

Women's volleyball looks forward to AMCC Tournament

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As the Behrend Lady Lions ended their conference play, Mary Good accomplished yet another career mark. While contributing to the Behrend win with 18 kills, Good brought her career total to 1004 kills. She is only the second player

in Behrend history to cross the four-digit mark. Not only that, she still has the AMCC Tournament to surpass the leader, Carrie Grzejka (1991-94), who had 1027 kills. Good also is ranked sixth in the latest NCAA Division III for digs per game with a 5.48 average per contest.

On October 28, 2000, the

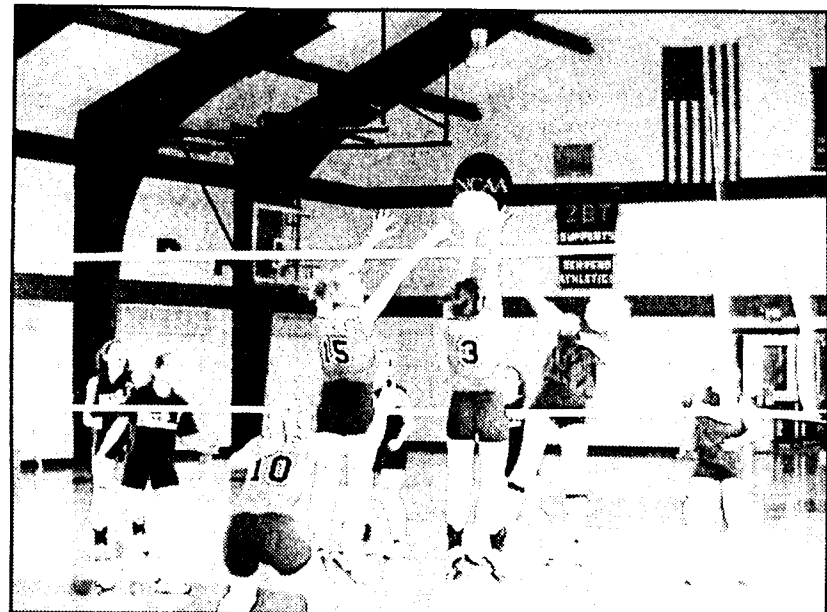


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Laura Senkevich (15) and Karen Walters attempt to block a spike against Pitt-Greensburg.



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Mary Good digs out yet another shot as Jessica Neidermeyer (16) looks on.

women's volleyball team concluded conference play while defeating Pitt-Greensburg 3-1. Greensburg started early, winning the first game 10-15. Behrend then regrouped and took the next three games by scores of 15-6, 15-1, and 15-3. Along with Good, Danielle Bemis contributed 10 kills with Karen Walters setting the team with 45 assists. Brianne

Engelbert led in blocks with 6. Good also led digs with 19, Engelbert contributed 14, and Walters and Nicole Spindler both added another 12 digs each for the defensive efforts.

This strong win rounded out their conference play to 10 wins versus 2 losses. This gave them a second place ranking in the conference. In

the AMCC Tournament, which will be held in Frostburg on November 3 and 4, Behrend will play the number 3 rank Pitt Bradford at 6 PM on Friday November 3. Head coach Cindy Jacobelli said, "I'm pretty confident going into the tournament. Bradford, who we will play in the first round, recently played a tough match against us."

The winner of the Behrend - Bradford game will play the winner of the Frostburg - PS Altoona game. Coach Jacobelli is hoping to face Frostburg in the finals on November 4. "Frostburg has been our rival for a long time. We would like the opportunity to beat them in the finals." The final game will occur at 1 PM.



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The women's volleyball team will be ready this weekend at the AMCC Tournament.

AMCC crown still in reach for men's soccer team

By Mike Bello
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The men's soccer team finished out their season with a win over Buffalo State to secure their place in the AMCC Tournament. The number three seeded Behrend Lions will face off against La Roche, the number two seed, on Friday at 12:30 p.m. to see who moves on to the title game. Frostburg, which is hosting the tournament, is the number one seed and will play fourth-seeded Pitt-Greensburg after the Behrend game.

The winner of those games will play on Saturday to decide which team will bring home the AMCC hardware.

Behrend played their second to last game of the season on the 25th against Case Western, losing a heartbreaker by the score of 2-1. Behrend was unable to come out on top of this contest, thereby dropping their record to 8-8-1 at that point. However, the Lions came back to defeat Buffalo State 2-0 and finish out the season with a 9-8-1 record. Behrend, which went 6-3 down the backstretch of the season, was able to finish strong,

although their record wasn't as good as last year's 12-7-1 tally, when they won the AMCC title.

Dan Perritano, who has 215 wins as head coach of the men's and women's soccer teams said, "I am very pleased with the resiliency that this team has shown the second half of the season."

Sophomore forward Mike Fry led this year's team with seven goals and also contributed two assists for a team-leading 16 points. Senior midfielder James Martin and senior forward Dave Kowalczyk were tied

for second with six goals each, while Martin racked up 15 points and Kowalczyk had 13 points. Senior goalie Tommy Sieg enjoyed another successful season in goal, finishing with a 1.69 goals against average and a solid 9-7-1 record. Sieg also recorded five full game shutouts, securing his place as one of the premier goalies of the AMCC conference.

Behrend opens up the AMCC Tournament against La Roche, a team that defeated Behrend 2-0 back on September 23. That was also before Behrend began their season ending 6-3 run. If Behrend is able to get past La Roche they will play against the Pitt-Greensburg/Frostburg winner. Behrend has greater success against these two teams than La Roche, having defeated Pitt-Greensburg, who holds a 7-9-2 record, 3-1 on September 30. They also gave Frostburg a run for their money going to double overtime on October 14 before losing 5-4. Behrend proved they could compete with Frostburg in the double overtime loss. However, Frostburg has a 13-4 overall record and will be the biggest challenge the Behrend Lions may face in trying to repeat as AMCC champions.



PHOTO BY NEIL MAKADIA

Goalkeeper Tommy Sieg awaits the next shot against Buffalo State.

Coming In Two Weeks

Preview of the Men's Basketball Team

The team went to the NCAA Division III Elite Eight last season. Can they have a repeat performance despite losing Chris Hughes and having only one senior on the team? *The Beacon* will talk with Coach Niland and see what he has to say about who is on fire and who to watch.

Preview of the Women's Basketball Team

The women's team was successful, but fell short of their goal of winning the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference despite making it to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament. The team lost their first game in that tournament to Carnegie Mellon. They lost all-time steals leader Carrie Nester and three-point specialist Tiffany Buck. Who will step it up this year and take the spots of those stand-outs? We'll talk to coach Fornari.

Update of the new Swimming Squad

Is the new team having any success? Did they make it into the Athletic and Recreation Center, built with the emphasis to start new sports at Behrend? *The Beacon* will see where the team stands after its initial meet.

Behrend tennis, Brubaker ended with the ball in their court

by Jeanine Noce
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Jamie Brubaker, a senior chemistry major graduating in December at Behrend, has smashed the tennis ball in many courts this season. Brubaker and her other nine teammates on the Penn State Behrend women's tennis team concluded their exceptional season on October 21. The team was successful in winning the AMCC (Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference) Championship, which they have now won for four years straight.

Brubaker is currently the career record holder at Behrend for single

match wins in a career with 49. She is also second in top singles win in a season, sixth in single percentage leaders in a season, tied for second top doubles win in a season, third in doubles percentage leaders in a season, and second in career doubles match wins with thirty-three. This senior is also a four-year letter winner and has guided the team to 40-17 record for the past three years. In 1997 and 1999, Brubaker was named to the first team AMCC singles, and in 1998 she was the second team all-conference in singles.

Brubaker came to Behrend from Rockton, Pennsylvania. Collectively she has played tennis for six years; two being on DuBois High School's varsity tennis team, which she lettered on. Playing tennis at Behrend consists of playing one match, which has nine individual matches. There are six singles matches and three doubles matches. With this criterion, Brubaker's position was playing second singles and first doubles. This is interpreted as her playing the number two player in singles and playing the number one doubles team with her partner, Julie Leininger.

The Behrend women's tennis team had practices for two hours per day during the season from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The team consisted of ten members and the top six would play the matches.

Brubaker said it was sometimes hard to balance tennis and classes. "Yes it was difficult, however, I had to find an equilibrium between

school and my extracurricular activities."

Brubaker also stated that the coach and her professors were extremely helpful and accommodated her needs throughout the season. Even though it was difficult to juggle tennis and school, she loved being a part of the team.

Brubaker is involved in several other activities besides tennis. She is the president of the chemistry club and a member of the honor society. Also, she is a Supplemental Instruction leader for Organic Chemistry through the Learning Resource Center. Brubaker is involved in conducting research for Dr. Martin Kociolek at Behrend from a grant that was funded and through a class project.

Her favorite experience from the past two years was defeating Edinboro's Women's Tennis team. Behrend is a division three team and Edinboro is a division two team. The difference is that Edinboro's players receive scholarships and Behrend's players do not. These victories have helped Brubaker and Leininger with their goal of possibly qualifying for the NCAA tournament in May. With this win and many others, the Behrend women's tennis teams record was 10-2 overall and 4-2 in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference. Brubaker's record was 10-2 overall and she was undefeated in doubles with her partner, Julie Leininger.



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Jamie Brubaker earned a varsity letter all four years on the team.

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