

## Men and women runners place second at AMCC Championships

By Jason Snyder  
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The Behrend men's and women's cross country teams both finished second in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championships this past Saturday on their home course. Despite hosting the 1998 Championships, the Lions weren't able to overcome a strong Frostburg State team that won both the men's and the women's races.

The men's team was able to keep the results in doubt, hanging with the Frostburg State team throughout the race. Despite coming up short, Coach Rich Hoffman was impressed with what he saw. "We ran probably our best team race of the season, and I was so excited during the race. It was electric out there. I was on the course at 3.5 miles, and our guys came through in this huge pack and were cutting the gap on Frostburg, and I just thought it was an awesome sight to see," commented Hoffman. Frostburg is ranked 14th in the nation, but the Lions were able to keep the score close. Hoffman said, "the race was literally not decided until everyone was in the chute."

Frostburg placed runners in first, second and third followed by Behrend's Brian Gaines (28:22), Adam Dzuricky (28:56), Mark Surovics (29:11), Tyler Travis

(29:24), and Dennis Halaszynski (29:39), placing fourth through eighth, respectively. Freshman Matt Heidecker finished 10th in his first race back from an early season injury. Frostburg's Frank Curiel won the meet in 27:46.

When the final tallying was complete, Frostburg took first with 26 points, Behrend placed second with 30 points and LaRoche and Pitt-Bradford finished third and fourth with 90 and 105 points, respectively.

Freshman Brian Gaines was rewarded with the Newcomer of the Year award for his consistently strong finishes and times throughout the season. Hoffman, impressed with Gaines' success said, "Brian has been having a terrific season and this is a well deserved honor." He added, "we sometimes forget that Brian is a freshman considering the way he races, but the guys he was running against Saturday are no slouches and Brian proved he belonged."

Gaines also was named to the All-Conference team along with teammates Adam Dzuricky, Mark Surovics and Tyler Travis.

The women's team also finished second this past Saturday. Frostburg placed all five of their top runners in the top five. Behrend's Abby Crilley (22:26) finished in sixth place as teammates Keri Lowman (23:17), Tina Rubay (24:45), Kelly Friess (25:02), and Amy Bednar (25:11) placed 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th respectively. Frostburg's Angie Shaw won the individual title in 20:33.

Frostburg swept the meet with 15

points, followed by Behrend with 47 points. Pitt-Bradford finished in third with 75 points.

In only Abby Crilley's second race at the collegiate level, she was named to the AMCC All-Conference team for her performance at the Championships.

In only his first year coaching, Hoffman was named the men's Coach of the Year in the AMCC. Honored with such recognition, Hoffman said, "it was a great honor because I was voted on by the other coaches and because it was a result of the effort our men put forth and the race that they ran. Although the honor was given to me, I look at it as an honor for our men's team and really our whole program."

Both the men and the women will compete at Regionals on November 14. Coach Hoffman remains hopeful that the men can qualify for the National Meet at the end of November. Hoffman said, "we are still looking at running to claim a berth at nationals, a tall order for any program, but we have the guys that can pull it off." The women aim to continue to improve on a building year. "We have been getting better and better each week, and I want to end the season on a good positive note," said Hoffman. The men and women will have three weeks of training to prepare for the Regional meet. Hoffman concluded, "we'll prepare well for Regionals, and I am confident we'll run our best races of the season at that meet."



The men's soccer team battles Brockport on Homecoming weekend.

photo by Andrea Zaffino

## Lion soccer teams play for Homecoming crowd

By Matt Buser  
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On Saturday the Behrend men's and women's soccer teams both played to a huge Homecoming crowd in this past week's action. Both teams hosted Brockport. The seven senior players from both

their only game of the week. The women played to a 1-1 tie against Brockport, and split two other games against Allegheny and Buffalo State during the week.

With the 2-1 loss to Brockport, the men's record stands at 10-8 overall, 4-1 in the conference. Travis Lang scored the lone goal for Behrend on a direct kick. Senior players for the men's team are midfielders Travis Lang and Kevin Rinchardt, as well as forward Andrew Kariotis.

The men play their final two regular season games at home, today at 3:00 against Buffalo State, and Tuesday, November 3, at 2:30, against Allegheny. The men travel to Frostburg next weekend for their Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference tournament on November 7-8.

Saturday's tie for the women against Brockport was a hard fought, physical game. Behrend's goal came when Katie Giles scored on a well-executed give-and-go with Amy LaRocca. Senior players for the women's team are midfielder Jen

Bargiband, defenders Kristen Gontar and Michelle Finch, and forward Lisa Fox.

On Wednesday, October 21, the women hosted Allegheny and suffered a 2-0 defeat. "We had big wins the week before against Carnegie Mellon and Frostburg, and I think it was hard for us to muster the same intensity," assistant coach Melissa Eging said of the loss.

On Tuesday, October 27, the women traveled to Buffalo State, and rolled to a 3-1 victory. Goals were scored by Katie Giles, Amy LaRocca, and Kelly Maze. "It was difficult to travel that far for a game, and field conditions were poor," Eging commented, "but it was important to end the regular season on a positive note, and we were able to accomplish that."

The women finished the regular season 13-2-3 overall, 4-0 in conference. The women host their AMCC tournament this weekend and play on Saturday at 11:00. The championship game will be Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

## Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week

Name: Brian Gaines  
Sport: Men's Cross Country  
Class: Freshman  
Date: October 19-October 26

Brian Gaines, freshman cross country runner, has been named the Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. Gaines finished fourth at last weekend's AMCC Championships, with a time of 28:22. His performance helped Behrend earn a second place finish in the conference.

"Brian has had an excellent season, winning three meets and being very competitive in his other meets against tough competition. It is not real common for a freshman to accomplish what Brian has so far this year, and I think it speaks highly of both his ability, his dedication and his hard work," said coach Rich Hoffman.

Gaines was also named the AMCC Newcomer of the Year. On the year, Gaines won three meets and was a consistent performer all year long.

Gaines is a graduate of Union City High School.

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Melissa Eging,  
assistant women's soccer coach

Behrend teams were recognized for their dedication to the Behrend soccer program. Unfortunately, neither team was able to score a win for the large contingent of Behrend fans. The men suffered a 2-1 defeat in

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# Scoreboard

Women's Soccer		
	Overall Record	AMCC
Behrend	12-2-3	4-0
Frostburg	10-4	3-1
Lake Erie	12-6	1-4
La Roche	12-5	1-3
Pitt-Bradford	8-9	1-3

Behrend Scores

Behrend 0	Allegheny 2
Behrend 1	Brockport 1

Upcoming Behrend Games

October 31	AMCC Championships
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Men's Soccer		
	Overall Record	AMCC
Frostburg	13-3	5-0
Behrend	10-8	4-1
Pitt-Bradford	7-11	2-3
Pitt-Greensburg	5-9	1-3
La Roche	4-12	2-3
Lake Erie	8-11	0-4

Behrend Scores

Behrend 1	Brockport 2
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Upcoming Behrend Games

October 29	Buffalo State	3:00 p.m.
November 3	Allegheny	2:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball		
	Overall Record	AMCC
Frostburg	27-2	6-0
Pitt-Bradford	17-7	7-2
La Roche	15-16	5-1
Behrend	8-21	2-4
Pitt-Greensburg	4-15	1-4
Penn State Altoona	8-14	1-5
Lake Erie	0-22	0-9

Behrend Scores

Behrend 3	Buffalo State 0
Behrend 1	Clarion 3
Behrend 0	Muskingum 3
Behrend 0	Binghamton 3
Behrend 0	St. John Fisher 3
Behrend 1	Pitt-Bradford 3
Behrend 3	Pitt-Greensburg 0

Upcoming Behrend Matches

October 31	@ Pitt-Greensburg	1:00 p.m.
November 3	@ Lake Erie	7:00 p.m.

### Cross Country

#### Behrend Results

The Behrend men finished in second place at the AMCC Championships this past Saturday.

The Behrend women finished in second place at the AMCC Championships this past Saturday. Frostburg State won both the men's and women's team titles.

#### Upcoming Behrend Meet

November 14 Regional Meet

