

Behrend baseball team ends up 2-2 in Maryville, taking 3rd place

Burchanowski and Brubaker named to all-tourney team

by Dylan Stewart
sports editor

The Behrend Lions baseball team recently finished up a solid past weekend, as they traveled down to play a tournament in Maryville, Tennessee, coming away with a 2-2 record, and a third place finish.

The Lions now move their overall record to a respectable 7-4, with the toughest part of their season schedule behind them.

"We have played a lot of quality teams so far," said senior captain Marc Burchanowski. "Although our schedule is by no means going to get easy the rest of the way, I think we have a chance to put it in gear and come away with around twenty-five wins by the end of our season" added Burchanowski.

In the Maryville Tournament, although the Lions finished with the

same 2-2 record through the tournament as did opponents both Bethany, and NAIA Urbana, Behrend lost out to the second place finish due to their 11-3 head to head loss with Urbana.

"We played great throughout the whole tournament," said assistant

"We have played a lot of quality teams so far."

Mark Burchanowski
senior catcher

coach William Vitron. "We were only outplayed in our last game against Urbana. We should have beaten Maryville, but a few mental mistakes throughout the game cost us in the end," said Vitron.

Sophomore Jeremy Brubaker and Senior Marc Burchanowski both

made the all-tourney team with their stellar offensive performances and strong defense.

Brubaker was 6-10 through the tournament at the plate, with a team high eight runs scored, five stolen bases, two home runs, and seven walks.

Burchanowski was 7-17 throughout the tournament, with a team high seven hits and six RBI's, not to mention a home run, double, and three stolen bases.

Although not making the all-tourney team, first basemen Shawn Headley capped off an impressive weekend going 5-10, with two doubles and four RBI's.

On day one of the tournament, the Lions crew smacked Bethany by a score of 20-4, before bowing out to host school and tournament champion Maryville, by a score of 5-4.



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Junior transfer Ryan Smith takes a home run hack during the Lion's 9-2 victory against Oberlin

The twenty runs scored in the game for Behrend sets a new school record.

The Behrend offense hit Bethany before they even knew what had happened, as they reeled off 13 first inning runs, aided by eight hits and five Bethany errors.

"Bethany is actually a pretty good team," said sophomore Shawn Headley. "It was real nice to beat them like that seeing as though they have beaten us every time we have met in the last few years," added Headley.

Shawn Headley came up with a big offensive performance as he cracked three hits, while also knocking in four runs for the Lions.

Marc Burchanowski launched a home run for one of his two hits, while Matt Slavonic and David Williams each came away with two hits apiece.

Sophomore pitcher Rob Green fired a gem, as he picked up the win going five innings of work, allowing only one hit and striking out eight to move his record ahead to 2-0.

In game two of the doubleheader, Behrend fell behind early by a score

of 4-1 before pulling the contest to within one run in the last inning as they were defeated 5-4.

Ryan Frederick pitched four solid innings, giving up five runs, only three of which were earned. Junior Ryan Smith came on in the final two innings to shut down the Maryville offense, allowing only one hit and striking out two.

Offensively the Lions were led by sophomore shortstop David Williams who drove in two runs with a pair of base knocks.

"We would have won that game if we would have done the little things a little better," said assistant coach William Vitron. "Without the mental mistakes in that game we would have taken home the tournament championship," added Vitron.

Day two proved to be not much different than day one, as the Lions won their first game against Oberlin by a score of 9-2, before falling to Urbana by a mark of 11-3.

The Lions started out slowly in the first game against Oberlin, before busting out in the fifth and sixth innings to seal the win 9-2.

Jeremy Brubaker was a machine on offense, as he banged out three

hits, including a home run in the sixth inning, not to mention three stolen bases and three RBI's.

Marc Burchanowski also banged out three hits, with Bryan Connolly and Kit Bower each coming away with two.

Corey Walters was strong on the mound as he moved his pitching record to 2-0, as he struck out three and walked two.

The Lions next bowed out to Urbana later in the day by a score of 11-3.

"That loss was simply a case of them hitting the ball really well, and us not really hitting the ball at all. We just had an off game at the plate," said sophomore Corey Walters.

The Lions next swing in to action today as they host their first home game doubleheader of the year against Grove City at both 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The Lions will then host Hilbert on Saturday at both 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Behrend will play their first conference game when they travel down to play Pitt-Greensburg next Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.



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Behrend hitting coach Bill Graham talks to sophomore outfielder Jerry Brubaker after an at-bat.



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Sophomore hurler Corey Walters delivers a pitch during a recent contest.

Netters bounce Fredonia State, move to 2-3

by Art Faix
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The Behrend Men's Tennis team strikes fire as they start to turn their season around. "The worst is behind us," commented Coach Chuck Keenan.

Freshman Matt Weber led the team to victory, as he earned his first two collegiate wins as the team defeated Fredonia 5-4.

The victory moves the team record ahead to 2-3

"I felt like a feather on my feet

today!" exclaimed Weber.

Weber also noted his new training as a key to his recent success. Wes Miller also paced the Netters with two victories.

"My serve was on fire today, I could do no wrong," declared Miller.

All systems are go as the team heads into a difficult weekend of tennis. The Netters have six matches in three days starting with a home match Friday afternoon against Waynesburg. Saturday the

Gamma Invitational will keep the team busy as seven teams travel to Erie to compete.

"We've assembled a tough draw for our tournament, however, I expect good things from our squad," said Coach Keenan. The weekend is topped off with the start of the AMCC season with a match with division rivals, Frostburg State and Lake Erie. "This is a demanding stretch of tennis, but I think we are ready for it," stated Keenan.

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-Anne

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-Willy J.

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-Chan

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Thanks for the new car.
-Andrea

Jenny,
Thanks for your boyfriend.
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Nate,
My car looks like a chocolate bar.
-AR

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Did I ever tell you the kangaroo story?
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