

Behrend tennis remains unbeaten in conference

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Penn State Behrend's women's tennis team had a busy schedule this past week, playing three consecutive days, and extended their conference record to 6-0. On September 30, Behrend took control and beat Penn State Altoona 8-1. The next day Behrend aced Pitt-Greensburg winning 9-0. Behrend then played on October 2 against Edinboro, winning a close match 5-4. Coach Barger said, "Everyone was on top of their game for these last three matches. Becky Snyder, who is our number eight player, stepped into the number 6 position, and did a



PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF
Christine Chan (left) and Angela Albertson warm up before the match against Penn State Altoona.

great job for us. Jen Morrow and Angela Albertson played exceptionally well, winning all of their singles matches."

As the women's tennis team continues their successful year, they look ahead to the most exciting part of the season: the playoffs. Penn State Behrend has won twenty conference matches in a row. They have five matches left this year before the AMCC's. Barger said, "We are preparing for the playoffs by playing a couple of non-conference foes."

With returning players Julie Leininger, Jamie Brubaker, Angela Albertson, Jen Morrow, and Christine Chan, all 1st team all AMCC last year, leading the way to the playoffs, Penn State Behrend looks for the fourth consecutive AMCC first place win. Barger stated their advantage is "having the experience with veteran players who knows what it takes to

win. Playoff matches are tougher, because if you lose, there are no more matches. However, my players simply love to play the game, so they treat regular season and playoff matches the same. The key to success in the playoffs is to not be too confident. Just play your game and never be too sure of victory."

"Our players will win is our biggest strength, and we have players that hate to lose, which makes them tough to beat in the stretch. All our players care about each other and cheer each other onto victory. I think that is what makes the difference when a match is close," said Barger.

"Penn State Behrend is the team to beat in the playoffs."



PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF
Julie Leininger prepares to serve.



Water polo continues to test the waters

by Douglas Smith
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The men's water polo team continues to struggle in their short season. The NCAA Division III eastern championships are right around the corner. The team continues to tweak with their performance in regular season games. The men's water polo team lost in overtime to Villanova. For the second time this season, they fell to Washington and Jefferson and Grove City. They also lost to Johns Hopkins.

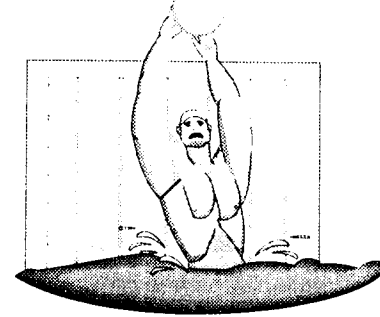
In the strongest showing of the season, the water polo team took Villanova to overtime only to lose 14-11. Mark Ostrzenic had two goals on five attempts, along with two assists and one steal. Allen Haywood had two goals, but also had four saves. Chad Holzchu also had four saves.

The second game of the year against Washington and Jefferson ended in a 17-5 loss. Haywood had two goals and three saves, switching

between goalie and attacker. The second edition of Behrend versus Grove City ended the same way with a 16-9 loss. Dario Kis had one goal, two attempts, and two steals. Ostrzenic had two goals on six attempts, while Adam Demarco added two goals on five attempts.

Behrend fell to John Hopkins 16-1. Jon Harding had the one goal for the men's water polo team.

This weekend the men's water polo team will play in a tournament at Washington and Jefferson. The Eastern Championships take place on October 14 and 15.



Behrend Update

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The Beacon will not be published next week due to fall break. Here is a list of other upcoming Behrend sporting events other than those listed on the first page of the sports section to keep you up-to-date.

October 14
Women's tennis vs. Alfred 10:00 AM

Women's soccer at Frostburg 3:30 PM

Men's soccer at Frostburg 1:00 PM

Women's volleyball at Pitt-Greensburg 1:00 PM

Men and women's cross country at Rochester Inviational 11:00 AM/12:00 PM

October 14-15
Men's water polo at Connecticut College Division III Eastern Championships TBA

October 15
JV soccer vs. Westminster 1:00PM

October 17
Women's soccer vs. Lake Erie 3:30 PM

October 18
Men's soccer vs. Lake Erie 3:30 PM

Women's volleyball vs. La Roche 7:00 PM

October 19
Women's soccer vs. John Carroll 3:30 PM

ATTN: All Behrend Students!



At all Behrend home sporting events, spirit paraphernalia will be given to students. Such prizes include spirit T-shirts, hats, and food like Bruno's pizza.

Hoffman looks to experience for end of cross country season

by Timothy Denial
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It was a near perfect day for a cross country meet Saturday, September 30th. With the sun shining and the temperature in the low sixties, the men's and women's cross country team traveled to Frostburg to run in the Frostburg Invitational. The men finished 8 out of 19; the women came in at 13 out of 17.

"These guys are really coming along. This was the fastest average for our top five that we've ever had, and they're getting better each week," said Coach Hoffman, of his men's team.

Dennis Halaszynski was the first Behrend runner to cross the finish line with a time of 27:38.0. He finished

18th among over 150 runners. Next to cross the line for Behrend was Sohrab Moeini. Moeini finished 25th with a time of 27:51.0. The Behrend runners finished 8th out of 19 teams, while host Frostburg finished 10th.

Also running for Behrend Saturday were Kevin Ritzert, Chuck Orton, Matt Grimmke, Clint Altman, Mark Surovic, Carl Alberico, and Greg Cooper.

"I thought everyone all the way through from 1-9 ran well. As a result we were able to beat Frostburg for the first time in program history," Hoffman said.

The Behrend women's team also ran Saturday, the 30th. Andrea Sanko, Deidre Garrity, Kathy Perry, Bandi Napenas, Tina Rubay, and Betsy Voigt

were the athletes that competed for Behrend.

"We had really strong races from Andrea Sanko and Deidre Garrity. We were a little off after that—just a bad day, that's all," commented coach Hoffman regarding his women runners.

Even on an "off" day, Behrend's women's team was competitive. Sanko and Garrity both recorded times under 21 minutes with time's of 21:01.00 and 21:24.00 respectively.

"We'll be fine, and I believe we'll run even better at the AMCC meet in 4 weeks (also held at Frostburg) because of this experience," said Hoffman

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