

Women's soccer team wins AMCC title

Team advances to ECAC semi-final game



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

The Behrend women's soccer team defeated Villa Julie College in double overtime on Wednesday by a score of 2-1. The Lions will battle first seeded John Hopkins on Saturday at 1:00.

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After a successful season came to a close, the Penn State Behrend Lions came out as the number one team for the AMCC championships, earning the honor of hosting the tournament last weekend. Number one Behrend kicked off the championships against number four Lake Erie.

On Sunday, the AMCC championship game was Penn State Behrend versus number three Frostburg, who had defeated two La Roche the previous day. Behrend dominated the game,

outscored Frostburg two to zero. Big goals were scored by Betsy Cummings, making Behrend the 1999 AMCC champions.

Along with winning the AMCC championship, many of the Lions were named to the AMCC All-Conference team. Goalkeeper Michelle Malatesta, midfielder Katie Giles, and defender Diane Holtsford and Jill Barbish, all were named to the all-conference squad. In addition, defender Jill Yamma was named the conference's Most Valuable Player and freshman forward Michelle Gutting, who led the Lions in scoring this year, was named AMCC newcomer of the year. Coach Dan Perritano also was recognized for his achievements, as he was

named AMCC coach of the year for the second time.

With their performance throughout the season and by winning the AMCC championship, the Lions earned a spot in the ECAC tournament which starts this past week. Behrend's first match was against Villa Julie, and the game proved to be an intense one. With a large fan base, which included the entire men's soccer team, Behrend was pumped up and ready to play.

They came out strong, but Villa Julie scored the first goal of the game. Behrend bounced back from the deficit when Betsy Cummings scored to tie the game up, making the score one to one. The game went

back and forth, with each team unable to get the ball past the keeper. Battling with the cold weather and the snow, both teams played hard through a grueling double overtime. Goalkeeper Michelle Malatesta had an astounding performance. She made an awesome diving penalty kick save which saved the game for the Lions.

Finally, with only 38 seconds left in the second overtime, Amy LaRocca came through big with the game winning goal, allowing Behrend to advance to the semi-finals of the ECAC playoffs. The ladies kick off their second game of the series on Saturday. Game time is at 1:00.

Behrend volleyball preps for AMCC Tournament

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The women's volleyball team wrapped up their regular season Monday night with a crushing 3-0 win against Pitt-Greensburg. The ladies finished with a 6-5 mark in the AMCC conference and 13-16 overall.

They were led by co-captains Mary Good and Tanya Deats. Good finished the night with 10 kills and 17 digs. Deats, appearing in her last home game at Behrend, had six kills, two digs and four blocks. Tanya, the lone senior on the team, placed 19th in Division III hitting percentage with a .382 mark for her career. Sophomore Brienne Engelbert added to her solid season with eight kills, nine digs and two blocks.

With this win the team goes on to the AMCC tournament held the weekend of November 5-6. The women need to bring along the momentum they have picked up in the last few weeks to face number one seeded Frostburg State. Behrend enters the tournament as the fourth and final seed looking to upset Frostburg, who is currently ranked sixth in the Mid-Atlantic region. Frostburg ended the regular season with an AMCC record of a perfect 12-0 and 34-4 overall. Twenty-six of the team's thirty-four wins came as 3-0 shut-outs. In wins, only three of their matches went to five games.

Frostburg senior Shannon Rexrode may be the best volleyball player in Division III. The six-foot Rexrode poses a threat in all categories. She has 654 career kills, 284 career digs and 243 career blocks. Other standouts on the team include junior Sara Schwartz with 415 kills and 212 digs for her career and sophomore Heather Abucevich with 215 career kills and 346 career digs. The entire team is talented and can beat opponents in so many ways.

The Lady Spikers feel very optimistic about facing them. Behrend comes in as the underdog, but has a lot to prove. They know what to expect from this team and have confidence they can overcome the odds and do all the little things right to win. Coach Jacobelli stated, "When we've played Frostburg the scores have been relatively close, we just have to believe we can beat them." Behrend plays Frostburg on Saturday November 6th. The winner will play the victor of the Pitt-Bradford-La Roche game for the AMCC title.

Cross Country teams place second at conference championships

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The Behrend Men's Cross Country Team finished second to Frostburg on a sunny October 30th. Dennis Halaszynski, Mark Suroviev, Tyler Travis, Brian Musick, Greg Cooper, Clint Altman, Erik Volbrecht, Carl Alberico, Brian Vallor, Jason Cwynar, and Terry Brand were the Behrend Men's team competitors. Halaszynski was the first to cross the finish line for Behrend finishing 6th overall with a time of 28:11.0.

The top ten finishers from the race were all named to the All-Conference Team. Halaszynski, Suroviev (Second time All-Conference), and Travis (Second Time All-Con-

ference) were among those top ten finisher, all of them finishing under 28 minutes. Brian Musick and Greg Cooper fell just shy of the All-Conference Team finishing 12th and 13th respectively. "We've worked hard all year and put forth a good effort." Said Coach Rich Hoffman. Junior Mark Suroviev was quoted as saying "against a much stronger conference than in the past, we ran well as a team. We feel confident that we will make a strong showing at Regionals in Frostburg."

Frostburg was the number one team and this is what Coach Hoffman had to say about the race: "Frostburg is a strong team and have been for years. I believe we ran hard. They're just a really sound team. Mike Teye (Frostburg) is a favorite to win the Nationals.

He is undefeated this fall and was an All-American last year."

The Behrend Women's team also competed in the AMCC Championship race in the last weekend of October. They encountered the same results, finishing second behind Frostburg. The women's team had five members named to the All-Conference team. Among those were Jen Smialek finishing first for Behrend, 4th overall. Jessie Coe, Kathy Porry, and Betsy Voigt, were also named to the All-AMCC team. Having four Women named to the All-AMCC team is the most in Behrend Cross Country history. Keri Lorman and Tina Rubay also represented Behrend finishing 11 and 18 overall respectively.

Coach Hoffman commented on the race by saying "We made significant improvement from past seasons and will be in a really strong position to challenge in the future. Our top four runners are freshman and give us something to really build around. We let Frostburg get too much of a jump early on, but really came back over the 2nd half of the race to make it pretty exciting."

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Results of the 1999
AMCC Championships.



Behrend lacrosse off to quick start

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The Behrend lacrosse club has already made a name for themselves in their short period of existence with a stunning 5-4 OT victory over Slippery Rock. This was the club's first game ever. It came in the exhibition tournament held at Behrend Fields on Saturday, October 30th. The team battled back from a 4-1, fourth quarter deficit to force OT in the final seconds. Mike May played a spectacular game in goal behind the solid defense of Ryan Averill and Josh Goetz. Goals were scored by Jon Labayh,

Mark Schilloni, Chauncey Hartwig, and two by Bryan Colligan.

Hartwig scored a clutch goal as time expired to cap off a tremendous effort by the team to tie the game. Just minutes into overtime Bryan Colligan notched his second goal on a spectacular shot on his way down to the ground. Before Colligan could stand up his entire team was on the field to get him to his feet. He was greeted by pats on the back, knocks on the helmet and shouts of joy.

The team was pumped after their first victory, but couldn't get too excited. They still had a tough competitor to face next, Grove City. Grove City is the top team in Behrend's

league, which officially begins in the spring. They certainly looked like it, dominating Behrend 12-2. Behrend had a tough time controlling the tempo of the game. After the first half the team could not get back on track. Goals were scored by Tim Haring and Bryan Colligan. The lacrosse team's next game will be held at the West Virginia University football stadium for the WVU tournament on November 13-14. This tournament will be the last games played by the lacrosse team this Fall. Play will resume at the beginning of the Spring semester.



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The Behrend lacrosse club will be playing in the West Virginia University Tournament on November 13-14. Last weekend they defeated Slippery Rock in early season action.