

SPORTS

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Ritzert



Ritzert, a junior from Lincoln High School, ran a 28:29 and finished 24th for Behrend at the Slippery Rock Invitational. He led Penn State Behrend to a seventh-place finish. Ritzert has been the top men's finisher in the first three meets of 2001. Next up is the Frostburg Invitational on Oct. 6.

Water polo team endures tough weekend at home

by Kate Levdansky Petrikis
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The men's water polo team lost three games last weekend against Slippery Rock (Division II), Washington & Jefferson (Division III), and Gannon (Division II). In spite of the losses, the team played each game extremely well.

"We gave all three teams a scare!" said coach Josh Heynes.

At each half-time break, Behrend either had the lead or was tied. The Lions lost their



PHOTO BY LYNDESEY BOOR

Freshman Andy Hanhauser gets ready to pass the ball to a teammate during one of three games the past weekend.

concentration though in the last two quarters of each game, committing too many errors.

"We ran with each and every team we played, and compared to last year's team we are far above in performance and conditioning. I am very impressed with these men," said Heynes.

Junior Chad Holzshu, who has greatly improved his game from last year, has put in some serious work and is now one of the offensive leaders on the team. Holzshu plays one of the toughest positions, the two-meter hole, which compares to the center in basketball. "All of our plays and drives are based on him," said Heynes.

Another standout is freshman Andy Hanhauser, who hails from McDowell High School. Hanhauser was part of the Pennsylvania High School state championship team. Hanhauser has brought a vast knowledge of water polo experiences with him and is the team leader in goals and steals.

"He has definitely been a catalyst for this team's improvement this year," said Heynes.

The Lions will prepare for a big weekend of competition in the Grove City Invitational.



PHOTO BY KRISTIN RODGERS

Brian Vallor, Behrend's deep-water goalie, looks across the pool for an open teammate during a recent practice.

They play Slippery Rock on Friday and follow that up with games against Gannon, Mercyhurst, and Grove City on Saturday. All four teams have played Behrend this year, and know that the Lions are ready for them.

This weekend should be interesting for all the teams competing. Players expecting to have big games are Holzshu and Hanhauser. Also, Mark Ostrzeniec, who has just recently found his spot in outside shooting, and Justin

Lucas, who will take on any size opponent, could be dangerous. Casey Doody and Jon Harding are Behrend's speed, which is definitely helping their offensive breakouts.

On the defensive end, the Lions have three goalies. All three play in the cage and out in the water. Brian Vallor, last year's goalie, takes the lead role when the Lions are in deep water. Nick McGrady guards the cage when Behrend is in shallow water. Rob Christensen plays between the bars when the team needs him. All three goalies block the ball well.

"Again, I would like to emphasize that we are a Division III sport that plays Division I, Division II, and Division III schools," said Heynes. "This is a daunting task, considering these guys who play for me, do it for the love of the sport and not money. They put in just as much time and effort as these other schools, and sometimes that does not show on the final score."

"However, we are a better team than last year, and we have made dramatic improvements," added Heynes. "We have given teams a run for their money, and soon we will beat them; it is just a matter of when and where."

Cross country teams show drastic improvement in Slippery Rock Invitational

by Jason Snyder
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The Behrend men's and women's cross country teams traveled to compete in the Slippery Rock Invitational this past weekend for the first time in their four-year history. Both teams improved from previous weeks, according to Behrend head coach Dave Cooper.

The Behrend women placed the highest of the Division III schools that competed at the meet, placing fourth out of eight overall teams. Cooper said he was "very pleased with the performance of our women's team."

Andrea Sanko led the Lions for the first time this season with an 11th place finish in a time of 25:55, followed by Jessica Knapp, who crossed the line in 12th place. Behrend's Susie

Szafran and Lindsey Boor also crossed the line together, finishing 22nd and 23rd, respectively. Clair Manelick, Jessie Coe, Marlena McNatt and Tara Burgess also competed for the Lions.

Cooper gauged the women's improvement by how they have closed the gap between themselves and other teams during the past three weeks. "Slippery Rock beat us by 10 points last week compared to beating us by over 100 points just three weeks earlier," said Cooper.

The Behrend men finished seventh of the 11 teams that competed. They were led by Kevin Ritzert, who finished in 24th place with a time of 28:29. Dan Croft finished second for the Lions, crossing the line in 39th place, followed by Tim Schultheis (45), Mike Barlett (46), Dan Alvis (52) and Clayton

Kirschner (53).

Cooper also saw improvement with the men's team, however it "wasn't as dramatic" as the women's.

Next up for the Lions will be the Frostburg Invitational on Oct. 6. Cooper hopes the meet will show the Lions where they stand in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference. "Frostburg should be a good test of our standing in the conference at this point," said Cooper.

The AMCC Championships will be on Oct. 27 at La Roche.

Cooper continues to preach improvement to his teams.

"Improvement will continue in the weeks ahead, we just need to stay healthy, confident and focused."



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Sophomore Steve Wenner, senior Carl Alberico, and junior Clint Altman run around the Behrend Tennis Courts to prepare for their next invitational.

SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

Women's Soccer		
School	C.R.	Overall
Penn State Behrend	3-0	4-6-1
Frostburg	2-0	9-1
Pitt-Bradford	2-1	4-5
La Roche	1-0	5-4
Penn State Altoona	0-2	1-4
Pitt-Greensburg	0-2	1-7
Lake Erie	0-2	1-8

Men's Soccer		
School	C.R.	Overall
Penn State Behrend	3-0	7-2
Frostburg	2-0	5-3
Penn State Altoona	1-1	2-1
Lake Erie	1-2	2-6
La Roche	0-1	4-4-1
Pitt-Bradford	0-3	4-4-1
Pitt-Greensburg	0-1	1-3

Women's Tennis		
School	C.R.	Overall
Penn State Altoona	4-0	5-0
Penn State Behrend	1-1	2-7
Frostburg	1-2	3-4
Pitt-Greensburg	1-2	1-6
La Roche	0-2	0-2

Women's Volleyball		
School	C.R.	Overall
Penn State Behrend	2-0	9-8
Penn State Altoona	1-0	6-3
La Roche	1-1	1-13
Pitt-Bradford	1-1	3-11
Frostburg	1-2	6-7
Pitt-Greensburg	0-1	4-5
Lake Erie	0-1	1-5

**PENN STATE
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LIONS**

NATIONAL SPORTS

Nascar		
2001 Winston Cup Standings:		
Race 27 of 36		
Next Race: Protection One 400		
Sept. 30		
Pos.	Driver	Points
1	Jeff Gordon	3928
2	Ricky Rudd	3716
3	Tony Stewart	3516
4	Dale Jarrett	3507
5	Sterling Marlin	3444
6	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	3429
7	Kevin Harvick	3380
8	Rusty Wallace	3355
9	Bobby Labonte	3327
10	Johnny Benson	3168
11	Jeff Burton	3079
12	Mark Martin	3015
13	Bill Elliott	2990
14	Jimmy Spenser	2962
15	Matt Kenseth	2905
16	Steve Park	2859
17	Ward Burton	2776
18	Elliott Sadler	2755
19	Bobby Hamilton	2742
20	Jerry Nadeau	2726

MLB Standings											
National League						American League					
		W	L	Pct.	GB			W	L	Pct.	GB
East		82	70	.539	---	*Yankees		90	61	.596	---
Atlanta		81	71	.533	1	Boston		76	74	.507	13.5
Philadelphia		78	74	.513	4	Toronto		74	77	.490	16
N.Y. Mets		70	82	.461	12	Baltimore		60	91	.397	30
Florida		64	88	.427	18	Tampa Bay		54	97	.358	36
Montreal						Central		W	L	Pct.	GB
Central		90	62	.592	---	Cleveland		87	65	.572	---
Houston		87	66	.569	3.5	Minnesota		80	72	.526	7
St. Louis		82	70	.539	8	Chicago		79	73	.520	8
Chicago		65	87	.428	25	Detroit		62	90	.408	25
Milwaukee		62	90	.408	28	Kansas City		59	93	.388	28
Cincinnati		58	95	.379	32.5	West		W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh						*Seattle		109	44	.712	---
West		85	67	.559	---	#Oakland		94	58	.618	14.5
Arizona		84	69	.549	1.5	Anaheim		74	78	.487	34.5
San Francisco		81	72	.529	4.5	Texas		70	83	.458	39
Los Angeles		76	76	.500	9						
San Diego		67	85	.441	18						
Colorado											
Wild Card Standings											
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB							
St. Louis	87	66	.569	---	* Division Champions						
San Francisco	84	69	.549	3	# Wild Card Champion						
Chicago	82	70	.539	4.5							
Philadelphia	81	71	.533	5.5							
Los Angeles	81	72	.529	6							

American League Pitching Statistics				National League Pitching Statistics			
Wins (W)				Wins (W)			
Player	Team	POS	W	Player	Team	POS	W
1 R Clemens	NY Yankees	P	20	1 C Schilling	ARI	P	21
2 M Mulder	OAK	P	20	2 M Morris	STL	P	20
3 J Moyer	SEA	P	19	3 R Johnson	ARI	P	19
4 3 tied with			17	4 J Lieber	CHC	P	18
				5 G Maddux	ATL	P	17
Earned Run Avg (ERA)				Earned Run Avg (ERA)			
Player	Team	POS	ERA	Player	Team	POS	ERA
1 F Garcia	SEA	P	2.98	1 R Johnson	ARI	P	2.40
2 J Mays	MIN	P	3.15	2 J Burkett	ATL	P	2.90
3 J Moyer	SEA	P	3.25	3 C Schilling	ARI	P	2.95
4 M Buehrle	CWS	P	3.37	4 D Kile	STL	P	2.96
5 T Hudson	OAK	P	3.40	5 G Maddux	ATL	P	2.96
Strikeouts (SO)				Strikeouts (SO)			
Player	Team	POS	SO	Player	Team	POS	SO
1 H Nomo	BOS	P	208	1 R Johnson	ARI	P	350
2 R Clemens	NY Yankees	P	201	2 C Schilling	ARI	P	277
3 B Zito	OAK	P	197	3 C Park	LA	P	214
4 M Mussina	NY Yankees	P	193	4 J Vazquez	MON	P	208
5 B Colon	CLE	P	189	5 K Wood	CHC	P	202
Saves (SV)				Saves (SV)			
Player	Team	POS	SV	Player	Team	POS	SV
1 M Rivera	NY Yankees	P	47	1 A Benitez	NY Yankees	P	42
2 K Sasaki	SEA	P	42	2 R Nen	SF	P	42
3 K Foulke	CWS	P	40	3 T Hoffman	SD	P	41
4 T Percival	ANA	P	39	4 J Shaw	LA	P	39
5 B Koch	TOR	P	34	5 J Mesa	PHI	P	38

