



5X STATE CHAMPIONS: 1978, 1994, 2002, 2019, 2022 **6X SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS:** 1978, 1994, 2002, 2019, 2020, 2022
11X BERGEN COUNTY JAMBOREE CHAMPIONS: 1977, 1986, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1994, 2001, 2003, 2015, 2019, 2022

CRUSADER HOME OPENER



VS



**PARAMUS CATHOLIC
PALADINS (4-4, 0-0)**

**#5 BERGEN CATHOLIC
CRUSADERS (4-3, 0-0)**

Thursday, January 5, 2023 – 7 pm @ Hoehl Gymnasium

Video Broadcast: <https://locallive.tv/bergencatholic>

CRUSADERS 2022-23 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

OVERALL RECORD: (4-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	ST	H/A	RES	BC	OPP
17-Dec	Pembroke Pines Charter	FL	N (FL)	W	70	66
19-Dec	Cardinal Gibbons	FL	N (FL)	W	78	54
20-Dec	Potomac School	VA	N (FL)	W	80	47
28-Dec	Blair Academy	NJ	N (DE)	L	54	60
30-Dec	DeMatha Catholic	MD	N (MD)	L	53	70
1-Jan	Rutgers Preparatory	NJ	N (NJ)	W	78	67
3-Jan	Ramapo	NJ	A	L	62	75
5-Jan	Paramus Catholic	NJ	H			
6-Jan	Saddle River Day	NJ	H			
8-Jan	Archbishop Molloy	NY	N (NY)			
10-Jan	St. Joseph Regional	NJ	A			
12-Jan	Don Bosco Prep	NJ	H			
17-Jan	DePaul Catholic	NJ	H			
19-Jan	Millard North	NE	N (IL)			
20-Jan	Wasach Academy	UT	N (IL)			
24-Jan	Dwight Englewood	NJ	H			
26-Jan	BCCA Tournament	NJ				
27-Jan	Roselle Catholic	NJ	A			
28-Jan	BCCA Tournament	NJ				
29-Jan	Newark Arts	NJ	N (NJ)			
30-Jan	Paramus Catholic	NJ	A			
1-Feb	Red Bank Catholic	NJ	H			
2-Feb	St. Joseph Regional	NJ	H			
4-Feb	BCCA Tournament	NJ				
7-Feb	Don Bosco Prep	NJ	A			
9-Feb	DePaul Catholic	NJ	A			
11-Feb	BCCA Semi-finals	NJ				
17-Feb	BCCA Finals	NJ	N (NJ)			

TONIGHT'S MATCH-UP

CRUSADERS: Despite losing three of their last five, BC improved its state ranking from #8 to #5 as questions about the team's ability to replace its entire back-court including two 1,000 point scorers (Will Richardson and Julian Brown) are being answered. They enter tonight's contest coming off big win against Rutgers Prep (last year's NPA North Final Rematch) and tough loss Bergen County public school power Ramapo.

#5 Terry Copeland and #20 Brandon Benjamin are BC's twin towers and create major challenges for most any front-court they face. While young, the Crusaders are long and pressure opponents on all 90 feet of court, forcing them to deal with pressure for 32 minutes every game.

PALADINS: PC enters tonight's game on a two-game skid, falling to Saddle River Day and St. Joseph Regional in the new year. Watch out for senior Guard #4 Niko Gomez, who leads the Paladins in scoring, rebounds and steals. Gomez is averaging 14 points per game, scoring double-digits in his first six games.

BC Head Coach: Billy Armstrong '94

11th Season: (215-79; .731); 3 County, 3 Section and 2 State Titles

Athletic Trainer: Mike VanKoppen

BERGEN CATHOLIC ADMINISTRATION

President.....**Dr. Brian Mahoney**
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BERGEN CATHOLIC CRUSADERS
VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HT
0	Naiim Parrish	G	10	5-11
1	Austin Spencer	G	10	6-3
2	Shawn Spencer	PG	10	6-2
3	Jaylen Robinson	G	11	6-3
4	AJ Williams	G	9	6-7
5	Terry Copeland	F	11	6-9
10	Chidi Nwigwe	G	9	6-7
11	Tyler McQuaid	PG	10	5-11
12	David Munro	F	10	6-7
13	Mikai Klintman	PF	12	6-0
14	Declan Wucherpfennig	F	10	6-6
15	Austin Sargenti	G	12	5-11
20	Brandon Benjamin	F	11	6-8
21	Rocco Gratale	G	12	5-11
24	Julius Avent	G	9	6-6
30	Nehemiah Snell	G	10	6-0



PARAMUS CATHOLIC PALADINS
VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HT
0	Wyatt Phillips	F	12	6-4
1	Justin Bonsu	G	12	6-2
2	Hamadi Martin	G	12	5-10
3	Aidan Lavalle	G	12	6-0
4	Niko Gomez	G	12	5-10
5	Allrich Prinston	F	12	6-0
10	Kenzel Slade	G	12	6-3
14	Xavier Townes	F	12	6-4
20	Tyler Brown	F	12	6-3
21	Isaiah Chung	F	12	6-4
23	Jack Diamond	F	12	6-4
25	Zachary Watson	G	12	6-2
30	Jeremiah Samuel	C	11	6-4

Head Coach: Mike Doto

This Day in Crusader Basketball

JANUARY 5, 1968

The Crusaders defeated the Highwaymen of Teaneck HS in Oradell by a score of 72-65. The Crusaders improved their record to 2-7 under the guidance of second-year coach Chris "CJ" Donfield. Teaneck entered the contest with a record of 6-1.

Interestingly enough, CJ's Crusaders defeated the team coached by BC's previous head football and basketball coach, John Mazziotta, a true NJ coaching legend in his own right.

Four of BC's six players scored in double-digits with the McAuliffe brothers pairing up for 34. John led Bergen with a team-high 20, while younger brother Brian scored 14. Hank O'Connor dropped in 19 for the Crusaders and Jim McNamara added an even dozen as BC held on after a 33-24 half-time lead.

The year would be the most challenging for BC's Hall of Famer and all-time winningest coach. While suffering a losing record in '68, he would have only one other season below the .500 mark in 34 years. His BC record of 645-230 (.737) is still among NJ's finest.

CRUSADER BASKETBALL HISTORY V. PALADINS

	BC	PC	BC W PCT
OVERALL	72	16	.818
HOME	39	6	.867
AWAY	31	7	.816
NEUTRAL	2	3	.400
JAMBOREE	1	2	.333
STATE PLAYOFFS	4	1	.800
OVER TIME	2	0	1.000
ARMSTRONG ERA	20	2	.909
FIRST WIN	1967 (65-59)	1972 (56-57)	
LAST WIN	2022 (94-58)	2020 (71-79)	
MOST POINTS	102 (2017 W)	90 (2013 L)	
FEWEST POINTS	39 (1981 L)	25 (2017 L)	
AVG POINTS	70.1	54.5	
LAST FIVE VS. OPP	4-1	1-4	
LAST FIVE SEASON	2-3	2-3	