

# Sports

**AMCC Championships**  
The tennis team is geared up to play in the conference championships this weekend at Frostburg. Find out what the team did this past week on page 2B.



**Q&A with Kathy Pomichter**  
Pomichter, the assistant athletic trainer, breaks the ice with the Beacon by talking about broken bones as well as several other trainer duties. Read more about her on page 4B.

## Calendar of Events

### Behrend Athletic Events

**Friday**

Men's Baseball  
AMCC Tournament  
Behrend Baseball Field  
Pitt-Bradford vs. Frostburg  
9 a.m.  
Behrend vs. Penn State  
Altoona, 12 p.m.  
Game One loser vs. Game Two loser, 3 p.m.

Women's Softball  
AMCC Tournament  
at La Roche, TBA

Women's Water Polo  
@ Southern Division Championships @ Villanova  
vs. Michigan, Slippery Rock  
TBA

**Saturday**

Men's Baseball  
AMCC Tournament  
teams TBA; 9 a.m., 12 p.m.,  
3 p.m. (if necessary)

Men's and Women's Track and Field @ Slippery Rock Invitational, TBA

Men's Tennis  
@ AMCC Tournament  
@ Frostburg, 9 a.m.

Men's Golf  
@ Allegheny Country Club  
12:30 p.m.

Women's Water Polo  
@ Southern Division Championships @ Villanova, TBA

Women's Softball  
AMCC Tournament  
at La Roche, TBA

**Sunday**

Men's Golf  
@ Allegheny Country Club  
12:30 p.m.

**Monday**

Men's Golf  
@ Grove City Country Club  
12 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Men's Baseball  
Brockport (DH)  
Behrend Baseball Field  
1 p.m.

Women's Softball  
@ Bethany (DH), 4 p.m.

**Thursday**

Men's Golf  
Behrend Tournament  
Peek n' Peak  
12 p.m.

Men's Baseball  
Hilbert (DH)  
Behrend Baseball Field  
2 p.m.

### Intramurals Schedule

**Wednesday**  
3 vs. 3 Water Basketball  
Tournament: Men's and Women's Divisions. Games scheduled on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Junker Center pool.

All entries must be at the intramural office by 4 p.m. on the scheduled date

## Baseball team set to host AMCCs

by Mike Bello  
sports editor

The Behrend baseball team ran its winning streak to 11 with a doubleheader sweep of Penn State Altoona on Tuesday. Although Behrend and Pitt-Bradford were 11-1 in the AMCC this year – both losses coming against each other – the Lions were awarded home-field advantage for the AMCC playoffs today and tomorrow by virtue of their 23-5 record.

Behrend, 18-2 in its last 20 games, begins its quest for its first AMCC title against No. 4 seed Penn State

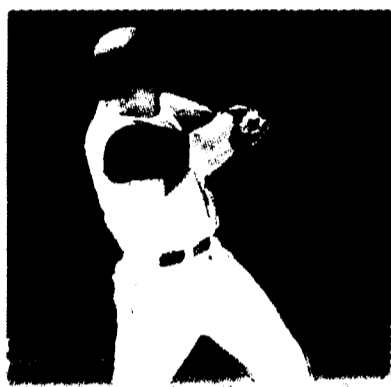


PHOTO BY JEANINE NOCE / BEHREND BEACON  
Chris Shearer takes a swing against Altoona on Tuesday at the Behrend Baseball Field. The Lions host Altoona today at noon in the first round of the AMCC playoffs.

Altoona (10-20 overall, 6-6 AMCC) at noon today. No. 2 seed Pitt-Bradford (21-5) and No. 3 seed Frostburg (16-10, 8-4) play at 9 a.m., with the losers playing in an elimination game at 3 p.m.

Play will then continue on Saturday at 9 a.m., followed by games at noon and, if necessary, a championship game at 3 p.m.

"Before the season even started, we were all thinking postseason play," said senior Chris Shearer. "We knew we had a good team and that the only thing that was going to prevent us from accomplishing our goals would be ourselves."

The Lions have outscored opponents by an unheard of 263-136 mark, although, the team says improvements still need to be made.

"I feel defense is still an area we need to improve upon," said senior Jake Boyle. "We have to make ALL the routine plays, not necessarily great plays, when given the chance. The level of competition is only going to increase at this point in the season, so we need to play mistake-free baseball."

Behrend suffered its first loss since April 3 when the Lions got whacked by Allegheny, 21-4, on Wednesday. Boyle, Shearer, and Jason Karas each had two hits to lead the Lions. Allegheny improved to 15-3 overall.

The day before, the Lions wrapped up the AMCC regular season title with a 20-0 and 16-6 doubleheader sweep of Altoona. Keith Lepionka went 3-for-4 in game one with five RBIs, including a two-run home run in the first inning. Ryan Seyler gave up four hits and struck out six to

improve to 6-1. Karas and Tony Azzato went a combined 6-for-10 with five RBIs in game two.

On April 11, the Lions faced La Roche at home in their second-to-last conference game of the season. Behrend limited the Redhawks to six hits in an 8-1 win in game one, and finished off La Roche with a 9-5 win in game two.

Karas, batting .182 after a 12-0 win over Hilbert on March 19, went 3-for-3 with two home runs and five RBIs. The senior left-hander is now hitting .366. Shearer scored two runs and drove in two, while Boyle scored two runs and stole two bases. Chris Kechisen pitched all seven innings, giving up one unearned run while striking out five.

The Lions then pounded out 13 hits in game two to raise their team batting average to .358. Opponents are hitting at a .236 clip. Behrend's first three hitters provided the spark on offense, as Adam Best, Azzato, and Boyle went a combined 7-for-10 with five runs scored and four RBIs. Vince Canzano, hitting in the No. 9 hole, scored two runs and had two hits. Junior Kevin Dubyak gave up four earned runs and struck out nine to improve to 3-0.

Heading into the conference tournament, the Lions have their sights set on one team – Bradford. After losing in the championship game 5-4 a year ago to the Bobcats, and after Bradford fought to host the tournament over Behrend, the Lions would like nothing better than to hoist the trophy at home.

"[When we beat] Frostburg (on March 30), one of the top teams in



PHOTO BY JEANINE NOCE / BEHREND BEACON  
Keith Lepionka, left, and Tony Azzato, right, get in position for a pitch against Allegheny on Wednesday during the Lions' 21-4 loss.

our conference, we sent out a message to the conference that we are real this year," said senior Bob Palivoda. "Our conference now knows that our goal to win the AMCC is not only stated on paper and said during practice, but that we are going to fight hard to accomplish this and we will not back down."

"We aren't a trash-talking team like Bradford," said senior Luke Bundy. "We like to do our intimidating with our play on the field and let that do the talking for us."

The Lions believe they've done a good job of not becoming overconfident, a natural instinct when a player is on a team that is 23-4 with a chance to be ranked in the nation's

Top 25. "I don't think anyone on this team comes to the ballpark everyday thinking about our record," said Shearer. "Early in the year we lost two games to Beloit (7-0, 20-6), a team who should not have been able to compete with us. I think those early losses to a sub-par team woke everyone up, and since then we haven't taken a team lightly."

Behrend will host Brockport on Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Hilbert on Thursday at 2 p.m., their tenth straight home game not counting the AMCC playoffs.

## Softball team lands No. 4 seed for weekend AMCC games

by Zoë Rose  
staff writer

The season is coming to an end, yet the Penn State softball team still flashes the much-needed spark that earned it the number four seed in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference this weekend at La Roche. Last week, the Blue and White took on Pitt-Bradford and gained the win in the first game 9-6 but lost the second 14-2.

On Tuesday, the Lions played against a tough Penn State Altoona team, falling 8-2 in the first game followed by a 17-0 wipeout in the second.

The Lions took on La Roche last Wednesday, coming away with a 10-2 loss in the first game followed by an 8-0 loss in the second. This dropped the Lions to 8-23 on the season and 6-6 in conference play. With the AMCCs just around the corner, focus and energy will be key to their chances of winning the tournament.

There was a chance that if the Lions lost to La Roche last Wednesday that they would have missed qualifying for the conference playoffs. Previously tied with Frostburg and Pitt-Bradford, the Lions have taken fourth place with La Roche capturing first place, Penn State Altoona in second, and Pitt-Bradford in third.

Against La Roche, junior Cheryl Peterson and senior Kelly Woods had the Lions' only two RBIs. Jennifer Miller took the loss. In the second game, Stephanie Covert suffered the loss on the mound.

The sunshine and warm weather apparently didn't help the Behrend softball team as it squinted to an 8-2 loss in the first game against Altoona. Miller was the loser on the mound and freshmen Jennifer Osborne and Charity Marsh both drove in one RBI each for the Blue and White. Most impressively, on the Penn State Altoona side, Erin Henigin was the first to hit a home run on the new softball field. Covert also pitched the second game. The game spun out of control when Altoona scored



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Players gather for a team meeting on the mound during the Lions' doubleheader against Penn State Altoona on Tuesday. Becky Corbin, right, prepares for a pitch at first base. Behrend heads to La Roche this weekend as the number four seed in the AMCC playoffs.

12 runs in the seventh inning.

This Friday at La Roche, the Lions will face the host in a tough match-up. On Tuesday, the Lions will travel to face Bethany, followed by a make-up game at Frostburg on April 27.



### Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week

PENNSTATE  
Erie

Sarah McGarvey



Sarah McGarvey, a sophomore water polo player from Butler, is this week's housing and food service athlete of the week.

This past weekend, she led the Behrend Lions to a 9-7 victory over Mercyhurst by scoring three goals in the fourth quarter for the Blue and White.

McGarvey leads the team in attempts on goals with 54, is second in assists with seven, and has 10 steals on the season.