

# SPORTS

## Men's swim team dominates Fredonia Women win nine events and come up short

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The men and women's swim teams went head to head with Fredonia Nov. 10. The men were able to capitalize on strong swims driving in fast times and important points. The men posted a 125-65 victory evening their record to 1-1.

The women found the meet to be a test of event domination and depth in the pool. Although they were able to win nine individual events and one relay they found themselves short of a win posting 96 points to Fredonia's hard fought 133. The loss for the women drops their record to 0-2.

Although the men fell short of a win in the first event, they touched the wall first in eight individual events, the final relay, and took home 13 points in one meter diving.

Leading the Behrend men were freshmen Dustin Fairchild and Anthony Spoto. Fairchild captured first in the 500-yd freestyle by 2.82 seconds. In the 200-yd freestyle Fairchild out-touched sophomore teammate Brandon Thiel by 2.25 seconds in an event that Behrend capitalized on taking first through fourth places.

Spoto's fast hands and quick turns gave the blue and white first place in the 50 and 100-yd freestyle, which were also high scoring events for the men.

"The guys are swimming fast, faster than they were last year at this time," said head coach Jen Slack. "I'm looking forward to seeing great races as the season progresses."

Captain junior Steve Schleicher added to the first place finishes in the 1,000-yd freestyle that had him racing stroke for stroke for the majority of the 40 laps. Fresh-

man, Matt Seiferth added a first place finish in the 200-yd breaststroke setting a new pool record with the time of 2:22.44. Washington and Jefferson's Chris Shively with the time of 2:22.62 held the previous record.

The women, like the men, set a quick pattern-winning event after event starting with the 400-yd medley relay and ending with a win and new team record in the 200-yd breaststroke. The wins for the women started to seem easy to come by and they found themselves tied for first going into the first round of diving. However, they quickly realized that to win meets it would take more than just first places.

"We were winning events which is what we have to do to win meets," said Slack. "It's just the matter of getting the second and third places points to win the meets."

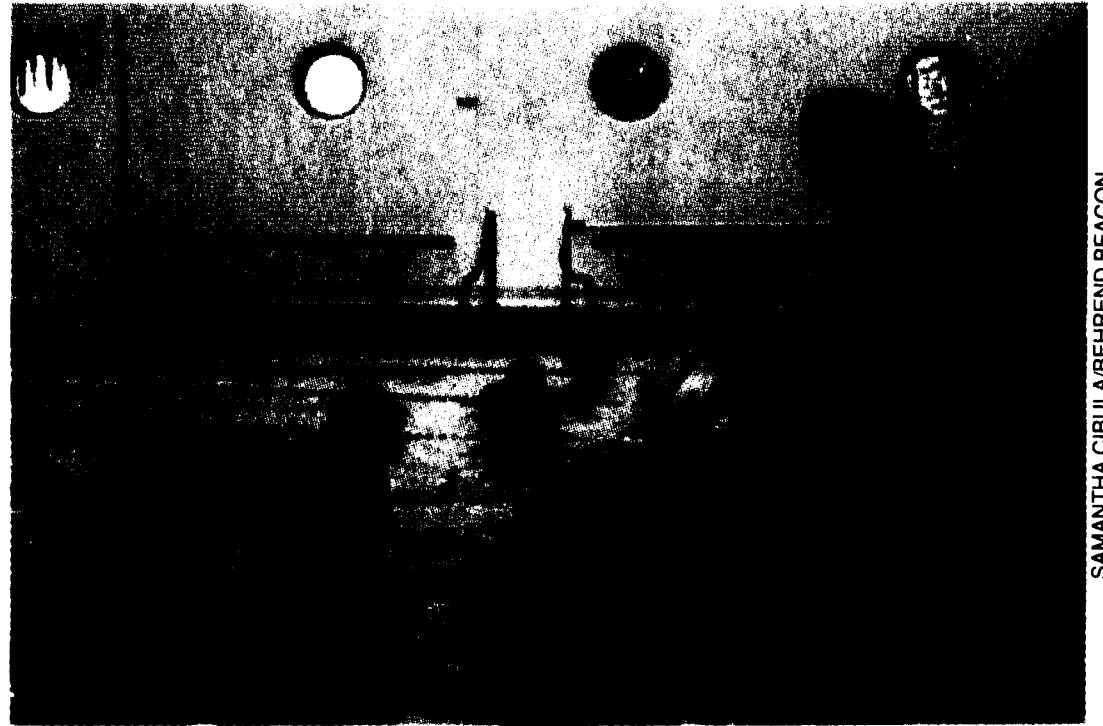
Despite the loss the women remained tough banking the nine first place points in nine individual events and one relay.

The women were lead by veteran sophomores Whitney Marshall and Brittany Yost, and talented freshman Cyndi Morales.

Marshall tripled winning the 200-yd freestyle, 200-yd butterfly and swimming a leg in the 400-yd medley relay. Marshall found herself in her element setting a new pool record in the 200-yd butterfly with the time of 2:25.37.

Veteran teammate Yost dominated the sprinting events posting victories in both the 50 and 100-yd freestyle and out touching Frostburg's anchor in the 400-yd medley relay by six hundredths of a second.

Morales also tripled for the lady lion's breaking records



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The men and women's swim teams practice mornings and evenings in order to be properly conditioned for AMCC competition.

each time she hit the water. Morales set new team records in the 1000-yd freestyle, 400-yd individual medley, and 500-yd freestyle.

Her individual medley time of 4:59.96 shattered the pool record that was set by Washington and Jefferson's Katie Groznik with a time of 5:08.56.

Freshman Missy Pilewski and junior diver Catherine Franklin added to the record-breaking trend. Pilewski set a new record in the women's 200-yd breaststroke with a time of 2:40.51 while first year diver, Franklin set a new one meter diving record scoring 145.10 points.

The men and women look to continue their event domination and record-breaking trend when they take on St. Vincent Nov. 13.

## Volleyball takes second in AMCC championship

By Alyssa Peconi  
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The Behrend volleyball team finished their season at the AMCC championships Nov. 6 at Frostburg. The women fell to Frostburg in their final meeting, but had a successful season under the leadership of first-year head coach Phil Pisano and assistant coach Gerry Vensel. The team finished with record of 17-15 and a conference record of 7-2, while four players were named to the all-conference team.

The women went into the AMCC semi-final match on Friday with the will to win. They came out strong and defeated Penn State Altoona on Friday. The lady lions came back from a 5-0 deficit in game five to defeat their opponent. Behrend won the match in five games, 3-2, with scores of 31-33, 30-23, 30-20, 25-30, and 15-13.

The team worked together to achieve victory over Altoona with help from key players, Elaine Voltz, who had 26 kills, Lisa Wagner, who had 24 kills, and Ashley Ordy who had 36 digs in the game.

Pisano said that the "team responded well under pressure and showed how much they've improved this season" during the match.

The women headed into their next match, of the AMCC championship against Frostburg on Saturday with excitement and adrenaline from the previous night's victory.

Behrend began their games strongly with leads in each of the first two games, but they could not hold off the experienced Frostburg team. They proved to be too difficult an opponent for Behrend and fell to the Bobcats in three games with scores of 25-30, 20-30, and 17-30.

Though the girls didn't win the AMCC championship, they were pleased with their season. Behrend came into the season with only two players that had much college experience, so as a young team, it was a great learning experience for the players.

Pisano said he feels that the "team showed tremendous improvement throughout the season and we were a much better team by the end, playing our best in the last few weeks."

The Behrend team shined with many star players. Sophomore middle hitter Elaine Voltz led the team offensively and was named to the all-conference first-team. In the AMCC tournament, Voltz hit .307, averaging 5.1 kills per game. Overall, Voltz finished the season with 466 kills, 64 solo blocks, and 51 block assists, leading the team in all three statistical areas.

Another player who received All-Conference honors was junior setter Amanda Evans, who became leader for assists in a season at Behrend with 1,166 and also earned all-time career assist leader at Behrend with 3,344. Evans was also named to the second team All-Conference.

Pisano said that Evans "showed tremendous improvement this season and really grew as a leader."

Outside hitter Lisa Wagner, was likewise named for the second team All-Conference. She took on a starting role as a sophomore and did extremely well with 382 kills and 460 digs.

The final player among the Behrend women's volleyball team who earned all-conference honors was senior libero Ashley Ordy, who finished with 656 digs and 62 aces and was named to the second team All-Conference.

Ordy will end a fantastic career at Behrend where she holds the second all-time record at Behrend for digs with 1,669, and aces with 206.

Everyone can agree that "it will be a challenge to replace her energy, enthusiasm, and leadership," said Pisano.

This season, coaching was a major asset for the team with the addition of Pisano and Vensel, so players received training from two coaches, which only improved their training.

"Overall, we feel excited about the direction of the program and that this is only the first step toward a very bright future," said Pisano.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER BRIEFING

By Andrew McLachlan  
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The lady lions after losing a close game to Frostburg in the AMCC Tournament, played La Roche in the AMCC semi-final. The blue and white won with ease, 4-0.

The team came into the game after losing a close game in the AMCC tournament to Frostburg, 3-2 in double overtime. Goals were scored by freshmen Julia Quail and Emily Miller, and juniors Katie Burns and Michelle Quail. Quail knew that this game was not going to be easy.

"We know that even though we didn't beat La Roche in the playoffs it was going to be a tough game to win."

The Behrend women's soccer team will play Carnegie Mellon, Saturday November 13, in the next round of the AMCC championship at Johns Hopkins College, located in Baltimore, Maryland.

## Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week



Heather Crawford

SPORTS CLASS: Women's Soccer  
DATE: November 8, 2004

Heather Crawford (Aliquippa/Hopewell) scored both goals for the Behrend Lions in last weekend's AMCC Championship game against Frostburg. Behrend fell to the Bobcats in double-overtime, 3-2. Crawford is leading the team in points earned this season. She has racked up eight goals and six assists over 17 games.

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