

SPORTS

Golfers bring home AMCC Championship Loaney earns runner's-up honors

By Jenna O' Block
staff writer

The golf team just had its last match of the season at Pine Acres Golf Course in Bradford. Pitt-Bradford was the host of the AMCC men's championship.

Only five guys that played in the AMCC championship. Josh Loaney, Josh Hull, Kevin Grignol, Jeff Black and Tom Ohmer. Loaney carded a 75 and tied for first place individual medalist.

After a sudden death playoff Loaney came away with runner's-up honors. Grignol recorded an 80, Hull recorded an 82, Tom had an 85 and Black carded an 88.

The other guys who rounded out the team are Anthony Pagliari, Dan Whitty, David Kostanich, Mike Rakieski, Kevin Thieman and Gary Dilliman. All of these men contributed to the successful season that the golf team had.

"These guys have come along way," said assistant coach Bowen. "Their hard work and dedication paid off in bringing home the AMCC title."

"It was very exciting to get a win down in Bradford to cap of an outstanding year for Behrend Golf," said sophomore Josh Hull.

This year the blue and white has had one of the most successful years in team history.

"It was also nice to get this win for our co-captains Jeff Black and Anthony Pagliari, who will be leaving us at the end of spring semester on such a positive note to end their athletic career, and I am proud to help them achieve their goal of winning AMCC's," said Hull.

"I credit and send out my thanks to each individual on this team for making it the most successful season in Behrend golf history," said Black.

This year the team had six new freshmen, and two of them have played in every match.

"This year my co-captain Black and I were excited from day one," said Pagliari. "We all hung out and had a blast this year. It was the most fun I have had within team competition."

"My goal since I have been golfing for Behrend has been to win the AMCC championship," said Black. "It's a great feeling to stand there with your best friends and be honored with this title."

From the perspective of the girls' team, this fall season was a short one for them since they only had four girls on the team, although they have quite a few matches planned for the spring.

"The main focus of our team was to always do the best we could at the matches, while constantly working to improve our game," said Hilary Neal. "We had a fun season, and we hope to recruit a couple more girls for the spring!"

The other women who played are Shelly Leonard and Brittany Gray. Leonard placed first in the Pitt-Greensburg tournament reaching a milestone and became the first woman to have a first place finish in a golf tournament.

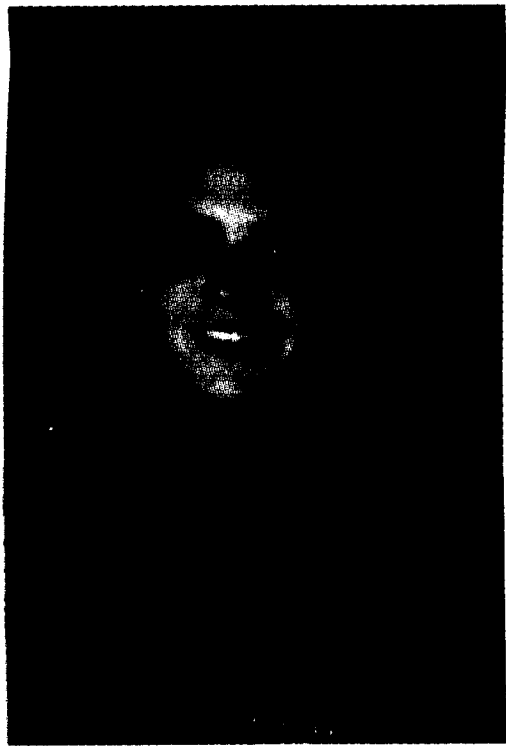
"I feel that the both teams had a good season overall," said Bowen. "Both the men and women teams are looking forward to the spring season."



Jeff Black made a big contribution on the green as the Lion's made history. contributed photo

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

NAME: Josh Loaney
SPORT: Men's Golf
CLASS: Sophomore
DATE: Oct. 11, 2004



Josh Loaney helped carry the men's golf team to an AMCC championship!

Josh Loaney (Cranberry/Seneca Valley H.S) was named this week's Beacon/Food and Housing Athlete of the Week.

Loaney was the runner-up at last weekend's AMCC Golf Championships. Loaney and Penn State Altoona's Kevin Lazzarro tied during regulation with a score of 75. Lazzarro defeated Loaney in a sudden death match, but Loaney's scored aided the Behrend Lions in taking their first AMCC Championship title in the history of the program.

The men's golf team will start up their spring season on April 8 at the Gannon Invitational.

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

Women's soccer eyes title

By Kara Schmienmann
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The women's soccer team is making every effort to win the conference title this year.

Coach Patrick O'Driscoll said, "Our record currently stands at 10-2-1 and 6-0 in the AMCC. We are playing very well. Our goal is to win the conference title. We have a big game against Frostburg on Saturday; they are one of our biggest rivals in the conference. I think we have a good enough team to go all the way."

On Tuesday the women had a victorious conference game against Pitt-Bradford.

"We did well in executing our style of play and came out strong in the first half leading 6-0 at half time," said senior Carrie Smock. "We finished the game strong with a 10-0 win over Bradford."

The girls are more than ready to win against Frostburg.

"After Pitt-Bradford we're playing Frostburg, the defending AMCC Champions," said junior Colleen Applebaugh. "Let me be the first one to say, we want to conquer and destroy this team. Our goal is to technically and physically dominate this game. We are completely capable of traveling down to Maryland and showing them a thing or two about soccer."

"Everyone has worked so hard this year and it's obvious that we all want to accomplish the same goal," said sophomore Kara Struski. "Our pre-season was probably the hardest it's ever been and we have kept our conditioning up throughout the season and will continue to do so as the season progresses. One of our team goals is to be the fittest team in the conference and as of right now, I believe we are."

The Lion's are in the right mindset to get the job done. They are working together and coming out strong. Their record thus far is an impressive one. No matter how well they are doing, the Lion's seem to be ready to work harder and come out even better than before.

"As a captain, I think our success has a lot to do with the team chemistry and the fact that we had a lot of freshman step up and play for us," said junior Kacie Burns. "It is a key factor that the team is so close and it is helping to strengthen the team." "This season has been a great success because of our closeness on and off the field. We look forward to accomplishing a lot as a team this season and seasons in the future," said sophomore Nicole Reges.

With the team's combined skill and work ethic, the Behrend women's soccer team is headed in the right direction.

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