

Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

Friday

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

Saturday

Baseball @ La Roche (DH), 1 p.m.

Track & Field Invitational @ Slippery Rock University, TBA

Men's Tennis @ AMCC Tournament @ Altoona, 9 a.m.

Monday

Golf @ Grove City Invitational, 1 p.m.

Tuesday

Baseball vs. Grove City (S), 3 p.m.

Softball @ Grove City (DH), 3 p.m.

Women's Water Polo vs. Grove City, 5:15 p.m.
 vs. Gannon, 9 p.m.

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

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

Baseball vs. Allegheny (S), 3 p.m.

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Track team excels at Mount Union Invitational

by Kevin Fiorenzo
 staff writer

The track team traveled to the Mount Union Invitational, a non-scoring event, this past Saturday to take on Division II and III teams.

The men have been doing fairly well in their events and this most recent contest was no different. In the 110 hurdles, Isiah Meek placed second with a time of 14.88. Dave Masilunas also participated in the event, finishing eighth at 15.26. Both have qualified for ECAC's. Meek was also able to accumulate a provisional national qualifying time in the hurdles. In sprinting events, Jason Kuntz participated in the 100 meter dash. He finished in eighth place at 11.16.

The men's team also has a strong

talent in Shane Rock, who performed well in the long jump and triple jump. He finished fourth in the long jump at 20-6 and took the top prize in the triple jump with a distance of 43-6. Rock ended up qualifying for ECACs in the triple jump.

While these events have been the squad's strength, the team has struggled in distance events, throws, and pole vault. Lack of depth is also hurting the team. The team competed also in the 4 X 100 relay, where Rock, Meek, Kuntz, and Matt Beckman brought the team a 44.55 time and eighth place finish, good enough to make ECAC's.

On the women's side, their major strengths are in the distance events. In the 5000 meters event, Jess Sarver finished in second place with a time of 18:20. She has qualified for ECACs in

this event, as well as the 1500 meter. Jess Knapp also qualified for ECACs in the 5000 meter.

In the jump events, Staci Banaszek is the only competitor. She has performed well and has made it to the ECACs in the high jump. This past weekend, she had a distance of 4-10 in the high jump, good for eighth, and 33-5 1/2 in the long jump. This placed her in sixth.

The throwing events have also gone well for the team. Her first time out, Laura Packosky broke the discus record. She placed sixth in the javelin with a distance of 102-4. Like on the men's side, a lack of depth is hurting the women's squad.

"Our overwhelming weakness is depth for the women," coach Dave Cooper said. "The 14 women remaining are understaffed and as a result spread

very thin at meets."

Considering the high level of talent present, both teams competed very well and Cooper was pleased with the team's performance.

"We had some really strong performances this past weekend. There were over 20 teams there and our people really answered the call," he said.

Along with the seven ECAC qualifiers, the team also set four Behrend records. Next on the schedule for the team is the Slippery Rock Invitational on Saturday, April 19th. The team hopes results will keep getting better.

"I expect us to get stronger weekly. We'll qualify more for ECAC's and this year hopefully score points on both the men's and women's sides," said Cooper.

Lacrosse finishes season with win over rival Slippery Rock

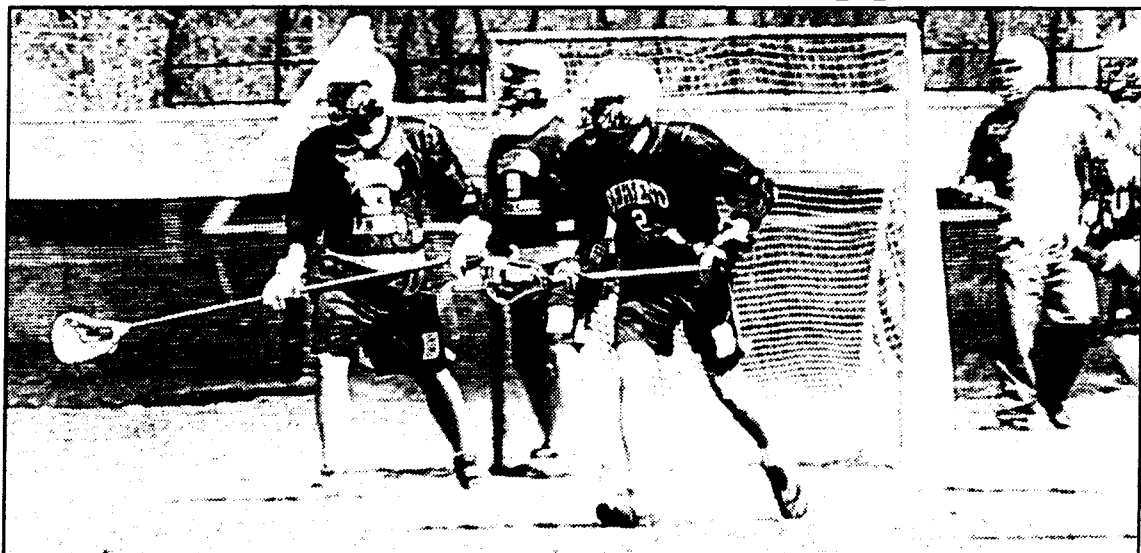
The Behrend club lacrosse team finished its season last weekend with a convincing 8-2 win over rival Slippery Rock.

After scoring in the first quarter, the Rockets were unable to penetrate the Lions defense until a last-second shot in the fourth quarter. This was the Behrend's most impressive win of the season.

Behrend's defense was lead by goalie Mike May who stopped more than 15 shots and the two that got by him, were flukes. The first quarter goal was deflected in off of the leg of a teammate, and the other goal was scored with literally a second left.

Scoring goals for Behrend were club president Chauncey Hartwig, Keith Snead, Scott Prior, and Mark Scabilloni.

The team finished its season with a record of 3-6, after facing mostly DI and II schools.



Goalie Mike May, along with defensemen Mike Hargather and Jason Walls, allowed only two fluke goals against Slippery Rock.

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BEHREND SPORTS BRIEFS

BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

Baseball

Behrend is currently second in the AMCC with a conference record of 7-2, and a six game winning streak.

Junior Mitch Reckner batted .600 with a grand slam, 3 home runs, 2 triples and a double to help give the Lions a 4-2 week.

Softball

Against Fredonia State, the Lions made a comeback in the bottom of the seventh inning to win 8-7.

Rounding out the rankings for ERA are Becky Corbin with 3.73 and Kim Raff with 4.73.

NATIONAL SPORTS NEWS

Golf

Mike Weir wins The Masters by shooting a 68, then beating out Len Mattiace in a playoff.

Masters favorite and defending champ Tiger Woods almost missed the cut after the second round and finished 15th.

NHL

In the Stanley Cup playoffs, the defending champs Detroit Red Wings fall to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks in first round 4-0.

Washington Capitals are tied with Tampa Bay Lightning 2-2 in first round.

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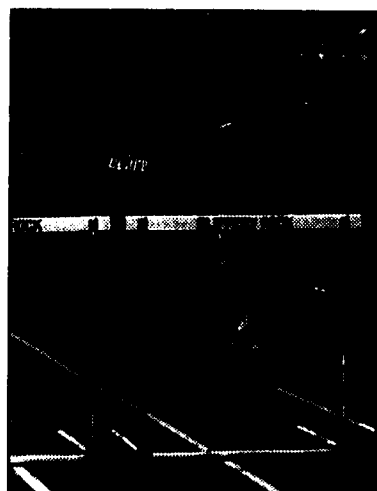
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Housing and Food Service

Athlete of the Week



Isiah Meek

SPORT: Track & Field
 CLASS: Sophomore
 DATE: April 14

Isiah Meek (Wayne/Wayne, NY) was selected as this week's Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week.

This past weekend in Mount Union, Meek placed second in the 110 hurdles out of 25 hur-

dlers. He set a new school record for Behrend, 14.88 seconds. Meek is an ECAC qualifier as well as a Provisional NCAA qualifier.

His time is the 12th best to date in the NCAA division three record books.

In every outdoor meet this season, Meek has

taken first or second place.

Next up for the blue & white will be an away meet at the Slippery Rock Invitational on Saturday.

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