

The Behrend Beacon

Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

Friday
 Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving, @ ECAC Conference Championships, TBA

Men's Basketball vs. Lake Erie, AMCC Conference Semi-Final, 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Frostburg State, AMCC Conference Semi-Final, 6 p.m.

Saturday
 Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving @ ECAC Conference Championships, TBA

Men's Basketball, AMCC Tournament, TBA

Women's Basketball, AMCC Tournament, TBA

Baseball @ Transylvania, Doubleheader, 1 p.m.

Sunday
 Baseball @ Brescia, 2 p.m.

Intramurals Schedule

Volleyball
 4 on 4 COED
 Entries Due Friday, Feb. 28
 Games begin Tuesday, March 4

Men's, Women's, COED
 Entries Due March 7
 Games begin March 18

WE ARE PENN STATE

Men's tennis falls in season opener

by Amy Frizzell
 staff writer

This past Saturday, the men's tennis team traveled to Cleveland for its first match of the season. Despite the teams' hard work and preparation, the men fell to Baldwin Wallace, 8-1.

"Most of it was first-match jitters. We made mistakes that we normally wouldn't make" said coach Jeff Barger. "Besides losing, we played a respectable match. We made them work."

The teams only win came from sophomore Aaron Whiting and freshman Jonathan Barber at third doubles.

"Jon and I played well at doubles; we hung in there and came away with a win. But as a team we just weren't all there," said Whiting

Along with Whiting and Barber's win came a well fought match from sophomore Ryan Deimel at first singles. After splitting the first two sets with his opponent, Diemel ended up losing in the third set.

"He played a well-fought and entertaining match" said sophomore women's tennis player Christie Leininger, who attended Saturdays match.

Despite the loss, the team still maintains its same goals for the season.

"I still think we should be able to win our conference. We'll just have to learn from this loss," said Whiting.

"We will need to work on confidence. Also the lower singles players, four, five and six will have to play up to their potential a little more" said Barger.

The team will have time to improve while they take their Spring Break in Hilton Head, SC. Since the loss the team has been eager to take the trip and work hard.

"Hilton Head gives us a good chance to bond. We'll be able to gain experience and improve now that we know what we need to work on" said Barber.

While in Hilton Head the men will play matches against Emory and Henry, Lebanon Valley, Marywood, and Mt. Union.

"The trip gives us four matches to look forward to get a win, individually or as a team. I think we just need a win to get on a roll," said Barger.

The team consensus is that it can't wait to get out of the horrible snow and hit the courts out in the sun.

"It should be a fun time. We can build team unity to become a stronger team for the season" said freshman John Marini.

When the men return, they will play the first of their conferences matches at Behrend against Pitt-Greensburg on March 22.

Swimmers find mixed results at Grove City

by Lyndsey Boor
 staff writer

After a month of double meets and tough training, both the Behrend men's and women's swim teams had a chance to prove themselves at the Grove City Invitational on February 20-22. Westminister, Grove City, Washington & Jefferson, Bethany, Arcadia, Misericordia, Frostburg, Altoona and Behrend made up the nine teams that competed in the invitational.

Out of the nine teams at Grove City the men placed fourth overall, but placed first in the AMCC Classic.

"AMCC rules state that there must be five teams to make up a conference and so far there is only Frostburg, Altoona, and Behrend, so we've made up what we call the AMCC Classic," said Behrend swim coach Josh Heynes

Youth prevailed for the men during the three-day competition. Once again, freshman diver Mike Sandretto cleaned up on the boards. Sandretto won both the 3 and 1-meter diving competition.

"Mike has been doing an incredible job. Winning both events is a big step for a freshman," said Heynes. Freshman J.R. DeLorenzo placed second in the 200 backstroke and third in both the 100 backstroke and 200 IM.

Freshman Carl Ward qualified for the ECAC meet in the 200 butterfly and took fourth in the meet for the event and fourth in the 100 butterfly.

Ward joined Eric Phillips, Travis Koehel, and Jeff Howard in qualifying for ECAC meet in the 200 medley relay. Koehel and Phillips were also ECAC

qualifiers for the 100 freestyle and 400 IM events respectively.

Veteran swimmer Ben Atkins was also an ECAC qualifier in the 1650 freestyle. Freshman teammate Jeff Howard qualified in the 500 and 1000 freestyle.

The women struggled without the help of one of their top swimmers, Tara Braden. Braden was allowed to swim during the morning trials, but was not cleared by the doctor for the night trials.

"The doctor decided not to clear Tara for the night trials because of a serious migraine, which hurt because she brings in a lot of points," said Heynes.

The women placed seventh out of the eight women's teams at Grove City, and placed third in the AMCC Classic.

Although they lacked Braden, the women still swam hard. Sophomore Christine Williams placed seventh in the 100 and 200 backstroke, as well as the 500 freestyle. Williams also set new Behrend swim records in the 50, 100, 200 and 500 freestyle, 50 back, and qualified for the ECAC meet.

Sophomore Jana Bahnak qualified as well for ECAC meet in the 200 butterfly. Bahnak teamed up with Williams, Braden, and Carriane Carstater to qualify for the 400-medley relay.

Heynes attributes his teams' performances to their training in Florida over the winter break.

"The training we had in Florida really paid off for us. There wasn't one person on the team that didn't drop their times," said Heynes. "The ECAC meet will be held in Pittsburgh, so we're looking forward to seeing what we can do there."

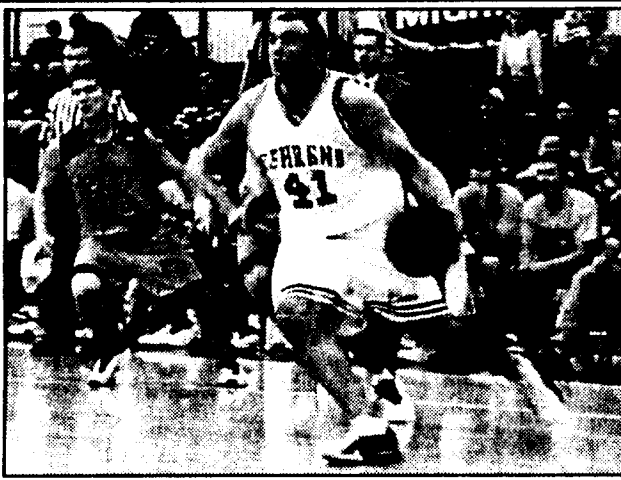


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AMCC's
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Leading the team in scoring for the season is Curren, who averages 17.8 per game. Curren also leads the team in rebounds, pulling down an average of 6.8 in each contest.

Leading the team at the foul line is Ponsoll, who made an impressive 83.3 percent of his free throws.

Clutch from downtown this season is Tom Lulich hitting 39 of 90 shots from beyond the three-point line.

Another key contributor during the regular season was Hairston, who averaged 8.2 points and 5 rebounds per game.

All of these players will be need to keep it up for the AMCC tournament, and coach Niland realizes this.

"Hairston and Curren have a great deal of experi-

ence. Physically, they have both worked hard in the weight room which has helped them as players," said Niland.

"I think they understand what it takes to beat good teams. I would put Casey Ponsoll in with these guys he does so many little things for the team that goes unnoticed."

In first-round action this week in the AMCC's, Behrend has received a bye and will play No.4 Lake Erie on Friday at 1pm at the Junker Center. Number seven Penn State Altoona defeated No. 2 La Roche to go on to play No. 3 Pitt-Bradford at 3pm Friday.

Pitt-Bradford defeated No. 6 Pitt-Greensburg to reach the semifinals. The championship will be this Saturday starting at 3p.m.. Tickets are \$4 for adults and students will be free with ID.

The Lions could use a big night by starting forward Jared Clough to help chances in the tournament.

BEACON SPORTS BRIEFS

BEHREND SCENE

<p>Men's Basketball</p> <p>James Curren led the Lions to a 3-0 week, averaging 20 points per game and shooting 56.7 percent.</p> <p>Behrend is riding a three game win streak heading into this weekend's AMCC Conference Tournament.</p>	<p>Women's Basketball</p> <p>Amber Krumpe still leads the AMCC in total field goal percentage, making 130 out of 250 shots for 51.8 percent.</p> <p>Erica Mozdy and Carly Cochran are second and third in AMCC free throw percentage, shooting 78.4 and 77.1 percent.</p>
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NATIONAL NEWS

<p>Baseball</p> <p>Jim Thome homered in his first at-bat as a Philly during their spring training game against the Pirates in the Grapefruit League Opener.</p> <p>The use of Ephedrine is officially banned from use in the Minor Leagues by all players.</p>	<p>NCAA Basketball</p> <p>The UConn women have occupied the top spot in the AP Poll for four consecutive weeks.</p> <p>Arizona and Kentucky are ranked 1-2 in the AP Poll for the second consecutive week.</p>
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February Intramural Wrap-Up

- 5 on 5 Basketball**
- Men's Rec- F.U.P.A.
 - Men's Competitive- XXX Men
 - Women's- Super Delta Five
- Ping Pong**
- Men's Doubles- Andy Laver, Jeff Pasilla
 - Men's Singles- Jeff Pasilla
 - COED Doubles- Chrissy Anderson, Chris Welsch
 - Women's Singles- Katie Leary