

OVER THE EDGE

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week **Jake Boyle**

Jake Boyle has been named this week's Housing and Food service Athlete of the Week.

Last week Boyle was 12 for 31 (.387) with four home runs, two of which were grand slams, and 17 RBIs. With his performance in the nine games, he is now the all-time leader in home runs and RBIs at Penn State Behrend. He now has 18 career home runs and 92 career RBIs. Boyle eclipsed the marks held by former Behrend Lions stand out Joe Forenear ('79-82) who hit 15 and drove home 77.

The Behrend Lions (19-15) were led all last week by the sophomore stand out. On two occasions Boyle hit grand slams propelling the team to victory. Against D'Youville, he was 3-3 with three runs scored and five RBIs. In the win over La Roche, Boyle was 2 for 6 with six RBIs.

Behrend Scores Men's baseball

- Behrend 17, D'Youville 0
- Behrend 4, Pitt-Bradford 8
- Behrend 5, Frostburg 9
- Behrend 10, Frostburg 14

Up Next...

- Apr. 25 @ Grove City 1:00 p.m.
- Apr. 27 @ Fredonia St. 3:00 p.m.
- Apr. 29 @ **Pitt-Bradford** 1:00 p.m.

Women's softball

- Behrend 5, Pitt-Bradford 2
- Behrend 10, Pitt-Bradford 9
- Behrend 21, Lake Erie 0
- Behrend 17, Lake Erie 2

AMCC Tourney

- Behrend 18, Lake Erie 0

Up Next...

- Apr. 26 @ Bethany 4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 27 @ Grove City 3:00 p.m.

Men's tennis

- Behrend 1, Frostburg 8
- Behrend 2, Frostburg 7
- Behrend 1, Penn State Altoona 8
- Behrend 8, Lake Erie 1

Up Next...

- Apr. 22 AMCC Tourney 12:00 p.m.

Track and field

- Apr. 22 @ Slippery Rock Invitational

Golf

- Apr. 25 @ Mercyhurst Invitational

Bold type denotes AMCC opponents

Sports Spots



The Michigan's softball captain was pummeled with a grand slam. For the last NCAA playing season and quarterbacked the Chicago Bears to a Super Bowl title. Although a flake, he carried us to Super Bowl XXXI. Defied the NFL with his additional four sacks and more seasons on AFC Monday Night TV conference. To this Bears head coach, "I don't care what people think. I don't care what people say. I'm just going to do what I think is right for the Bears." *David J. Warrington*

TRIVIA

Which NHL player holds the all-time record for penalty minutes?

Answer: Dave Williams, 3966 PIM, 4.12 min/game

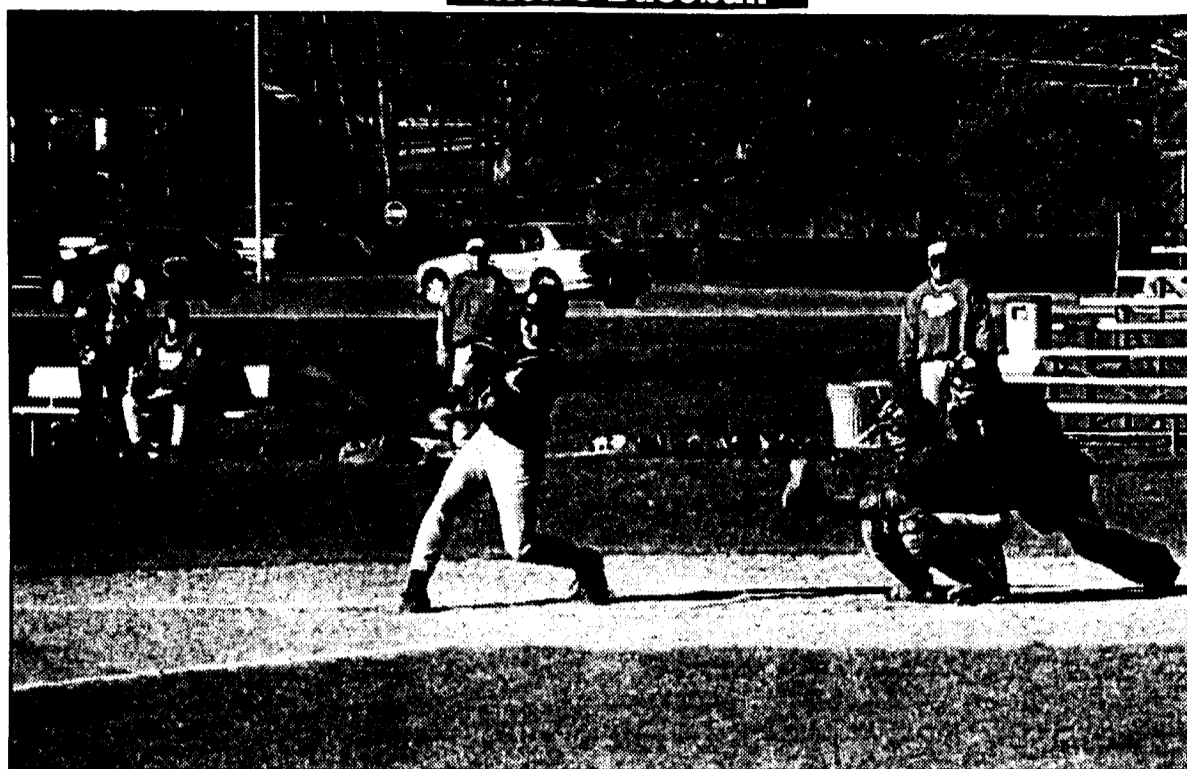
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Men's Baseball



The Behrend baseball team hopes to avenge last season's falter in the AMCC journey by capturing this year's conference crown. PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

Baseball team enters AMCC tourney as fourth seed

by Matt Wiertel
sports editor

The Penn State Behrend baseball team is moving forward in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Tournament this weekend. The Lions enter the tournament as the fourth seed, with a 4-6 conference record.

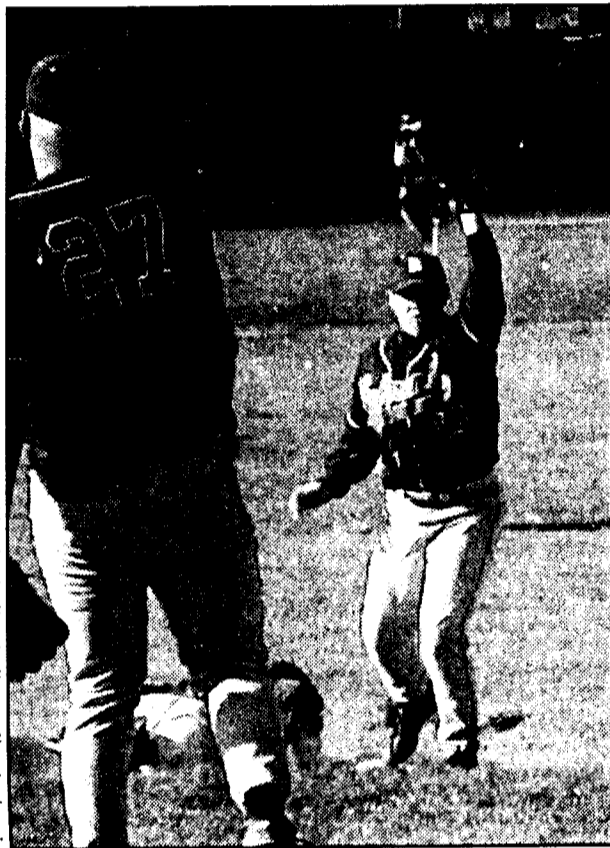
The men currently are 19-15 overall, and they just completed a grueling stretch of games. Unfortunately, the team did not play as well as they would have liked to. They dropped both conference games of a double header against number two seed Frostburg on April 15 and these losses dashed any hopes of entering the tournament as a higher seed.

However, the Lions are optimistic that they will fare well against their AMCC rivals during the tournament.

Even though the team has not met all of their expectations, they still have performed well this season. Behrend sophomore Jake Boyle, this week's Athlete of the Week, now holds two Penn State Behrend baseball records. Boyle, who was selected to the All-American baseball farm team earlier this season, has the new records for all-time home runs and runs batted in (RBI).

To date, the sophomore from Maplewood High School, leads the squad with a .471 batting average, 27 walks, and 43 RBIs. Boyle also delivered in the clutch last week by hitting grand slams on two occasions.

The Lions faced number one seeded Penn State Altoona on Thursday, April 20 and the loser of that issue of the *Beacon* game was to compete against the loser of the second



Behrend's Charles Sevin and Keith Lepionka throw out a baserunner during a game earlier this month. PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

game. That game pitted the number two seed, Frostburg, against the third seeded Pitt-Bradford. The loser of game one and two faced one another in an elimination game on Thursday afternoon. The tournament will continue on Friday, April 21, with three games scheduled.

At the time of publication, the *Beacon* was unable to acquire the results of Thursday's games. A complete wrap-up and season review will be featured in next week's issue of the *Beacon*.

Softball team looks to repeat last season's performance

by Jeff Miller
photo editor

The Penn State Behrend softball team opened up the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Tournament (AMCC) by pummeling Lake Erie College 18-0 Wednesday.

The shutout was due in large part to Mandy Bodnor's excellent pitching. Bodnor sat down nine Lake Erie batters and managed only one walk.

Bodnor continued advancing the Behrend cause by going 3 for 3 at the plate, bringing four of her teammates home. Her batting average is now .494 and she has blasted four round trippers this season. In addition, she has 29 RBIs and 45 hits in 91 at bats.

With her performance this year, Bodnor has set a new career mark for RBIs at Behrend with 104 and holds the career mark for home runs with 18.

Excellent execution allowed the Lions to obliterate the hapless Lake Erie squad in the opening round of the AMCC playoffs. By averaging an incredible .625 from the plate, Behrend was able to compile 15 hits, two doubles, and one triple.

While at the plate four times, Lesley Miller swung away with three hits getting six runs batted in, increasing her average to .420.

Stacy Blass had an amazing four stolen bases out of four attempts.

On the season, several Behrend players have excelled on the diamond. Freshman Rose Boni has been



Behrend's Rose Boni connects with a Pitt-Bradford pitch during a conference game. PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

a clutch performer on the field at from the plate. Boni has 31 hits in 79 at bats and 21 RBIs this season.

The second round of the AMCC Tournament continues on Friday, April 21 at LaRoche. LaRoche is competing against Pitt-Bradford at 10:00 am and Behrend will take on

Frostburg at 12:00 pm. The Behrend Lions are entering in the number three seed with a (9-5) conference record. The winners of round two will compete for the championship at 3:00 pm.

Track team sets several records in Rochester

by Tim Denial
staff writer

Behrend's track and field teams traveled to the University of Rochester to compete in the Rochester Invitational. The weather was much nicer than their previous meet, and Behrend took advantage of it. The men's team broke 7 school records while competing on a 70-degree sunny day. Keith Cerroni, Steve Omecinski, Tommie Stovall, Jay Davids, and Steve Duda each entered or bumped up their marks in the record books twice on April 15th, while Dave Ober, Greg Cooper, Shawn Furman, Clint Altman, Nick Peth, and Carl Alberico made their mark once.

The 4 x 100m-relay team, consisting of Cerroni, Ober, Omecinski, and Stovall, ran their race in 44.12 to take a 4th place and set a new record.

Omecinski, Cooper, Stovall, and Furman all ran in the 4 x 400m-relay, placing 3rd with a time of 3:23.93 and setting a record again.

The 4 x 800m-relay was the last race to set a record for the men with a time of 8:53.85. Their team consisted of Davids, Altman, Cerroni, and Alberico.

Davids' second record breaking event was the high jump where he topped his old record with a jump of 6'4.5". The jump was good enough to place him 1st.

"Jay was real close to 6'6"...and in perhaps the surprise of the day, Jay came back and ran a sub 2:04 split in his first 800m ever on the 4 x 800 relay," said head coach Rich Hoffman.

Duda hurled himself into the records once again with throws of 42'3.25" and 131'3" in the shot put and the discus.

Peth took second in the javelin, with a throw of 174'01". This throw would be the last record to be set by the men's team that day.

Although he didn't break a record, Tim Linden put forth a good effort in the triple jump leaping 40-ft even.

Even though they did not set as many records, the women's team was extremely competitive. With several players nursing various injuries, the team placed well in several events.

Pilly Gonzalez paced Behrend with 4 top ten finishes in all of her events. Gonzalez finished 3rd in the high jump with a jump of 5'1.75" which is only .25" shy of the existing record. She also competed in the 100m dash, long jump, and the shot put, showing she is an extremely versatile athlete.

Lynn Herrmann was the top thrower for the women. Herrmann threw the javelin 91'6" and tallied a fourth place for her efforts. Tina Rubay may have her name in the record books for her performance in the 10,000m run. At this point, Coach Hoffman is awaiting the official time.

After the meet, Coach Hoffman commented on the team's performance. Hoffman praised several versatile runners. "Dennis Halaszynski ran tough in the double, running both the steeplechase and the 5K," Coach Hoffman said.

For the women distance runners Hoffman said, "Betsy Voigt just keeps getting better and better and is running super. Jessie Coe ran a good race in the 3K and looks to be getting back into form."

The Behrend hurlers will travel to the Slippery Rock Invitational this weekend. At the meet, the squad hopes to improve on their current times and possibly set some new school records.

Men's tennis heading to conference tournament

by Mike Frawley
managing editor

Behrend's mens tennis team wrapped up their season this year at Thiel with a 3 p.m. match on April 20th. As of the AMCC weekly sports update issued on April 17, 2000, Behrend's team was in third place in the AMCC with a 1-4 AMCC record and a 6-9 record overall behind first place Penn State Altoona and second place Frostburg. Behrend will be heading to the AMCC Tournament which will be held on April 22nd.

The AMCC tournament will be the last games for Seniors Todd Beddick, John Bloom, and Dustin Broussard.

The rest of the team is made up of Junior Matt Sudak; Sophomores Adam Antonis, Kenny Mitchell, Doug Tommasone, and Bill Weisberg; and Freshman James Sheen.

In the tennis teams most recent matches Behrend lost to Baldwin-Wallace 0-9 on April 10th, lost to Frostburg twice 1-8 and 2-7 on April 15th, lost to Penn State Altoona 1-8 on April 16th, and won against Lake Erie 8-1 on April 18th.

The men's tennis team is coached by Jeff Barger. Barger has coached the men's team for the past two seasons. He is a 1984 graduate of Fredonia State.

Behrend cross country members earn Academic All-America honors

by Matt Wiertel
sports editor

Members of the Penn State Behrend cross country teams recently were honored for their performance in the classroom.

The Penn State Behrend women's cross country team was named to Academic All-America by the NCAA Division III Cross Country Coaches Association.

Coach Rich Hoffman's women's team earned a team grade point average of 3.21. Members of the team also earned individual All-America honors for their achievements.

Three members of the women's team were able to excel in class in addition to putting forth outstanding performances on the field. Junior Tina Rubay, junior Krissy DiMarzo, and freshman Jen Smialek, all earned individual honors.

On the men's squad, junior Mark Suroviec and senior Eric Volbrecht, both achieved Academic All-America recognition.

In order to be recognized by Academic All-America, the cross country members needed to achieve a GPA of 3.50 or above for the fall semester. In addition, all recipients needed to participate in a regional cross country meet.

