

Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

Friday

Women's Water Polo @ Southern Division Championship vs. Princeton, 2:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis @ Pitt-Greensburg, 1 p.m.

Saturday

Baseball vs. Mt. Aloysius (DH), 1 p.m.

Softball vs. Frostburg (DH), 1 p.m.

Women's Water Polo Southern Division Championship

vs. Gannon, 12:45 p.m.

vs. Grove City, 9:40 p.m.

Track & Field, TBA

Men's Tennis @ Frostburg, Noon

Sunday

Men's Tennis @ Penn State Altoona, 11 a.m.

Tuesday

Baseball vs. Pitt-Bradford (DH), 1 p.m.

Softball vs. Fredonia (DH), 3 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's Tennis @ Fredonia, 3 p.m.

Thursday

Baseball @ Hilbert (DH), 3 p.m.

Intramurals Schedule

Badminton

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

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Last time around

This is the last time you will hear from me as a member of the Behrend Beacon. I know that doesn't sadden you but I just thought I would mention it and say thanks to the newspaper for allowing me to be a part of it for the past four years.

I did not really know what to write about and so I thought I would look back at some of the sports occurrences that have happened while I have been at Behrend.

However, I am going to attempt to write this article from here on out in rhyme. So bear with me and give me a minute of your time.

My freshman year was 1999 and in the sports world everything was going fine. The NFL took the lead in excitement and it also provided a lot of entertainment.

Mike Jones made a Super Bowl saving tackle at the goal line and told the

Titans that the championship was "mine". No other league came close to the tension, so it is they we will not mention. Here at Behrend the teams began to experience success, and I was a fan of them all, I must confess. The men's

basketball team was preparing for the next year, and they would have no fear. The women's tennis team was winning the AMCC, and on the top is where it would be. This would happen the first four years and that would draw a lot of cheers.

The next year was Y2K and with that comes a lot to say. People were paranoid the world would end, but fortunately we lived and did not have to mend.

Mateen Cleaves led the Spartans to an NCAA Championship while he and Mo Pete formed a strong companionship.

The Ravens took the Super Bowl with an arrogant play-caller. Their coach does not even deserve a dollar.

Behrend and it's men's basketball team made its way to the NCAA. The Elite Eight was it, but that was still an exciting day.

In 2001 I joined the tennis team and I was hoping it would be as much fun as it did seem. The nation's concerns were on terrorism and hatred, meaning the days were tainted in red. Sports took a back seat to our concerns and from this incident everybody learns.

Behrend was still successful overall, bringing home the President's Cup. Still, citizens were wondering what was up.

Luckily, the Diamondbacks and Yankees gave viewers one hell of a match, and onto this competition America could latch. Craig Counsell and Luis Gonzalez were baseball's heroes, but the firefighters and police made their actions worth nothing but zeroes.

Thanks to everyone who overcame the

towers. Our gratitude and devotion was shown with hordes of flowers.

The year 2002 was full of tension, but there are some sports worth a mention.

Maryland was the sentimental favorite, so Juan Dixon showed that the Terrapins were it.

New England beat football's Goliath with a field goal. It was ironic how the Patriots were the last standing soul.

Behrend's Junker Center was finally in full use for about a year and to the Junker family the place was near and dear. New sports were added for all and they have been steadily improving overall.

This was a bit vague for the younger generation, but it brings back enough memories for the Behrend nation. I hope you enjoyed this corny column and there is no need to be solemn. Good luck to everyone from Behrend and community and here's to peace, good sports, and purity.



Douglas Smith
sports columnist

Track takes on tough competition

Faces Division I and II teams at Carnegie Mellon

By Amy Frizzell
Staff writer

During the weekend the Behrend men's and women's track team took on Division I and Division II schools at the Western Pennsylvania Championships at Carnegie Mellon University.

The team also took on harsh weather conditions which forced them to beat out the wind along with their opponents.

"Once again the weather played havoc. Our pole vaulters vaulted with a cross wind, and all the running finished into a strong head wind," said head coach Dave Cooper.

The women's team ended up taking ninth place out of 11 schools with 24.5 points.

"Considering the competition we did the best we could," said freshman Laura

Packosky.

Junior Jessica Knapp ran into the record books, breaking one of the oldest records at Behrend. In her debut run of the 5,000 meters she took third place with a time of 19:37.10.

"This was her first time running that event and she was very impressive," said Cooper.

"She is an excellent runner. It was impressive and it shows a lot of potential for the team to come," said Packosky.

Sharing Knapp's spotlight was sophomore and team captain Jessica Sarver. She took second place in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:46.46, qualifying her for ECAC's.

Also placing was freshman Staci Banaszek, taking eighth in the high jump and sixth in the triple jump. Freshman Nicole Mineweaser took seventh in the

400 meter hurdles, along with Packosky at seventh in the javelin. The 4 x 400 relay team of Mineweaser, sophomore Claire Manelick, sophomore Bethany Crooks, and Sarver took sixth place.

The men's team placed sixth out of 10 teams with 52 points. The Lions beat out Allegheny College, the only other Division III school, which took ninth with 44 points.

Leading the men's team was junior Isiah Meek, who placed second in the 110 hurdles.

"He ran a very good 15.57 in the prelims but by the finals the wind had picked up tremendously and he ran 15.77," said Cooper. "Which is still a very good time, considering the wind."

Also at the top of Behrends point collection was sophomore team captain Dave Masilunas, who finished sixth in

the hurdles.

Sophomore Donnie Hackworth placed sixth in the javelin, while freshman Chad Atwood took sixth in the discus. Placing in the 10,000 meters were sophomore Steve Werner at sixth and freshman Matt Sprung at seventh. Freshman Corey Poulson took eighth in the shotput, and freshman Jim Wardrop also took eighth in the javelin.

"We have a handful of athletes who are ill or injured," said Cooper. "Getting healthy is a priority before next week." Coming up this weekend the teams will compete in an invitational at Mount Union, where they will see more Division II and III teams.

"The team just wants to get as many people to ECACs as possible and to place as high as we can," said Packosky.

BEHREND SPORTS BRIEFS

BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

Baseball

Behrend is third in the AMCC in fielding percentage. In 22 games, the Lions have committed only 40 errors.

Junior Adam Best leads the AMCC with a .471 batting average.

Softball

The Lions are hitting .250 as a team. In 20 games, they have 129 hits.

Senior Emily Allen is among the best hitters in the AMCC. Allen's average is .341.

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Baseball

The Pirates dropped their home opener to the Milwaukee Brewers 5-3.

The Kansas City Royals are the best team in baseball. They have a 7-0 record and 1.000 winning percentage.

Basketball

The Syracuse Orangemen claimed the NCAA Men's Basketball championship over Kansas.

The women of UConn made it two in a row as they defeated Pat Summit and the Lady Volunteers of Tennessee for the national title.

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Housing and Food Service

Athlete of the Week



Adam Best

SPORT: Baseball
CLASS: Junior
DATE: April 7

Adam Best (Oil City/Oil City) was named this week's Beacon/Housing and Food Athlete of the Week.

Best hit .545 and was 2-for-3 in stolen bases this past week.

Currently, Best owns the best batting average in the AMCC. Best is hitting .476.

Through 19 games, Best has gathered 30 hits in 63 trips to the plate.

Best also leads the AMCC in stolen bases. In 19 attempts, Best has successfully swiped 17.

Next up for the Blue & White will be a double-header @ Lake Erie on Friday, April 11 at 1p.m.

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