

On Deck Behrend Athletic Events

Saturday

Men's and Women's Indoor
Track & Field @
Case Western Reserve
9 a.m.

Women's Basketball @
Penn State Altoona
2 p.m.

Men's Basketball @
Penn State Altoona
4 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Basketball vs. Pitt-
Bradford (TV GAME)
6 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Pitt-
Bradford (TV GAME)
8 p.m.

Friday

Men's and Women's Indoor
Track & Field
@ SUNY-Fredonia
9 a.m.

Intramural Schedule

Men's, Women's and COED
Ping Pong
Play begins Feb. 9

Men's and Women's
Arena Football
Entry Deadline Feb. 6

Club Schedule

Men's Hockey @.
Case Western Reserve
8:30 p.m.

Men's basketball team maintains unbeaten conference record

by Ray Immekus
staff writer

The men's basketball team extended their winning streak to nine games with wins over Oberlin, Pitt-Greensburg and an overtime victory against LaRoche last week.

"We come in every day working really hard and no matter how many games we win, we'll always be at a high working level. We never slow down or slack off. We're always at a fast pace," said freshmen center John Katsiadis.

Senior center James Curren was named to the AMCC's Best of the Rest list after recording 19 points and 11 rebounds in the overtime win over LaRoche.

He followed that game up with a 16-point, seven-assist, five-rebound performance versus Oberlin.

With the win over LaRoche, the Lions are now 2-0 in overtime games this season. The first win came against Goucher College in the Behrend Tournament Championship.

Katsiadis said, "No matter what kind of situation we're in, whether it's a close game or a blowout, we're always supporting the team no matter what."

Junior guard Tom Lulich had 16 points and four rebounds and senior forward Casey Ponsoll added 13 points and four boards. Behrend managed only 25 points in the second half, blowing a 12 point

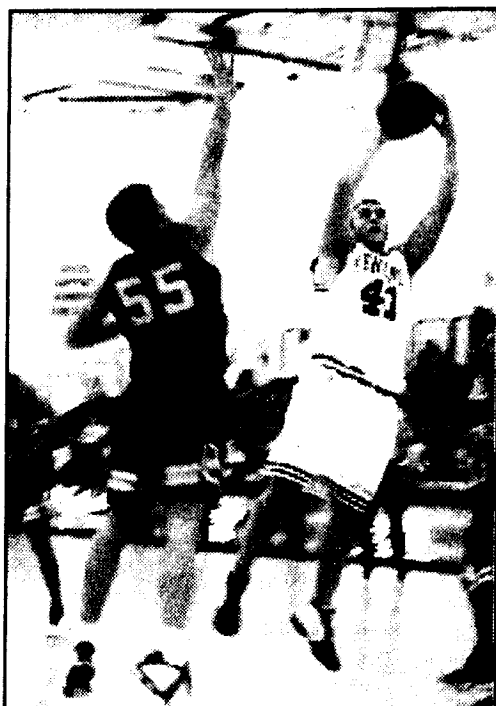


PHOTO BY JEFF HANKEY/BEHREND BEACON

Junior Jared Clough had 10 points and five boards in Wednesday's win over Pitt-Greensburg.

halftime lead. However, they finished strong in overtime to secure the victory.

Following the LaRoche game, the Lions re-

mained undefeated for this season with a 61-41 win over Oberlin College on Monday. Behrend controlled the game from beginning to end, shooting 46.9 percent from the field, including 47.1 percent from three point range. The Lions defense allowed Oberlin to connect on only 32 percent of their shots.

Junior guard Joe Lucas had 14 points and two rebounds in only 14 minutes of play, and Lulich pitched in with eight points, five boards and five assists. Oberlin was lead by Chris Ikpoh with nine points, 11 rebounds and three assists.

On Monday night, the Lions concluded their undefeated week with an 81-66 conference victory at Pitt-Greensburg. Behrend actually trailed by a point, 31-30, at halftime, but in the second half the Lions came alive, scoring 51 points to secure the conference win.

Five Lions scored in double figures, and the team shot 55.8 percent from the field for the game. Senior forward Casey Ponsoll led the team in scoring with 26. Curren and Lulich had 17 and 16 points respectively, senior forward David Hairston added 12 points and seven rebounds and junior forward Jared Clough had 10 points and five rebounds.

The Lions next travel to Penn State Altoona on Saturday, and then host Pitt-Bradford on Feb. 4, for a televised conference match-up.

Men and women swimmers race through competition

by Samantha Cibula
contributing writer

Last Friday the Behrend swimmers saw a spark as they raced through the water against Penn State Altoona and Frostburg State University in a double dual meet. The men and women both beat Penn State Altoona. The men won 39-33 while the women posted a 53-42 victory.

The victory for the women jolted a spark as they posted the third season win, which is the most wins for the women's swim team.

"Three wins might not seem like many, but we are swimming against teams who have established programs," said head coach Jen Slack. "This win shows an accomplishment for the team and the program."

Freshman Whitney Marshall led the way for the ladies with two individual wins. Marshall won the 200 yd freestyle and the 100 yd butterfly.

Senior captain Sarah McGarvey also had a sound meet, swimming her best times in the 100 yd freestyle and the 50 yd freestyle.

"We had many top season swims at the meet," said Slack. "The times showed that good things are coming for the Grove City invitational."

The guys swam strong under the leadership of junior captain Eric Phillips, who won the 200 yd IM and 200 yd breaststroke and was part of the winning 200 yd medley relay. Following his lead with two individual wins was sophomore Steve Schleicher and freshman Brandon Thiel.

"We are all feeling a little tired in the water but are swimming good times," said Phillips. "This just reinforces to us that our hard work will be paying off."

Schleicher captured first in the 500 yd freestyle and 1,000 yd freestyle while swimming best times. Captain Joe Deely had an outstanding performance in the 100 yd butterfly.

"I swam a very good time in the fly but my body felt like crap while I was swimming," said Deely. "It's weird to be swimming fast but not feeling fresh in the water. I think the whole team is excited to see how we do when are bodies are rested."

Frostburg beat the men and women but brought heat to the pool as they pushed the Behrend swimmers in close competition. The men lost 77-28 and the women were defeated 62-45.

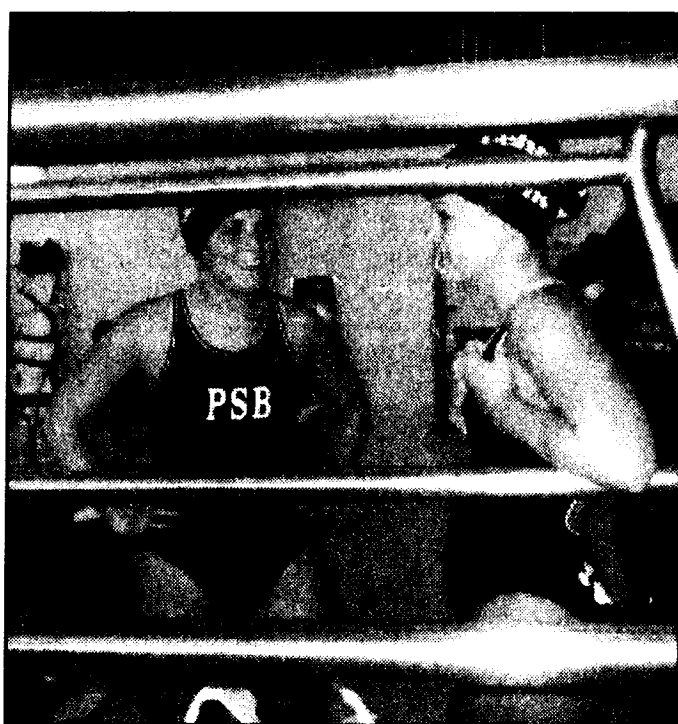


PHOTO BY SAMANTHA CIBULA/BEHREND BEACON

Carrie Smock and Whitney Marshall have been key parts this year of the women's swimming team

lied a combination of 22 points. Currently Behrend has one female diver, but she is not ready to compete.

"Not having a diver really hurts us since swimming and diving are scored together," said freshman Alexis Puhala. "If we would have divers a lot of our meets could have turned out differently for us because we could have earned more points."

Hypothetically, if Frostburg didn't have divers the Behrend women would have won by three points.

The women and men hope to improve their records when they take on Nazareth this Friday. The team will also be honoring seniors McGarvey, Tara Braden and Carrie Smock as they compete for the last time in their home pool.

Hockey team skates past Altoona

by Amy Hiles
contributing writer

Penn State Behrend's men's club hockey team competed in its first tournament of the season against Penn State Altoona at Galactic Ice Arena in Altoona on Saturday.

Behrend skated hard during all three periods, kept the pressure and level of play up the entire game and managed a strong win of 2-1.

The first goal was from DJ Craven and was assisted by Brad Rzepecki and Mike Fritts. The second goal was scored by Josh Smith with an assist from Josh Grumski.

"The freshmen were really strong throughout the entire game," said Fritts.

Craven managed to finish out the game even though in the third period, he was slashed and lost the end of his pinky finger.

"I was going to shoot at the net and I was slashed and when I took off my glove, I saw bone," Craven said.

Goalie Jon Stull played a great game with a total of 24 shots and 23 saves on goal.

"Our goalie played very well behind us and he definitely came through for us," said Fritts.

"Overall, I am proud of the team and how well we all played."

"We knew we had the ability to beat them and if we played hard we could win the game" said Craven.

Behrend was not fortunate enough to come out with a win against Penn State West in the second game of the tournament. The game against Penn State West was at the Galactic Ice Center on Sunday.

Tim McGill had the first goal for Behrend with an assist from John Romanelli and Joe Persang had the second goal.

Stull started the game, but Zach Marapese was sent in for a part of the game. Stull returned shortly to his place between the pipes.

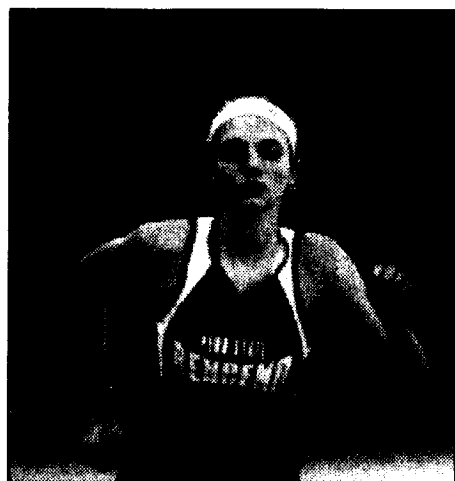
The Behrend players did not come into the game with their heads up as they were tired from the night before, but they gave it a good effort.

When they did start to pick it up, it was a little too late as the game was already slipping out of their hands and heading downhill.

"Overall we had a good tournament," said Craven. "Sunday's game wasn't what we had planned but we had a good run at it. We came as a team and played like one."

Housing & Food Service

Athlete of the Week



Jessica Knapp

**SPORT: WOMEN'S TRACK
AND FIELD
CLASS: SENIOR
DATE: JAN. 26, 2004**

**IN THE SEASON OPENER
OF INDOOR TRACK AND
FIELD AT SLIPPERY ROCK
BROKE HER OWN PREVIOUS
RECORD FOR THE
3000 METER RUN. SHE
SET THE NEW SCHOOL**

**RECORD WITH A TIME OF
10:48.30 TAKING FIRST
PLACE IN THE EVENT.
KNAPP'S OLD RECORD
WAS 10:59.30 WHICH
SHE SET IN 2003
NEXT UP FOR THE BLUE
AND WHITE WILL BE THE
CASE WESTERN RESERVE
SPARTAN RELAYS ON
SATURDAY AT 9 A.M.**