

Men's Cross Country competes
 AMCC Championships were here at Behrend last weekend. Tim Schultheis finished first for the team. Find out where he placed overall and if the team had enough to capture the title on page 4B.

Section B Sports

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Women's volleyball competes in AMCC Tournament.

The Lions went into the AMCC tourney this past weekend with high hopes. See how the team finished up the season on page 3B.



by Dan Vidal
 staff writer

The Behrend men's soccer post season has commenced and the team has shown it is ready to do battle for the conference title.

The Lions ended the regular season with a 3-0 loss to Westminster, following two straight road wins against Thiel and Frostburg. They would have liked to come out on top against Westminster, but seemed to be gearing up for the AMCC tournament and basically playing out the season. They still felt focused and confident heading into the first round of the conference tournament at Altoona.

The Lions, seeded No. 3 in the conference, traveled south on Tuesday to battle No. 2 seeded Altoona in the first round. After their 1-0 loss to Altoona two weeks ago, the Lions had a bitter taste in its mouth because it felt they were the better team. They proved they are the better team on Tuesday in the conference tournament.

After two scoreless overtimes and a shootout session, Behrend emerged from the cold and muddy field with a 3-2 victory. The Lions showed great poise going on the road in very harsh weather conditions and coming out victorious.

"This was a very back-and-forth game, but we've been in this situation plenty of times this season and went through too much adversity to lose this game," said junior goalkeeper Jake Hordych. "I also think that having experience in playing nine overtime games this season played a role in the outcome of the game."

"This was one of the most emotional games I have ever been a part of in my life." The team hopes it can ride this emotional victory into the conference championship.

The Lions (8-9-4, 5-2) have gone through many

MEN ADVANCE

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Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

Friday
 Men's Soccer, AMCC Tournament, TBA

Saturday
 Women's Soccer, AMCC Tournament, TBA

Women's Basketball vs. Sheridan (exhibition), 11 a.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Sheridan (exhibition), 2 p.m.

Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving, Blue-White Meet, 9 a.m.

Friday
 Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving vs. Fredonia State, 6 p.m.

REVENGE!

Behrend upsets Altoona at AMCC's two weeks after losing to them in the regular season

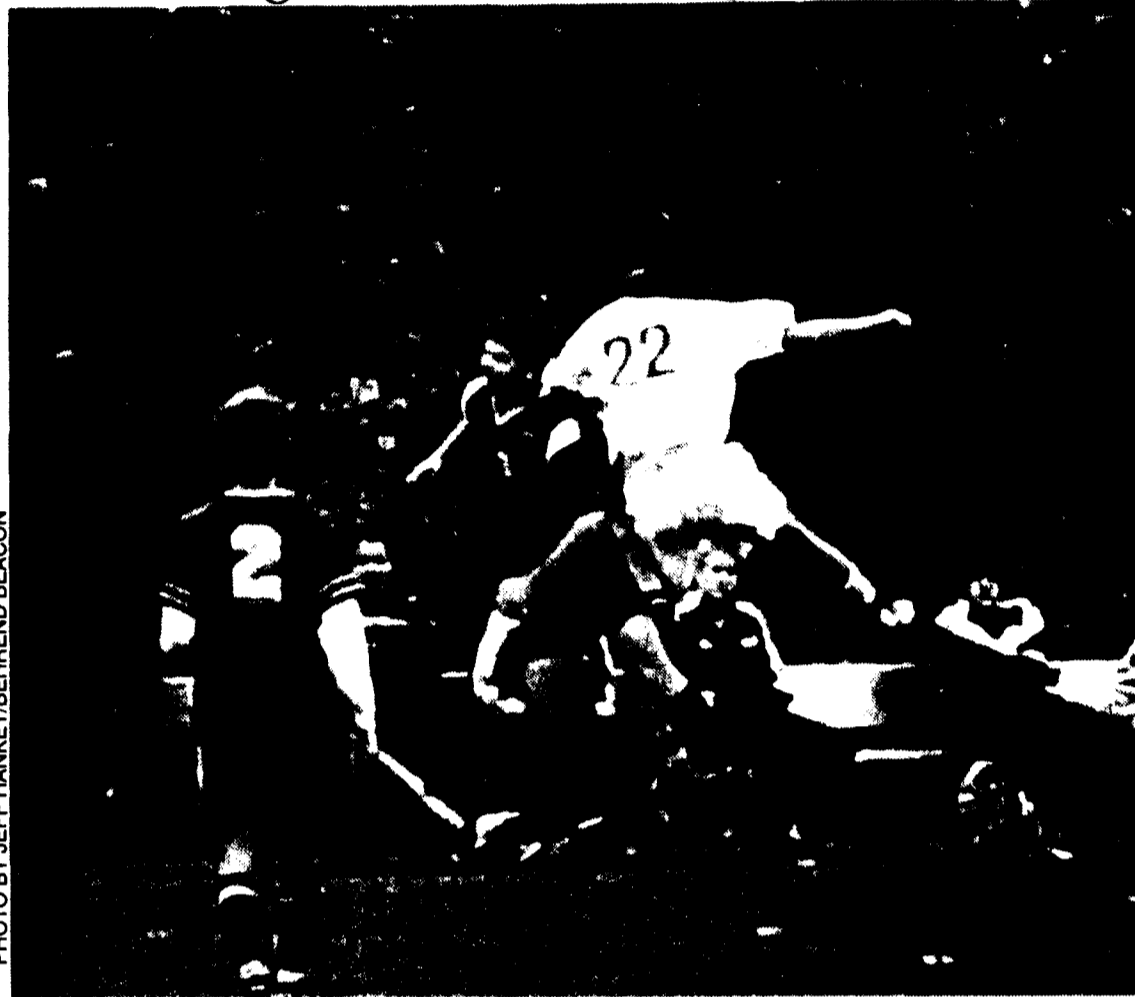


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Freshman Justin Reese battles an Altoona player for possession.

Intramurals Schedule

3 vs. 3 Basketball

Men's and Women's Entries due Nov. 8
 Games begin Mon., Nov. 11

5 vs. 5 Basketball

Men's and Women's Entries due Dec. 13
 Games begin Spring Semester

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One-Two punch



PHOTOS BY SCOTT SOLTIS/BEHREND BEACON

Jessica Sarver won the AMCC title Saturday and teammate Jessica Knapp took second place overall. Still, the Lions were unable to beat a talented Frostburg team.

Lions take second at the AMCCs against rival Frostburg

by Leacy Sauer
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On Saturday, the Penn State Behrend women's cross country team hosted the AMCC Championship race at the Behrend fields.

Trying to defend their title, the women's team came close to a first place victory, but lost to the Bobcats of Frostburg State.

In 2001, Behrend broke Frostburg's winning streak over the conference that had lasted since 1997. Expecting to once again deny them a first place victory, the Lions were determined to reclaim the top spot for the second year in a row.

Unfortunately, the women's team was bumped to second place.

Head Coach Dave Cooper attributed

this outcome to the number of injuries on the team.

"Our women ran an extremely determined race Saturday," said Cooper, "but the injury factor from the season was too much to overcome." He thought the accumulated injuries combined with the cold weather was the only thing standing in the seven-member team's way of a first-place victory.

Cooper was proud of the effort each team member made. Despite small numbers, he believes they made a big impact in the conference.

Frostburg came in first with 34 points, followed by Penn State Behrend with 42, Penn State Altoona 44, Pitt-Greensburg 112, Lake Erie 139, and Pitt-Bradford 150.

Two major highlights for the

women's team were their first and second place finishes. Sophomore Jessica Sarver finished first overall with a time of 24:18:26. Teammate Jessica Knapp, a junior who was first last year, came in a close second with a time of 24:38:73, only a 20-second separation. "Their one-two punch provides a measure of comfort to a team that has struggled with injuries most of the season," said Coach Cooper.

Next in line for Behrend was senior Jessica Coe, finishing with a time of 26:42:57. Susie Szafran, a sophomore, wasn't far behind with a time of 27:38:39. Coming in 15th and 16th places were sophomore Claire Manelick pulling a time of 27:44:98 and the lone freshman on the team Christina Zinger with a time of 27:59:01.

Although second place isn't what the Behrend women's cross country team wanted, it's a finish they can be proud of. The first two places were Behrend colors Sarver and Knapp's efforts added "one very bright spot to the day," according to Cooper.

However, the team isn't finished here. In two weeks it competes in regionals, where they anticipate facing Frostburg for one last time. Cooper revealed his plan handling the quickly approaching competition, and he wants to make a big impact.

"Hopefully we can come back in two weeks at regionals," says Cooper, "where the larger numbers will be to our advantage in putting points between Sarver, Knapp and Frostburg's pack."

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week



Trisha Adams

SPORT: Volleyball
 CLASS: Junior
 DATE: Nov. 4

Trisha Adams (Fairview/Fairview) was named this week's Beacon/Food and Housing Athlete of the Week. This past weekend the Behrend women's volleyball team traveled to Frostburg State for the AMCC championship. During the weekend, Adams recorded 22 kills, 19 digs, and two service aces from her outside hitter position. After playing in 121 games in the 2002 season, she leads her team in kills with 374, which also places her fifth in the AMCC conference.

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week is selected by the Sports Information Staff.