

Water polo ready to host Gannon, UP in Behrend Invitational

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At the Grove City Tournament on March 9 and 10, the Behrend women's water polo team played Division II Slippery Rock, Division III Grove City, and Division I University of Michigan. Behrend lost 15-2, 10-4, 17-2, respectively.

Even though highlights were few and far between, Behrend had a chance to come out of

the invitational with a win against Grove City. The teams were tied 0-0 in the first quarter, but then Grove City dominated the second quarter, taking a 6-0 lead. In the third, Behrend rallied and caught up to Grove City. However, Grove City got four penalty shots on Behrend in the fourth quarter, and the game was over.

Christine Williams had two goals, and Lauren Packer held her ground blocking shots between the pipes throughout the tournament. "Since it was our first tournament, game ex-

perience was what we needed to bring from each of the games," said coach Josh Heynes. "Game experience is essential in this sport; being physical and in your face is what is needed. They experienced that which will help them endure this coming weekend."

Today and Saturday, Behrend hosts a tournament where they will take on Mercyhurst, Gannon B, Gannon A, University Park, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The game against University Park marks the first time ever a Behrend team has played against UP.

"We have been working on some new defense schemes, and a new offense for this weekend," said Heynes. "We did some scouting earlier this week to see what Gannon and Mercyhurst had to offer. Gannon is a powerhouse all around so they will be difficult."

"But, Mercyhurst is new and they only have two experienced players. University Park will want to prove something since we are a varsity team, and they are only a club team. IUP should be interesting. They have been a club for a while, but still do not have a lot of depth. We are making adjustments for each team, and we will try to be more physical and aggressive overall."



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Sophomore Hollie Stash stretches to reach a throw during Wednesday's practice at the Junker Center pool. The Lions practiced hard this week for the Behrend Tournament where they will play the University Park club water polo team.



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Sophomore Tara Braden throws a pass to a teammate during Wednesday's practice.

Behrend's Dushac, Doody open door at ECACs for next season

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Behrend swimmers Casey Doody and Lucas Dushac qualified for the ECAC Championships, which took place Feb. 27 and 28. Doody competed in the 100 and 200 backstroke, and Dushac competed in the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

Doody had a time of 54.06 in the 100 yard backstroke, placing 15th overall. In the 200 backstroke he had a time of 1:57.70 with a 16th place finish, and a new team record.

"My performance was mixed at ECACs," said Doody. "During the trials, I had my best races of the season. At night, swimming the same events for consolation finals, I had very disappointing swims."

"They both competed well for having to hold onto a taper for two weeks," said coach Josh Heynes. "They improved on their initial placements in the meet substantially. I believe both were initially placed well above 20th place in their respective events, but they swam

fast and got back into finals (top 16) at night. Even though they did not swim their fastest, except for Casey in the 200 back, they were only a few tenths off of their best times from the week before, which is an extremely difficult task to accomplish."

Due to his hard work and dedication, Dushac managed to hit his times. He was most pleased with his 12th place finish in the 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 2:11.78. In the 100 breaststroke he had a time of 1:00.33, and a 17th place finish.

"I swam the qualifying times back in November, so I was looking forward to the ECAC's, and training hard the whole season," said Dushac. "I practiced and trained three mornings a week, and every afternoon for two more hours to become stronger and faster."

"It was a great experience for them to swim against Division I and Division II swimmers, whom they may never see again," said Heynes. "This meet was very fast, and tons of new meet records were set. To be among the fastest swimmers on the East Coast was a

great honor for them. It was interesting to see how many people have heard of us or now know of us, by having seen these two men at the meet."

Both Doody and Dushac swam extremely well for having no expectations put on them. The coaches wanted them to stay loose and relaxed for the meet. Next year, Heynes wants more to qualify, and he says they will because it just takes one or two to get the foot in the door and then the flood gates will open.

Doody and Dushac both believe the Lions will make a splash next year.

"I think there will be more people representing Behrend in the ECACs next season, because a lot of swimmers were very close to the qualifying times," said Dushac.

"We showed a lot of people that we can achieve a great deal with what we had this season," said Doody. "Coach has recruited new talent that will almost guarantee a large improvement for next year."



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Casey Doody took 15th and 16th position in the 100 and 200 backstroke, respectively, at the ECACs. Doody still sees room for improvement for next year. "Something for me to improve for next year is my health. I was sick too many times this year."

THE BEACON SCOREBOARD

THE BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

Men's Baseball			Women's Softball			Men's Tennis			Baseball Stats			PENN STATE BEHREND LIONS	
School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	Player	RBI	Hits		Ave.
Pitt-Bradford	0-0	10-2	Frostburg	0-0	1-1	Penn State Behrend	0-0	1-5	Lucas Bundy	4	11		.458
Penn State Behrend	0-0	6-3	Penn State Behrend	0-0	0-9	Frostburg	0-0	0-0	Jake Boyle	13	16		.421
Penn State Altoona	0-0	3-6	Lake Erie	0-0	0-0	Lake Erie	0-0	0-0	Anthony Azzato	10	11		.407
Frostburg	0-0	2-1	La Roche	0-0	0-0	Penn State Altoona	0-0	0-0	Adam Best	1	10		.370
Lake Erie	0-0	0-0	Penn State Altoona	0-0	0-0	Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	0-0	Keith Lepionka	4	11	.333	
La Roche	0-0	0-0	Pitt-Bradford	0-0	0-0				Craig Ottaviani	1	9	.333	
Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	0-0	Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	0-0				Chris Shearer	5	8	.276	

THE NATIONAL SPORTS ARENA

NASCAR 2002 Winston Cup Standings: Race 4 of 36 Next Race: Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 March 17			National Basketball Association League Leaders				Division I College Basketball ESPN/USA Today Top 25				National Hockey League League Leaders																																		
Pos.	Driver	Points	Points Per Game (PPG)		Rebounds Per Game (RPG)		Assists Per Game (APG)		Field Goal Percentage (FGP)		Women's Basketball		Men's Basketball		Points (Pts)		Goals		Goals Against Average (GAA)		Assists (Ass.)																								
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1	Sterling Marlin	645	1	A Iverson	PHI	G	31.3	1	T Duncan	SA	F-C	12.8	1	A Miller	CLE	G	10.6	1	S O'Neal	LAL	C	.579	1	Connecticut	33-0	1000	1	Duke	29-3	773	1	J Iginla	CGY	RW	79	1	A Oates	WAS	C	54	1	P Roy	COL	G	1.92
2	Ryan Newman	571	2	S O'Neil	LAL	C	27.0	1	D Fortson	GS	F	12.3	2	J Kidd	NJ	G	9.8	2	D Marshall	UT	F	.543	2	Kansas	27-3	926	2	Kansas	29-3	727	2	J Sakic	COL	C	68	2	R Cechmanek	PHI	G	2.06	2	J Roenick	PHI	C	44
3	Ward Burton	565	2	P Pierce	BOS	F-G	26.2	3	B Wallace	DET	F-C	12.2	3	G Payton	SEA	G	9.1	3	D Davis	POR	C-F	.525	3	Duke	27-3	921	3	Oklahoma	27-4	710	3	M Naslund	VAN	LW	67	3	F Brathwaite	STL	G	2.12	3	D Hasek	DET	G	2.12
4	Mark Martin	557	4	K Bryant	LAL	G	25.8	4	K Gamett	MIN	F	11.9	4	J Tinsley	IND	G	8.5	4	E Brand	LAC	F-C	.524	4	Lake Erie	0-0	0-0	4	Maryland	26-4	679	4	R Francis	CAR	C	65	4	M Turco	DAL	G	2.16	4	D Alfredsson	OTT	RW	33
5	Tony Stewart	544	5	T McGrady	ORL	G-F	25.2	5	E Brand	LAC	F-C	11.8	5	B Davis	CHA	G	8.5	5	S O'Neal	LAL	C	.524	5	Tennessee	25-4	814	5	Cincinnati	30-3	674	5	A Oates	WAS	C	65	5	5 players tied at			40					
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7	Kurt Busch	535																																											
8	Rusty Wallace	531																																											
9	Jeff Burton	520																																											
10	Jimmie Johnson	517																																											
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13	Bill Elliot	460																																											
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16	Elliot Sadler	430																																											
17	Dave Blaney	411																																											
18	Bobby Labonte	410																																											
19	Jeremy Mayfield	391																																											

