

Lions struggle in championship events



Jeff Black shot an 81 at AMCCs to place third on the team

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As the fall golf season came to a close, the Behrend Lions finished the season with two disappointing performances.

This past Saturday, the Lions traveled to Brockport, N.Y. to participate in the ECA Championship. After a sound, second place showing at the regionals, the Lions did not receive a strong round from any of the players, and came away with a dismal last place finish.

"I think everyone was disappointed with the way they played," said standout sophomore golfer Jeff Black. "No one had a fantastic round in their opinion, but sometimes that just happens and not much can be done about it."

On Monday, the Lions looked to rebound from their poor showing at the ECAC Championship, when they went to Peak n' Peek to compete in the AMCC Championship.

The Lions got strong performances from Kirk Seth (77) and Anthony Pagliari (76), but that wasn't enough as the Lions placed fifth out of the six participating teams.

Shooting 83s for the team were Angelo

Sestili and Dan Russo.

The Lions (317) were 11 shots behind the winner, Pitt Bradford (306).

"We could not put a decent complete round together," explained first year head coach Mark Murphy.

"Each person seemed to have one bad hole that could have made the difference."

Although the Lions struggled at the end of the fall, there is much to look forward too this spring and to the approaching future.

The young Lions featured just one junior and one senior, and expect to have everyone else back for the next couple of years.

"We were a young team this fall and we gained a lot of experience," said Black. "I think a lot of our guys are getting more confident in their games and I believe we will be a team to be reckoned with next year."

Final 2002 AMCC Golf Standings

1. Pitt-Bradford 306
2. La Roche 309
3. Pitt-Greensburg 312
4. PS Altoona 312
5. PS Behrend 317
6. Lake Erie 358

Women's tennis ready to beat rivals Penn State Altoona

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With its Saturday match scheduled against Thiel unfinished because of weather, the women's tennis team continued play on Tuesday. Traveling to Westminster to go up against Titans' women's tennis team, the Lions lost a hard fought battle.

On a cold and crisp afternoon, the women worked their hardest and got in good practice for their biggest challenge- the AMCC Conference tournament.

In singles, Amber Weckoski won the only victory for the team, 6-3, 6-2. Margaret Venema, Amy Frizzell and Becky Snyder all lost their matches in singles' play.

When doubles came around, the team of Weckoski and Snyder lost in an eight game pro-set 8-1. The other doubles' match-up of Frizzell and Venema played well, and although they didn't win, they were satisfied with the 8-5 outcome.

"We tested out some new strategies for the conference tournament," said freshman Amy Frizzell. "Then we can beat Altoona to a pulp!" When asked about Westminster's performance on Wednesday, Frizzell said they were a "good, consistent team."

Despite all their efforts, the Lions lost 8-1 to the Westminster Titans.

Frizzell's energy is consistent throughout the team, as all the women are ready to beat long-time rivals Penn State Altoona. Next Saturday, Oct. 19, the women's team will face all of the

schools in the conference. They hope for a high student turnout, so they can be supported when going up against their toughest opponents, mainly Altoona.

After losing both matches played against another Penn State branch campus, the Lions are ready for revenge. The match will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, and in case of unfortunate weather, the tournament will move to Pennbriar Athletic Club in Erie at 3 p.m..

With an overall record of 7-10 and a conference record of 3-2, the team is ready to bring out all the stops when it visits Edinboro on Friday and La Roche on Saturday.



Junior Becky Snyder has been an asset to the team with her doubles play this year



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