

Water polo women triumph over Mercyhurst, dunked by Grove City

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Penn State Behrend water polo team lost two-of-three matches last weekend at the Grove City Invitational.

The Lions opened with a 16-5 loss to Bucknell in the first meeting between Behrend and the young Division I school. Christine Williams had two goals, and Amanda Brown, Tara Braden, and Hollie Stash all contributed one goal.

"It was just a wake up game for us," said coach Josh Heynes. "We were preparing more for Grove City College."

The next game for Behrend was against Slippery Rock. Behrend lost 13-2, with Williams and Braden scoring Behrend's only goals. This was a very physical game the whole way through. However, Behrend held their ground defensively.

"They had to score on our entire defense, not just run and gun on our goalie," said Heynes.

Following was another match against

Mercyhurst.

"This was an exciting game all the way around. We were down pretty much the entire game, but the ladies held their ground and came back in the end with three goals from Sarah McGarvey."

This team should not be tough for Behrend, given the previous wins earlier this season for Behrend against Mercyhurst, but it seems Mercyhurst gets pumped when they play Behrend. Behrend triumphed, however, with a score of 9-7. Williams had an outstanding five-goal game, and Brown also contributed a goal.

After the big win, Behrend was ready to play the game they had been waiting for against Grove City.

"This was the game we really wanted to win," said Heynes. Because Grove City knocked off Washington & Jefferson and then



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Freshman Christine Williams will be a key player for the upcoming Southern Division playoffs against Michigan and Slippery Rock. Despite Behrend's loss at Grove City, Williams scored a total of 10 goals that weekend alone.

got ranked, Behrend knew to get ranked and to get to nationals they would have to beat Grove City at home. Behrend had the lead for most of the game, until the end when Grove City scored two shots in the final seconds to win 7-5.

"Luck was on their side," said Heynes. "We played the best we had as a team all year, because everyone stepped up and did their part."

Williams and Stash had two goals each, and Brown contributed one. Williams had a total of 10 goals on the weekend.

Next up for Behrend is the Southern Division Championships. In Behrend's bracket, they get to play Michigan and Slippery Rock. If things go as planned, Behrend should meet Washington & Jefferson in the second round of the tournament. W&J lost their main player due to an accident in practice, and the team

is really hurting. So Behrend has a chance for a win, and a national ranking in Division III.

The passing and shot selection still needs work.

"We are preparing for the Championships by having the men's team at our practices to scrimmage us," said Williams. "To be successful we just need to work as a team and not give up." The doors were opened for Behrend in some games, but their hesitation and bad passing closed them immediately.

"This has been a great year for women's polo here at Behrend," said Heynes. "At first we thought there was not going to be a team, due to lack of numbers. But now we have 11 very dedicated women who deserve a lot. They sacrificed weekends and spring break vacation to play and train. They stuck through the tough losses and the great wins. Just by looking at the stats alone, this year was far more successful than anyone could have hoped for only a second year team, and you really get that feeling when you see the team and talk to them."

Men's tennis ready for season finish at AMCC Championships

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The men's tennis team is set for the AMCC championships on Saturday at Frostburg after securing a win in its last game of the season against Lake Erie. After a season that saw Behrend go 8-13 overall and 4-4 in the conference, the Lions find themselves in the middle of the pack heading into the 9 a.m. start in the championships. Behrend's season will end with the Championships.

Behrend defeated Lake Erie and Pitt-Greensburg twice this season, but lost to Penn State Altoona twice and Frostburg three times, as well. The 2002 season mirrors the 2001 season, when Behrend went 3-4 in the AMCC, losing twice to Altoona and Frostburg as well. Behrend finished a distance third in last season's conference championships, but looks for different results this time around.

On Sunday, the Lions played Altoona in their third of five straight road games. The Lions continued to struggle against the AMCC's only undefeated team, dropping a 7-2 decision, the exact same score from the teams' first meeting on March 23.

Michael Oey defeated J.D. Goldstein 6-1, 6-4 after

Goldstein forced Oey to play three sets in their first meeting. Andrew Schenck lost to Jim Hofer 6-3, but came back to win 6-4 and 6-3. Dave Cooper won his first set against David Bruno 6-4, but lost 6-4 and 6-0 in the other two sets. Sheel Galliard lost 6-4, 6-1 to John Allen, although all four Behrend players improved their scores from the first meet.

Brent Carlson and Jacob Hillmann lost the last two singles matches, albeit against different opponents than before. Cooper and Carlson dropped the first doubles set 8-1, while Oey/Hillmann and Schenck/Steve Broussard both lost 8-4. Although the doubles teams have been reshuffled since March 23, overall the Lions secured more points than before, as well.

Against Frostburg on Saturday, the Lions again showed improvement from before, but Frostburg was too much for Behrend in an 8-1 loss. Behrend also lost to the Bobcats 6-3 on April 7. Oey and Hillmann won their doubles match 8-4 for Behrend's only win, while Schenck/Broussard lost 8-1 and Cooper/Carlson fell 8-1.

In the singles matches, Carlson lost 6-4 before returning the favor against Scott Reust. Carlson forced Reust into an extra point, but lost the final set 7-6, including 7-4 in the tiebreaker. Galliard easily won 6-

1, but dropped the last two sets 6-0 and 6-4. Schenck (6-4, 6-3), Hillmann (7-5, 6-2), Oey (6-2, 6-0), and Cooper (6-4, 6-1) also lost in singles play, although Oey was the only singles player who did not improve from before.

On April 12, Behrend faced off against Pitt-Greensburg, and after defeating them 6-3 on March 16, the Lions dominated in a 9-0 win. Carlson and Galliard both won 6-3, 6-3, while Cooper was victorious 6-4, 6-1. Oey, the team's No. 2 singles player, won 6-1, 6-1, Hillmann won 6-3, 6-2, and Schenck took care of his opponent 6-0, 6-1. Greensburg secured 25 match points against Behrend after winning 43 in the first meeting.

The Lions swept doubles play after losing two-of-three in the first meeting. Cooper/Carlson won 8-4, followed by Oey/Hillmann with an easy 8-0 win. Schenck/Broussard finished off Greensburg with an 8-3 win. The Lions gave up 17 match points on March 16, but only seven in round two.

Behrend also lost to Fredonia 6-3 on Monday and defeated Lake Erie 7-2 on Wednesday, although no match results were available by presstime.



PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON
Andrew Schenck (foreground) and Steve Broussard (background) will lead Behrend in doubles play heading into the AMCC championships.

THE BEACON SCOREBOARD

THE BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

Men's Baseball			Women's Softball			Men's Tennis		
School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall
Penn State Behrend	11-1	23-5	La Roche	6-1	12-5	Penn State Altoona	6-0	10-0
Pitt-Bradford	11-1	21-5	Penn State Altoona	6-2	13-9	Frostburg	5-1	10-2
Frostburg	8-4	16-10	Pitt-Bradford	7-5	11-8	Penn State Behrend	4-4	8-13
Penn State Altoona	6-6	10-20	Penn State Behrend	6-6	8-23	Pitt-Greensburg	1-5	1-10
Pitt-Greensburg	3-9	4-17	Frostburg	5-6-1	8-11-1	Lake Erie	0-8	0-8
La Roche	1-9	4-15	Pitt-Greensburg	0-9-1	0-16-1			
Lake Erie	0-8	0-14	Lake Erie	0-7	0-13			

Tennis player Brent Carlson takes a breather.



THE NATIONAL SPORTS ARENA

NASCAR 2002 Winston Cup Standings: Race 8 of 36 Next Race: Carolina Dodge Aaron's 499 April 21			National Basketball Association Final League Leaders				Major League Baseball League Leaders					Professional Golf Association PGA Money Leaders (In Millions)				National Hockey League Final League Leaders				
Pos.	Driver	Points	Points Per Game (PPG)		Batting Average (AVG)			PGA Money Leaders				Points (Pts)								
Player	Team	POS	PPG	Player	Team	POS	AVG	Pos.	Name	Money	Player	Team	POS	Pts						
1	Sterling Marlin	1209	1	A Iverson	PHI	G	31.4	1	K Lofton	CWS	CF	.421	1	J Iginla	CGY	RW	96			
2	Matt Kenseth	1182	2	S O'Neil	LAL	C	27.2	2	B Bonds	SF	LF	.417	2	M Naslund	VAN	LW	90			
3	Mark Martin	1080	3	P Pierce	BOS	F-G	26.1	3	P Nevin	SD	1B	.415	3	T Bertuzzi	VAN	LW	85			
4	Rusty Wallace	1070	4	T McGrady	ORL	G-F	25.6	4	M Lowell	FLA	3B	.411	4	M Sundin	TOR	C	80			
5	Tony Stewart	1062	5	T Duncan	SA	F-C	25.5	5	E Burks	CLE	DH	.400	5	J Sakic	COL	C	79			
6	Kurt Busch	1027	Rebounds Per Game (RPG)		Home Runs (HR)					Goals										
7	Jimmie Johnson	1021	Player	Team	POS	RPG	Player	Team	POS	HR	Player	Team	POS	Goals						
8	Jeff Gordon	1008	1	B Wallace	DET	F-C	12.2	1	B Bonds	SF	LF	8	1	J Iginla	CGY	RW	52			
9	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	993	2	T Duncan	SA	F-C	12.8	1	L Berkman	HOU	CF	8	2	M Sundin	TOR	C	41			
9	Ricky Rudd	993	3	K Garnett	MIN	F	11.9	3	S Sosa	CHI	RF	6	2	G Murray	BOS	RW	41			
11	Jeff Burton	929	4	D Fortson	GS	F	12.3	3	A Rodriguez	TEX	SS	6	2	B Guerin	BOS	RW	41			
12	Bobby Labonte	918	5	E Brand	LAC	F-C	11.8	3	E Chavez	OAK	3B	6	5	M Naslund	VAN	LW	40			
13	Bill Elliott	907	Assists Per Game (APG)		Runs Batted In (RBI)					Goals Against Average (GAA)										
14	Ward Burton	888	Player	Team	POS	APG	Player	Team	POS	RBI	Player	Team	POS	GAA						
15	Terry Labonte	886	1	A Miller	CLE	G	10.9	1	L Berkman	HOU	CF	20	1	P Roy	COL	G	1.94			
16	Ryan Newman	866	2	J Kidd	NJ	G	9.9	2	V Guerrero	MON	RF	19	2	R Cechmanek	PHI	G	2.05			
16	Jeremy Mayfield	866	3	G Payton	SEA	G	9.0	3	B Bonds	SF	LF	17	3	M Turco	DAL	G	2.11			
18	Ricky Craven	865	4	B Davis	CHA	G	8.5	3	S Hillenbrand	BOS	3B	17	3	J Theodore	DAL	G	2.11			
19	Elliott Sadler	836	5	J Stockton	UT	G	8.2	5	M Barrett	MON	C	16	5	D Hasek	DET	G	2.16			
20	Dave Blaney	831	Field Goal Percentage (FGP)		Runs					Assists (Ass.)										
			Player	Team	POS	FGP	Player	Team	POS	Runs	Player	Team	POS	Ass.						
			1	S O'Neal	LAL	C	.579	1	K Lofton	CWS	CF	20	1	A Oates	WAS	C	64			
			2	E Brand	LAC	F-C	.527	2	M Lawton	CLE	RF	17	2	J Allison	LOS	C	54			
			3	D Marshall	UT	F	.519	3	P Bergeron	MON	CF	16	3	J Sakic	COL	C	53			
			4	P Gasol	MEM	F	.518	3	M Cameron	SEA	CF	16	4	M Naslund	VAN	LW	50			
			5	J Stockton	UT	G	.517	3	R Mondesi	TOR	DH	16	4	R Francis	CAR	C	50			