

## Swim teams capture gold, silver, bronze at ECAC

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Thirteen swimmers from Penn State Behrend competed in the ECAC championships last weekend at Rowan University in New Jersey.

"This was an excellent achievement for a second-year team," said head coach Josh Heynes. "We were excited to have 13 swimmers qualify, and do very well against top Division III performers."

The men placed eighth while the women placed 15th. The men's 200 medley relay team won the ECAC championship and also won the 400 medley relay. The team was made up of Casey Doody, Lucas Dushac, Jon Harding and Justin Lucas. The team also had other good finishes including Doody's two second-place finishes in the 100 and 200 backstroke, Dushac's second-place finish in the 200 breaststroke and two third-place

finishes in the 100 breast and 200 individual medley, and Harding's third-place finish in the 100 fly.

In just its second season as a varsity sport at Penn State Behrend, the men's and women's swim teams hope to make a big splash and send a message to other Division III teams.

The swim teams are coached once again by Heynes, who also heads the men's and women's water polo teams, along with assistant coach Jennifer Slack. So far the men's team has posted a record of 1-1 with a win at Buffalo State on Nov. 6 and a tough loss at home against Gannon on Nov. 20. The women have opened the season with a record of 0-2.

With 15 men and eight women on the teams, top swimmers for the men include Doody, Dushac, and Harding. The top women are Samantha Cibula, Hollie Stash, and Christine Williams.

The team has already greatly improved from

last year. While only losing Adam Demarco and Betsy Voight to University Park and Lindsay Spiegel to Mercyhurst College from last year's team, the swimmers are more competitive and have more well-rounded teams.

"You name the event we have swimmers available to do it, which is a large step from last year when we only had a few people who could swim any event other than freestyle," said Heynes.

The season runs from October through March, consisting of about 12-16 matches, and can run even longer if the swimmers qualify for the NCAA championships. As of right now, the team is not technically in a conference. Of the other colleges in the AMCC, only two have swim teams, but the others will most likely have one sooner or later. Because of this, the swimmers do not have any main rivals just yet. The closest thing is any Division III school in

Pennsylvania, including Grove City, Penn State Altoona, and Washington & Jefferson.

The teams had planned on taking a trip to Florida to train over winter break, but unfortunately the trip was cancelled. The teams will return to campus on New Year's Day and train for the rest of the week. They will resume the season on Jan. 12 when they host Alfred University.

The teams' normal practice schedule is very busy. They practice Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings, while continuing practice on Monday and Friday afternoons. Anyone interested in joining the swimming teams with prior competitive experience can contact coach Heynes at [jd15@psu.edu](mailto:jd15@psu.edu) or stop by and visit him at the pool.



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Sophomore Tara Braden enjoys a relaxed swim at the Junker Center pool. Braden and the rest of the women finished in 15th place at the ECAC championships last weekend at Rowan University.

## Notre Dame no longer rates as one of top coaching jobs

by Andrew Bagnato  
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As Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White launches his search for the next Fighting Irish football coach, he must contend with two powerful opposing forces.

One is history.

The other is reality.

History demands White find a fitting heir to Notre Dame's honor roll of coaches - a list that includes Rockne, Leahy, Ara and Lou, coaches so big they needed only a single name.

But reality indicates Notre Dame is no longer one of the nation's top coaching jobs.

That's why White, who fired Bob Davie on Sunday after five seasons, is not merely going to be able to hang a "Coach Wanted" sign outside his office and wait for a line to form.

He will have to do some serious recruiting.

Forget the media myths about Notre Dame's place among football's fabled programs. The reality is that the university's tough academic standards, coupled with its relatively low pay for coaches, have reduced its appeal among many

front-line coaches.

There is also the matter of Notre Dame's schedule as an independent. At most schools, the coach picks his non-conference schedule. At Notre Dame, the entire 11-game slate is set for him. And even though the schedule will almost always be among the toughest in the nation, he will be expected to win nearly every game because this is, after all, Notre Dame, which has eight Associated Press national titles, though only one since 1977.

Many coaches will be intrigued by the job, but White must discern between the truly interested and the opportunistic. In the latest trend on campus, coaches are becoming richer by flirting with big-name outsiders, then staying home.

Gary Barnett used Notre Dame's interest to his advantage when the Irish sought him to succeed Lou Holtz in 1996. Barnett, who had produced improbable back-to-back Big Ten titles at Northwestern, was widely rumored as a Notre Dame candidate. But he issued a statement that essentially said he had a better deal in Evanston, and that statement made a big splash with the Wildcats' prospective recruits.

A lot of local Irish fans insisted Barnett was making a big mistake. They may have noticed that Barnett led Colorado to the Big 12 title and a Bowl Championship Series berth Saturday night.

Barnett is not considered an Irish candidate this time. He already has a better job in Boulder.

It is difficult for die-hard Domers to believe coaches would be leery of the Irish post. That doesn't matter. White, a consummate athletics professional who is not a Notre Dame graduate, understands the stark difference between history and reality.

"At this point I can't stand in front of you and tell you that we've got a program on the verge of competing (for) and hopefully winning the national championship," White said at the news conference called Sunday in South Bend, Ind., to announce Davie's dismissal. "We don't have that kind of program at this point."

The next coach will be expected to develop that kind of program.

Oakland Raiders coach Jon Gruden, said to be among White's top targets, is an interesting candidate. Also an unlikely one. Gruden works

for Al Davis and probably wouldn't be available for two months, if then. Notre Dame has to move faster. The same timetable could rule out San Francisco 49ers coach Steve Mariucci, who presents strong credentials.

In the college ranks, Oregon's Mike Bellotti is seen as a candidate. White would be smart to call Ron Turner, who is a hot commodity after leading unheralded Illinois to an outright Big Ten title. Turner may be tired of being the warm-up act at a basketball school. If Turner goes 10-1 at Notre Dame, he isn't going to play his regular-season finale in a half-empty stadium.

"You always have a short list," White said. "I think people who have done this over time and have had any success, that tends to be how they operate. So there are always people that you're kind of paying attention to."

One of those people could be Harvard coach Tim Murphy, who worked for White at Maine.

At 44, Murphy is relatively young, but he's been a college head coach since he was 30. Murphy produced a turnaround at Cincinnati before moving on to Harvard, where he recently led the Crimson to its first perfect record in 88 years.

After recruiting talented players to Harvard, Murphy would be unfazed by Notre Dame's demanding admissions policies. Unlike many of the glossier names, he wouldn't be insulted by Notre Dame's pay scale.

But White shouldn't delay if he's going after Murphy, because Murphy is said to be on the Naval Academy's short list.

Irish fans may roll their eyes at the notion of hiring a Division I-AA coach. But Ohio State fans had much the same reaction when the school hired Jim Tressel from Division I-AA Youngstown State last January. Ten months later, Tressel took a short-handed Buckeyes team into Ann Arbor and denied Michigan a Big Ten title.

When was the last time Notre Dame won a game that big?

White declined to discuss his list of candidates, but he said it would be "shorter than longer."

"We are different and unique, and we have to find somebody who fits Notre Dame and fits our particular situation," White said. "I think that it's fairly small."

What he meant was, this place isn't for everyone.

## SCOREBOARD

### BEHREND SPORTS

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

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

Men's Basketball Stats		
Player	PPG	RPG
Steve Merrill	10.4	3.1
Casey Ponsoll	10.0	2.9
Randy Conley	9.9	4.9
James Curren	9.3	7.3
Marty Timm	6.6	1.4
Dave Hairston	6.0	3.4
Matt Keith	4.6	2.7

Women's Basketball Stats		
Player	PPG	RPG
Erin Phillips	14.6	7.8
Kate Costanzo	11.9	3.6
Erica Mozdy	9.3	5.9
Christine Charnock	7.8	2.8
Danielle Bemis	7.5	1.8
Crystal McGarvey	6.0	3.9
Carly Cochran	5.1	3.1



### NATIONAL SPORTS

National Basketball Association League Leaders				
Points Per Game (PPG)				
Player	Team	POS	PPG	
1 P Pierce	BOS	F-G	27.6	
2 A Iverson	PHI	G	27.2	
3 K Bryant	LAL	G	26.5	
4 S O'Neal	LAL	C	25.9	
5 N Van Exel	DEN	G	25.8	
Rebounds Per Game (RPG)				
Player	Team	POS	RPG	
1 D Forston	GS	F	13.2	
2 T Duncan	SA	F-C	13.1	
3 K Garnett	MIN	F	12.6	
4 D Mutombo	PHI	C	12.3	
5 L Wright	MEM	C	11.3	
Assists Per Game (APG)				
Player	Team	POS	APG	
1 A Miller	CLE	G	10.7	
2 J Kidd	NJ	G	10.4	
3 G Payton	SEA	G	9.2	
4 J Tinsley	IND	G	9.0	
5 J Stockton	UT	G	8.9	
Field Goal Percentage (FGP)				
Player	Team	POS	FGP	
1 D Marshall	UT	F	.594	
2 C Williams	DET	F	.583	
3 S O'Neal	LAL	C	.558	
3 D Davis	POR	C-F	.557	
5 R Nesterovic	MIN	C	.541	

National Hockey League League Leaders				
Points (Pts)				
Player	Team	POS	Pts	
1 J Iginla	CGY	RW	41	
2 B Shanahan	DET	LW	34	
3 E Lindros	NYR	C	31	
4 C Conroy	CGY	C	30	
4 6 others tied with			30	
Goals				
Player	Team	POS	Goals	
1 J Iginla	CGY	RW	23	
2 P Bondra	WSH	RW	19	
3 B Shanahan	DET	LW	17	
3 M Parrish	NYI	RW	17	
3 P Demitra	STL	RW	17	
Goals Against Average (GAA)				
Player	Team	POS	Yds	
1 B Boucher	PHI	G	1.50	
2 T Conklin	EDM	G	1.62	
3 J Hackett	MTL	G	1.80	
4 P Roy	COL	G	1.81	
5 I Bryzgalov	ANA	G	1.88	
Penalty Minutes (PM)				
Player	Team	POS	PM	
1 K Sawyer	ANA	LW	123	
2 D Lambert	ANA	LW	92	
3 P Worrell	FLA	LW	87	
4 D Blashear	VAN	LW	84	
5 J Weimer	FLA	C	82	

National Hockey League League Leaders				
Assists (Ass.)				
Player	Team	POS	Ass.	
1 A Brunette	MIN	LW	21	
2 R Francis	CAR	C	20	
2 C Conroy	CGY	C	20	
2 M Nylander	CHI	C	20	
2 A Oates	WSH	C	20	
Bud Light Plus/Minus (+/-)				
Player	Team	POS	+/-	
1 T Fleury	NYR	RW	20	
1 M York	NYR	C	20	
3 J Iginla	CGY	RW	19	
3 E Lindros	NYR	C	19	
5 3 tied with			18	
Save Percentage (%)				
Player	Team	POS	%	
1 B Boucher	PHI	G	.943	
2 J Hackett	MTL	G	.940	
3 T Conklin	EDM	G	.939	
4 K Weekes	TB	G	.937	
5 N Khabibulin	TB	G	.935	
Shots on Goal				
Player	Team	POS	Shots	
1 A Macinnis	STL	D	94	
2 R Blake	COL	D	87	
3 N Lidstrom	DET	D	85	
4 D Quint	CBJ	D	78	
5 2 others tied with			78	

National Football League NFC Statistics				
Passing Yards (Yds)				
Player	Team	POS	Yds	
1 K Warner	STL	QB	3342	
2 B Favre	GB	QB	2892	
3 A Brooks	NO	QB	2790	
4 J Plummer	ARI	QB	2722	
5 J Garcia	SF	QB	2631	
Rushing Yards (Yds)				
Player	Team	POS	Yds	
1 R Williams	NO	RB	1014	
2 A Green	GB	RB	969	
3 G Hearst	SF	RB	900	
4 S Davis	WAS	RB	895	
5 M Faulk	STL	RB	752	
Receiving Yards (Yds)				
Player	Team	POS	Yds	
1 D Boston	ARI	WR	1171	
2 T Owens	SF	WR	1042	
3 J Horn	NO	WR	984	
4 K Johnson	TB	WR	976	
5 I Bruce	STL	WR	889	
Sacks				
Player	Team	POS	Sacks	
1 M Strahan	NYG	DE	15.5	
2 K Biamila	GB	DE	12	
3 C Clemons	NO	LB	11.5	
3 P Kerney	ATL	DE	10.5	
3 L Little	STL	DE	9	

National Football League AFC Statistics				
Passing Yards (Yds)				
Player	Team	POS	Yds	
1 P Manning	IND	QB	3019	
2 R Gannon	OAK	QB	2626	
3 T Green	KC	QB	2557	
4 B Griese	DEN	QB	2453	
5 D Flutie	SD	QB	2390	
Rushing Yards (Yds)				
Player	Team	POS	Yds	
1 J Bettis	PIT	RB	1072	
2 C Martin	NYJ	RB	1070	
3 S Alexander	SEA	RB	981	
4 P Holmes	KC	RB	978	
5 L Tomlinson	SD	RB	956	
Receiving Yards (Yds)				
Player	Team	POS	Yds	
1 R Smith	DEN	WR	1029	
2 M Harrison	IND	WR	1023	
3 J Smith	JAC	WR	966	
4 Troy Brown	NE	WR	944	
5 Tim Brown	OAK	WR	925	
Sacks				
Player	Team	POS	Sacks	
1 J Abraham	NYJ	DE	11	
2 M Wiley	SD	DE	10	
3 J Kears	TEN	DE	9	
3 R Johnson	SD	DE	9	
5 3 tied with			8	