

# 1998-99 RECAP

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Behrend Athletics had a year to remember in its 1998-99 schedule. Many Lions' teams set new school records with four teams capturing the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Championship. Some teams earned regional rankings while the college added another Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference to its trophy case.

The spring season saw both the men's and women's soccer teams excel under the direction of head coach Dan Perritano.

**THE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM** won a school record, 13 wins in a year that saw them earn an NCAA Division III, North East Regional Poll ranking for the third consecutive season. The men's season was also highlighted with a 2-1 win over the Gators of Allegheny College. The Lions advanced to the AMCC Championship game after a 2-1 win over Pitt-Bradford. Frostburg then defeated the Lions in the finale, 4-0.

**THE WOMEN REPEATED AS** AMCC Champions for the second straight season. The Behrend women then qualified for the ECAC Tournament after a season that saw

them record a new school mark of 15 wins, 2 losses and 3 ties. Katie Giles, Michelle Finch, Jill Yamma, and Jen Bargiband were named to the All-AMCC team. Michelle Malatesta won Co-Newcomer of the Year and Laura Ferko received Co-Most Valuable Player.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS NETTED AN AMCC** Championship behind first-year head coach Jeff Barger. The Lions hosted the tournament and outplayed Frostburg for a 14-13 final score win. Swinging in the All-AMCC team were JoAnn

Fabrizio and Angela Albertson (first-team singles), Jamie Brubaker, Emily Rubin, Jen Morton and Christine Chan (second-team singles). Albertson, Brubaker and Morton, Chan were also named to the second team doubles.

**RICH HOFFMAN JOINED** the Behrend community this fall as he led the Lions' cross country teams to a successful season. The men placed second at the AMCC Championships with many individuals receiving All-Conference recognition. Adam Dzuricky, Mark Surovick Tyler Travis and Brian Gaines were named first team with Gaines also being named Newcomer of the Year. The women also placed second with Abby Crilley receiving All-Conference recognition.

Coach Hoffman was named the men's Coach of the Year in his first season.

**THE LADY'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM** faced tough competition

throughout the season but continued to show improvement. Mary Good, Tanya Deats, and Heather Lerch all played well through the season and give the Lions a bright future.

The winter season proved to be the most successful for the Behrend Athletics' program. Both basketball teams brought excitement to Erie Hall due to the great promotions planned by Brian Streeter.

**THE ECAC CHAMPION LIONS** had a record breaking season behind the coaching of Dave Niland. The Behrend men won the regular season AMCC Championship, but fell short in the AMCC Tournament to LaRoche in the first round. The men won a school record 21 games, with their 21st

coming in the ECAC Championship against host Gettysburg. Being named to the All-Conference team were Brock Bovaird and Andy

named to the All-Conference second team. Tiffany Buck broke the career three-point record in the closing weeks of the season. Coach Fornari

Championship this past season, but fell just short to Frostburg who won the title. Behrend won a school record, 24 games, entering their final contests against Allegheny and Grove City. Behrend was coached by Paul Benim. The Lions will stay determined to win the AMCC Championship in the near future.

**BEHREND TRACK AND FIELD** gave inaugural a new definition with a shocking first season under Rich Hoffman. The Behrend men earned a national ranking of 27 midway through the season. The men were the first team in Behrend's history to be ranked first in their respective region.

**THE MEN'S GOLF TEAM** finished fourth in the AMCC. Matt Livingston was named to the first team All-Conference team due to his third place finish at the Championships.

**MEN'S TENNIS MADE SOME 'RAQUET'** in the AMCC after a slow start to the season that saw them go 0-3 to open their season. The men were 6-8 entering the AMCC Tournament where they were 2-2.

Overall, the Lions' athletic teams all roared loudly in the AMCC this past season and set new standards for future Behrend teams. Many of these successful athletes and coaches will be returning this season in hopes of entering the 21st century in grand style.



Lawrence (first team), Jason Paloskey and Chris Hughes (second team), with Bovaird winning AMCC Player of the Year and Hughes sharing Newcomer of the Year.

**THE LADY LIONS CAPTURED THE AMCC** crown with a vengeful win over Pitt-Bradford in the AMCC Championship game in Erie Hall.

Head coach Rosalyn Fornari won her 100th win at Behrend in the same game to make the night memorable. The women finished the season with a 17-9 record, but failed to qualify for the ECAC Tournament. Carrie Nestor, Jen O'Lare and Erin Phillips all were

was also named Co-Coach of the Year.

The spring season saw some success scattered throughout all sports. Behrend added track and field to their list of teams that include baseball, softball, golf, and tennis.

**BEHREND SOFTBALL CAPTURED THE AMCC** crown this past season after hosting the tournament. The Lions defeated LaRoche and blew away the rest of their competition in the conference, including a 49-0 trouncing of Pitt-Greensburg. The Lions were coached by Cindy Jacobelli.

**THE BASEBALL TEAM BATTLED** for the AMCC



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