

Behrend Baseball topples nationally ranked Allegheny

Lions pull off five run ninth to prevail 10-6

by Dylan Stewart
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It all came down to crunchtime for the Behrend Lions, as they trailed Allegheny College by a score of 6-5 going into the top of the ninth inning.

The Lions then proceeded to reel off five runs on a flurry of base hits in their last at-bat, before shutting down Allegheny in the bottom of the ninth to seal the victory.

Allegheny came into the contest at (19-8), with a National NCAA Division III ranking of 25th in the nation.

"Today we hit the ball all over the yard and our pitching was sharp," said head coach Paul Benim. "This is a very nice win for our program," said Benim. "Our squad played very well and earned this victory," added Benim.

The Lions started off the game in rocky fashion as they trailed by as much as 6-1, before slowly chipping away in the latter innings to close the score to 6-5 at the start of the ninth.

Freshman David Oldach and junior Ryan Smith combined to pitch the final six innings, allowing only five hits, while not surrendering a single run to the Allegheny squad.

"Oldach and Smith did an outstanding job in relief," said Benim.

Starter Corey Walters received an early exit in the first inning, after battling through a sore arm and not being able to find his control.

Walters gave up three runs, on one hit and three walks.

Sophomore Morgan Saeler then came on to pitch the first two and a half innings, giving up three runs on two hits, with all three runs coming on a three-run homer.

"Our team never gave up once during the game," said sophomore David Williams. "It would have been real easy for our team to quit

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after the lousy start that we had to battle back from," added Williams.

Offensively, sophomore Jeremy Brubaker packed his corked bat, as he went a torrid 4-5 from the plate, including a double, three runs scored and one RBI.

Besides picking up the win on the hill, junior Ryan Smith knocked in three RBI's on two base hits, not to mention picking up a stolen base.

Brian Connolly and Kit Bower also had stellar days at the dish, as they came away with three base hits apiece in the triumph.

The Lions next came home to thump AMCC Pitt Greensburg two straight games by scores of 13-1 and 12-3.

The wins move Behrend's overall record to 15-8, while moving their AMCC mark to 5-2.

Game one featured a dominant

pitching performance by sophomore Ryan Frederick, as he needed only sixty pitches to shut down Greensburg in the 13-1 victory.

Frederick gave up only one run on three hits, while striking out six and not walking a single batter, to move his record ahead to an even 3-3.

The Lions offense exploded for seven runs in the third inning, as

with four RBI's in the winning effort.

Sophomore pitcher Rob Green held down the fort in game two, as he allowed only three runs on five hits, while striking out eleven in the 12-3 victory to move his record ahead to 5-1.

Relief pitcher Justin Kline came on in the seventh to slam the door, as he closed out the last inning without allowing a single hit.

Marc Burchanowski and Kit Bower each provided the Lions with two base hits apiece, while also coming away with two RBI's each.

The Lions next big test comes this Saturday at home as they battle Frostburg State for the AMCC championship at both 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Before that happens, the Lions will travel to Grove City for a double dip on Thursday at both 1:00, and 3:00, before returning home on Sunday to host Oberlin at times of both 1:00 and 3:00 to close out the week.

they never looked back in capturing the victory.

Ryan Smith provided much of the explosives, as he went a dynamite 3-4 from the plate, with a double, three runs scored, and two RBI's.

Jeremy Brubaker, Corey Walters, and Joe Thompson also chipped into the win, as they each came away with two hits apiece.

Michael Thompson was the man driving in runs, as he came away



photo by Jason Blake

Freshman Joe Thompson shows all the kids at home how to field a grounder with your armpit.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Brian Bell drives his way to ATW

by David Reynolds
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Golfer Brian Bell closed out the spring season in fine form this week, grabbing Athlete of the Week honors.

In last week's season-ending Penn State-Behrend tournament, held on Peek and Peak's lower course, Bell shot a Behrend-best 79. On the spring, he has led the team with a stroke average of 81.4.

Bell has posted Behrend's lowest scores in three of five tournaments. "He was solid all year, always right around the top scores in the tournaments," said teammate Brian Shellito.

Bell, who is in only his first year on the team, is known for his long, soaring drives. These drives, according to head golf coach John Gorman, can sail about 280 yards. Gorman observed, "He's a big-ball hitter." Teammate Jason Cujas agreed, saying, "Brian hits the ball a ton."

Coach Gorman also said, "After

losing last year's number one man to graduation, there was a major gap to be filled. Brian has stepped up to fill the gap nicely."

A native of Hermitage, PA, Brian attended Hickory High School. At

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Hickory, Brian played golf, baseball, and basketball.

Brian, a science major, is a senior here at Behrend. He plans to someday attend dental school. In his spare time, Brian tends bar at Muscarella's.



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Sophomore pitcher Justin Kline is busy hitting grounders during a recent practice



photo by Jason Blake

Assistant coach Quinn(Icabod) McGuire shows off his nasty fastball during a recent Lions practice.

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Carmenlita, Jewel, Brandy, René, Tim, Ebony, and Danielle,

I want to thank all of you for all of the effort, energy and time you poured into the ABC gala "time after time". I love you guys.

-Soiiii

Lisa, Your parents must be proud!

-Nate

Danielle, Stop shaking hands with Edward Scissorhands.

-Ayodele

Nate and Ik Chan, Congratulations on the awards!

-A

Thanks to everyone who attended the Association of Black Collegians gala.

Jason, You are the nicest boy I know.

-Delores

Garin, I know your a heartbreak'n kind of guy, but try to take it easy on Kathy, OK???

-Mark

Cheech, I'm kinda mad at you this week.

-A

Joanne, Nice tattoo.

-Grandin

Tim, I'll beat you in Jeopardy next week.

-AJ

Bill, Let me take you to my winter wonderland.

J, I'll try not to wake you up again this weekend.

-A

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