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Boyle returns one day after incurring seizure

what was going on. Boyle then passed out on the kitchen floor. After he awoke to find paramedics in his house, Boyle was eager to learn what happened.

"I definitely wanted to find out what caused the seizure," said Boyle. "The results (of a CAT Scan compared to scans after his surgery) turned out very good in that there has been no size change in the area where I had my surgery, meaning everything is still stable. The most likely cause, the doctors told me, is that the scar tissue on the brain surrounding the spot where the tumor was, has moved/changed/been altered in some way and even the slightest change could trigger a seizure if it hits the right spot."

Despite the worries of his family and friends, Boyle feels he isn't pushing himself over the limit.

"Obviously, my family and friends think I do and that I should just wait it off," said Boyle. "My answer to their concerns is that I know my body better than anyone and can tell when I have gone overboard. Even coach (Paul) Benim was surprised I showed up at the field bright and early ready to play ball

(Tuesday afternoon)."

He sees nothing better than getting back onto the field, to help him forget about his seizure and everything else that could go wrong.

"When I do things spontaneously and react to whatever life throws at me, I feel I do the best. It's when I have to sit around and wait to do something that gets me thinking about all the bad things that could happen. I feel that is a total waste of time. I could ponder for hours all the "What ifs" about my seizure, but I would rather just suit up and play baseball to get my mind off of it and stay positive.

"Baseball is like my release from stress," he continued. "It's my passion and something that makes me happy. Lots of people wish they could change lots of things about the past, but the fact is they can't. They can only look forward to the future and hope things work out the next time. That is the story they call life."

Best, on the other hand, wasn't so lucky. While chasing a pop up in the Bermuda's Triangle, the area behind second base, he dove into shortstop



PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON
Adam Best takes a swing against Altoona on April 19, the day before he was taken to the hospital after a violent collision with a teammate.

Canzano's knee, breaking his nose and cheekbone as well as suffering a concussion and some pushed-back teeth. Best will have to visit doctors and the dentist, but for now, he is out for the season.

"It was one of those fly balls that you can't call for right away so everyone is going as hard as they can after it," said Best. "We (Canzano, Boyle, Tony Azzato, and Best) were all going after it 110 percent and it happened. Even though it is rare in baseball to have something like this happen, it does happen and I am not putting the blame on anyone."

Best can only rest at this point in time, but is looking forward to getting back on his feet. Luckily for Best, his injury needs time to heal rather than rehabilitation.

"Right now it is unclear to me what exactly will have to be done to get back to 100 percent," said Best. "From what I know now, I will have to have surgery on my nose to correct it and I will have to wait at least six weeks before I can do anything real active."

Even though he wants to get back

onto the field, especially considering how well the Lions are playing (28-7). Best knows all he can do is cheer for his teammates. At the same time, his teammates know they can support him through this trying time.

"The team has offered Adam its best wishes during his difficult recovery and the rest of the semester and into summer," said Boyle. "He is keeping high spirits and is looking forward to returning to play fall ball for Behrend in August as well as his season this summer, wherever that may be."

"They are a great bunch of guys and I am glad that every single one of them are my teammates," said Best. "They all have asked in one way or another at sometime how I was doing and if I need anything, they are there for me. It means a lot to know they care. Their support has meant a lot."

"It is helping me get through this, knowing that they are all there behind me. I would do the same for any one of them if the tables were turned."

For these two roommates, it was one week they'll never forget.

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Lions continue to break track and field records

place in the 400 with a time of 50.84. Jay Davids continued an outstanding season in the high jump, taking second place with a jump of 6-4. Behrend's top throwers had a good day, as well. Tom Ashcroft took fifth in the discus with a throw of 136-7, good enough for a new school record. Nick Peth also threw the javelin 176-0 and captured fourth place.

For the women, Lindsay Schulte and Jessica Sarver shined as they have done all year. Schulte set or helped set new school records in four events Saturday. Schulte ran a 12.59 in the 100 to take second place, took fourth in the 200 with a time of 25.69, and triple jumped her way to a fifth-place finish with a leap of 35-6. She

also anchored a record setting 4 x 100 relay team. Schulte, Marlana McNutt, Amanda Van Tassel, and Heather Efar ran an impressive 51.45, but did not place due to the intense competition.

Sarver continued her winning ways in the 1500 with a time of 4:53.45. She has yet to be beaten this season in the 1500. Sarver also took fourth in the 800 and set a new school record with a time of 2:25.67 in the event.

Jessica Knapp rounded out the place winners for the women. Knapp ran a 5:08.87 in the 1500, which was good for a sixth place finish at Slippery Rock.

This outdoor season the track and field team has qualified a total of 11

athletes to compete in 13 events at ECACs. Both Schulte and Ober have qualified in two events. The team will look to add to this list this Saturday at the Baldwin-Wallace Invitational and in two weeks at the Grove City Invitational.

The team has had a stellar season and looks to drive this fact home at the ECAC Championships to be held at Princeton University on May 16-19. Although school will be over, these student-athletes will work hard after finals to improve their times/scores. The Lions hope to show all of the Eastern College Athletic Conference that Behrend is a contender at the championships.

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Cross Country

Men-Steve Merrill, Bill McKinney, Brian Gaines, Brian Musick; Women-Erin Mitchell, Jenny Kirkpatrick, Brandi Hovis.

Bowling

Men's Team-No Shame Soldiers-(Jim Vaughn, Marc Weindorf, Justin MacDonald, Tim Abbott); Men's Individual-1.Marc Weindorf, 2.Tim Abbott, 3.Dave Ward; Women's Team-Alpha Sigma Alpha (Dee Nowacinski, Melissa Sollan, Angela Barco); Women's Individual-1.Melissa Sollan, 2.Elizabeth DeThomas, 3.Steph Rodich; Coed Team- Almy (Tyler Morris, Elizabeth DeThomas, Stacey Tyger, Scott Cleveland)

3 vs. 3 Basketball

Has Beens-Ryan Smith, Pat Mashuda, Ashley Orris, Jeff Clark; DP Ballers-Mark Szweczykowski, Jake Hordych, Brian Hesch, Chad Droz; ABC & MCC-Natasha Gayle, Kim Moses, Jacqueline Jackson.

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3-point Shootout
Shane Healey and Holly Anderson.

5 vs. 5 Basketball

Men's Recreational-Ohl Dirty Birds; Men's Competitive-Kankles; Women's ABC/MCC.

4 vs. 4 Coed Volleyball

It's America.

6 vs. 6 Volleyball

Men-Sigma Tau Gamma; Women-

Stacked; Coed-La Cerveza.

Arena Football

Men-XXX Men; Women-MMMK3. Soccer

Men-Tau Kappa Epsilon; Coed-Bald Eagles.

Badminton

Men's Singles-Lucky Nathanael; Women's Singles-Kristin Ardillo. Men's Doubles-Tushar Prabhakar, Rohit Kallash; Women's Doubles-Hing Wan Poon, May Pearl Wong; Coed Doubles-Chieh-Hsin Kuan, Lucky Nathanael.

Not Available

Swimming and Ping Pong

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Bradford defeats Behrend in AMCC finals

The Lions rebounded later in the day, knocking Frostburg out of the playoffs with a 15-2 win. Behrend broke the game open with a seven-run third, as they sent 13 men to the plate. The Lions later scored six runs in the fifth. T.J. Aldrich pitched all seven innings, giving up three hits and two earned runs while striking out six. Boyle and Jason Karas each had three RBIs, while Craig Ottaviani and Tony Azzato each scored three runs.

then sent Frostburg home with its win on Saturday.

Despite the success of many of the individual players, the Lions could not have been successful if they didn't play as a team.

"When stepping onto the field, we do not only bring our individual talents onto the field, but we play the game with our hearts," said Palivoda. "When one person makes a bad play, that person is quickly picked up by

with 45 runs, 47 hits, and four home runs, 31 RBIs, and was 18-of-19 in stolen base attempts.

Coach Paul Benim was named the AMCC's Coach of the Year, as well. Benim, in his seventh season as the baseball coach, helped guide the Lions to their best season ever, surpassing the old mark for wins set in 1997 with a doubleheader sweep of Brockport on Tuesday.

Boyle, Karas, and Best swept the AMCC All-Conference team for outfielders, while Azzato was named the best second baseman in the league. Lepionka (1B), Canzano (SS), Seyler (P), and Shearer (DH) were named to the second team, while Bundy and Dubyak were named to the honorable mention list.

The Lions finish out the regular season with road games at Fredonia on Saturday and at Bethany May 4, and a home game against Oberlin May 5. The Lions will look forward to an ECAC bid, where they might run into Bradford again. How the Lions play there could determine if they get a bid to the NCAA tournament.

"We just need to take one game at a time and do the little things right and we will be very successful at the end of the season," said Bundy. "We always knew we were a lot better than what we [were] last year (18-20) and we are happy that we could prove it."

"To be successful in the postseason, we need to eliminate foolish mistakes," said Boyle. "Obviously, the teams who make it to the playoffs are there for a reason and have been making the plays that need to be made over the course of an entire season. If we are to compete with these teams, we need to make all the plays, as well."

The team will have its work cut out for it next year, as it graduates nine seniors. Finishing out their careers at Behrend this year besides Boyle are Karas (.354, 27 runs, 30 RBIs, five home runs), Ottaviani (.276, 20, eight), Shearer (.422, 21, 23), Bundy (.316, 23, 18), Sevin (2-1, 2.77 ERA, 13 Ks), Pifer (1-0, 5.25, 17), as well as shortstop Kurt Himrod and southpaw Palivoda. Dubyak, Lepionka, Aldrich, and Seyler will provide the leadership in 2003 as returning seniors.

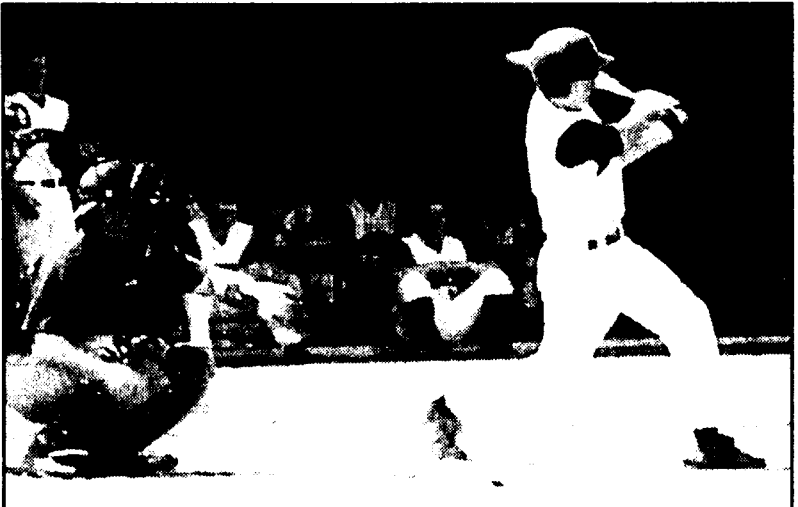


PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON
Senior Chris Shearer follows through on a hit against Penn State Altoona April 19 at the Behrend Baseball Field. The Lions defeated Altoona 6-3, but lost in the championship game to Bradford 5-1. Shearer is one of nine seniors who finish their careers at Behrend this year.

Ottaviani and Lepionka also had three hits, while Azzato, Boyle, and Karas smacked two apiece.

In the first game of the championships for Behrend on Friday, the Lions found themselves down 1-0 to Altoona before Lepionka hit a two-run triple in the third. Bundy and Ottaviani added run-scoring singles in the fourth, while Lepionka added a two-run single in the fifth. The Cougars scored two more runs in the eighth to make it 6-3, but neither team scored the rest of the way.

Best and Boyle scored two runs, while Lepionka finished 2-for-4 with four RBIs. Chris Kechisen struck out seven and gave up one earned run, and was able to work out of jams after yielding nine walks. Altoona left 10 men on base.

Bradford won 13-5 over Frostburg in the first game of the tournament Friday morning, Frostburg knocked Altoona out of the playoffs with a 9-4 victory later in the day. Behrend

another teammate. That is what makes a team successful and hard to compete with."

Behrend rebounded from the loss to Bradford with a doubleheader sweep of Brockport on Tuesday, 16-15 and 6-5. In game one, the Lions scored nine runs in the first inning, then held on as Brockport scored nine runs in the second and third innings. Karas went 4-for-5 with four runs and three RBIs, while Bundy went 3-for-4 with three runs and three RBIs. Boyle added three RBIs, as well.

Lepionka knocked in three runs in game two and had two hits, while Karas went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Senior Brian Pifer pitched all seven innings to pick up the win on the mound for Behrend.

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