

# Frustrating field conditions results in frustrating season

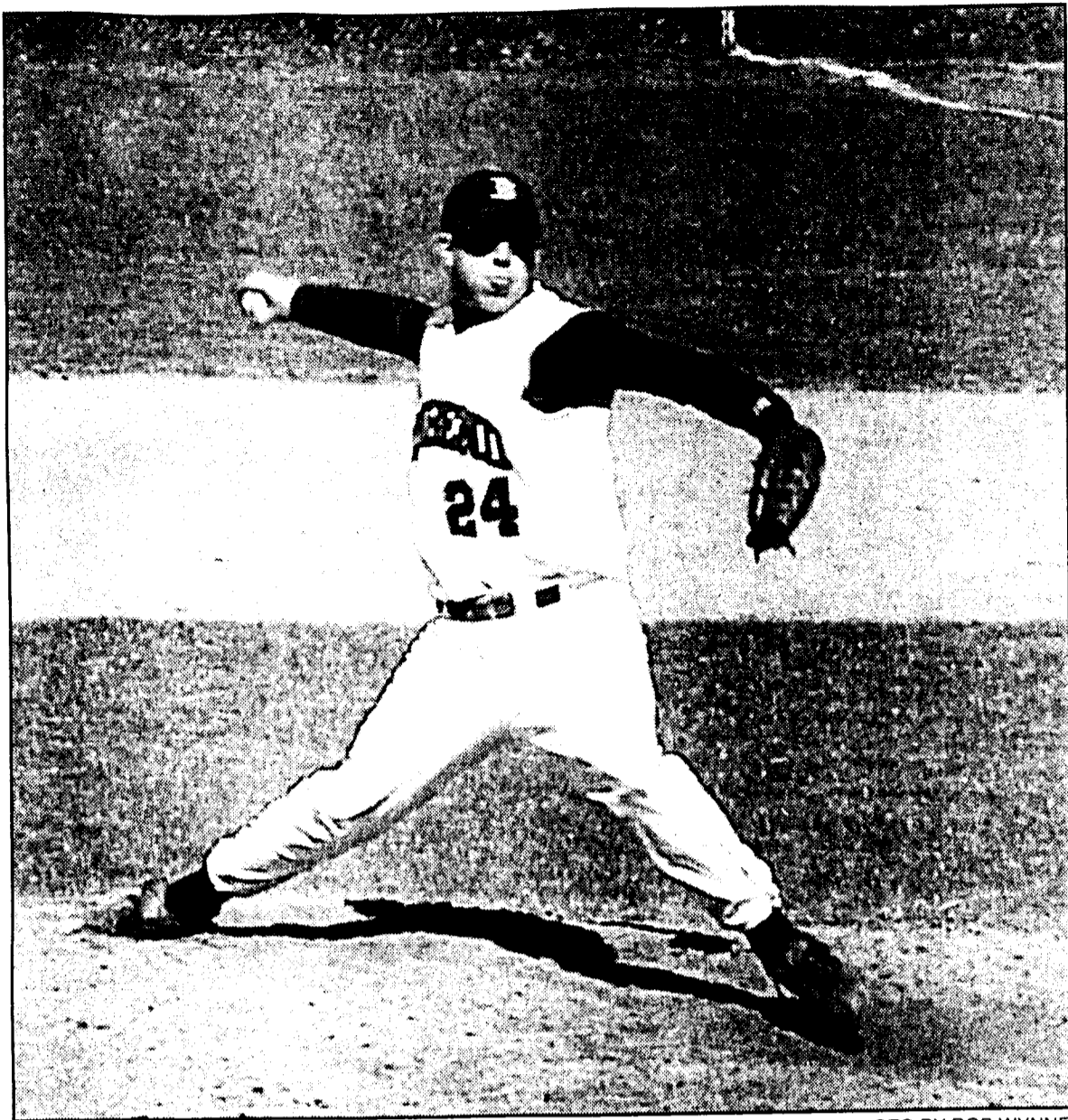


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Despite the efforts of sophomore pitcher Ryan Seyler, the Lions fell to Allegheny on Wednesday.

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The Behrend Lions baseball team went into the AMCC tournament 4-6 in the conference and 14-16 overall. The AMCC tournament started last Friday at Pitt-Bradford. The first game played was number one ranked Pitt-Bradford challenging number four ranked Behrend. Pitt-Bradford defeated Behrend in a close game by a score of 5-4. In game two of the tournament, number two ranked Frostburg beat number three ranked Penn State Altoona 14-1.

On Saturday, Behrend and Penn State Altoona played in another close game. However, Behrend came up short again, losing 10-8. The winners of game one and two, Pitt-Bradford and Frostburg, played later in the day, with Pitt-Bradford winning 11-5. On Sunday, Frostburg beat Penn State Altoona in another close game, winning 9-8. In the championship game, Pitt-Bradford was matched up against Frostburg for the second time and won 5-3.

Allegheny was too much for the Lions to handle on Wednesday, as they slipped past the Lions by a score of 12-5.

"It's been a challenging season," said coach Paul Benim. "With all things considered, we, at times, played some really great baseball."

The Pitt-Bradford Panthers won the AMCC tournament with aid from AMCC's Baseball Athlete of the Week, Jesse Beimeel. Beimeel was 7-15 during the week with a pair of home runs. He also scored five runs with five runs batted in. On Tuesday, Behrend competed against Brockport and was defeated 10-1. The loss was a disappointment to the team.

"We did not do what we needed to do at field and at bat to win the game," said third baseman Jason Karas.

The same was true in the loss to Allegheny. "Allegheny is ranked third in the nation. We played well, however, they are a really solid and talented team," said freshman outfielder Mike Coutes. "Overall we are a talented team and are capable of a lot more than we did this year. It was definitely a frustrating year for everyone."

Karas agreed with his teammate. "Coach Benim is very hard working and had a lot of knowledge to give the team. This season had to be frustrating

for him because his players did not produce in the games. Our execution of his knowledge on the field was not good," said Karas. "Overall, the season was rocky. We definitely had trouble staying consistent."

The Behrend Lions have three games remaining in the season. Behrend is going into these games with a record of 4-6 in the conference and 14-18 overall.

On Saturday, there is an Alumni Baseball Game at Ainsworth Field at 9:00 a.m. Later in the day, the Lions play a doubleheader against Fredonia. Earlier in the month, the Lions split games with Fredonia, winning game one 7-2 but losing game two 12-4. The Behrend Lions finish off the season Sunday when they will battle in a doubleheader against Oberlin.

"We could have 12 seniors returning next season," said coach Benim. "We look forward to christening our new field next year with a great team and season."

## Game spectators



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L to R: Erica Mozdy, Christine Charnock, Jessica Tanner, Erin Phillips, and Melissa Park at Wednesday's men's baseball game.

# Track & field season winds down with many personal bests and records

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The Behrend track and field team dashed through the season, setting new records and qualifying for honors. With outstanding leadership and athletic ability, the track team has exceeded many expectations, leaving a mark of pride with many.

Last weekend the team traveled to Slippery Rock. For the third week in a row, Behrend broke records and set personal bests. Tyler Travis set a new school record in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:04.10. Teammate Dave Masilunas followed with a new record in the 110 high hurdles, also qualifying for ECAC, clocking in at 15.93. Jay Davids took third place in the 800 with

a time of 2:01.89. The men's 4x400-relay team of Dave Ober, Greg Cooper, Davids and Garrett Arndt took fifth place, clocking in at 3:26.97. Ober set a personal best with 52.23 in the 400 and Pat Chapman set a new record for himself in the 800 with a time of 2:07.04.

Heather Efaw set a new record in the 400 hurdles and qualified for ECAC with a time of 1:10.10. Teammate Kathy Perry set a record in the 100 hurdles with 17.93 on the clock. Lynn Herrmann was the third member of the Behrend women's team to set a school record with a javelin throw of 113-7.

The women's 4x400-relay team placed second with Lindsay Schulte, Efaw, Pilly Gonzalez and Perry clocking in at 4:22.00. Jessie Coe took third place in the 10,000 with 4:32.00. Missy Mong placed fourth in the

discus, tossing it 90-3 and teammate Gonzalez tied for fourth place in the high jump, with a mark of 5'0". Andrea Sanko took fifth in the 3000, clocking in at 11:44.90 and setting a personal best.

Behrend coach Rich Hoffman was happy with his team's chemistry.

"I think it's beneficial to the team, and I think it's important that everyone thinks of track and field as a team sport," said Hoffman.

"I think that when we characterize it as an individual sport, we do ourselves a disservice, and we start breaking down the team concept that can be so helpful. The support from teammates can be so critical because Coach Wiley and I can't be everywhere at once, especially with 18 events. It's so helpful for the athletes to be supportive when we aren't

available. The more internal motivation and teamwork we have coalescing from within, the more successful everyone will be."

This team has definitely shown support for each other from injury to victory. The team's accomplishments have overshadowed any downfalls. More than 10 members have already qualified for the ECAC. Hoffman hopes for many more.

"We'd like to have a few more ECAC qualifiers in the next two weeks and continue to improve. We've been doing a good job of showing improvement throughout the year and I am hoping we catch some good weather the next two weeks to help us capitalize on the peaking fitness levels," said Hoffman.

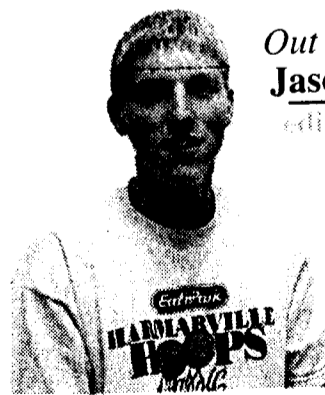
"Everyone had their moments where they shined or set a personal best. Consistently

though our best performers have been Dave Ober, Jay Davids, Tyler Travis, Greg Cooper, Dave Masilunas, Garrett Arndt, Lindsay Schulte, Andrea Sanko, Tina Rubay, Jessica Knapp, Heather Efaw and Lynn Herrmann," added Hoffman.

With these young, talented athletes competing for Behrend, next year's track season should be one to follow.

The end of the season winds down with the Baldwin Wallace College Invitational on Saturday. The Grove City Open will be held on May 5 and finally on May 17-18 the Behrend track and field qualifiers will compete at the ECAC Championship.

# You keep your anthem and we'll keep ours!



Out of Bounds  
Jason Snyder  
editor-in-chief

"Oh, Canada, our home and native land?"

Well, not really. Last time I checked, the legal drinking age was 21, not 19. So if this isn't Canada, and Canada isn't my home and native land, then tell me why I have to sit through the Canadian national anthem before sporting events in the United States.

This question seems to hold more validity now, after a week that saw Canadians boo the *Star-Spangled Banner* on five separate occasions. You don't hear boos for the Canadian National Anthem when it is played here, so to get word that this is going on in Canada is quite disturbing.

I guess the reason this is so disturbing is because this booing took place at some NHL playoff games. The NHL consists of 24 teams from within the United States, and only six from Canada. Canadians should be the ones feeling honored enough to be able to see their team face off against an American team.

I mean, Canadian hockey is a dying breed and it isn't as successful as it used to be.

Who knows which NHL team is going to move to America next. The last Canadian team to win the Stanley Cup was the Montreal Canadiens in 1993.

I don't condone the booing that took place last week. However, there would be an easy way to alleviate the problem. If a game takes place in Canada, play the Canadian National Anthem. If the game takes place in the U.S., play the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

We are so caught up in sportsmanship, which does have its benefits. But I would rather not hear our anthem played at another country's sporting event than have the anthem booed. It's disrespectful and should not be permitted to happen anymore.

To think that we play each other's national anthems as a show of sportsmanship is ludicrous. When Canadian teams step onto American soil, they are to realize that they are on American soil. Sports are a dirty business. The home fans want their team to win. By only playing your country's national anthem, you are saying that you have the advantage...home-ice advantage.

I take great pride in listening to the words of the anthem when I am at sporting events. Everyone is standing and attentive. It shoots patriotism through you because you realize you are honoring the soldiers who gave this country our independence. A Canadian should not even get the opportunity to boo that tradition.

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