

Track and field rewrites record books at Fredonia, again

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Two weeks ago, Behrend's track and field teams traveled to Fredonia for a non-scored meet. The Lions were impressive then, but upon their return to Fredonia last weekend for their first scored meet, impressive does not begin to describe the performance. On Saturday, the men took 20 places, finishing fourth overall. The women took 18 places and came in third place as a team. The women's achievement is remarkable when you consider that they only took 11 athletes.

Coach Dave Cooper was very pleased with the teams' performances.

"They went up against some strong teams in Buffalo State and Fredonia and scored well," he said. "The teams performed well and many individuals contributed to the teams' success."

The women's showing at Fredonia was remarkable considering the odds. The day before the Patriots shocked the world, the Lady Lions opened quite a few eyes.

"This small group of girls are amazing to say the least," said sophomore Heather Efav. "Many of the girls had to run three events, which is very hard to do and score points." The girls did not even have competitors in five events.

Aside from the many places, from where the team points came, the girls set five new school records.

Several women placed in multiple events and had very successful days. Suzie Szafran took two first places in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:35.52 seconds, and as a member of the 4 x 800 relay which ran a new Behrend best of 10:48.49. Andrea Sanko took third in the 3,000, setting a new team record with a time of 12:04.49.

In addition to the relay, Jessica Sarver seized first and a new Behrend record in the 1,500 with a time of 5:17.40. She also took second in the 800 in 2:35.93. The final member of the 4 x 800 was Jessica Knapp, who had a busy day finishing just behind Sarver in the 1,500 and 800, taking second and third, respectively.

The 4 x 400 relay team ran a 4:31.68 to set a new school record and obtain second place. The record-setting members included Marlena McNutt, Amanda Van Tassel, Efav, and Jenn Smalek - who also took fifth in the 400 with a time of 1:05.43. Lindsay Schulte captured two fourth-place finishes, running a 7.88 in the 55 dash and a 28.21 in the 200 (also a new school record). The final place winner contributing to the women's third place finish was Tara Burgess, who took fifth place in the 800 with a time of 2:48.82.

The men's team was led by Jay Davids' ECAC finals qualifying high jump of 6-4, which not only set a new school record, but also gave him first place in the event. The 55 hurdles witnessed Isiah Meek run an 8.37 for third, while Dave Masilunas finished a mere

five-hundredths of a second behind Meek for fourth.

Dave Ober set a new school record and took seventh in the 200 with a 24.44. In the 400, Ober took first with a 53.31 (Behrend record) and Billy McKinney captured third with a 53.40. The 800 saw Mike Barlett run a 2:03.73 to set a school record and capture second in the event.

In the distance events, Brian Gaines ran a 4:21.30 to set a Behrend record and take fifth overall. The men's relay teams met success with the 4 x 400, taking second with a time of 3:37.27.

"They all ran their hearts out," said Davids. "You always like to see your teammates win, but even when they don't you have to



PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON
Josh Carmichael (standing) tells teammate Chris Ober to "feel the burn."

respect the effort that they put forth."

Comprising the 4 x 400 were McKinney, Barlett, Ober, and Meek. The 4 x 800 relay team won the event by setting a new school record. The team was made up of Davids, Gaines, Brian Wheeler, and Tim Schultheis.

In the pole vault event, Don Hackworth took fifth place with Steve Feder taking sixth. Hackworth broke Feder's two-week old record of 12-6 by clearing 13 feet.

Tom Ashcroft heaved the shot put 40'11" to attain third place and set a school record. The final place winner in the men's effort was Josh Carmichael, who took fifth in the triple jump, leaping 40-0.

The teams' next challenge will come this weekend at Slippery Rock. Both the men and women will be facing some very tough opponents.

"We expect to continue to improve this weekend at Slippery Rock," Cooper said. "We'll run against predominantly Division II schools there but that should draw some great performances from our team since we are such competitors."

The team is building off strong performances and others are fueled by goals not yet attained. With the athletes improving every week, the Lions believe Division II may have a few surprises coming.

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THE BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

Women's Basketball			Men's Basketball			Women's Basketball Stats			Men's Basketball Stats			
School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	Player	PPG	RPG	Player	PPG	RPG	
Penn State Behrend	8-2	12-10	Pitt-Bradford	8-1	17-4	Erin Phillips	17.7	7.4	James Curren	14.5	7.6	
Penn State Altoona	7-2	14-6	Frostburg	7-2	12-10	Kate Costanzo	13.0	4.9	Steve Merrill	11.0	3.5	
Pitt-Greensburg	7-3	9-12	Penn State Behrend	7-3	14-7	Erica Mozdy	9.1	5.3	Casey Ponsoll	10.7	3.2	
La Roche	5-4	11-8	Pitt-Greensburg	4-6	7-15	Christine Charnock	8.8	3.7	Dave Hairston	8.1	6.6	
Pitt-Bradford	3-6	6-15	Lake Erie	3-6	7-14	Crystal McGarvey	5.9	3.8	Randy Conley	6.8	3.4	
Frostburg	2-7	6-15	Penn State Altoona	2-7	3-18	Katie Weigold	4.0	2.1	Tom Lulich	4.3	1.8	
Lake Erie	1-9	2-18	La Roche	2-8	8-15	Carly Cochran	3.8	2.7	Matt Keith	3.9	1.6	

THE NATIONAL SPORTS ARENA

National Basketball Association League Leaders								Division I College Basketball AP Top 25						National Hockey League League Leaders									
Points Per Game (PPG)				Blocks (BLK)				Women's Basketball			Points (Pts)			Assists (Ass.)									
Player	Team	POS	PPG	Player	Team	POS	BLK	Team	Record	Points	Player	Team	POS	Pts	Player	Team	POS	Ass.					
1 A Iverson	PHI	G	30.0	1 B Wallace	DET	F-C	146	1 Connecticut	24-0	1000	1 J Thornton	BOS	C	59	1 A Oates	WSH	C	42					
2 K Bryant	LAL	G	26.3	2 R LaFrentz	DEN	C-F	135	2 Stanford	22-1	944	1 M Naslund	VAN	LW	59	2 J Roenick	PHI	C	39					
3 S O'Neal	LAL	C	26.1	3 T Duncan	SA	F-C	130	3 Oklahoma	18-2	899	3 J Iginla	CGY	RW	58	3 J Thornton	BOS	C	37					
3 P Pierce	BOS	F-G	26.1	4 D Mutombo	PHI	C	124	4 Tennessee	18-2	887	4 A Yashin	NYI	C	56	4 R Francis	CAR	C	35					
5 V Carter	TOR	G-F	25.8	5 P Gasol	MEM	F	114	5 Duke	19-3	832	4 J Roenick	PHI	C	56	4 A Zhamnov	CHI	C	35					
Rebounds Per Game (RPG)				Steals (S)				Women's Basketball			Goals			Bud Light Plus/Minus (+/-)									
Player	Team	POS	RPG	Player	Team	POS	S	Team	Record	Points	Player	Team	POS	Goals	Player	Team	POS	+/-					
1 T Duncan	SA	F-C	12.9	1 A Iverson	PHI	G	109	6 Vanderbilt	20-5	803	1 J Iginla	CGY	RW	32	1 C Chelios	DET	D	37					
2 D Fortson	GS	F	12.5	2 J Kidd	NJ	G	101	7 Louisiana Tech	16-3	735	2 B Guerin	BOS	RW	31	2 S Gagne	PHI	LW	33					
3 B Wallace	DET	F-C	11.9	3 D Armstrong	ORL	G	96	8 Purdue	18-3	726	3 M Sundin	TOR	C	30	3 J Roenick	PHI	C	31					
4 K Garnett	MIN	F	11.8	4 L Hughes	GS	G	91	9 South Carolina	18-3	680	4 B Shanahan	DET	LW	29	4 K Draper	DET	C	26					
5 D Mutombo	PHI	C	11.7	4 K Malone	UT	F	91	10 Iowa St.	17-5	581	5 6 tied with		27	5 E Weinrich	PHI	D	25						
Assists Per Game (APG)				Free Throw Percentage (FTP)				Women's Basketball			Goals Against Average (GAA)			Save Percentage (%)									
Player	Team	POS	APG	Player	Team	POS	FTP	Team	Record	Points	Player	Team	POS	GAA	Player	Team	POS	%					
1 A Miller	CLE	G	10.4	1 T Brandon	MIN	G	.988	11 Kansas St.	20-3	581	1 T Conklin	EDM	G	1.62	1 T Conklin	EDM	G	.939					
2 J Kidd	NJ	G	9.9	2 R Miller	IND	G	.918	12 Baylor	18-3	576	2 I Bryzgalov	ANA	G	1.88	2 M Legace	DET	G	.931					
3 G Payton	SEA	G	9.1	3 R Hamilton	WSH	G-F	.905	13 Colorado	17-6	436	3 J Storr	LA	G	1.89	3 N Khabibulin	TB	G	.930					
4 J Tinsley	IND	G	8.9	4 C Whitney	WSH	G	.904	14 Florida	15-7	326	4 P Roy	COL	G	1.96	4 P Nurminen	ATL	G	.928					
5 B Davis	CHA	G	8.6	5 J Hudson	ORL	G	.895	15 Texas	14-6	320	5 M Legace	DET	G	1.97	5 J Theodore	MTL	G	.927					
Field Goal Percentage (FGP)				3-Pt. Field Goal Percentage (FGP)				Women's Basketball			Penalty Minutes (PM)			Shots on Goal									
Player	Team	POS	FGP	Player	Team	POS	FGP	Team	Record	Points	Player	Team	POS	PM	Player	Team	POS	Shots					
1 S O'Neal	LAL	C	.567	1 S Smith	SA	G-F	.525	16 Wisconsin	16-6	311	1 P Worrell	FLA	LW	212	1 B Guerin	BOS	RW	248					
2 D Marshall	ATL	F	.558	2 S Redgett	UT	F	.485	17 Texas Tech	13-7	303	2 B Ference	FLA	D	183	2 B Rolston	BOS	C	246					
3 D Davis	POR	C-F	.536	3 W Person	CLE	G-F	.478	18 Boston College	17-4	284	3 K Sawyer	ANA	LW	175	3 P Bondra	WSH	RW	244					
4 E Brand	LAC	F	.528	4 W Szczerbiak	MIN	G-F	.467	19 Colorado St.	17-4	267	4 A Nazarov	PHO	LW	169	4 P Kariya	ANA	LW	216					
5 2 tied with			.527	5 M Redd	MIL	G	.459	20 Virginia Tech	15-5	244	5 D Lambert	ANA	LW	165	5 M Naslund	VAN	LW	214					

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