

## On Deck Behrend Athletic Events

### Saturday

Men's Water Polo @ Eastern  
(Johns Hopkins)  
TBD

Women's Volleyball @  
Waynesburg Quad  
11 a.m.

Men's Soccer @  
Penn State Altoona  
5 p.m.

Women's Soccer @ Penn  
State Altoona  
7 p.m.

### Sunday

Men's Water Polo @ Eastern  
(Johns Hopkins)  
TBD

### Tuesday

Men's Soccer vs.  
Thiel  
3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball @  
Fredonia  
7 p.m.

### Wednesday

Women's Soccer @ Buffalo  
State  
3 p.m.

### Friday

Men's Water Polo @ CWPA  
Bucknell  
TBD

Women's Volleyball @  
AMCC Championships  
6 p.m.

## Intramurals Schedule

### Bowling

Men's, Women's  
COED  
deadline Oct. 31

3 vs. 3 Basketball  
Men's and Women's  
deadline Nov. 7

5 vs. 5 Basketball  
Men's and Women's  
deadline Dec. 12

# Water polo team shows improvement at Princeton



PHOTO BY HEATHER MYERS/BEHREND BEACON

Freshman Brandon Thiel has been one of the key players in the Lion's rebuilding season.

by Adam Massaro  
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The men's water polo team has proved it can score on any opponent, but the question still remains if they can produce enough scoring drives to win on a regular basis.

At the Princeton Inter Regional Tournament, the team took on highly favored Princeton in their first

game of the weekend.

"When we played Princeton I think we surprised a lot of people, we just did what we were supposed to do and played our game," said head coach Joe Tristan.

"Within three minutes of the first quarter we got a goal, and I heard a lot of people in the stands whispering 'did they just score on Princeton?'"

Tristan felt this was a victory in its self because teams of Princeton's caliber pride themselves in

# Women's tennis falls short of goals at the AMCC Tourney

by Kevin Fiorenzo  
sports editor

The women's tennis team's season ended on a bitter note this past weekend when they finished in fourth place at the AMCC Championships in Altoona.

The team went into the AMCCs with a record of 6-11 overall, 3-3 in conference. They had beaten both Frostburg and Penn State Altoona the last time the teams had played, giving the Lady Lions had reason to be optimistic going into the tournament.

Unfortunately, Altoona and Chatham made some last-minute lineup changes that caused problems for Behrend's squad because of the way the championships are formatted.

Junior Christy Leininger said, "The lineup changes really affected us. We aren't a last place team and some players that could have won their flights ended up losing."

The AMCCs are played in flights. All six singles and three doubles events are played in their own separate brackets. Each team has one player or doubles team in each flight.

Behrend started off the tournament on a very poor note. The No. 1 doubles team of sophomore Amber Weckoski and freshman Mindy Calvert lost in the first round of their event to Altoona's team by a score of 8-4.

The No. 3 team of sophomore Amy Frizzell and senior Jenny Zwang also lost in the first round to the Chatham's team by a score of 8-2.

The No. 2 team, the Lions' last chance for points in doubles, of Leininger and freshman Jenna

Yankowski lost in the finals to the team from Chatham by a score of 8-5.

The singles event was more of the same frustration for Behrend. Only three of the Lady Lions' players, Leininger, Yankowski and Frizzell, advanced to the finals of their events.

They all lost tight, hard-fought matches. Both Leininger and Yankowski lost to players from Chatham.

Leininger fell by a score of 6-3, 7-5. Yankowski competed well in the first two sets of her match but fell short in the third set, losing 6-4, 4-6, 6-0. Frizzell's match also went with a fight, but she lost to Frostburg's No. 5 by a score of 6-2, 6-4.

Behrend's other three starters, Weckoski, Calvert and Zhang, all lost in the first round of their events. By the final tally, the Lady Lions finished in last place out of the four teams, with a total score of 4 points.

It was a far cry from the goals the team set for themselves, especially since they believed that they were capable of beating all three of the other teams.

"I think some people played really well and others just were having a bad day," said Leininger.

The team has reason to be optimistic when they come back next fall. Five of their six starters will be returning next season to try to claim the AMCC title. This won't be an easy task but the team knows they will be ready for the challenge.

"I think we'll be really good because we are returning five starters and hopefully getting some good recruits," said Leininger. "We need to work improving our doubles teams, though, and playing more consistently next season."

shutting out Division 3 teams like Behrend, until the latter quarters of the game.

Princeton, who beat the 12<sup>th</sup> seeded Lions 15-2, would go on to take second overall at the tournament.

For the second game of the tournament the Lions faced a familiar foe in Gannon University, for the fifth time this season. After suffering four straight losses to the Golden Knights the Lions had a chance to redeem themselves.

Redemption eluded the Lions as the Knights sliced through State's defense en route to a 16-4 victory

"We played Gannon and it was a little bit tough, I don't think the guys had a good enough breakfast in the morning and it hurt them because we didn't have time in between games to get lunch," said Tristan.

"I also think the guys just wanted to get the game over with, not the best way to go about it, but after we watched the Gannon tape after the game and they (the players) saw it, they said 'we were really in the game and we made our own mistakes.'"

Yet, the trip down memory lane did not stop there; the Lions then proceeded to take on Division II rival Slippery Rock University, who held a two game winning streak over the Lions. The Rock maintained the upper hand in this relationship as it downed the Lions 12-2 for third time this season.

To wrap up the tournament, the Lions found themselves paired against the familiar face of Mercyhurst, a team the Lions had previously beaten twice this season.

At the beginning of the second half, both teams were in position to take control of the game. The Lions took the initiative and secured a 10-7 victory, increasing their winning streak against Mercyhurst to two games.

"I think it definitely helps our confidence, it shows that we can work as a team," said sophomore Joe Deely regarding the victory.

The Lions will try to use the experiences of the Princeton Inter Regional tournament and build on them as they prepare for Eastern's at John Hopkins.

"Being in a larger, 30 meter pool, really lets us see more of our weaknesses, like getting back on defense effectively," said Deely.

"I think that we are going to have to come together more consistently to really show our skill."

## Women's soccer stays undefeated in AMCC

by Rachel Lyons  
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The Lady Lions are back on track. After a 1-2 week, including a loss to 25th ranked Allegheny College, Behrend picked up a big conference win against Lake Erie College. With only three games remaining in the season, every win counts.

Senior captain and anchor of the Lady Lions' defense Mandy Gesuale called Behrend's win "really important" both in getting back on track, and picking up more ground in the AMCC.

Behrend's 5-0 win showcased a strong offensive attack from players all over the field. Junior Jill Vroman, sophomores Michelle Newland, Heather Crawford, and Holly Greiner all contributed with goals, as the Lady Lions kept up their perfect performance in conference play. The win improved the Lady Lions' record to 10-5 overall and 4-0 in conference play.

The victory over Lake Erie (2-12, 0-4) guaranteed Behrend at least a second place finish in the AMCC. The Lady Lions have three games remaining, including one against Frostburg State, who will rival Behrend for the AMCC title. The game will be "a big battle" according to Gesuale, but the team is only looking ahead to the next game.

Before the regular season showdown against Frostburg, Behrend will take on another conference foe in Penn State Altoona Saturday. In order to prepare for this weekend's game, Gesuale said "We need to keep our fitness up and just work on technical drills." The Lady Lions need to beat both Penn State Altoona and Frostburg in order to host the AMCC tournament, beginning on Nov. 5.

Penn State Altoona has struggled this season, 3-11 overall, and are in the middle of a four-game slide. Behrend will travel to take on PSA on Saturday at 7 p.m.