

## Men's cross country finishes close second to Frostburg

by Jason Snyder  
staff writer

Coach Dave Cooper knew that the Behrend men's cross country team needed everything to come together at the right time in order for the Lions to challenge Frostburg State for the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championship this past Saturday. However, not everything fell in place for the Lions, enabling Frostburg to capture its second AMCC title in three years.

"Two of our men (Dan Croft and Mike Barlett) were sick the week prior to the meet," said Cooper. "Dan has been a very steady runner for us and I believe he was the third or fourth best runner in the AMCC.



Mike Barlett

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Plug in that place alone and the results would have been different. Mike has been running third for us, so there could have been some more points."

Behrend finished only seven points behind champion Frostburg. A stronger finish by either Croft or Barlett could have secured the Lions their second straight AMCC title.

However, a recovering Barlett finished 10th for the Lions and Croft didn't crack the top 10.

"That's the nature of cross country. Everyone has to be healthy at the right time," said Cooper.

Kevin Ritzert challenged last year's champion Andrew Musinguzi of La Roche for the first half of the race, but couldn't hang on the rest of the way.

"Musinguzi is a very good runner, possibly one of the top five in our region," said Cooper.

Ritzert hung on to second place for the Lions, despite a challenge from the AMCC's Newcomer of the Year, Sy Farris of Frostburg.

Clayton Kirschner stepped up for the Lions to try to fill the void left by Croft and Barlett. Kirschner finished in fifth place at a time of 29:36, the closest anyone from Behrend got to Ritzert all season.

"Clayton, as did the entire team, had an extremely gutsy race and found out what he is capable of doing," said Cooper.

Also earning AMCC All-Conference honors for Behrend were Matt Sprang, who finished eighth, and Barlett, who took 10th. Nine of the

top 10 runners were from Frostburg or Behrend.

Cooper noted last week that the Lions could contend if they could challenge Frostburg's three through five men. Other factors made that goal difficult to accomplish.

"I feel bad for the guys because, I believe, they are the league's best men's team," said Cooper.

The Behrend men will have another opportunity to challenge Frostburg on Nov. 10, at the NCAA regional meet at Lehigh University.

"The previous best Behrend finish ever was 15th in 1998. Tenth to 15th would be a reasonable goal for the men," said Cooper. "The guys hope to beat Frostburg State to prove their claim to being the AMCC's best team."

Housing  
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**Athlete  
of the Week**

PENN STATE  
Lake Erie

Lauren  
Senkevich



Senkevich, a sophomore from Hopewell High School, had 15 kills and nine blocks for the Behrend volleyball team. The Lions were 2-0 this week. Behrend will play in the AMCC tournament at Penn State Altoona today and tomorrow.

## Behrend skiers, riders deserve a team

by Andy McNeil  
staff writer

### OPINION

Erie, including Behrend, is infamous for its large quantities of snow. University Park is equally infamous for its large quantities of students. Now wouldn't it make sense that there should be a ski and snowboard team where the snow is?

Such is not the case. Behrend does not have a ski team even though it is in a colder, snowier environment than main campus and a ski resort is 15 minutes from here. A ski team could actually become a major sport if established here. It would be like any other sport with a season filled with competitions. Yet it would differ in that the team's progress would be left to one's own heart to push the limits rather than a coach. If a good team came about it could attract more student skiers and riders to this campus. There are also more than enough

skiers and riders to make up a team. There are actually several ski instructors from Holiday Valley, N.Y. here at Behrend.

### Recreational intramurals offered free of charge

by Ed Dearolf  
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Now that the semester is more than halfway over, some students may feel upset they didn't get to sign up for one of the many intramurals such as football or softball. There is, however, still an opportunity to participate in several free recreational intramurals-volleyball, kick ball, and whiffle ball.

Volleyball is offered from 8 until 10 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday nights in Erie Hall. The other two games are

"This is a good area for a team and many seem to be interested," said instructor Jon Fisher.

The university wouldn't even have to dole out a lot of money either. For example if a freeride team was formed, the team could build its own jumps on campus for big-air compe-

titions. Since snow is plentiful in Erie, big-air events would help draw both student and public attention without the use of much funding. The only funding really needed would be for jerseys, transportation, and to possibly pay an advisor. Competitions can be fun and would really help to

progress a sport into new territories.

"There aren't many winter sports available and that there are many talented skiers here so why not have a team?" said local skier Greg Seese.

To help support the drive for a ski/snowboard team contact behrendfreeride@hotmail.com.

earlier this year and is preparing for more upcoming events. Students can register for a two-ball basketball shooting competition by Nov. 9. The championship may even be held at halftime of a Behrend Lions' basketball game. Team triathlon sign-ups will run until Nov. 16 where once student runs, one swims, and one rides a bike.

Any questions about intramurals can be answered by e-mailing Wittman (rww3@psu.edu), calling him at (814) 898-6280, or stopping in the intramural office in the Junker Center.

## SCOREBOARD

### BEHREND SPORTS

Women's Soccer			Men's Soccer			Women's Cross Country		Women's Volleyball			Men's Cross Country	
School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	2001 AMCC Cross Country Championships Oct. 27 at La Roche		School	C.R.	Overall	2001 AMCC Cross Country Championships Oct. 27 at La Roche	
Frostburg	5-1	17-4	Frostburg	5-1	10-6-1	School	Points	Penn State Altoona	10-1	17-6	School	Points
Penn State Behrend	6-0	10-10-1	Pitt-Greensburg	5-1	7-9	Penn State Behrend	16	Penn State Behrend	10-2	20-10	Frostburg	24
La Roche	4-2	10-8	Penn State Altoona	2-4	4-10	Frostburg	55	Frostburg	8-4	10-16	Penn State Behrend	31
Pitt-Bradford	3-3	7-10	Lake Erie	2-4	5-11	Pitt-Bradford	81	La Roche	5-6	6-21	Pitt-Bradford	85
Pitt-Greensburg	2-4	4-12	Pitt-Bradford	1-5	7-10-1	Lake Erie	84	Pitt-Greensburg	2-9	6-14	Lake Erie	DNS
Lake Erie	1-5	4-15-1	La Roche	1-5	7-11-1	La Roche	DNS	Lake Erie	0-12	3-18	La Roche	DNS
Penn State Altoona	0-6	4-9										

### NATIONAL SPORTS

#### NASCAR 2001 Winston Cup Standings: Race 32 of 36 Next Race: Pop Secret 400 Nov. 4

Pos.	Driver	Points
1	Jeff Gordon	4662
2	Ricky Rudd	4282
3	Tony Stewart	4198
4	Dale Jarrett	4136
5	Sterling Marlin	4101
6	Rusty Wallace	4027
7	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	3977
8	Bobby Labonte	3926
9	Kevin Harvick	3918
10	Jeff Burton	3874
11	Mark Martin	3703
12	Johnny Benson	3663
13	Matt Kenseth	3494
14	Jimmy Spencer	3424
15	Bill Elliott	3383
16	Ward Burton	3380
17	Bobby Hamilton	3274
18	Ken Schrader	3221
19	Jerry Nadeau	3141
20	Elliott Sadler	3125

#### MLB Playoffs

##### World Series

N.Y. Yankees vs. Arizona  
Saturday Oct. 27

Arizona 9 N.Y. Yankees 1  
W: Schilling  
L: Mussina

Sunday Oct. 28

Arizona 4 N.Y. Yankees 0  
W: Johnson  
L: Pettite

Tuesday Oct. 30

N.Y. Yankees 2 Arizona 1  
W: Clemens  
L: Anderson

Wednesday Oct. 31

N.Y. Yankees 4 Arizona 3  
10 Innings  
W: Rivera  
L: Kim

Thursday Nov. 1

N.Y. Yankees 3 Arizona 2  
12 Innings  
W: Hitchcock  
L: Lopez

Saturday Nov. 3

N.Y. Yankees @ Arizona @ 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Nov. 4

N.Y. Yankees @ Arizona (if necessary) @ 7:30 p.m.

#### National Hockey League League Leaders

##### Points (Pts)

Player	Team	POS	Pts
1 J Iginla	CGY	RW	19
2 B Shanahan	DET	LW	17
3 S Federov	DET	C	16
4 R Smyth	EDM	LW	16
5 J Roenick	PHI	C	16

##### Goals

Player	Team	POS	Goals
1 M Parrish	NYI	RW	11
2 B Shanahan	DET	LW	10
3 A Carter	EDM	RW	9
4 K Huselius	FLA	RW	9
5 P Bondra	WAS	RW	9

##### Goals Against Average (GAA)

Player	Team	POS	Yds
1 K Weekes	TB	G	0.61
2 R Esche	PHX	G	1.02
3 B Boucher	PHI	G	1.58
4 T Conklin	EDM	G	1.62
5 R Turek	CGY	G	1.78

##### Penalty Minutes (PM)

Player	Team	POS	PM
1 D Brashear	VAN	LW	68
2 Z Chara	OTT	D	58
3 K Sawyer	ANA	LW	54
4 B Probert	CHI	LW	49
5 G Odjick	MTL	LW	47

#### National Football League

##### NFC Statistics

###### Passing Yards (Yds)

Player	Team	POS	Yds
1 K Warner	STL	QB	2164
2 D Culpepper	MIN	QB	1701
3 B Favre	GB	QB	1568
4 K Collins	NYG	QB	1528
5 J Plummer	ARI	QB	1433

###### Rushing Yards (Yds)

Player	Team	POS	Yds
1 R Williams	NO	RB	557
2 S Davis	WAS	RB	524
3 A Green	GB	RB	512
4 A Thomas	CHI	RB	439
5 E Smith	DAL	RB	398

###### Receiving Yards (Yds)

Player	Team	POS	Yds
1 K Johnson	TB	WR	610
2 I Bruce	STL	WR	600
3 D Boston	ARI	WR	589
4 T Owens	SF	WR	543
5 J Morton	DET	WR	506

###### Sacks

Player	Team	POS	Sacks
1 M Strahan	GB	DE	12.5
2 K Biamila	NYG	DE	9
3 L Little	NO	DE	7
4 J Johnson	STL	DE	6
5 C Clemons	NO	LB	6

##### AFC Statistics

###### Passing Yards (Yds)

Player	Team	POS	Yds
1 T Green	KC	QB	1799
2 P Manning	IND	QB	1625
3 B Griese	DEN	QB	1588
4 D Flutie	SD	QB	1563
5 E Grbac	BAL	QB	1348

###### Rushing Yards (Yds)

Player	Team	POS	Yds
1 C Martin	NYJ	RB	738
2 E James	IND	RB	662
3 C Dillon	CIN	RB	625
4 L Tomlinson	SD	RB	620
5 J Bettis	PIT	RB	612

###### Receiving Yards (Yds)

Player	Team	POS	Yds
1 R Smith	DEN	WR	758
2 T Brown	NE	WR	579
3 M Harrison	IND	WR	545
4 J Smith	JAC	WR	539
5 Q Ismail	BAL	WR	536

###### Sacks

Player	Team	POS	Sacks
1 M McCrary	BAL	DE	7
2 J Miller	CLE	LB	6
3 M Wiley	SD	DE	6
4 M Washington	IND	LB	5.5
5 K Hardy	JAC	LBs	5.5