

## Behrend Water Polo team tackles Mercyhurst, then splashes out of water at Southern Tournament



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Sophomore Tara Braden will lead the Lions in the Grove City Invite this weekend.

disadvantage to Behrend.

"We lost four key women since the beginning of the year, and our bench has decreased in size," said Heynes. "This made our starters play longer than normal and put other people in positions they were not quite ready for. On top of that, the size of the pool just wore us out. But, quitting is NOT an option for us, even if we have to go to championships with eight dedicated polo players we will have."

Christine Williams had nine goals over the weekend. She is now second in career goals, and leads in steals for the season and in a career. Lauren Packer was strong defensively with 28 saves and a 47 percent

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Behrend's water polo team participated in the Southern Tournament at Indiana University last weekend. Behrend met Mercyhurst first, and beat them in a close game 9-8. In the last minute, Behrend pulled out ahead with one goal to win. However, they then played Gannon and lost 14-2.

The following day, the Lions lost to Washington & Jefferson 8-4. Washington & Jefferson opened up on Behrend quick with three goals in the first quarter. Behrend shut them out in the second, but was unable to secure a goal. In the third, Behrend caught up, but W & J was just too deep of the bench. Behrend

will meet them again this weekend at the Grove City Invitational and again at the Southern Division Championships.

Behrend also fell to Indiana 19-5. Christine Williams scored four goals for Behrend.

"They played decent for having two weeks off," said coach Josh Heynes. "We had a lot of rust, and it showed in the Mercyhurst game. We had many shots bounce off the goal and/or the goalie. We made them look good. We gave W & J a run but it took too long for us to get started. W & J had a horrible one-point loss earlier in the day, and they were down mentally. But, we just did not capitalize on their earlier defeat."

The huge pool at Indiana was a

blocking average. "Defense has been our key for the entire year," said Heynes. "We are successful at having the other team run down the shot clock and/or stealing the ball from them."

The team needs to concentrate on improving the transition from defense to offense, and needs to capitalize on power plays and the other team miscues.

In the upcoming Grove City Invitational, Behrend is facing a new Bucknell team, and they shall prove to be a challenge. Behrend also gets a rematch against W & J, Grove City, and Mercyhurst.

"We have a shot at beating these three teams, if we just get out in front early and often," said Heynes.

## Golf team opens spring season after long wait

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After a long break, the golf team was back on the course on Monday against Washington & Jefferson at the Lone Pine Golf Club.

"It was great to get out on the course again after a long winter and a frustrating spring," said coach Patrick Mashuda.

Behrend had a decent outing, finishing sixth out of 10 teams. Scott Bedillion, from Waynesburg College, won the individual best score with a 74. Albert Abramovic lead the way for Behrend with a score of 84, with Matt Sack right behind him with a score of 85. Other Behrend scores to mention are Kirk Seth with 88, Josh Corle with 95, and Jim Vaughn finishing at 100.

"The spring is a great opportunity to finally get the golf season started," said Mashuda. "Basically, we use the spring to get the season started. Some of our players will participate in events throughout the summer months and this allows them the opportunity compete in April."

With the weather permitting, Behrend will practice at the Gospel Hill Golf Course, preparing for the Allegheny College Tournament, which will be held April 20 and 21.

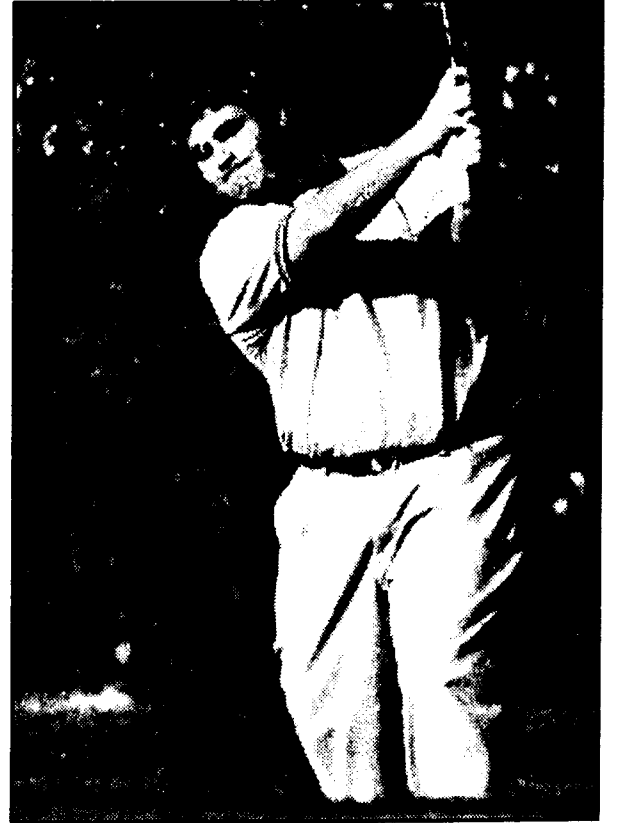


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## Sport improvements to use

**Tennis** - Sometimes watching the players hit a ball back and forth over a net can make even someone on speed yawn, but not when you throw in a little fencing (with racquets, that is). After each match point, the players walk up to the net and starting going at it with their racquets, like two fencers in battle. First one to draw blood wins a second point. Even during the match, you are allowed one throw of your racquet at the other person. Anna Kournikova, eat your

heart out. **Golf** - This one was actually the easiest one to think about. You hit the ball towards the hole. Whoop-dee doo. But turn around and aim for the opposing team, and, well, you have yourself a golf game (Fore!). Unfortunately, in order to watch this, you would probably be in the line of fire. Or, the players could just take swings at each other with their clubs (similar to tennis). **Cheerleading** - Watching them

make pyramids and shake the pom poms is fine and dandy, but wouldn't they attract a larger crowd if they had to Jell-O wrestle to support the team? Every time the team scored a goal or made a basket, the cheerleaders would dive into the tub of Jell-O to cheer on the team. Of course, the players would probably be too distracted to actually score any points, but hey, if it gets more people to the game, then I'm all for it.

# THE BEACON SCOREBOARD

## THE BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

Men's Baseball			Women's Softball		
School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall
Penn State Behrend	9-1	21-4	La Roche	5-1	11-10
Pitt-Bradford	5-1	17-4	Penn State Altoona	6-2	13-9
Frostburg	6-2	12-8	Penn State Behrend	6-2	8-19
Pitt-Greensburg	3-5	4-12	Pitt-Bradford	5-3	9-6
Penn State Altoona	2-4	7-19	Frostburg	5-4-1	8-9-1
La Roche	1-9	4-17	Lake Erie	0-6	0-10
Lake Erie	0-8	0-14	Pitt-Greensburg	0-9-1	0-14-1



Freshman Roberta Baker

Men's Tennis		
School	C.R.	Overall
Penn State Altoona	4-0	7-0
Frostburg	4-1	8-2
Penn State Behrend	2-2	6-10
Pitt-Greensburg	1-4	1-8
Lake Erie	0-4	0-5



## THE NATIONAL SPORTS ARENA

NASCAR	National Basketball Association	Professional Golf	National Hockey League
2002 Winston Cup Standings:	League Leaders	World Rankings	League Leaders
Race 7 of 36	Points Per Game (PPG)	(In Millions)	Points (Pts)
Next Race:	Blocks Per Game (BPG)	Going Into Masters	Goals
Virginia 500 April 14	Rebounds Per Game (RPG)	April 11-14	Goals Against Average (GAA)
<b>Pos. Driver Points</b>	<b>Player Team POS PPG</b>	<b>Pos. Name Money</b>	<b>Player Team POS Pts</b>
1 Sterling Marlin 1082	1 A Iverson PHI G 31.4	1 Tiger Woods 1.692	1 J Iginla CGY RW 95
2 Matt Kenseth 1012	2 S O'Neil LAL C 26.9	2 Ernie Els 1.539	2 M Naslund VAN LW 85
3 Jimmie Johnson 963	3 P Pierce BOS F-G 26.3	3 Jose Maria Olazabal 1.503	3 T Beruzzi VAN LW 80
4 Rusty Wallace 950	4 K Bryant LAL G 25.4	4 Craig Perks 1.354	4 J Sakic COL C 78
5 Mark Martin 938	4 T McGrady ORL G-F 25.4	5 Sergio Garcia 1.325	5 R Francis CAR C 77
6 Jeff Gordon 909	<b>Rebounds Per Game (RPG)</b>	6 Vijay Singh 1.312	<b>Goals</b>
7 Kurt Busch 893	<b>Player Team POS RPG</b>	7 Jerry Kelly 1.299	<b>Player Team POS Goals</b>
8 Tony Stewart 887	1 B Wallace DET F-C 12.9	8 Brad Faxon 1.269	1 J Iginla CGY RW 51
9 Ricky Rudd 847	2 T Duncan SA F-C 12.7	9 Chris DiMarco 1.243	2 M Sundin TOR C 40
10 Bill Elliott 837	3 K Garnett MIN F 12.2	10 Kevin Sutherland 1.160	2 B Guerin BOS RW 40
11 Dale Earnhardt Jr. 833	4 D Fortson GS F 11.9	11 Scott McCarron 1.089	4 P Bondra WAS RW 39
12 Ryan Newman 826	5 E Brand LAC F-C 11.6	12 Phil Mickelson 1.076	5 G Murray OTT RW 38
13 Ricky Craven 787	<b>Assists Per Game (APG)</b>	13 Len Mattiace 1.011	<b>Goals Against Average (GAA)</b>
14 Jeff Burton 762	<b>Player Team POS APG</b>	14 David Toms 1.009	<b>Player Team POS GAA</b>
15 Ward Burton 762	1 A Miller CLE G 10.9	15 Stephen Toms .896	1 P Roy COL G 1.94
16 Elliot Sadler 757	2 J Kidd NJ G 10.0	16 Kenny Perry .888	2 RCechmanek PHI G 2.08
17 Bobby Labonte 738	3 G Payton SEA G 9.0	17 Matt Kuchar .853	3 J Theodore MON G 2.11
18 Jeremy Mayfield 736	4 B Davis CHA G 8.7	18 Matt Gogel .829	3 D Hasek DET G 2.11
19 Terry Labonte 731	5 J Stockton UTH G 8.1	19 Rocco Mediate .776	5 J Giguere ANA G 2.14
20 Dave Blaney 714	<b>Field Goal Percentage (FGP)</b>	20 Pat Perez .726	<b>Assists (Ass.)</b>
	<b>Player Team POS FGP</b>	21 Ian Leggatt .707	<b>Player Team POS Ass.</b>
	1 S O'Neal LAL C .577	22 Michael Campbell .688	1 A Oates PHI C 63
	2 E Brand LAC F-C .530	23 Rory Sabbatini .649	2 J Sakic COL C 53
	3 D Marshall UT F .523	24 Retief Goosen .637	2 J Allison LOS C 53
	4 J Stockton UT G .516	25 Fred Funk .636	4 R Francis CAR C 50
	5 P Gasol POR F .515		4 N Lidstrom DET D 50

