

**Cross country preparing for AMCC Championships**  
The men's and women's cross country teams finished regular season play with two highly contested meets. See how they did on page 2B.

# Section B Sports

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**Women's Soccer on a roll**

The Lions have put together quite a run nearing the end of the season. The team took on rival Penn State Altoona on Saturday. See how they fared on page 4B.



## Calendar of Events

### Behrend Athletic Events

**Friday**  
Women's Volleyball vs. Pitt-Greensburg, 7 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Men's Soccer @ Frostburg, 3 p.m.

Women's Soccer @ Frostburg, 1 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Women's Soccer

@ Grove City, 4 p.m.

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## Intramurals Schedule

### Flag Football

Men's, Women's, & COED  
Entries due Friday, Oct. 4  
Games begin Oct. 8

### Billiards

Men's, Women's, & COED  
Entries due Friday, Oct. 25  
Includes singles and doubles  
Schedules posted Sunday, Oct. 27  
Play begins Mon. Oct. 28

### Bowling

Men's, Women's, & COED  
Entries due Nov. 1  
Includes Individual and Team Competition  
At Eastway Lanes  
Sat. Nov. 9

### 3 vs. 3 Basketball

Men's and Women's  
Entries due Nov. 8  
Games begin Mon., Nov. 11

### 5 vs. 5 Basketball

Men's and Women's  
Entries due Dec. 13  
Games begin Spring Semester

# PENN STATE BEHREND LIONS

## Lions pick up key AMCC win

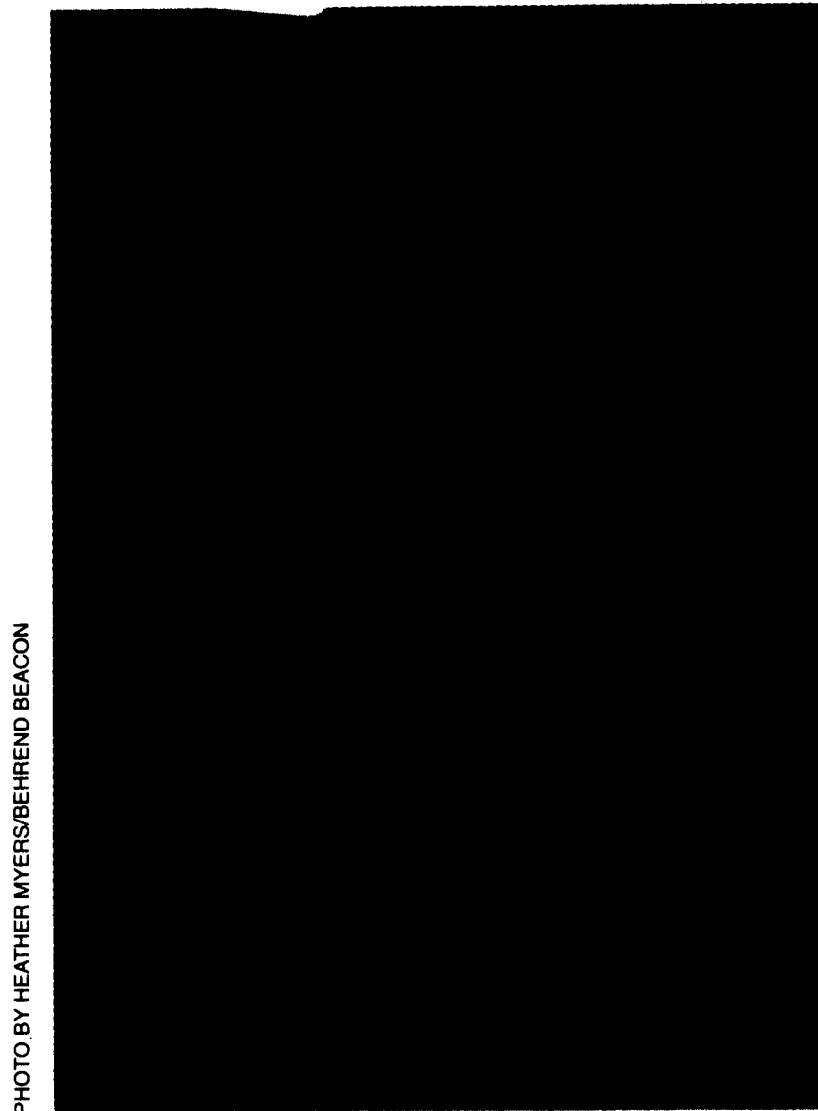


PHOTO BY HEATHER MYERS/BEHREND BEACON

Trisha Adams leads the Lions in kills this season and ranks third on the team in digs

by Dan Rehmeier  
staff writer

With a very impressive, yet very difficult season finally winding down and coming to a close, the Penn State Behrend Lions are really making an effort to finish the season with an even .500 record.

With more than 30 games behind the well oiled team, and a season that started in late August with a 3 game winning spree, these Lady Lions have definitely seen their share of ups and downs.

"Every year I am in awe of how far and hard these girls play, but we need to stay focused and not lose sight of the tournament," said Coach Kellie Diehl about the season.

Such strong support has been the story of these Lions racking up numbers

that could shock a sold-out crowd. Danielle Bemis took steps forward with strong leadership and tactical movement with talent in all aspects of the game.

Bemis, a junior at Behrend, has been a great team player, excelling in all aspects of the game. Bemis has tallied an outstanding 322 kills, 403 digs, and an outstanding game average of .190.

Even with a player such as Bemis, the team still looked at help from other outstanding key players to help push through the season. But the look was, to say the least, a cake walk. Trisha Adams, Amanda Evans, and Rose Boni added their own flare to each and every aspect of the game as an almost sister trio. Adams, a Junior, Outside Hitter from Fairview, has tallied a team leading 325 kills with more than four games left in the season.

Evans an absolute essential key for Behrend, has set 932 assists with only seven errors and is still only a freshman on the Behrend campus.

Finally Boni, a senior from Ridgeway, put up 474 digs, four errors, and seven assists. The numbers are absolutely outstanding and the Behrend Lions should be very happy with their accomplishments as of yet.

After an good game in the Junker center against Lake Erie, the Lions improved their shaky AMCC record to 4-3, just barely maintaining the win average needed to attend the tournament. But after the win, the Lions continued the AMCC matches with poise and fierce competition.

Another huge Behrend win was pulled off at Greensburg in the race for top positions in the tournament that sent the Lions back to Behrend to face No. 1 ranked Frostburg in a chance for top position.

With an AMCC record of 5-3, a win against unbeaten Frostburg force would mean top position and possibly home-court advantage in the upcoming tourney.

"The game was outstanding" commented Diehl, "Frostburg is a very beatable team and there were times throughout the game I thought we had it."

The Lady Lions ending up losing 3-2 at the Junker Center in an extremely close match against Frostburg. Some would call such a close defeat a heart breaker. But this is definitely not the case for the Behrend Lady Lions. The loss against Frostburg was like throwing gasoline on a fire.

Altoona had given the Lions their only losses last season in securing home court advantage in the AMCC tournament with an unbeaten record. With a previous win already in the Lion's belt, they hit the court the same night of the Frostburg match and leveled Altoona right off the court.

With a 3-2 win against Altoona, the Behrend team snatched a needed win to raise its record to 6-4.

With the win in their mind, the Lions knew trouble was ahead. Oct. 22 marked a crucial game against Bradford which could grip a high spot in the tournament, or cast a shadow on the

Lions. Bradford, known in the league as a huge powerhouse, had already beating the Behrend Lions 0-3 on the first of October.

With the game scheduled in Bradford before a sellout crowd, the Behrend Lions took the court. Poetry in motion was the only way to describe the way the game was played.

"Our passing was the best. I have seen all season. Powerful Kills and key digs is what won this game for us," commented Diehl.

"We played as a team and not only impressed ourselves, but really impressed everyone in the stands."

The game was outstanding and the perfect trio of Adams, Evans, and Boni played as if they had known each other since elementary school.

The Behrend Lions went on to beat Bradford 3-1, improving their overall record to 14-16, and their crucial AMCC record to 7-4.

With one game left against an already-beaten Greensburg team at home, the Lady Lions are looking to possibly clinch a top three seed in the tournament, which is to be announced at the end of the season.

Behrend will host a key game against Greensburg on Friday night at 7 p.m.

## Behrend falls to Altoona after an impressive stretch



PHOTO BY JEFF HANKE/BEHREND BEACON

Freshman standout Mark Cipriani slides on the field as a result of some heavy rain that pounded the field before Behrend dropped to faced Altoona.

by Dan Vidal  
staff writer

After a very slow start to the season, the men's soccer team has come roaring back. It's been on a tremendous roll and has clinched a playoff berth. The Lions are 4-2-2 in their last 8 games and have played well in conference games, in particular.

Through the first nine games of the season, it seemed as though the Blue and White were going to have a very long,

and below par season, as they were a dismal 1-6-2. However, they never quit and kept a very positive mental attitude.

This very young team was very resilient and determined on coming back from the hole they dug for themselves. The one good thing they had going for them early in the season was that they did not have any conference match-ups until the middle of the season when they played against Pitt-Bradford. That's when the team began to come together.

The team has come together to play well as a whole. However there are some

standouts during this season. The play of freshmen middle fielder/ defense man Mark Cipriani and junior middle fielder Andy Laver have really stood out during the season, as they both lead the team in points with 13 points each.

The Lions (5-8-4, 3-2) defeated Lake Erie convincingly in their first of four straight home games. This was the game that clinched a playoff berth for Behrend. On October 12 junior goalkeeper Jake

### SOCCER SLIPS

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Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week

PENN STATE Erie

Jessica Knapp



SPORT: Women's Cross Country  
CLASS: Junior  
DATE: Oct. 22

Jessica Knapp (Erie/McDowell) was named this week's Beacon/Food and Housing Athlete of the Week

Last Saturday Knapp finished in 16th place individually with a time of 19:56.5 at the Roberts Wesleyan Invitational, which was the last regular-season race for Behrend.

"Jessica led the team and the conference in 2001, but now she shares the top spot with teammate Jessica Sarver. The duo gives Behrend the most solid 1-2 punch in the AMCC conference. Jessica's work ethic and unselfish devotion to the team are a coach's dream," boasts head coach Dave Cooper.

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week is selected by the Sports Information Staff.