

OVER THE EDGE

Money cleared for field construction

The Penn State University Board of Trustees cleared the way for the construction of two new athletic fields to be constructed at Penn State Behrend.

The board approved the construction of the \$975,000, and construction is slated to begin sometime in May. The new fields will be situated upon the current soccer fields located north of the Erie Hall parking lot.

The fields are being constructed to replace the current baseball and softball fields which will be displaced by the future construction of the Eastside Access Highway.

New accommodations such as team dugouts, a press box, and lighting will be available for the baseball and softball teams next season.

Behrend Scores

Men's baseball

Behrend 3, Oberlin 2
Behrend 5, Oberlin 6
Behrend 3, John Carroll 18

Up Next...

Mar. 24 Bethany @ Capital 9:00 a.m.
Tiffin @ Capital 12:00 p.m.
Mar. 25 Ohio Wesleyan 12:00 p.m.
Mar. 26 Capital @ Capital 12:00 p.m.

Women's softball

Behrend, Altoona (Postponed)

Up Next...

Mar. 25 Mount Union 1:00 p.m.
Mar. 27 La Roche 12:00 p.m.
Mar. 30 Pitt-Bradford 3:00 p.m.

Men's tennis

Behrend 6, Thiel 3

Up Next...

Mar. 25 Penn St. Altoona 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 4 Alfred 3:30 p.m.
Mar. 30 Pitt-Bradford 3:00 p.m.

Track and field

Mar. 24 @ Clarion Decathalon
Mar. 25 @ Clarion Early Bird
Apr. 1 @ Geneva Invitational

Bold type denotes AMCC opponents

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

by Matt Wiertel
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With the snow finally melted and the temperatures starting to climb, the spring sports season has officially arrived. Although the teams have been training throughout the winter and during Spring Break, the teams recently began competition versus Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference and independent opponents.

The Penn State Behrend baseball team hopes to repeat their record breaking 1999 season. The team compiled an impressive 12-2 record at home and were 8-3 at neutral sites, en route to a school record 26 wins. Their dominating force on the field earned them a birth to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Southern Regional Tournament for the first time in school history.

In addition, the Lions set a plethora of new school records. The team set new records for hits, singles, doubles and home runs.

A strong group of seniors and junior will once again lead the Lions on the field. Seniors Jeremy Brubaker, Ryan Frederick, Shaun Headley, Corey Walters, and David Williams will try to lead the Lions to another ECAC bid this season.

Juniors Dan Orelski and Matt Slavonic will complement the seniors and try to build on their success from

provides experience and leadership from behind the plate. Juniors Mandy Bodnor, Meeghan Trumbull, and Lesley Miller will be the offensive force on the field. These upperclassmen give the Lions leadership in key positions on the diamond.

Sophomore all-conference outfielder Kelly Woods will also help to guide the talented groups of newcomers. Head softball coach Cindy Jacobelli is optimistic that the squad will perform well this season. "We are very young but have a great deal of talent, and the experienced players will give us stability," Jacobelli said.

The Penn State Behrend men's tennis team is planning to improve on last season's 9-8 record. The men compiled a 4-2 record in the AMCC last season and finished third in the conference tournament behind Penn State Altoona and Frostburg.

Like other Behrend sports teams, the tennis team will be led by their upperclassmen. The seniors are expected to carry the banner in the 2000 season and propel the Lions to an AMCC title. Leading the tennis team this year will be seniors Todd Beddick, John Bloom, and Dustin Broussard. In conjunction with a talented supporting cast, the Behrend squad hopes to contend for the AMCC championship.

"Our team has good depth," said

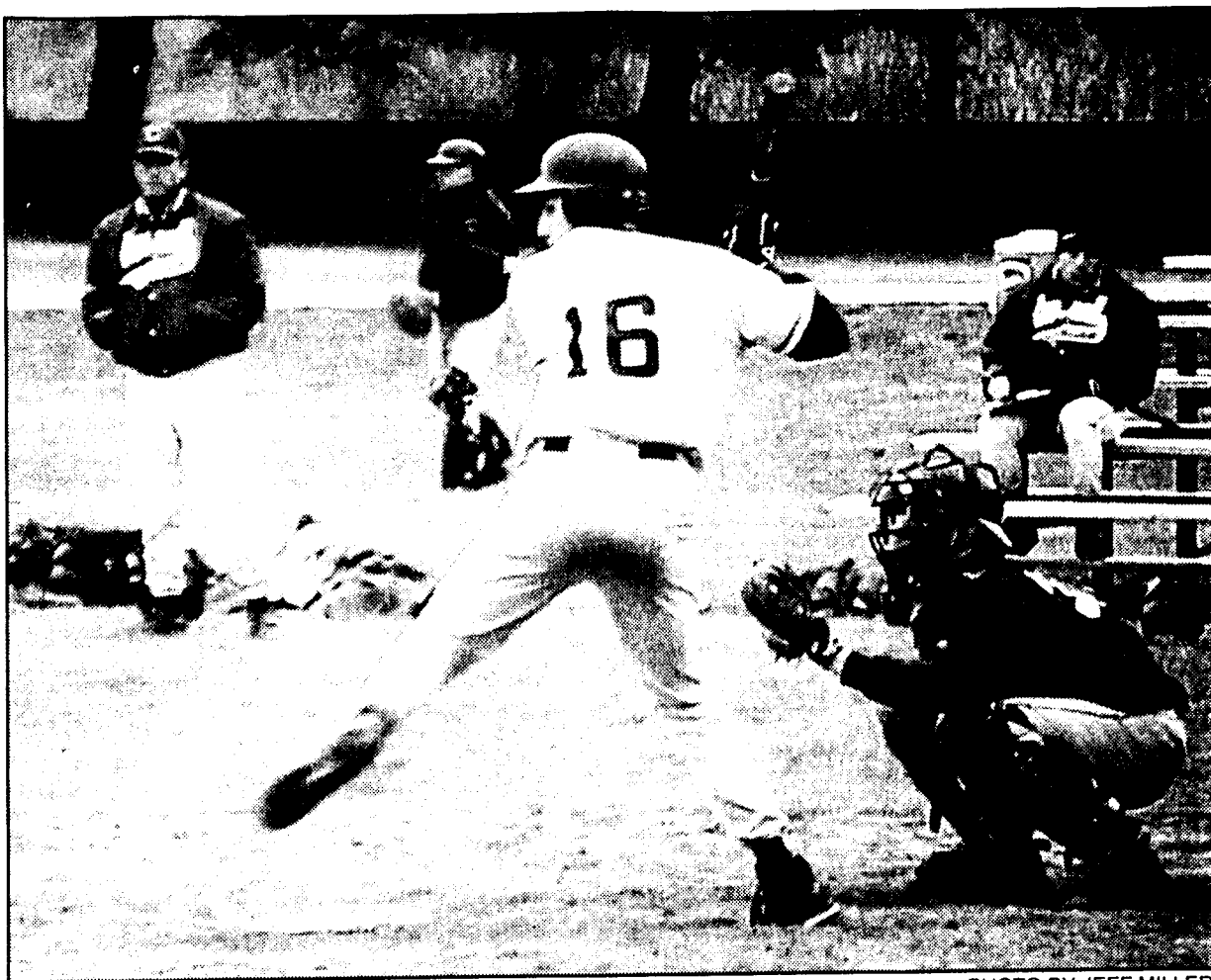


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The Penn State Behrend baseball team hopes to duplicate their successful 1999 season. The Lions set several team records last season en route to the ECAC Southern Regional Tournament.

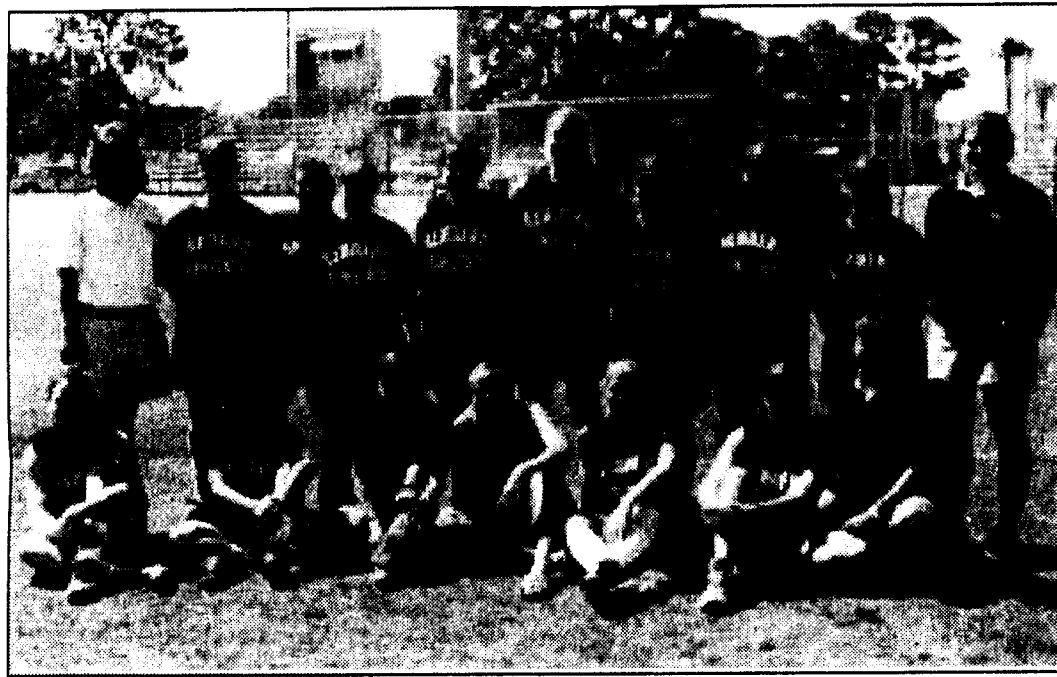


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The Behrend softball team will look to its upperclassmen for leadership this season. The team's five returning players from last season's AMCC championship team hope to lead the team to consecutive championships.

Broussard had two of the team's lowest scores and junior Chad Gilhousen posted three low scores.

The men's and women's squads are led by first year head coach Karl Radday and are assisted by James Bowden, who has been with the program since 1991.

The Penn State Behrend track team hopes to build on their inaugural season's performances. Under the guidance of head coach Rich Hoffman and first year assistant coach Ray Shroud, the Lions hope to build upon what made them successful last season.

Due to the current unavailability of track and field facilities, the team will take to the road for the entire season.

The squad traveled to Florida over spring break and competed against several Division III and Division II schools. At the Disney Track and Field Showcase, the Lions fared quite well and took home several top finishes.

Leading the Lions this season are

Dennis Halaszynski, Jay Davis, and Steve Duda, on the men's team. The women are led by Jessie Coe, Tina Rubay, and Kristin Hessinger. In addition to these athletes, the team is filled with competitors who are top finishers at each meet.

With a strong core of athletes and a great supporting squad, the Lions are

prepared to have another successful season.

Overall the outlook for the Penn State Behrend spring sports teams is extremely bright. All of the teams are building on impressive performances from last season and are led by an outstanding group of individuals.



The Penn State Behrend spring sports teams are ready to compete in the spring season. Each team prepared for the season by going on various trips over Break.

1999. Coached by former Behrend baseball player Paul Benim, the team is well prepared and will continue their streak of success.

Much like the baseball team, the Penn State Behrend softball team hopes to parallel last year's performance. The Lions went 17-1 in league play in 1999 and captured the AMCC title. Unfortunately, the Lions are only returning five players from last season's squad, but they still are looking to defend their AMCC title.

Leading the team this season will be senior and captain Stacy Blass who

men's tennis coach Jeff Barger. "We are capable of competing for the league crown," Barger added.

The Behrend golf teams will hit the links again this spring after the winter lapse. Behrend will play Washington and Jefferson on April 10 and will host the Penn State Behrend Invitational on April 20 at Peek n' Peak.

The Lions had several impressive showings during the fall season with a third place finish at the AMCC tournament and at a tourney at Lake Erie college.

During the season, senior Dustin

Track team opens season at Disney World

by Tim Denial
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The men and women's track and field teams traveled to Orlando, Florida, over Spring Break to train and compete. With the sun shining on a 75-degree day the Track team competed in the Disney Relays.

The field event athletes set the tempo for the meet. Scott Nicklas set a school record in the long jump with a jump of 21'11". He also jumped 43'-2" in the triple jump. Both these jumps were long enough to earn him two gold medals.

The only other Behrend athlete to tally a first place was Steve Duda in the Javelin with a throw of 164'-8".

Not far behind Duda were Nick Peth and David Young. Both took second and third respectively, sweeping the event.

Duda also competed in the discus event, setting a school record with a throw of 118'-9". This was enough to earn him a silver medal. Jay Davids was Behrend's lone high jumper. It was his first time jumping on mats this season but that didn't stop him from placing second tallying him a silver medal.

Garrett Arndt showed he was a versatile athlete by placing in the top ten in all types of events, throwing, jumping, and running. Arndt placed fifth in the discus throw, 7th in the long jump, and in his relays finished sec-

ond both in the 4x400 relay, and the sprint medley relay, in which he ran the 2nd 200 meter for the team. The race consisted of the 200, 200, 400, and the 800. Jamieson Daley, Charlie Au, and Clint Altman were the other three runners in the Sprint Relay that took second. Tommie Stovall, Garrett Arndt, Steve Omecinski, and Shawn Furman were the athletes that took part in the silver medal winning 4X400-meter relay.

Stovall, Omecinski, Furman, and Mark Surovic also took part in the Sprint Relay but after running well, they were disqualified for a lane violation.

Dennis Halaszynski ran well in

Florida taking home a silver medal in the 3000 meter-steeple chase run. His time was 10:44.72.

The women's team also performed well at the Disney meet. Michelle Gutting set the pace in the jumping events by jumping 16'9.75" in the long jump. This jump earned her 4th place and set a new school record. Kristen Hessinger had a good meet by placing 3rd in the shot put and 4th in the discus. Lynn Herrmann wore a silver medal around her neck after throwing the javelin 108'-4".

Behrend's women's sprint relay team, like the men's, took second. Gutting, Louise Wingerter, Jen Smialek, and Jenny Detelich, were the runners for that relay.

Behrend's 4X1600 meter relay took 4th with a time of 23:59.77. Detelich, Kathy Perry, Bethany Cummings, and Smialek were the athletes that ran for Behrend in that relay.

Besides traveling to Florida to compete, the team was able to see many of the amusement parks that Orlando, Florida, is known for. Also the team got to meet Lavar Arington, Penn State football star. He was in Orlando training to run the 40-meter dash. Along with the Disney parks, and Arington, the track team was graced with the presence of the Women's Olympic Sprint team.

Sports Spots

Among the great little men in sporting history was Hall of Fame jockey Bill Shoemaker. No rider changed horses to the winners circle longer than did "The Shoe." He won his first victory at 18 then kept beating them home for another 41 years. During his lengthy career he rode in 40,358 races and finished ahead of the field 8,833 times. Of these triumphs 11 were in Triple Crown events. He won four Kentucky Derby runs (the last one at the age of 54), the Preakness Stakes twice and the Belmont Stakes on five occasions.
Denis J. Harrington

TRIVIA

What active NCAA division one men's basketball coach has the most wins?

Answer: James Phelan, Mt. St. Mary's (MD)
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