

Behrend baseball wins first ever AMCC matchup

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The Behrend baseball team closed out their week winning four of their last six games to up their record to an 11 - 6 season tally.

Although four of six wins might sound like a successful week, the Lion squad came away feeling like they had been kissed by a great aunt.

"We should have a record of at least 13 - 4 right now," said senior captain Marc Burchanowski. "The two games we lost were inexcusable, and everybody on the team would agree with that," added Burchanowski.

"I think our lack of experience had something to do with the two let-downs," said assistant coach Bill Vitron. "Those are games that we are

not likely to drop in the years to come," commented Vitron.

The bright spot of the week came with the Lions winning their first ever AMCC conference games when they traveled down to kick Pitt-Greensburg by scores of 8 - 5, and 11 - 3.

"The conference games are something we have been gearing up for for nearly a year," said head coach Paul Benim. "It felt good to go to Greensburg and earn two AMCC victories," added Benim.

Junior Ryan Smith was a fire breathing monster on the day, as he went 7 - 8, with eight RBI's, 5 runs scored, and two (bombs) homeruns.

The six RBI's Smith came away with in the second game sets a new school record.

"Ryan Smith is a great kid and he had a super day," said Benim.

The Lions prevailed in game one by a score of 8 - 5.

Sophomore Rob Green picked up his fourth win in a row to set his record at 4 - 0.

Green worked five innings, striking out five and giving up only one hit.

Justin Kline, Morgan Saeler, and Ryan Smith came on to close out the last two innings for the Lion victory.

"Our pitching staff has performed admirably," said Benim. "They are doing a very solid job and giving us the opportunity to win," added Benim.

Ryan Smith led the offense going 3 - 4, including a homer, two RBI's, and two runs scored.



photo by Ben Murphy

Sophomore captain Jeremy Brubaker gets ready to flog an unexpected teammate during practice

Matt Slavonic, David Williams, and Michael Thompson each chipped in two hits in the win.

The Lions banged out fourteen hits in game two, to win handily by a score of 11 - 3.

Pitcher Ryan Frederick laid down the hammer as he struck out eight in five innings of work, while only allowing a stingy three hits to pick up the victory.

Freshmen Joe Thompson came on to close out the game's final two innings, striking out two with one hit allowed.

"Both Frederick and Green dominated the Greensburg team," said Benim. "Green only gave up one hit in five innings, and Frederick struck out seven of nine hitters at one point in the second game," finished Benim.

Ryan Smith led the offense once again in the second game, going 4 - 4 with six RBI's, three runs scored, and one home run.

Sophomore shortstop David Williams also had a tremendous game at the plate, as he was 3 - 4 with a triple and three RBI's.

Corey Walters and Matt Slavonic also added two hits for the Lions in triumph.

Earlier in the week, Behrend started their week off by splitting with Grove City by scores of 2 - 1, and 2 - 5.

Rob Green shut down the Grove

City offense in game one to carry the Lions to victory 2 - 1.

Green went the seven inning distance, giving up only one run on four hits, while striking out nine.

Jeremy Brubaker and Ryan Smith each had two hits for the Lions, while Corey Walters and Shawn Headley provided the two RBI's for the Lion victory.

The Lion bats fell asleep in game two, as they were only able to produce two runs on five hits during the game as they fell by a score of 2 - 5.

Ryan Smith pitched seven strong innings, striking out six, while giving up five runs on nine hits.

Next up was a twinbill against Hilbert College in which the Lions again split by scores of 14 - 1, and 2 - 4.

Game one was a blowout as the Lions mashed thirteen hits for fourteen runs, to prevail by a score of 14 - 1.

Ryan Frederick pitched a gem, firing five scoreless innings, giving up only one hit and striking out nine.

Freshmen James Calpin came on to close out the final two innings by giving up one unearned run and striking out three.

Marc Burchanowski was 3 - 4 at the plate, with three runs scored and one RBI.

David Oldach and Matt Slavonic each knocked out two hits, while each

driving in three runs.

The bench water of the Lions in the second game was seemingly again "slipped a mickey," as the Behrend bats mysteriously fell asleep to again drop the second contest by a score of 2 - 4.

Although sophomore hurler Corey Walters pitched well enough to win the ballgame by giving up only three earned runs on four hits, the Lion offense came up short in the saddening defeat.

Walters also finished the game with nine strikeouts.

Joe Thompson was the only Lion to come away with two baseknocks for Behrend in defeat.

The Lions have a busy week ahead of them starting next Monday as they play ten games in eight days.

Before that stretch however comes a very important road match against AMCC rival Frostburg State, as the Lions travel to Frostburg for a Saturday doubleheader.

The Lions return home next week with a double dip against Theil on Monday at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Behrend will then host AMCC foe La Roche on Tuesday, with games at both 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The doubleheader will include a free tailgate party, where both hot dogs and soda will be provided to both students and faculty.



photo by Ben Murphy

Sophomore pitcher Shawn Headley fires a pitch during a practice intersquad.

Intramural Swimming

REMINDER:
Intramural
Badminton
deadline
Friday, April 10

ENTRIES: Deadline is **Friday, April 17 at 4:00 pm**
Entries are to be turned into the IM Office

ENTRY FEE: \$1.00 charged to your student account for every event entered with \$2.00 being the minimum charge and \$4.00 being the maximum charge.

DIVISIONS:
Individual - Men's, Women's, Coed:

For those individuals who do not represent a men's, women's, coed or point system team. You may swim in as many events as you wish.

Team - Men's, Women's, Coed:

For those individuals who are not participating for a point system team but wish to compete for the team title. Teams will be made of at least 6 people (coed - 3 men/3 women) and may enter up to 2 people (coed - 2 of each sex) in each individual event and 1 relay team for each relay event. However, the same person may only swim in 3 of the 5 individual events. Points are awarded in each event to the top 12 finishers.

Point System Teams:

May enter up to 5 individuals in each individual event and 4 relay teams in each relay event. However, the same person may only swim in 3 of the 5 individual events and both relay events. Points are awarded in each event to the top 12 finishers. The coed relays will not be part of the point system teams events.

TYPE TOURNAMENT: There will be 9 events, each of which will have a champion.

EVENTS:

50 freestyle	200 medley relay (back, breast, butterfly, free)
50 breaststroke	100 freestyle relay
50 butterfly	200 coed freestyle relay
50 backstroke	200 coed medley relay (back, breast, butterfly, free)
400 freestyle	

TIME AND PLACE: Sunday, April 26 at the Eastside YMCA
Meet begins at 11:00 a.m.
Check-in and warm-up time is from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball 11-6

PSB 2, GROVE CITY 1
PSB 2, GROVE CITY 5
PSB 14, HILBERT 1
PSB 2, HILBERT 4
PSB 11, PITT-GREENSBURG 3
PSB 8, PITT-GREENSBURG 5

Softball 8-12

PSB 4, BUFFALO STATE 10
PSB 2, BUFFALO STATE 7
PSB 8, ST. JOHN FISHER 6
PSB 3, ST. JOHN FISHER 6
PSB 5, ALLEGHENY 4
PSB 7, ALLEGHENY 6
PSB 4, LAROCHE 0
PSB 10, LAROCHE 12

Men's tennis 8-5