

On Deck Behrend Athletic Events

Saturday

Men's and Women's Indoor
Track and Field
@ Slippery Rock
9 a.m.

Men's and Women's
Swimming & Diving
vs. Penn State Altoona &
Frostburg
2 p.m.

Women's Basketball
vs.
La Roche
6 p.m.

Men's Basketball
vs. La Roche
8 p.m.

Monday
Men's Basketball vs. Oberlin
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Men's and Women's
Swimming & Diving
@ Washington & Jefferson
6 p.m.

Women's Basketball @
Pitt-Greensburg
6 p.m.

Men's Basketball @
Pitt-Greensburg
8 p.m.

Friday
Men's and Women's
Swimming & Diving
vs. Nazareth
6 p.m.

Intramural Schedule

Men's, Women's and COED
Ping Pong
Entry Deadline Jan. 30

Men's Women's and COED
Arena Football
Entry Deadline Feb. 6

Aerobics Classes
begin Monday

Swim teams continue to improve as their season rolls forward

by Samantha Cibula
contributing writer

The women's and men's swim teams were both out swam by Edinboro on Saturday. The women lost 95-65, while the men lost 107-58. Despite the defeat, both the women and men swam times that were comparable to where they should be for this point in the season.

"We are just coming off Christmas training and many of the swimmers are looking better in the water, but not feeling great," said head coach Jen Slack.

Freshmen Brittany Yost and Alexis Puhala both scored 18 points for the Lady Lions and were also on the winning 400 yd free relay.

Puhala won the 500 yd freestyle and the 1000 yd freestyle maintaining her dominance in the distance events.

"Even though we've been training really hard and my body is tired, I'm still swimming times I'm pleased with for this point in the season and holding pace times, which is important in the distance events," said Puhala.

Yost took on the 200 yd freestyle over the weekend and proved to be successful, winning the event along with the 100 yd backstroke.

"The 200-yd freestyle isn't an event that I usually swim," said Yost. "I did find out this weekend that I am a solid contributor in the event and will probably be swimming it more often."

Junior captain Eric Phillips and sophomore Steven Schleicher gave strong performances for the men.

Phillips won both of his individual events on

Saturday. He won the 500 yd freestyle with the time of 5:21.26 and the 100 yd breaststroke with a 1:08.01.

"Eric is swimming very well and has become a versatile swimmer who can contribute to the team in just about every event," said Slack.

Schleicher posted an individual win in the 1000 yd freestyle and was on the winning 400 yd freestyle relay.

The Behrend swim team also competed last Friday against Mount Union. The women rallied to win 95-92 while the men lost 105-83.

Yost led the women winning the 200 yd freestyle and 200 yd backstroke, she also was a member of the winning 200 yd medley relay.

"Brittany is showing good things in the 200 yd freestyle and is a good addition to the group of girls who swim the event," said Slack.

Freshman Whitney Marshall continued to demonstrate her strength, swimming through muscle soreness and breaking her 200 yd butterfly record by five seconds. Marshall's new record is a 2:26.78.

"The women's meet came down to the last event," said Slack. "Our A relay had to win the 200 yd freestyle relay and our B relay had to score points."

"It turned out that both our A relay and Mount Union's A relay DQ'd."

"Our B relay won the race and gave the team the needed points to win by three points."

The women's winning relay team included



After suffering a set back the women's team was able to regroup against Mount Union, while the men are looking to get back in a groove.

sophomore Carrie Smock, freshman Cara Ludwig, freshman Jacki Slagle and senior Sarah McGarvey.

Every point counts in swimming," said McGarvey. "We never gave up in the 200 yd freestyle relay and ended up winning the race."

Leading the men was Phillips with a win in the 1000 yd freestyle and was part of the winning 200 yd medley relay team. Freshmen Justin Ryder and Brandon Thiel also captured individual wins.

Ryder won the 50 yd freestyle in a close race to Mount Union's Jeremy Opacich. Ryder finished with a 23.84 while Opacich had a 23.88.

"The guys aren't swimming times they want to be swimming, but right now it's hard swimming as fast as you want when your body is broken down," said Slack.

The men and women return to action in a home double dual meet against Frostburg State and Penn State Altoona on Saturday.

Hockey continues to struggle

by Amy Hiles
contributing writer

The Behrend men's club hockey team lost a close game to Case Western on Sunday at the Mercyhurst Ice Center by 4-3 score.

The two teams skated hard in the first period, giving it their all. However, Behrend was down 1-0 by the end of the first period. Goalie Zach Marapese faced a total of nine shots on goal in the first period.

The second period began with an immediate goal from Case Western, remaining in the lead, 2-0.

Quickly after Case Western's second goal, Joe Persang picked up the first goal for Behrend. Behrend continued to pick up their speed and four minutes later, Sean Salem put the puck in Case Western's net assisted by Josh Grumski.

However, by the end of the second period, Case Western managed to slip one by Marapese to maintain a 3-2 lead. Behrend had 11 shots on goal in the second period.

Behrend started off the third period shakily as Case Western scored another goal, which placed them even more in the lead by a 4-2 margin. Behrend, down by two, in a last-ditch effort, pulled their goalie with just two minutes of play left in the period.

With Behrend on a power play, Persang scored immediately off of the face off, assisted by D.J. Craven and Mike Fritts. By the end of the third period, Behrend managed to pull themselves up to a close 4-3 with eight shots on goal.

"I think we played well as a team. However, the bounces didn't always go our way," said Persang. "Our goalie played very well that game."

Behrend will head down to Altoona this weekend to face off with the Penn State Altoona squad.

"We're going to Altoona this weekend and we think we're going to win it all," said Grumski. "We're going to shock the world."

"The next time we play Case Western we should definitely win," said Persang. "Our team is definitely the better team."

STUDENT APPRECIATION NIGHT

Saturday, January 24, 2004



Come watch the women's and men's basketball
teams take on La Roche at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
at the Junker Center and enjoy -
Free pizza from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

And a Special Behrend Welcome to
All men's and women's basketball alumni

Courtesy of the
Penn State Behrend Alumni Society