

Sports

Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

Friday

Women's Basketball, Behrend Tournament vs. RIT, 8 p.m.

Saturday

Women's Basketball, Behrend Tournament Consolation game, 1 p.m. Championship Game, 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball, Behrend Tournament vs. Hilbert, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Men's Basketball, Behrend Tournament Consolation game, 1 p.m. Championship game, 3 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's Basketball, @ Grove City, 7:30 p.m.

Swimming, @ Gannon, 6:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball, vs. Bethany, 7:00 p.m.

Intramurals Schedule

5 vs. 5 Basketball

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

ROLE REVERSAL

Top runners swap spots at regionals



Senior Brian Wheeler finishes first for the team while sophomore Clayton Kirschner captures second place. Perennial top finisher Tim Schultheis finished a close third at the regional meet.

by Ed Mesaros
staff writer

The men's cross country team brought the 2002 season to a close this past weekend, as the team traveled to Maryland to compete in the NCAA Mid-east Regional race.

Thirty-four teams from across the region were present at Salisbury University at race time. A total of 241 runners competed in the men's 8K race. Seven of those men were Behrend runners.

The seven Behrend men who competed were sophomores Tim Schultheis, Clayton Kirschner, Dan Alvis, Brent Beauseigneur, and Steve Werner; Brian Wheeler, and junior Dan Croft. Sophomores Floyd Mattie and Mike Barlett also made the trip and served as backup runners for the team.

Wheeler was the first Lion to finish, earning 130th place finish, and his first top team spot of the season. Wheeler crossed the line with a time of 27:43.

"Some guys see it as a let-down that

we didn't beat some of our rival teams," said Wheeler. "As much as I would have liked to show Fredonia what we're made of, it's hard to argue when nearly everyone has their best race of the season."

Kirschner once again was in the second spot for Behrend, finishing 140th with a 27:56 time.

Finishing in the third spot for the Lions was Schultheis. Schultheis finished just a second behind Kirschner, capturing 141st place. Alvis was next, finishing the race with a time of 28:11. His time was good enough for 151st place finish.

"The regional course was a fast course with some quick competition," said Alvis. "We all responded as a team and ran as a pack and made the season worthwhile."

Earning the team's fifth spot on Saturday was Beauseigneur. He posted a time of 28:16 and captured 156th place. Finishing next for the Lions was Steve "Steve-O" Werner. Werner's 28:23 was

good enough for 160th place finish.

Croft rounded out the Behrend runners with a 28:48, earning him 170th place.

Don't let the finishes fool you. Each member of the team set personal records. This just goes to show the strength of the competition that was at the race.

"With PRs across the entire team, I'd say the results were quite good from a time/effort perspective," said coach Dave Cooper. "It's hard to run a tough race and only finish in the 100s. That shouldn't detract from the fact that they ran good times."

Even with the cross country season at its end, the running does not stop for the team. For most of the team, track practice begins after we return from Thanksgiving break.

"Most of our runners will be back at it in track season and should see more success there," said Cooper.

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week

PENNSSTATE
Erie

Eric Phillips



NAME: Eric Phillips
SPORT: Men's Swimming
CLASS: Sophomore
DATE: November 18 2002

Phillips broke his own record in the 200 yd breaststroke this past weekend against Buffalo State with a time of 2:26:68. His first-place finish in the event also set a new Behrend pool record. In the same day, Phillips also took a second-place finish in the 200 yd IM. Because of his impressive weekend, Phillips has qualified for ECAC championships in four events.

The Behrend men's swimming team grabbed back-to-back wins over the weekend. The Behrend Lions defeated Fredonia State 99-71 on Saturday before gaining their second win over Buffalo State 130-71.

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

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Regional competition brings out the best in women's cross country

by Leacy Sauer
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The women's cross country team had one major goal for the NCAA Mid-east Regional Competition: beat Frostburg State.

The six runner team achieved that goal, defeating the Bobcats by 97 points. Besides getting their much anticipated revenge, coach Dave Cooper had another accomplishment to boast about. Every runner finished the race with the best times of their college running careers.

The team as a whole placed 17 out of 34 teams, finishing in the middle of the pack. Sophomore Jessica Sarver led the team with a 28th place finish, running the 6k distance in 22:16.

Her efforts earned her a spot on the "All Mid-Eastern Region" team, a title adding to her previous honors of this season. Being twice named "AMCC Athlete of the Week," sharing "AMCC All-Conference Athlete" honors with teammate Jessica Knapp and winning the award for "Runner of the Year" are just a few of the accomplishments that have given Sarver a memorable season.

Jessica Knapp, junior, finished behind Sarver in the Regional race by only 12 places and 18 seconds. She placed 40th with a time of 22:34. Also named

an "AMCC All-Conference Athlete," Knapp has had a sensational season, taking the role of the No.2 runner on the squad.

Next came sophomore Claire Manelick, who finished in 128th place. She ran a phenomenal race in 24:24, a time that was over three minutes faster than her AMCC finish two weeks before.

Continuing this trend of improvement was senior Jessica Coe. Finishing in 168th place, she improved her time by a minute and a half, completing the course in 25:26.

Freshman Nina Zinger placed 177th with a time of 25:51, nearly a two-minute drop from AMCCs, and completes the race only 25 seconds behind teammate Coe.

Rounding out the squad was sophomore Susie Szafran, who took 185 place. Her time of 26:06 was a minute and a half improvement over her AMCC finish of 27:38:39.

The cross country season is over, and the Behrend women's team has had a successful one. The Lions have accomplished the end of the season goals that coach Cooper had for them, especially obtaining their revenge from Frostburg State.

He was happy with their accomplishments throughout the season. Ending the year with the younger runners' impressive performances at regionals gives him much to look forward to next year.

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Sophomore Jessica Sarver finished first for the Lions yet again, earning 28th place overall in the 6k race.