

# TENNIS 3-PEATS

*Women's tennis captures third straight AMCC title*

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This past Sunday, the Penn State Behrend women's tennis team won their third consecutive Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference championship. Throughout the season the Lady Lions dominated their opposition and posted a perfect 10-0 conference record along the way.

In addition to their perfect conference record, the team set a school record for wins by winning 17 games. By only posting two losses throughout the season, the team distanced themselves early from their arch-rival Frostburg State. Consequentially the tennis team defeated Frostburg handily 7-2 and 8-1 in the two matches against the Bobcats.

At the AMCC tournament the team tallied 29 points enroute to the championship.

Frostburg finished in second place by recording 25 points followed by Penn State Altoona's 17, Pitt-Greensburg's 10, La Roche's 3, and Lake Erie's 2.

Overall Behrend dominated the tournament and won five of the six individual flights. Winning singles matches for Behrend were Julie Leininger 6-0 and 6-1, Jamie Brubaker 6-2 and 6-1, Jen Morton 6-0, 3-6, and 6-1, Christine Chan 6-0 and 6-1, and Angela Albertson 6-3 and 6-2. The women also won two doubles championships to add to their individual performances. Behrend's Julie Leininger and Jamie Brubaker teamed up and won the first flight doubles competition 8-3. In the flight three doubles competition, Penn State Behrend's Christine Chan and Jen Morton paired up to win that flight by a score of 8-1.

For their overwhelming success during the

season and at the tournament, several Behrend tennis players were named to various AMCC All-Conference teams. Named to the AMCC All-Conference singles first-team were Julie Leininger, Jamie Brubaker, Angela Albertson, Jen Morton, and Christine Chan. The AMCC also recognized the efforts of Julie Leininger and Jamie Brubaker, AMCC All-Conference doubles first-team, Emily Rubin, AMCC All-Conference singles first-team, and Christine Chan and Jen Morton for the AMCC All-Conference doubles third team.

Freshman standout Julie Leininger also earned the AMCC Most Valuable Player of the Year award. Leininger was a major factor in the team's overall success, and she compiled an astounding 17-2 record in singles competition. Not to be left out of all the hoopla, women's tennis Coach Jeff

Barger was named the AMCC Coach of the Year. Barger has led the Lady Lions to three consecutive AMCC championships. When asked about his feelings towards being named coach of the year Barger said that he "was excited, and it makes him feel good to be unanimously chosen by the other coaches."

Coach Barger and the women's tennis team are looking forward to next season. With nearly the entire team returning next year, the women should be favored to win the AMCC title again. "We can be as good or better next year and we are looking forward to winning again", Coach Barger said. "Once you produce a good program people want to join a winner. It should be easier to recruit players", Barger added.

## Behrend women win AMCC season title

by Jessi Dearolf  
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The Behrend women's soccer team captured the regular season Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championship this past weekend. Behrend's Lady Lions played aggressively, shutting down both LaRoche and Keuka in regular season play.

The first game against LaRoche, on Saturday, was critical to the Behrend women because the outcome of the game determined the host for the 1999 AMCC Tournament. Behrend dominated the Redhawks, winning the game 3-0. The win gave the women the best record in their conference.

Despite the rain, hail, and chilly gusts of wind, the team fought against their opponent on the dismal field conditions.

Many Lions were productive with goals being scored by Amy LaRocca, Jill Barbish and Lauren Arrigo.

After recuperating from the cold and the mud, Behrend looked forward to the game against Keuka on Sunday, October 24. Cold, rainy weather once again added to the challenge of the game. Pushing past the dismal weather, the Lions fell behind early when Keuka scored in the opening ten minutes of the first half. Bouncing back from the deficit, Jill Barbish sent a screaming penalty kick past the opposing keeper.

Gutting grabbed the lead after breaking away and scoring, bringing Behrend to a 2-1 lead at halftime. Fending off Keuka for most of the second half, Keuka scored an unexpected goal on keeper Michelle Malatesta. Battling it out in double overtime, Behrend remained persistent. The winning goal was scored by junior wing mid-fielder Bethany Cummings.

Racking up these wins will help Behrend in their bid to qualify for the NCAA or the ECAC playoffs. Right now the Lions are preparing for Saturday's game against Lake Erie at 12:00. The championship match of the AMCC Tournament will be at 12:00 on Sunday at the Behrend soccer field.



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The Penn State Behrend women's tennis team successfully defended their AMCC title on Sunday. The team won 17 games this season and dominated the AMCC. For their efforts several Behrend players were named to various AMCC All-Conference teams.

### NEXT WEEK

Results of the 1999 AMCC Championships.



1999  
AMCC  
Women's Soccer  
Championships  
At Penn State Behrend

Saturday, October 30, 1999  
12:00 #1 Behrend vs. #4 Lake Erie  
2:30 #2 La Roche vs. #3 Frostburg

Sunday, October 31, 1999  
12:00 Championship Match



### HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE

# Athlete of the WEEK

Name: James Martin

Sport: Men's Soccer

Class: Junior

Date: October 25, 1999

James Martin has been named this week's Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. Martin has helped the blue, white, and red defeat La Roche 3-1 in an important AMCC battle. The Behrend Lions are 8-7-1 this year and 3-1 in the conference. Martin has been an impact player for coach Perritano's charges. He has scored four goals and added two assists through 16 matches.

Martin is a graduate of Ranum High School in Colorado.



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