

# Fall sports wrap ups

## Men's soccer team beats Frostburg for AMCC crown



had over the season. Leading the way for Behrend was senior Andy Laver. Laver led the Lions in goals (10), assists (6) and points (26). For his efforts, Laver was named the AMCC Player of the Year and was a member of the all-conference first team. Two other Behrend players, sophomore Dan Bash and senior goaltender Jacob

The men's soccer team had perhaps its most successful season this past fall, winning the AMCC title and advancing to its first ever NCAA Tournament.

After capturing the regular season title with a 5-1 conference record, the Lions made their way to the finals where they faced Frostburg State. Behrend came away with a 1-0 victory in that game.

There impressive conference season and title then led to the squad getting the team's first ever bid to the NCAA Tournament.

In the tournament, the Lions were faced with the daunting task of playing defending champ Messiah College. Unfortunately, Messiah overwhelmed the Lions and came away with a 3-0 victory.

Though the season ended on a losing note, it couldn't take away the accomplishments the team

### AMCC final standings

Penn State Behrend	5-1
Frostburg State	5-1
Pitt-Greensburg	4-2
La Roche	3-3
Penn State Altoona	3-3
Lake Erie	1-5
Pitt-Bradford	0-6

Hordych, were members of the first team as well. Hordych finished the season as the AMCC leader in shutouts with nine. He is also the Lions' career leader in shutouts.

Members of the all-conference second team were freshman Stanley Kawessi-Katongole and sophomores Mark Cipriani and Brian Blaszczyk. Honorable Mention went to sophomore Justin Reese.

## Women's soccer takes second place in AMCC Championships

Although it fell short in the end, the women's soccer team played another strong season in the fall of 2003 in advancing to the conference finals.

In the regular season, the women racked up a 5-1 AMCC record. Their only loss came in a 4-1 defeat from Frostburg in the last regular season game of the season.

In the conference tournament, the Lady Lions again faced Frostburg, but fell short once more, 4-2.

Though the season ended in disappointment, the women had much to be proud of.

Four players, sophomores Michelle Newland, Heather Crawford and Stephanie Bowen and freshman goaltender Dara Nielsen, were named to the

all-conference first team. Crawford and Newland had eight and seven

goals, respectively, over the course of the season. Nielsen recorded 60 saves in her first year. Nielsen also tied for the AMCC lead in saves with nine.

Members of the second team were senior Mandy Gesuale and sophomore Holly Greiner. Greiner led the team in points with 28 and tied for the lead in

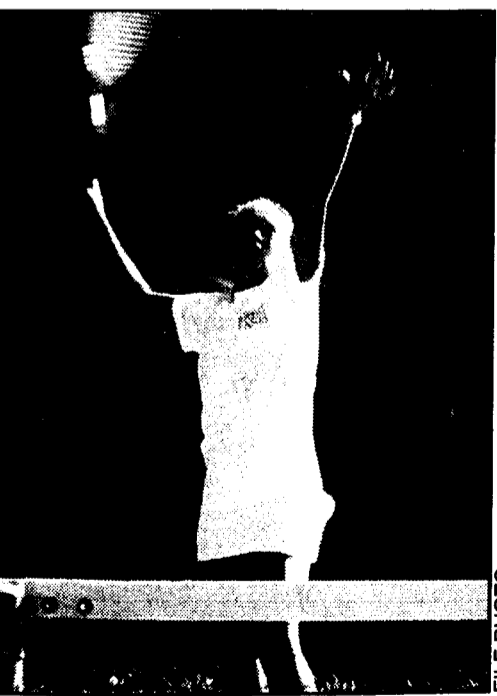
goals with nine.

Sophomore Kacie Burns and senior Erin Maurer both received Honorable Mentions in the conference.

### AMCC final standings

Frostburg State	6-0
Penn State Behrend	5-1
Pitt-Greensburg	3-2
La Roche	3-2
Penn State Altoona	2-4
Lake Erie	1-5
Pitt-Bradford	0-6

## Women's tennis team falls short at AMCCs



In the doubles events, the team's No. 1 and No. 3 pairings both lost in the first round.

The No. 2 team of junior Christy Leininger and freshman Jenna Yankowski advanced to the finals, where they lost to Chatham College.

In the singles events, the women fared slightly better, advancing three players to the finals of their flights.

At No.3, Leininger lost her final match to Chatham's No.3 player. Yankowski lost a three set match, also to Chatham. Finally, No. 1 seed sophomore Amy Frizzell also lost in the finals to Frostburg State.

For their efforts in reaching the finals of their flights, these players were named to the all-conference second team.

While the season ended disappointingly, the team has reason to be optimistic because they are returning five of last season's six starters.

### AMCC Final Standings

Chatham College	6-0
Frostburg State	3-3
Penn State Behrend	3-3
Penn State Altoona	0-6

The women's tennis team endured a disappointed season last fall that culminated with a fourth place finish in the AMCC Tournament.

The Lady Lions finished out the regular season with a 6-11 overall record, 3-3 in the AMCC.

While the regular season was underwhelming for the women, they hoped to rebound with a strong performance in the AMCCs.

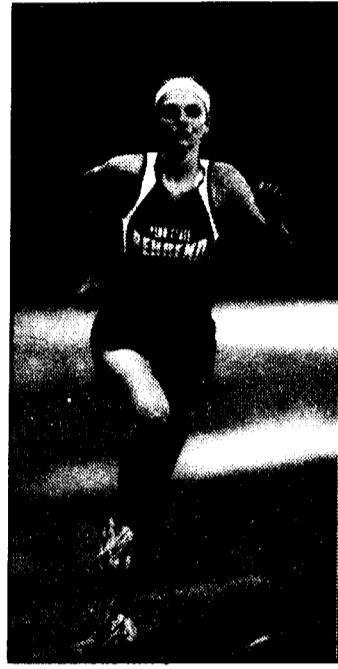
Unfortunately, the team was unable to contest very much for the conference title.

A few of the teams altered their lineups and that ended up hurting the Lady Lions' chances for victory.

## Cross country sets new ground Women regionally ranked

The men's cross country team, led by a crew of newcomers, recorded a second place finish this past season in the AMCC Tournament.

With 35 points, the men finished just behind the champs, Frostburg State.



One of the keys this season has been the performances of the team's freshmen.

The top finishers in the tournament for Behrend were freshmen Brad Ruffo, Ruben Smith and Craig Davis, who finished fourth, fifth and seventh, respectively.

All three were named to the AMCC first team. Junior Tim Schultheis was also named to the first team.

For his efforts all season, Ruffo was named the AMCC Newcomer of the Year.

The women's cross country team ended on a down note as its top five finishers in the AMCC tournament were disqualified.

Because of confusion over the race route, the top five finishers, all Behrend runners, were disqualified for taking the wrong route.

The only member of the team to make the all conference team was freshman Bethany Crooks.

Regardless of the way the season ended, the team earned several accolades. Junior Jessica Knapp was named the AMCC Runner of the Year and freshman Leslie Gentile was the Newcomer of the Year. Head coach Dave Cooper was named the Coach of the Year.

The team was also ranked sixth regionally for two consecutive weeks.

## Volleyball's Bemis sets new records



The women's volleyball team, led by senior Danielle Bemis, finished the season with 17-17 record and was upset in the first round of the AMCC tournament.

The Lady Lions finished the regular season with a .500 overall record and were 8-4 in the AMCC, good for a second place finish.

In the AMCC tournament, though, they were defeated by lower seed Penn State Altoona, 3-1.

Highlights of the season included several records being broken by Bemis. The senior outside hitter set records for career kills (1,125) and digs (1,666).

Bemis was also named to her second consecutive all-conference first team.

Sophomores Trisha Adams and Amanda Evans were named to the second team. Junior Ashley Ordy was named an Honorable Mention player.

Freshman Rae Ann Sherrad was named the AMCC Newcomer of the Year. Sherrad record 334 digs and 258 kills over the course of the season.

### AMCC final standings

Frostburg State	12-0
Penn State Behrend	8-4
Penn State Altoona	7-5
Pitt-Bradford	7-5
La Roche	6-6
Pitt-Greensburg	2-10
Lake Erie	0-12

## Men's golf team finishes second in AMCC

The men's golf team competed in a successful season this past fall, finishing in second place at the AMCC tournament.

During the regular season, the team played in several events where they had a string of third place finishes at the Behrend Invitational, ECAC Championships and the ECACs at Skidmore.

In early October, the team traveled to LaRoche, where they competed in the conference championship.

There, they finished with a team score of 329, good for second place behind winner Penn State

Altoona.

The team's low finisher was freshman Josh Hull with a score of 79. Hull finished in fifth place.

Behrend's other scores were freshman Josh Loaney with an 82, junior Anthony Pagliari with an 83 and sophomore Kevin Thieman with 85.

For their efforts, Hull and Loaney also made the AMCC all-conference team.

The golf team resumed play in the spring, where at the Behrend Invitational, Grove City Invitational and Allegheny Invitational.

## Men's water polo squad begins to rebuild team

The men's water polo team endured a rebuilding season this past fall as the team finished with a disappointing 4-25 record.

The team played in several invitationals that will give it experience in the future.

Some of the team's destinations were Grove City, Bucknell, Princeton, the Eastern Championships and CWPA Championships.

The squad's four wins all came against frequent opponent Mercyhurst College.

While the season ended disappointingly, there is reason for the team to be optimistic.

Only one senior was a member of the team. The Lions also feature 10 freshmen and four sophomores who will help the Behrend squad improve.

