

## Calendar of Events

### Behrend Athletic Events

#### Friday

Women's Water Polo @ Grove City, 8:45 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Alfred, 3:30 p.m.

#### Saturday

Baseball @ Pitt-Greensburg (DH), 1 p.m.

Softball vs La Roche (DH), 1 p.m.

Women's Water Polo @ Grove City vs. Connecticut College, 8:30 a.m.

vs. Queens, 1p.m.

vs. Salem International, 6:30 p.m.

Track & Field @ Western Pennsylvania Championships, TBA

Men's Tennis, Behrend Invitational, 9 a.m.

#### Sunday

Men's Tennis vs. Frostburg, 9 a.m.

Baseball vs. Case Western (DH) 1 p.m.

#### Monday

Softball @ Lake Erie (DH), 3 p.m.

Baseball @ Lake Erie (DH), 1 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Baseball @ Thiel (S), 1 p.m.

#### Thursday

Softball @ Allegheny, 3 p.m.

### Intramurals Schedule

#### Badminton

Men's, Women's, COED  
Entries Due April 11  
Play Begins April 14

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## 5 Reasons Why...

# The Cincinnati Bengals will be pro football's next great dynasty

Like the Steelers of the 70s, 49ers of the 80s, and Cowboys of the 90s, the Cincinnati Bengals will be the next great football team in first decade of the new millennium. I realize fully that we are already three years into the decade, but the Bengals can still easily win four or five titles before 2010.

1. Marvin Lewis - New Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis will bring an attitude to the Bengals not seen since the days of Bruce Coslet, except now they'll win. Lewis is the greatest defensive mind in football today. He engineered the monstrous Ravens' defense that won them a Super Bowl, and can do the same in Cincinnati.

Lewis was long overdue in landing a head coaching job, and must have a chip on his shoulder because of it. Lewis will make every team regret passing up a coach of his talent every week the team takes the field.

2. Draft Position - Cincinnati has the

number one overall pick in the 2003 NFL Draft, thanks to a 2-14 record in a rebuilding year. This less-than-stellar season also gives them great picks in every round.

With the first pick, the Bengals will most likely select former USC quarterback Carson Palmer. You might remember Palmer from the Heisman award show last year when he won the award over a more deserving Larry Johnson.

Palmer was the best quarterback in college football last year and will give the Bengals some talent at quarterback. Last year, Cincinnati had to rely on players like Gus Frerotte, Akili Smith, and Jon Kitna to lead their team. Palmer will give the team talent and leadership that will lead the Bengals to their first Super Bowl since the great Boomer Esiason was at the helm.

3. Corey Dillon - Dillon is easily the best running back in the game today. Anyone who can put up the kind of num-

bers that he does behind the horrible offensive line of the Bengals is truly great. In his six years in the league, Dillon has averaged more than 1,250 yards per season and seven rushing touchdowns a year. I reiterate, he did all of this with the Bengals.

Next year, he will be running behind an improved offensive line, with the Bengals almost assuredly taking a few offensive linemen with their picks. Also, Dillon will benefit from new head coach Lewis. Lewis is old school. If he runs the ball down opponents' throats, Dillon could be in for a 2,000-yard season with at least 18 touchdowns.

4. The AFC North - The AFC North is as weak as a 120-pound 16-year-old after giving blood. The division sent two teams to the playoffs last season, with the wild card only one game over .500.

This is the year that Pittsburgh will totally fall apart. Letting go of Kordell Stewart will be the downfall of the team. While not always the most accurate of passers, Kordell brought an atmosphere of toughness to the locker room that will be missed. Also, the Bus needs to be

sent to the junkyard; he's done.

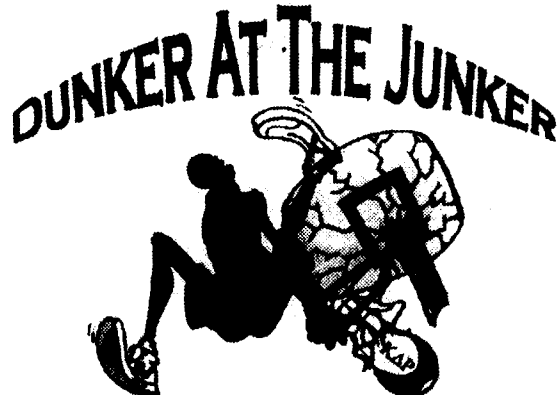
On top of that, the Browns are just cursed with bad luck and the Ravens just plain stink. The AFC North is soft and the Bengals should easily take the crown and go undefeated in their six match-ups against the North.

5. April Fools - Though I am a Bengals fan, I'm not a moron. I saw Mavericks owner Mark Cuban play a pretty good joke on the fans at an April 1 game, and the Titans announced a phony trade of Eddie George and Steve McNair, so I thought I'd join in on the fun. I know it's a few days late, but I probably still got you.

The Bengals will be happy to reach 8-8 next year, and settle for third place in a tough division. Also, getting rid of Kordell Stewart was the best thing the Steelers have done in recent history. Dillon is a great back and Lewis is an amazing coach, but this won't be their year. The Bengals will be lucky to win a title in the next 10 years, but I can always hope.



Scott Soltis



**KAPPA DELTA RHO IS SPONSORING A SLAM DUNK CONTEST THURSDAY APRIL 10TH, 2003 FROM 8:00 PM TILL THE CHAMPION IS CROWNED IN THE JUNKER CENTER. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DAN @ 217-2518, BRAD @ 824-4557 OR ANY KDR BROTHER.**

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## BEHREND SPORTS BRIEFS

### BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

#### Baseball

Freshman pitcher Brent Gabel was named AMCC Athlete of the Week and ECAC Pitcher of the Week.

Behrend's pitching staff is third in ERA in the AMCC. The staff allows only 4.25 runs per game.

#### Softball

Freshman pitcher Kim Raff went 2-2 on the mound for the Lions this week.

Junior Becky Corbin leads the AMCC in saves. Corbin's ERA as a starter is 3.33.

### NATIONAL SPORTS NEWS

#### Baseball

The Pirates completed their first road sweep against the Reds since 1998.

Newly acquired Reggie Sanders provided a five-RBI effort during the road trip.

#### Basketball

The Final Four for the men's tournament is set.

Marquette, Kansas, Texas, and Syracuse will tip off Saturday.

Marquette will face Kansas and Texas will see Syracuse.

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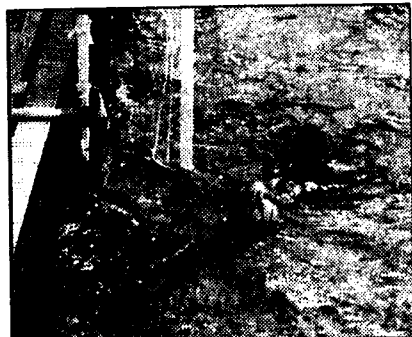
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### Housing and Food Service

### Athlete of the Week



Lauren Packer

SPORT: Water Polo  
CLASS: Junior  
DATE: March 31

Lauren Packer (Fleming/Bald Eagle) was named this week's Beacon/Food and Housing Athlete of the Week.

Packer is a third year starter, and co-captain of the women's water polo team. She had 17 key blocks in the win over Mercyhurst on March 30

and has 178 saves out of 333 shots taken in the 2003 season. Packer's blocking percentage is 53%, which is the highest ever for a goalie on the team.

"Lauren is the defensive foundation for the team," said head coach Josh Heynes.

"She has improved her goalie abilities each year she has played for the Lions and was instrumental in keeping games very close that otherwise could have been a disaster."

Next up for the Blue and White will be the Grove City Invitational on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

