny DiLorenzi have had strong careers playing for the Lions, as has former BC hoopster Gabriele Stefiani. Helping to guide Pat from the sidelines is current Lions Associate Head Coach, Mark Fabish, BC '93.

**AJ Condemni** will be continuing his education at Union College where Dutchmen Football and a \$51 million dollar science and engineering center is coming to completion.

Union is one of the nation's oldest schools, and was the first chartered by the NY Regents in 1795. Two presidents, Chester A Arthur and Jimmy Carter studied at Union as did William Seward, class of 1820.

**Jon Rust** will be joining his teammate, AJ, along with approximately 500 other incoming freshmen. Countless Crusaders have gone on to excel academically, athletically and professionally from Union. The school boasts a strong winning tradition with football having competed in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl and the Hockey team recently winning the Division I National Championship.

**Jack Syslo** will be attending Lehigh University in Bethlehem. Having a goal to play in "The Rivalry" vs. Lafayette College would motivate anyone to attend the beautiful Patriot League school. That game represents the most-played rivalry in all of college football with the last contest (#155) being held in 2019.



Jon Rust, AJ Condemni, Pat Colicchio and Jack Syslo. Four proud football players with Coach Campanile and Coach McGovern.

Formerly known as the Engineers, Lehigh is home to great ingenuity as the "father of the escalator," Jesse Reno (1891) graduated from the school. The school's mascot was changed as many

of its alumni have shown tremendous entrepreneurial and business skills, especially those in racing, Lee Iacocca, Roger Penske and Lake Underwood.

**Max Baldomir** is our next young man choosing to brave the cold winters that upstate New York has to offer. John Fisher College in Rochester will become Max's home as he plans to compete for the Cardinal baseball program. St. John Fisher is a Catholic College in the tradition of the Basilian Fathers.



Gavin Baratta and Max Baldomir, two of BC's finest on the baseball

**Gavin Baratta** has chosen to take a different road, to the warm winds of east Texas at Lamar University. Gavin will play Division I baseball for the Cardinals who have plans to join the WAC in the next few years. Like many BC men, he realizes the value of a solid GPA and solid commitment to studies.

Those keys open a variety of doors which lead in different directions. We are excited to see Gavin's career unfold as he pursues his dreams near the Gulf of Mexico.

From the north, we may not be as familiar with Lamar as those in the Longhorn State, but I'll bet many of you are familiar with the names of these Cardinal alumni: Bum Phillips and Janis Joplin.

**Aidan Johnston** has chosen Oberlin College where he will play Lacrosse at one of the country's leading academic institutions. The Office's Andy Bernard (Ed Helms) was actually on a Zoom Call with Aidan last week talking about



Crusader laxers Aidan Johnston and Kyle Loughlin.

the programs of his alma mater and the musical opportunities it provides. The school has a higher percentage of students going on to earn Ph.D's than any other college and while students can rent works of Andy Warhol and Picasso from the school's library for \$5/semester, it seemed to me the fact that John Heisman started his college football coaching career at Oberlin. Yes, the John Heisman that the Heisman Trophy is named for. And yes, his team went undefeated that year.

**Kyle Loughlin** will be attending Vassar College to play lacrosse for the Brewers in the TOWN of Poughkeepsie as Mr. McEhinney so kindly pointed out to me. Mike D of the Beastie Boys, Jackie Onasis Kennedy, Lisa Kudro, Anthony Bourdain, Anne Hathaway and Meryl Streep are just some of the exceptional alumni whose lives took off after their Vassar education. Kyle will be joining former BC laxer, Dan Negron to see where their futures go.

That takes us to the big one. Not that they're not all big. It's just that Ty wouldn't tell anyone where he was going until he told EVERYONE on ESPN2 where he was going.



Six hats...which is the one that fits best?

I cannot tell a lie. There was quite a bit of anticipation and that feeling, shared by a number of friends, family and members of the media was palpable. We waited in bated breath for the 4:05pm phone call from the Deuce so that Ty could begin his interview and announce his decision.



In a well-written and well-executed statement, it was time. Ty thanked his coaches, Campanile and Muggeo as well as BC Nation and all of the college coaches who showed him great care and confidence in offering him opportunities to attend their schools and as his mother prayed, hands together in anticipation of the big reveal. Ty pulled one hat of those six assembled which included USC, Texas A&M, Rutgers, Tennessee, Ole Miss and Florida State. And the decision is...



**Ty Malone** will be the next big name to come out of the University of Mississippi. Eli and Archie Manning may be the first names that come to mind, but let's not forget about OT, Michael Oher (*The Blind Side*), Deuce McCallister and DK and

Terrence Metcalfe. Novelist, John Grisham, and Activist, James Meredith are Rebel alumni. Ty chose Ole Miss for a number of reasons, especially his confidence in the relationships he's built with the coaches in baseball and football and his desire to compete on both the gridiron and baseball diamond in his collegiate years.

## Bowlers Roll Over Rams

**February 3 – Montvale, NJ** – The bowling team travelled outside the confines of its home lane at Bowler City to take on Ramsey High School's Rams at Montvale Lanes on Grand Avenue.



Ultimately, the Crusaders took 5 of 7 points, winning two games and taking total pins from their host. The high series was rolled by John DelJudice with a 574 and John also led all bowlers with a high game of 232. Congratulations to James Salazar whose 214 and Ethan Gayam's 179 also were outstanding efforts!

## Crusaders Sprint Past Spartans 87-51

**February 4 – Wayne, NJ** – On Thursday night, the Crusaders travelled to DePaul Catholic HS. The BC back court was unstoppable, leading the way to an 87-51 victory.



Freshman, Elliot Cadeau led all scorers with 18 points as Will Richardson (17 points) and Elijah Flournoy (14) hit double-digits for the Crusaders.

## Frosh Drop Close One to DePaul

**February 4 – Wayne, NJ** – The freshman basketball team was upset on Thursday with a 49-54 defeat at the hands of the Spartans. Next game will be played in Paterson at Eastside High School, home of the Ghosts.

# Bowlers Strike Cliffside Pk 7-0 and Paramus Catholic 7-0

**February 5 - Hackensack, NJ** - The Crusader Bowling team defeated its third and fourth consecutive opponents, improving to 4-0/26-2. Friday's victims were the Red Raiders of Cliffside Park High School and Paramus Catholic's Paladins.

High series once again was rolled by John DelJuicide with a 600 also rolled high game of 232. Paul Brignola passed the double century mark with a 205 and James Salazar added a very respectable 171, contributing to the wins.



## #4 Ranked Crusaders Ice Second-Ranked Ironmen

**February 5 - Wayne, NJ** - BC wins 4-2. In my day, it was Bossy, Trottier and Gillies. After them, it was Messier, Kurry and some other guy. Well, the Crusaders are establishing one of the great lines in school history with Minnetian, Thompson and Arcaroli.

The three took care of business, playing the role you would expect them to, up and down the ice. All four Crusader goals against #2 ranked Don Bosco Prep came from the front line, led by Aram Minnetian with four points (2 goals and 2 assists).

The Ironman, who outshot the Crusaders 43-26, opened the scoring, putting BC in a 1-0 hole after the first period.

That was the time Antonio Arcaroli decided it was time; time to score his first goal of the season. He's been asked a number of times, what is he waiting for. Now we understand it was the moment. Minnetian and Mick Thompson set-up their line-mate 3:16 into the second period and the teams were even. That was until Thompson and Steve Saxton worked to set up Minnetian,

who found the back of the net with just over 1:00 remaining in the second. BC would hold that lead 2-1 after two periods.

Aram scored his second goal, unassisted to open the third period, just thirty-six seconds in. The Ironmen wouldn't go quietly, closing to 3-2 on a power play goal with just 4:09 remaining. Mick Thompson put the game of reach, set up by Minnetian, just 38 seconds later.

While the Crusader offense provided timely scoring, let's not forget the exceptional play of sophomore goalie, Ryan Henry who turned away 41



shots on the evening. That's a lot of rubber, especially considering it nearly doubled the Crusader shooting effort.

BC is now 4-1 with a key match-up with Delbarton's Green Wave next on the schedule.

## Skiers Compete in Second Giant Slalom of 2021

**February 5 - Vernon, NJ** - The Crusader Ski Team performed well in their second race of the year, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall as a team. Vernon, Pingry, BC and Newton competed in this Division B Race.

Senior Chris Wheaton once again led BC finishing 6<sup>th</sup> overall with a 1:19.92 combined score. Chris Kang actually over took his teammate in the first heat with a time of 38.33 to Wheaton's 38.46. Kang finished 12<sup>th</sup> with a combined 1:23.39. Nicholas Napolitano recorded 1:25.12 combined to finish 16<sup>th</sup> and Aidan Hickey put together a very respectable 1:44.28, finishing 23<sup>rd</sup> overall.



## #6 Hoops Rising to the Top

February 6 - Gladstone, NJ - Saturday afternoon, the Crusaders travelled to run with #3-ranked Gill St. Bernard and continue to show that BC Hoops has higher hopes than simply competing inside their league, county or even state. BC dominated the Knights 78-63 and remained undefeated on the new season (3-0).

This was a statement win, a 15-point victory over a NJ Top 3 team. After a solid first quarter and 20-17 lead, BC opened it up in the second quarter. The Crusaders outscored their hosts 28-15, widening to a 16-point 48-32 lead at half.

While Gill did their best to hang around, Will Richardson (team high 21 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals) and Julian Brown (19 points, 5 reb, 5 ass, 3 stl) kept their opponents at bay the whole way.

Terry Copeland provided strong inside play for BC, scoring 14 points and pulling down 8 rebounds while classmate Elliot Cadeau added 8 points, 11 assists and 6 rebounds.

The game was a terrific team effort and saw players up and down the bench contributed and show some of their skills. Elias Espinosa knocked down a pair of threes and Elijah Flournoy added 6 points and pulled down 4 rebounds as well. D'Ari Duncan pitched in 3 points and a rebound and Joe Scrivanich grabbed two boards and dropped in a free throw.

Elias Espinosa for

## JV<sup>3</sup> Hockey Dominates Ramapo 8-2

February 6 - Wayne, NJ - The JV continued their undefeated 2019 hockey campaign with a solid victory over the Green Raiders at the Ice Vault on Saturday.



## UPCOMING SCHEDULE...

Please refer to [www.bergencatholic.org](http://www.bergencatholic.org) for all schedules of winter sports. The sports that are currently competing are:

**BASKETBALL, BOWLING,  
ICE HOCKEY, SKIING,  
INDOOR TRACK AND  
SWIMMING**

Other traditional winter sports (WRESTLING) are not competing during this "WINTER 1 SEASON."

As you can imagine, schedules can change on a daily and even minute-to-minute basis. Before going to a game, check the webpage for the specific team as it will be the most current and accurate source for whether a game is being played or delayed.

## Frosh Rebound

February 6 - Paterson, NJ - The Freshman basketball team rebounded with a very solid 66-38 victory over the Ghosts of Paterson Eastside High School. Always a sign of a great team, the frosh got right back up off the floor and improved to 2-1! Way to go!!!



## Minnetian's Hat Trick Leads BC Over Ridge!

February 6 - Somerset, NJ - After once again falling behind 1-0 after the first, Aram Minnetian scored three-unanswered as BC defeated the Ridge Red Devils 3-1. Minnetian recorded his first hat trick of the season as Mick Thompson (3), Bryceon Lago (1) and Antonio Arcaroli (1) set him up with assists.

## 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

## The Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer

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. Amen.

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## 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

## 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

## Bird of the Week:

**February 6 –Oradell, NJ** – This is certainly one of my favorite “Winter” ducks. When you first look at the ring-necked duck, you think certainly, its name is a misnomer. It should be the ring-billed duck. But alas, hidden below a constricted neck, is a chestnut ring, not often seen. I saw about a dozen in at the Oradell Reservoir Dam on Friday and much to my delight, it was joined by a rare visitor to the Bergen County area, a Redhead (farthest duck on the right). Other duck-like birds included: Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Mallards, Canada Geese and Hooded Merganser. Add in a flyover by a bald eagle and Cooper’s Hawk...Good birding!



Ring-necked Duck Drakes with Redhead.



**Have a bird you’d like help identifying?** Send in a picture and we will talk about it this week at the Birding Crusader Club during Act Period. Send it to [jhaemmerle@bergencatholic.org](mailto:jhaemmerle@bergencatholic.org)  
**Interested in weekend birding?** Let us know. Car caravan trips to Jersey hotspots occur just about every weekend. No experience necessary.