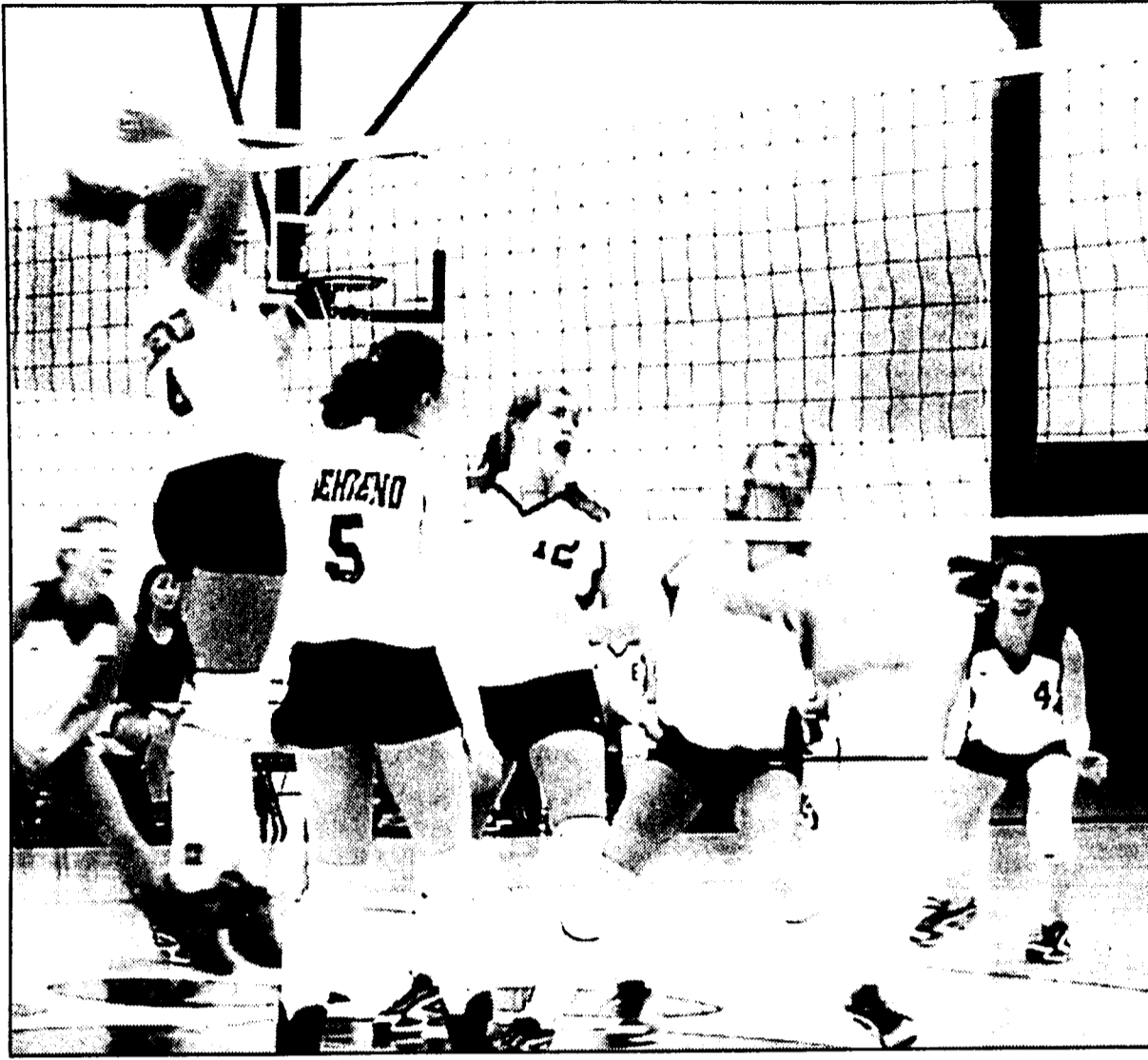


## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday**  
 Women's Soccer  
 Alfred  
 Behrend Fields  
 3:30 p.m.
- Men's Water Polo  
 vs. Slippery Rock @  
 Grove City Invitational  
 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball  
 Penn State Altoona  
 Junker Center  
 7 p.m.
- Saturday**  
 Men's Water Polo  
 vs. Gannon @ Grove City  
 Invitational 11:30 a.m.
- Women's Volleyball  
 Frostburg  
 Junker Center  
 1 p.m.
- Men's Soccer  
 @ Bethany  
 2 p.m.
- Women's Tennis  
 @ Frostburg  
 3 p.m.
- vs. Mercyhurst @ Grove City  
 Invitational 4 p.m.
- Men's Water Polo  
 vs. Grove City @ Grove City  
 Invitational 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday**  
 Women's Tennis  
 @ Penn State Altoona  
 12 p.m.
- Monday**  
 Women's Tennis  
 Edinboro  
 Behrend Tennis Courts  
 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday**  
 Women's Volleyball  
 @ Pitt-Bradford  
 7 p.m.
- Women's Golf  
 @ St. Bonaventure  
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- Wednesday**  
 Men's and Women's Golf  
 AMCC Championships @  
 Pitt-Greensburg 12 p.m.
- Women's Soccer  
 Allegheny  
 Behrend Fields  
 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer  
 Grove City  
 Behrend Fields  
 4 p.m.
- Women's Tennis  
 @ La Roche  
 4 p.m.
- Thursday**  
 Women's Tennis  
 @ Thiel  
 3:30 p.m.
- Friday Oct. 5**  
 Women's Tennis  
 Pitt-Greensburg  
 Behrend Tennis Courts  
 4 p.m.
- Men's Soccer  
 Westminster  
 Behrend Soccer Fields  
 5 p.m.
- Intramurals Schedule**  
**Friday**  
 Cross Country Invitational  
 Men's and Women's  
 Cross Country Team  
 Men's, Women's, and Coed
- Fantasy Hockey League  
**Friday Oct. 5**  
 Flag Football  
 Men's, Women's, and Coed
- All entries must be at the  
 intramural office  
 by 4 p.m. on the scheduled date

## Volleyball team opens conference play in spectacular fashion



by Diane Holtsford  
 staff writer

Last Thursday the Behrend women's volleyball team opened conference play at Lake Erie. The Behrend Lions won easily in three straight games, 30-15, 30-14, and 30-19. With the win Behrend improved its overall record to the .500 mark at 8-8.

During this three-game match, the Lions accumulated 39 kills and 41 digs. Sophomore Jessica Niedermeyer contributed 11 of those kills and 14 digs. Senior Brienne Engelbert added six digs while having 26 setter assists.

"We played our game, which we needed to do," said coach Kellie Diehl about her team's performance. "We had people getting some playing time off the bench, and they played well."

Diehl admitted that her team had some trouble serving, but she was confident her team would continue to improve.

This past Wednesday Behrend played its second conference match at home against rival La Roche. The Lions again defeated their

conference opponent in straight games, 30-13, 30-18, and 30-24, handing La Roche its 13th loss of the season. Behrend climbed to 2-0 in the conference and 9-8 overall.

The Behrend team amassed 39 kills and 55 digs. Niedermeyer tallied 12 kills and 12 digs while Danielle Bemis added eight kills and 10 digs. Engelbert had eight digs along with 32 setter attempts, and teammate Sarah Peterson contributed 12 digs.

Diehl was very pleased with her team's win. "We started a new strategy and developed a new game style that worked well," she said. The Lions hope that this new strategy will keep working for them in their next matches.

The Behrend Lions look to continue their success in the conference with two big games this weekend. They will host Penn State Altoona on Friday and Frostburg on Saturday. Wins against these two teams are crucial for Behrend to host the conference tournament.

"This will tell us how we'll finish in the conference," said Diehl about this weekend's outcome. Diehl said she was certain her team is "gearing up" for the challenge.

PHOTO BY KRISTIN RODGERS

## The weekly senior athletic profile

### Lennys Redondo: Making a 'racquet' on and off the court

by Kate Levinsky Petrikis  
 assistant sports editor

Imagine Zina Garrison, the first African-American woman in 32 years to reach the Wimbledon final, giving you one of her racquets that she used in a professional match. Or Gigi Fernandez, a professional doubles tennis player, giving you one from the same school as you. Would that inspire you?

Well, those things happened to Lennys Redondo, senior tennis player for the Behrend Lions.

Redondo started to play tennis when she was 10 years old, and has continued to play up through college. She got involved with tennis because her mother, who Redondo said is her role model, put her in classes when she was young. Redondo's mother also plays tennis and they play in a summer league and tournaments together.

Redondo is from Puerto Rico, where tennis is a big sport. "Well I guess it is, at least in my town," said Redondo. She visited the United States when she was a senior in high school. She visited the universities where she was accepted and one of them happened to be Penn State Behrend.

"When we got back to Puerto Rico, my mother asked me which university I liked the best," recalled Redondo. "I said 'Behrend,' and she said, 'Me too.'"

Redondo claims it was not easy adjusting to the United States, but everything is easier now.

"Puerto Rico is more city than Erie. There are not many trees. Another ma-



PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO

Lennys Redondo has been one of the strongholds on the tennis team that has endured a disappointing 2-7 start.

Another thing is the climate; down there it is pretty hot. It is 85 degrees year round, even in winter. It took me a while to adjust to Erie, especially given the temperature changes and my health. The people here are very nice and hospitable, plus it is a great studying environment. I got accepted at University

Park, but I decided to stay at Behrend. I like it here," said Redondo.

Redondo also had to adjust to the language. Her first language is Spanish, but she now speaks both Spanish and English fluently.

"I accidentally throw one or two words in Spanish in the middle of my

conversation in English, and my friends look at me like, 'What did you just say?'"

Redondo said managing her time is probably the hardest thing to do. Her major, Mechanical Engineering, requires a lot of studying. She is preparing her life after graduation as well. Redondo plans on continuing her education at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a member of Phi Alpha. Redondo even holds a part time job as the tennis team manager.

"I guess I have a specific time for everything, so I can adjust my calendar and fit everything," says Redondo.

The coaches at Behrend have taught Redondo many things, including different strategies in the game and how to use those strategies depending on your opponent.

"I practice as much as I can (practices are from 4 to 6 p.m. daily), get a good night sleep the night before a match to be rested, and I also try to relax myself before each game," said Redondo. "Most importantly, I try to enjoy them, even though some matches can be frustrating. Some days your game can be awesome, but other days it seems that you just learned how to play the day before."

"I believe in the team, and I believe that we can win the AMCC crown for the 5th year in a row. It's not going to be really easy but we will play our best." The AMCC championship takes place on Saturday Oct. 20 at Frostburg.

## Corle helps lead golf team to 5th place finish at Bradford

by Kate Levinsky Petrikis  
 assistant sports editor

The men's golf team finished fifth out of 12 teams on Saturday at Pitt Bradford. There were three standout freshmen who scored well. Josh Corle shot 76, while Anthony Pagliari and Jeff Black both shot 78 at Pine Acres, a course with par 72.

The team will play a qualifying round for the AMCC Championships, which take place on Wednesday. The qualifying round will take place later this week, and will determine who will play in the conference championship.

Pagliari will be counted on to contribute a lot next week, according to head coach Pat Mashuda.

"Pagliari has been our best player at every match that he has played in this fall. He leads the team with a 76.75 average in four matches," said Mashuda.

Corle and Matthew Sack are also expected to contribute next week.

Behrend's two veteran leaders are sophomores Kirk Seth and John Tellino. "I am very excited about this year's team," said Mashuda. "Even though we are young, we are very competitive. I think our biggest strength is our depth. We have 10 guys who can step in and get the job done. With eight freshmen and two sophomores, we are young and hungry for a conference championship."

Mashuda also said the Lions are mentally tough.

"I think our most significant area of opportunity is the mental approach to the game. We are learning with each and every event," he said. "I look for the AMCC Championships to be a very tight match. Also, these guys are all good people which makes it very enjoyable to coach them."

## Ripken and Earnhardt Jr. have more in common than you think



Out of Bounds  
 Jason Snyder

Both of these men have a history of performing best when fans need it most. Both of these men wear the number 8. Both of these men are "Jr.'s." And both of these men have rewritten or are in the process of rewriting sports history books.

Of course, the main difference is that one of these men is 41 years old, swings a bat, and is counting down the days to his last game. The other is 26 years old, drives a car, and is counting down the days to his first championship.

But already, they have shown similarities in their incredible ability to play off of people's emotions in a good way.

Ripken's reputation of performing memorably while on center stage began in 1995, when he tied and then broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played record of 2,130. Ripken, not known for his power

swing, belted a home run in both the tying and record-breaking games, giving fans additional opportunities to salute baseball's new "Iron Man."

Ripken's latest miracle took place at the 2001 All-Star Game, the final one of his career. Ripken stepped to the plate in front of a standing ovation. As soon as the cheers subsided enough for Chan Ho Park to pitch, Ripken sent a home run over the left-field fence and into the NL bullpen. Ripken's American League won 4-1, earning him his second All-Star Game Most Valuable Player award in 19 All-Star Game appearances.

Enter Earnhardt Jr.

This young star has withstood the pressures of stardom in the Winston Cup racing circuit throughout the past two seasons. He has dealt with the unexpected death of his father and has continued to strive.

Fans of Earnhardt Sr. have put their dedication and faith in this young star. And he has delivered at

exactly the right times.

When Winston Cup racing returned to Daytona, the same track that took Earnhardt's life, the racing world needed something to ease their minds. They wanted to walk out of Daytona with something positive to hold on to. And they got it.

Earnhardt Jr. dominated the race from start to finish. He tamed the track that took his father, and he did it with a vengeance.

With Jr.'s win, Daytona was back in the graces of race fans everywhere. Racing was back on track to normality.

The race in Dover, Del. this past Sunday was the first series' race since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. The 140,000 flag-waving race fans needed something special to take their mind off of the tragedies. That special something once again came in the form of Earnhardt Jr.

You know what happens when people ask you this question. "If

your team/driver doesn't win, who would you like to see win?" For most racing fans this year, the answer has been, "Junior." So who better than Junior to be the one to carry the American flag when this past weekend's race was said and done?

Cheers would have been loud enough for this new racing icon even if there weren't millions of heavy hearts in America waiting for something to boost their spirits. But when Junior took the checkered flag this past weekend, the fans in attendance had a little more to cheer for as NASCAR's most popular driver had answered the call again.

Both Juniors, Cal and Dale, have lifted many spirits of sports fans everywhere. It's reassuring to know that as one of these legends moves on, another is right on his footsteps, giving fans that go-to guy when spirits are low and the world is in need of something special.