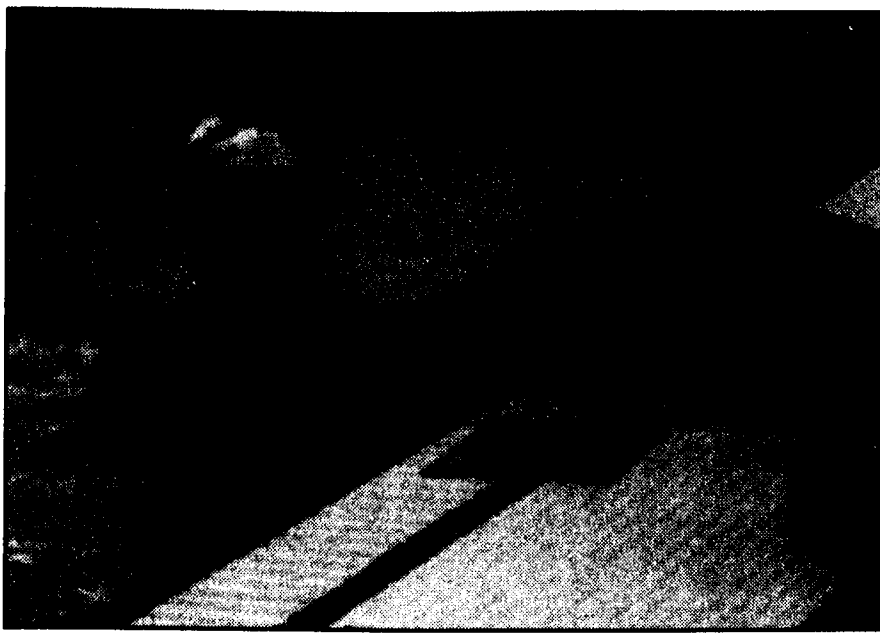


SPORTS

Swim team's respectively improve season standings



Samantha Cibula/Behrend Beacon

Sprinter Brittany Yost swam personal best against St. Vincent college in both the 50-yd freestyle and 100-yd backstroke.

By Samantha Cibula
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Nov. 13 the Behrend men and women's swim teams both improved their records and did it with respect. The teams faced Saint Vincent College men and women's swim teams who were experiencing their first competition as a varsity team.

The St. Vincent women currently have a roster of 10 but only five women placed in individual events, while the men's team is carrying two individuals only one swim at the meet.

The blue and white went into the meet like any other knowing they were out to produce fast times and compete in quality races.

The men posted a 59-9 victory, improving their record to 2-1. The women found their first win of the season with and 82-41 boosting their record to 1-2, just under 500.

Inner team competition played a role in the meet for the men. St. Vincent only had one male swimmer, so the men looked to their teammates to push them through the races.

In the 100-yd freestyle freshmen Anthony Spoto, Matt Seiferth and sophomore Brandon Thiel pushed each other during the quick four laps.

Spoto hit the wall first for the men with a time of 51.09; Seiferth drove in a time of 51.52 just out-touched by his freshman teammate. Thiel finished just short of second with a time of 52.11. The 100-yd freestyle was one out of three events the man winning the race didn't swim exhibition.

"Even though St. Vincent wasn't able to provide strong competition we were able to get up and race each other," said Spoto. "I want to push myself and my teammates at the same time."

"It was St. Vincent's very first com-

petition as a new team, I didn't want its swimmers to get discouraged," said head coach Jen Slack on swimming many of the races as exhibition.

Throughout the meet Behrend men swam exhibition races 15 times. There was only one event plus diving that there wasn't anyone swimming exhibition in the race.

"Although our athletes swam exhibition they still had to race hard," said Slack.

Doubling St. Vincent's score the women, like the men, swam exhibition a number of times throughout the meet. In four races the women had exhibition swimmers.

"I didn't want their athletes to be discouraged, instead St. Vincent was able to swim us and see how a team can grow and develop over a five year period," said Slack.

The Lady Lion's were also able to capitalize by pushing each other through the races. Sophomore Brittany Yost swam personal best in the 50-yd freestyle and 100-yd backstroke. In each race she was pushed by her own teammates.

"Swimming against our own teammates pushed us to swim fast times even though there were no girls to swim on the other team, which is important to get fast seed times for conferences at the end of the season," said sophomore Alexis Puhala.

Freshman Melissa Pilewski set the only new team record for the ladies. Her time in the 100-yd breaststroke of 1:13.61 broke that of former Behrend standout Tara Braden, who is currently in finishing her last semester of college.

After improving their records both the women and men look to gear up for tough races and head to head competition Saturday at Gannon and Sunday at Nazareth.

Hockey team has high hopes

By Jenna O'Block
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Behrend's hockey team is one point down from being in 1st place in their division with a current record of 4-4-1. The team is in the North Division and play in College Hockey East, which is a league associated with ACHA division III hockey.

Even though Behrend's hockey team is not a school run sport, they are an extremely competitive club team. Behrend plays other teams from University of Pittsburgh, St. Vincent College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Case Western University, and more. The team has three coaches, Head Coach Derrick Gates, assistant coaches Mike Cook and Aaron Patterson.

"We have great expectations for this season," said junior forward Rich Sgrignoli. "Things are looking pretty good for us right now."

On Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 the hockey team pulled off back to back wins in division games against Case Western and Allegheny. Behrend dominated both games, beating Case Western 6-2 and Allegheny 8-3. The team's se-

nior goalie, Jon Stull played tremendous in both games.

In the Allegheny game Behrend only had five defensemen, but were able to step up and play a great game.

"For the defense to have to skate as much as they did during the game and still shut down the offense of Allegheny," said Sgrignoli. "It really says something about the players we have on our team."

"We've been working a little more with the pucks in practices" said Ryan Lang, senior, defense. "It has definitely improved our passing and shots come game time."

This upcoming weekend the team is traveling to Youngstown Ohio to play Youngstown state. Then on Sunday night the team will be playing Allegheny again on at the Mercyhurst ice arena. The team is hoping to get the place packed for this game. Behrend's hockey team draws more fans for their games than Mercyhurst's NCAA Division I does.

"The fan support was really helped in our win against Allegheny, and we are hoping for just as many if not more when they come back for revenge on Sunday," said junior cen-

ter Joe Persang.

"It should be a very hard fought contest but I think we'll come out victorious," said Sgrignoli.

"A second game this soon against Allegheny should make for a good game," said Lang.

According to Sgrignoli some players who have really done a lot for the Behrend hockey team this year is goalie Stull, Senior Lang, Junior Forward Jon Romanelli, who has been playing absolutely terrific, and sophomore forward DJ Craven has also been playing extremely well. The freshmen this year have been vital to the success of the team. Dan Thiessen and Brysten Jones are two examples of the freshmen who have done nothing but contributed to the success of the team's program.

"If we can at least make other teams aware of us by being very competitive with them," said Jones, winger. "I believe we can make a name for ourselves and will then start to pull more and more hockey players into Behrend."

The semester is almost over but The Beacon never rests. If you're interested in writing for sports in the spring, email behrendbeacon@aol.com.

Weekly sports trivia quiz

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

QUESTIONS:

- 1.) Yes or No? Has a rookie quarterback ever started in a Super Bowl?
- 2.) When was the first LPGA Tour event televised?
- 3.) What was the Florida Citrus Bowl originally called?
- 4.) Who said this? "Old place-kickers never die, they just go on missing the point."
- 5.) True or False? Babe Ruth never played in a night game.

ANSWERS:

- 1.) No.
- 2.) 1963 ABC televised the final round of the U.S. Women's Open.
- 3.) Tangerine Bowl.
- 4.) Lou "The Toe" Groza." (A Hall of Famer, Groza was a kicker for the Cleveland Browns from 1946 to 1967. He also was NFL Player of the Year in 1954.)
- 5.) True.

PENN ST. BEHREND LEADS AMCC PRESIDENTS' CUP STANDINGS

With 43 points, Penn State Behrend leads the AMCC in the Presidents' Cup standings at the conclusion of the fall sports season. The Behrend Lions, which won three of seven conference championships in the fall and were runners-up in three more, are followed in the rankings by Penn State Altoona with 39 points, and Frostburg State University with 35 points. For the complete standings go to www.amccconf.org

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Anthony Pagliari
Men's Golf

BB: What are your plans after graduation?
AP: My plans after graduation are to take my Players Ability Test, I am looking to follow my dream and become a teaching professional. I plan on moving to Nevada and apprenticing under Butch Harman at his Golf School. After that I plan on going into banking and pu my degree in finance to work.
BB: What is your favorite memory?
AP: My favorite memory are the trips away and our win at the AMCC championship this year. It is awesome to have a conference championship under my belt as a captain.
BB: What is your most embarrassing moment?
AP: My most embarrassing/funny moment was when we were at a tournament at Lake Erie College. I was walking up the fairway, and came to a creek, I thought I could jump it, but I was wrong. I played the rest of the round with a muddy left leg.
BB: What will you miss most?
AP: I will miss the team play the most. Being part of a team is the best feeling in the world. Being part of a team makes winning better, and more important.



Kathryn Ranalli
Women's tennis

BB: What are your plans after graduation?
KR: I am graduating in December; however, I plan to goback to school to get my teach certification. I Would like to teach high school social studies.
BB: What is your favorite memory?
KR: My favorite memory from tennis is definitely winning the AMCC championship this year. The entire team played very well. Not only was it quite an achievement, but it also brought closure to a great session.
BB: What is your funniest moment?
KR: There were a lot of funny moments during the season, especially at practices. We laughed and had a lot of fun. I really don't think I can pick just one moment.
BB: What will you miss most?
KR: I think most of all I'll miss the competition. There is nothing like it! Also, I'll miss the girls and coach. It's always great being part of a team

INTRAMURAL 3 VS. 3 HOOPS

Mon, Nov 15

League A
Schodt Brothers 26 Outta Shape 22
Str8 Ballin 28 Outta Shape 19
Too Hot for TV 23 Player Haters 22
Schodt Brothers 2 Project Mayhem 20
Str8 Ballin 36 Delta Chi 18
Delta Chi 23 Player Haters 21

League B
CHS 27 Project Mayhem 1 21
CHS 22 Guns of Navarone 19
Chick Magnets 1 2 Schoolin 0
Chick Magnets 1 24 KDR 1 23
Bottoms Up 42 Guns of Navarone 17
Bottoms Up 48 KDR 1 24

League E
KDR 2 2 Perry 0
Juice Guarantee 29 Niagara 20
Birdmen 2 3 Big Guys 0
Juice Guarantee 52 Sig Tau 2 18
Birdmen 46 Sig Tau 2 4
KDR 2 2 3 Big Guys 0

League F
Fantastic Four 24 Juice Giant 17
Juice Giant 25 Fockers 20
Sig Tau 1 2 TKE 3 0
Sig Tau 1 39 Fockers 10
Fantastic Four 2 Sweet Fitchy 0

Tue, Nov 16

League C
Big Ho 38 Chocolate 19
Green 32 TKE 1 21
Nose Candy 27 Project Mayhem 3 21

League D
Balls Deep 36 Prime Time 2 20
Tiggle 35 Crimson Tide 2 22
Wasteland Warriors 33 Prime Time 2 16
Super Delta Five 38 Tiggle 33
Wasteland Warriors 47 Crimson Tide 1 14
Balls Deep 38 Super Delta Five 21

League G
TOE 1 27 BAMF 16
Chick Magnets 2 32 Gators 7
Juice Makeshift 2 TKE 4 0

League H
TOE 2 23 Joe & eastside Boys 17
WTWGG 28 Globesquatters 10
WTWGG 35 TKE 2 16
Joe & Eastside Boys 27 Crimson Tide 2 23
TKE 2 25 TOE 2 20
Crimson Tide 2 22 Globesquatters 18

Women's League A
Bowa 10 Project Mayhem 2 8
Project Mayhem 1 23 Goof Troop 5

Wed, Nov 17

League A
Str8 Ballin 36 Project Mayhem 2 31
Too Hot for TV 19 Delta Chi 13
Project Mayhem 2 35 Player Haters 15
Outta Shape 38 Player Haters 10
Schodt Brothers 38 Str8 Ballin 28
Outta Shape 39 Too Hot for TV 31

League B
Chick Magnets 1 34 Project Mayhem 1 32
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Schoolin 22 Guns of Navarone 21
Bottoms Up 32 Project Mayhem 1 21
Bottoms Up 45 CHS 26
Chick Magnets 1 34 Guns of Navarone 23

League C
D-Railers 2 Project mayhem 3 0
Chocolate 31 D-Railers 20
TKE 1 40 Nose Candy 17
Green 20 Nose Candy 19
Green 20 Big HO 18
Big Ho 2 Project Mayhem 3 0

League E
KDR 2 37 Niagara 10
Perry 41 3 Big GUys 38
Perry 2 Sig Tau 2 0
Birdmen 25 Niagara 13
Juice Guarantee 28 Birdmen 27
KDR 2 30 Sig Tau 2 10
League F
Fockers 2 TOE 3 0
Fantastic Four 2 TOE 3 0
Juice Giant 2 Sweet Fitchy 0
Fockers 2 TKE 3 0
Sig Tau 1 33 Fantastic Four 25
Sig Tau 1 2 Sweet Fitchy 0

League G
Gators 2 TKE 4 0
TOE 1 32 Gators 23
Cavs 19 BAMF 18
Chick Magnets 2 2 TKE 4 0
TOE 1 21 Juice Makeshift 20
Cavs 32 Juice Makeshift 26