Lions still fighting as season nears end

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The Behrend cross country team continued its successful season this past weekend as the team headed to Rochester, N.Y. to compete in the Harry F. Anderson Invitational held at Roberts Wesleyan College. A strong field of 13 teams showed up for the race, including a well-known Division I school in Cornell University.

The men had a very respectable day, placing eigth out of 13 teams. Sophomore Tim Schultheis once again led the way for the men, placing 30th out of the large field with a time of 28:09.

"He along with the rest of the team should be ready for a significant time drop for the AMCC and NCAA regional championships," stated coach Dave Cooper.

Clayton Kirschner and Brent Beausiegner crossed the line only seconds apart, giving the duo 58th and 60th place finishes.

Freshman Harry Balwick jumped into the Lions top five with his 29:24 8K and 70th place finish.

Junior Dan Croft also made his top five debut with his time of 29:42, placing him 83rd overall.

"No less than nine team members have finished in scoring positions so far this season. When all nine run one of their better races on the same day the team will be tough to beat," said Cooper.

Despite battling injuries, the women's team continues to improve and place well at invitationals. At Roberts Wesleyan on Saturday, the team placed seventh out of 12 teams.

The "Jessies" continue to lead the Lions as the season draws near the end. Jessica Sarver led the way this past Saturday with a 12th place finish and a 19:49 5K. The other half of the "Jessie" duo, Jessica Knapp, captured the no.2 spot and a 16th place finish.

"Their one-two punch provides a measure of comfort to a team that has struggled with injuries most of the season," said Cooper.

Jessie Coe continued to stay consistent, placing in the Lions three spot. Coe registered a 56th place finish.

Freshman Nina Zinger, despite battling injury, found her way to an 80th place finish with a time of 22:49, giving her the fourth spot. Senior, Brandi Napenas rounded out the Lions top five with her 84th place finish.

Two weekends ago, the team found itself on the campus of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, for the CMU Invitational. Both the men's and women's teams shared success. Twelve teams were on tap for the invitational, including the nationally ranked Allegheny College.

Strong efforts by all of the women earned the team a fifth place finish out of the 12 participating teams. Sarver once again led the Lion pack. Her time of 19:20 earned her a 10th place finish.

The two spot went to Knapp, who turned in a time of 19:31, giving her a 13th overall finish. Coe crossed the line 37th, capturing the teams no. 3 position. Napenas and Zinger rounded out the Lions top five, with 74th and 77th place finishes, respectively.

On the men's side, the Lions ran their way to a sixth place finish out of 11 teams present for the men's race. Schultheis and Kirschner went one-two for the Lions, capturing 25th and 37th place finishes, with their times of 29:06 and 28:31.

Steve Werner continued to aid in the Lions' team performance with his 53rd place finish, which captured him the team's third spot. Dan Alvis' strong effort earned him the team's No. 4 position, and a 56th place finish with his time of 29:24.

With his time of 29:36 and 60th place finish, senior Brian Wheeler captured the number five spot.

Injuries have been one of the few problems the team has faced this season. Both the men's and women's team have been dealing with the effects that injuries can have on a team.

Despite battling injuries earlier this season, Beausiegner and Mike Barlett have battled their way back into contention. The pair placed 64th and 74th, respectively, at the CMU Invitational, placing them just outside of the team's top five.

The women's team has also been plagued by injuries. Sophomores Claire Manelick and Susie Szafran have battled injuries for weeks now. Manelick dealt with tendonitis in her ankle, while Szafran battled shin splints and knee problems. Both are currently cross training in order to stay in shape.

Zinger has battled her way back from a reoccurring knee injury that haunted her midway through the season. She is currently competing.

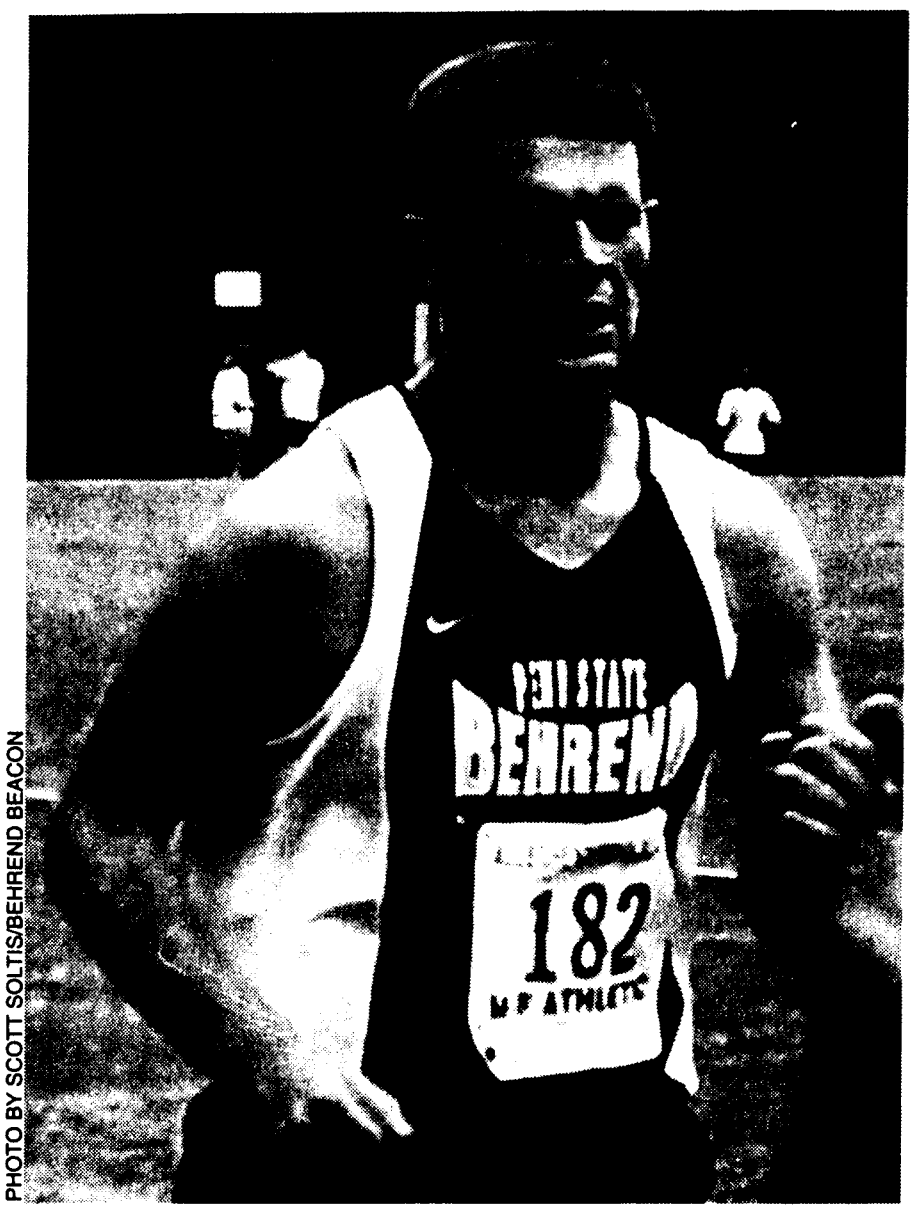
When asked about the injury-plagued season, Coe said, "Although some of team has been injured during points of the season, we are confident in our training and coaching."

"While meets during the year are important to us, healing now will help us achieve our main objective: repeating as AMCC champoins next week."

The cross country team will have an extra week to rest from competition this week. The team will not participate in an invitational this weekend, but will continue to prepare for the AMCC meet held next weekend here at Behrend.

"Our team has practiced day in and day out for the past couple of months to prepare for the AMCC championships and regionals," sophomore Dan Alvis stated. "Hopefully, all that work will pay off and we will turn some heads and make Behrend Cross Country known."

The men's and women's teams will have all their members back in competition for the meet, and will take a shot at regaining the AMCC title from Frostburg State.



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Junior Dan Croft cracked the top five for the team for the first time last weekend at Roberts WeslyanCollege

Congratulations to Behrend AMCC Players of the Week

Week of October 14
Women's Volleyball - Trish Adams
Men's Cross Country - Tim Schultheis
Women's Cross Country - Jessica Sarver
Women's Soccer - Erin Mauer
Women's Goalkeeper of the Week - Chrissy Harvey

Week of October 21
Women's Soccer - Holly Greiner

Congratulations to All-Conference Golfers
Anthony Pagliari
Kirk Seth

THE BEACON SCOREBOARD

THE PENN STATE SPORTS SCENE

Men's Soccer

School	C.R.	Overall
Pitt Greensburg	6-0	15-1
PS Altoona	4-1	10-3-2
Behrend	3-2	5-8-4
Frostburg	3-2	7-6-2
La Roche	2-4	8-8-1
Pitt-Bradford	1-5	6-12
Lake Erie	0-5	1-14

Women's Soccer

School	C.R.	Overall
La Roche	5-1	13-2-2
Pitt-Greensburg	5-1	10-5
Behrend	4-1	8-9
Frostburg	3-2	6-7-4
PS Altoona	1-4	9-7-1
Pitt-Bradford	1-5	5-11
Lake Erie	0-5	0-17

Women's Volleyball

School	C.R.	Overall
Frostburg	11-0	22-9
PS Altoona	7-4	10-13
Pitt-Bradford	7-4	14-16
Behrend	6-4	12-10
La Roche	5-5	9-14
Pitt-Greensburg	1-9	3-12
Lake Erie	0-11	1-17

Women's Tennis

School	C.R.	Overall
P. S. Altoona	6-0	11-3
Behrend	3-2	7-9
Frostburg	2-3	2-9
La Roche	0-6	0-6

Big Ten Football

School	C.R.	Overall
Iowa	4-0	7-1
Ohio State	3-0	8-0
Michigan	3-0	6-1
Minnesota	3-1	7-1
Penn State	2-2	5-2
Indiana	1-2	3-4
Michigan State	1-2	3-4
Illinois	1-2	2-5

THE NATIONAL SPORTS ARENA

NASCAR
2002 Winston Cup Standings:
Thru Race 32 of 36
Next Race:
NAPA 500
October 27, 2002

Pos.	Driver	Points Behind
1	Tony Stewart	Leader
2	Jimmie Johnson	-82
3	Mark Martin	-123
4	Rusty Wallace	-174
5	Ryan Newman	-177
6	Jeff Gordon	-291
7	Kurt Busch	-317
8	Matt Kenseth	-334
9	Ricky Rudd	-340
10	Dale Jarrett	-401
11	Bill Elliott	-439
12	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-479
13	Sterling Marlin	-560
14	Jeff Burton	-583
15	Michael Waltrip	-662
16	Ricky Craven	-765
17	Bobby Labonte	-850
18	Jeff Green	-896
19	Dave Blaney	-996
20	Robby Gordon	-1031

NASCAR Winston Cup Series

Professional Golf Association
Money Leaders
(money in millions)

Rank	Player	Earnings
1.	Tiger Woods	6.747
2.	Phil Mickelson	3.870
3.	Ernie Els	3.180
4.	Rich Beem	2.854
5.	Vijay Singh	2.846
6.	David Toms	2.717
7.	Jerry Kelly	2.706
8.	Justin Leonard	2.641
9.	Reteif Goosen	2.472
10.	Chris DiMarco	2.441
11.	Sergio Garcia	2.319
12.	Fred Funk	2.270
13.	Jim Furyk	2.266
14.	Charles Howell III	2.162
15.	Shegeki Maruyama	2.103
16.	Jeff Sluman	2.091
17.	Len Mattiace	2.089
18.	Nick Price	2.079
19.	K.J. Choi	2.058
20.	JoseMariaOlazabal	1.910
21.	Rocco Mediate	1.897
22.	Chris Riley	1.877
23.	Robert Allenby	1.871
24.	Loren Roberts	1.839
25.	Davis Love III	1.810

National Football League
League Leaders

OFFENSIVE

Passing

	Player	Team	TDS	YDS
1	D Bledsoe	BUF	15	2198
2	R Gannon	OAK	14	2048
3	B Griese	DEN	12	1887
4	T Brady	NE	14	1749
5	B Favre	GB	14	1706

Rushing

	Player	Team	TDS	YDS
1	L Tomlinson	SD	7	785
2	P Holmes	KC	12	766
3	D McAllister	NO	5	721
4	R Williams	MIA	6	711
5	A Green	GB	4	640

Receiving

	Player	Team	TDS	YDS
1	E Moulds	BUF	5	662
2	M Harrison	IND	3	659
3	P Price	BUF	5	639
4	T Holt	STL	1	609
5	J Horn	NO	4	580

DEFENSIVE

Tackles(TKL)

	Player	Team	POS	TKL
1	Z Thomas	MIA	MLB	64
2	B Urlacher	CHI	MLB	61
3	IKacyvenski	SEA	MLB	60
4	J Sharper	HOU	ILB	55
5	M Maslowski	KC	OLB	54

Sacks

	Player	Team	POS	Sack
1	R Colvin	CHI	OLB	7
2	W Sapp	CAR	DT	7
2	J Peppers	DAL	DE	7
4	T Pryce	BUF	DE	7
5	4 Players Tied At 6 Sacks			

Interceptions(INT)

	Player	Team	POS	INT
1	G Wesley	KC	SS	4
1	D Edwards	SD	MLB	4
1	D Brooks	TB	OLB	4
4	J Porter	PIT	OLB	3
4	D O'Neal	DEN	CB	3

ESPN/USA Today
Football Coaches Poll

Rank	Team	Record	PTS
1.	Miami	6-0	1519
2.	Oklahoma	7-0	1465
3.	Virginia Tech	7-0	1393
4.	Ohio State	8-0	1319
5.	Georgia	7-0	1301
6.	Notre Dame	7-0	1219
7.	Texas	6-1	1112
8.	Michigan	6-1	1070
9.	NC State	8-0	1014
10.	LSU	6-1	945
11.	Washington St	6-1	933
12.	Oregon	6-1	842
13.	Florida State	5-2	799
14.	Iowa	7-1	724
15.	Tennessee	4-2	613
16.	USC	5-2	557
17.	Penn State	5-2	507
18.	Iowa State	6-2	426
19.	Air Force	6-1	373
20.	Colorado	5-2	267
21.	Kansas State	5-1	221
22.	Bowling Green	6-0	218
23.	Florida	5-3	202
24.	Minnesota	7-1	194
25.	Arizona State	6-2	129