

Tennis team finishes second at Behrend Invitational

by Matt Wiertel
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The Penn State Behrend women's tennis team is coming off of a great week of competition. Last weekend, the Lady Lions hosted seven teams at the Behrend Invitational. The team went 2-1 en route to a second place finish behind Allegheny.

Behrend started off the tournament with a win against Alfred. The Lions won all five matches, shutting out Alfred with a score of 5-0. In the afternoon the netters were faced with a close match against Edinboro. Although the match was close, 3-2, the Lions came away victorious and improved their record to 5-1.

Behrend then faced their toughest match of the tournament against

Allegheny. The Lion's Julie Leininger won the only match for Behrend, 8-2. But her teammates were not as fortunate as Allegheny rolled through the remaining four matches and won the match 4-1.

The Lions were led by freshman standout Julie Leininger, who won seven singles matches and four doubles matches without a loss last week. She was named AMCC Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week and to date she is 10-1 in singles play. Also leading the charge for the Lions was athlete of the week Jamie Brubaker.

In other action this week, Behrend defeated Lake Erie 6-0. The Lions dominated both the singles and doubles play by losing only five sets throughout the match. The Lady Lions also defeated AMCC rivals Frostburg and La Roche. The Beh-



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Behrend's Julie Leininger was named AMCC tennis player of the week. She has compiled a record of 10-1 in singles competition to date.

Behrend team now leads the AMCC conference with an 8-2 overall record and a perfect 4-0 record. Next on tap for

the Lions is Pitt-Greensburg on October 1 and an AMCC match at home against Penn-State Altoona.

Behrend Golf on par to start season

by Matt Eaton
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The Behrend men's golf team started the season off strong with a fourth place finish out of twelve teams at LaRoche. The September 9th tournament featured a low score of 83 by Senior Dustin Broussard.

The next day, however, was not as good for the team as it finished eleventh at the Elmira tournament. Freshman Jeff Reed shot the team's low score with an 89. The team lacking some of its top players could probably explain the latter finish.

Overall, first year Head Coach Greg Curley is pleased with his team's performances and is anticipating a productive season. "Right now we want to finish among the top two teams in the AMCC and qualify for the ECAC tournament."

On paper, this looks like a formidable task. The team only has one returning player from last year, but

Curley is still confident. The one returning player is Broussard, AMCC's Golf Athlete of the Week for the first week. His play, coupled with Junior Chad Gilhouse's, has given Curley a reason to look forward to a bright future.

This is Curley's first year as a golf coach and his first year at Behrend. He has previous experience as an assistant basketball coach at both Juniata and Allegheny colleges. He does not lack golf experience, however, as he spent most of his life playing the sport. Curley's philosophy is very simple. "Our goals are to continue to improve and be competitive in every match."

Coach Curley also happens to be the head coach of the new women's golf team. This new team is just getting started and, as of now, has only one player. Coach Curley is urging any women who would like to play to contact him or the athletic office.

Cross country teams excel at Behrend Invitational

by Tim Denial
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The Penn State Behrend's women's cross country team finished in fourth out of the eight teams that competed in Behrend's cross country Invitational. Gannon won the team competition with four women finishing in the top six. Cuyahoga's Tracy Rupp was the first woman to cross the finish line after running 5 kilometers with a time of 20:07.0. Jen Smialek was Behrend's lone top 15 finisher with a time of 21:26, good enough for a 13th place finish. Next to cross the line for Behrend was freshman Kathy Perry, showing a lot of potential. Behrend's other runners were Jeana Ferilla, Keri Lowman, Jessie Coe, Tina Rubay, and Krissy DiMarzo.

Coach Rich Hoffman said, "We ran excellent races this week - almost all of our runners improved significantly on a slower course compared to Buffalo 2 weeks ago. Our two returners from last year, Keri Lowman and Tina Rubay, improved greatly from what they ran at the AMCC meet on our home course last fall, improving by 0:39 and 1:10 respectively. Jen Smialek ran a very good race and was named the AMCC Cross-Country Athlete of the Week. We are definitely making some positive strides."

The men's squad also had a strong showing at this past weekend's competition. Cuyahoga Community College was victorious with a strong race from all six of their runners. Jake



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Seven teams competed in the 1999 edition of the Behrend Invitational. Behrend's teams finished 3rd (men's) and 4th (women's) respectively.

Gleason of Westminster was the overall champ, finishing first with a time of 28:03.0. Behrend's own Mark Suroviev and Dennis Halaszynski weren't far behind, however. Mark finished sixth with a time of 28:41.9 and Dennis was less than three seconds behind with a time of 28:44.2. Also finishing in the top fifteen were Behrend's Tyler Travis and Brian Musick. Also running in the race from Behrend were Greg Cooper, Clint Altman, Erik Vollbrecht, Brian Vallor, and Carl Alberico.

Coach Hoffman commented on the race, saying, "We ran very well despite some lingering fatigue from a hard week of training. Our upperclassmen were solid. Mark Suroviev, Tyler Travis, and Dennis Halaszynski

were strong up front, and Brian Musick and Greg Cooper provided good support. Musick is starting to put it together and racing the way we think he can. Clint Altman ran a strong race to be our sixth man."

Remarkable on the outlook of the season Hoffman said, "We're just taking it a day at a time and taking care of our training and if we do that, we'll be fine at the end of the season. They have displayed a real positive attitude and they work hard."

The Lions now begin training for their next meet, the Frostburg Invitational, on October 2. "Frostburg is always good," commented Hoffman. "They always have a nationally ranked runner, so we have our work cut out for us," he said.

Lady Spikers prevail over Buffalo State

by Craig Hazelwood
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The Penn State women's volleyball team coasted to a 3-2 victory over Buffalo State Tuesday night. The women played well in the John Carroll Tournament despite a 1-3 final record. They opened with a 3-2 win against Alma. Leading the team were Karen Walters with 36 assists and Brienne Englebert with 22 digs. The team then went on to lose their three remaining matches, against Kenyon, Mt. Union, and Kalamazoo. Although the women's record for

the tournament wasn't impressive, they played strongly against every opponent. This will be the toughest competition they face all year. "We are back on the right track, despite 1-3 at the tournament we played well against very tough teams," said Coach Jacobelli.

The match scheduled for Thursday September 23rd against Lake Erie was cancelled and rescheduled for October 7th at 7 p.m. The women's next match is at home vs. La Roche on September 29th.



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