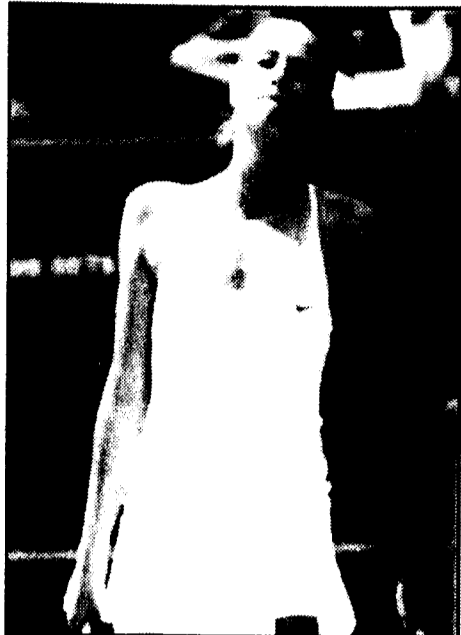


SPORTS

Top 10 Most Attractive Athletes

By Chris LaFuria

1. **Maria Sharapova**- This Russian goddess is gorgeous both on and off the court. On the court, Sharapova is currently ranked fourth in the world while appearing in two Grand Slam Finals.



Maria Sharapova



Andy Roddick

2. **Andy Roddick**- With his spiked hair and mysterious stares, Roddick has taken the tennis world by storm. Roddick has a 314-97 record with 20 singles titles and over \$9 million in career earnings.

3. **Anna Kournikova**- Wait, she's an athlete? After a less-than-stellar tennis career, Kournikova traded in her racket for Enrique Iglesias and a camera. These days, she is one of the it-girls on the red carpet.

4. **Derek Jeter**- While most women flock to Yankees' stadium to catch a glimpse of Jeter, most opposing players fear his arrival. In addition to collecting ladies' smiles, he has accumulated a career .314 batting average, 169 home runs, and 763 runs batted in.



Misty May-Treanor



Tom Brady

5. **Tom Brady**- The modern day Broadway-Joe, Brady already has three Super Bowl rings at age 28. When he's not throwing passes for the Patriots, he's posing for cameras and flashing smiles left and right.

6. **Alex Rodriguez**- Baseball's first \$250 million dollar guy, A-Rod doesn't need to flash his cash to get people to look. Along with his .307 career batting average, 429 home runs, and 1226 runs batted in, A-Rod hits it with the ladies.

7. **Jennie Finch**- After having her number retired from the University of Arizona, Finch went on to become a member of many medal-winning softball teams. With her flowing blonde hair and her dazzling eyes, Finch is a home run!

8. **Sasha Cohen**- The 21-year-old has been turning heads for years now. In Turin, Cohen won the Silver Medal for the United States in Figure Skating.

9. **David Beckham**- When he's not with Posh Spice and caring for his youngsters, he is on the soccer field, including many soccer camps in which he is involved. Whether he's sporting the buzz cut or the Tarzan ponytail, Beckham stands out.

10. **Misty May-Treanor**- Bump, Set, Spike. Misty does it all. She can soar through the air and spike it in your face and gracefully bump it to her partner. Either way, Misty May-Treanor does it hot.

Behrend sports makes transition

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Sports and athletic activities play a major role in the everyday lives of students on the Behrend campus. Not only have the schools' official teams been very competitive and successful in their divisions, but the campus also boasts a great intramural program. There are 11 different teams competing in various sports. The teams that competed in the fall season performed extremely well, and they should be looking forward to continuing this trend throughout the spring season in which the softball, baseball, track and field, women's water polo and tennis teams will be competing. The men's basketball team made it to the semi-finals of the ECAC championship despite losing one of their leaders, J.J. Ferguson. Other teammates were able to step up, ending the season 20-7. The women's basketball team, not to be outdone by the men's, ended their season in the AMCC semifinals with a record of 17-10. Two juniors, Brittany Mays and Rachel Slomski, were selected for the AMCC All-Conference team.

The baseball team is eager to get on the field after posting 27 wins last season. They have 20 letterwinners returning for the spring season including five seniors who have done a great job of educating the younger teammates on how to win. These leaders, including Chris McCartney, Ray DeVaul, Shane Elzer, Eddie George and Tony Kordecki, were apart of the AMCC and ECAC championship as freshmen. Over Spring Break, they commenced their season at a tournament in Port St. Louis, Florida, finishing with a record of 5-3. "Shane Elzer was lights out this first week and carried us offensively, while Mike Stetz did a terrific job at the top lineup. Ray DeVaul and Chris McCarty were solid, and the young pitchers really produced, considering that it was their first experience with collegiate baseball," said Coach Paul Benim. Due to their outstanding performance last season, they are expected to take 2nd in their league. The AMCC tournament will begin for Behrend with a home game against LaRoche on March 25.

The softball team had a wonderful season last year making it to the semifinals in the AMCC and taking third place. They have a promising team with 15 freshmen and five returning upperclassmen. The

team has already surpassed expectations with the talented new class; they were undefeated (10-0) at the Ft. Myers, Florida tournament over Spring Break. "Julie Koman has really helped the pitching staff as a freshman, holding opponents scoreless. Kristin Macha continues to hit well. Nikki Kaschauer and Katie Whitby have stepped up in clutch situations," said Coach Stacy Pondo. They will have their first home game on March 25, hosting Thiel in a doubleheader.

The track and field team is looking strong this season as they compete for the ECAC championship with five returning captains, all of whom hold school records. The men finished second at the Disney Relay while the women finished twelfth at the indoor ECAC tournament before Spring Break. So far, Dan Mitchell, Staci Banaszek, who holds nine Behrend records, and Dennis Scheuer have been performing extremely well. The team will also join the Mason Dixon Conference for the first time.

The men's tennis team is looking forward to winning the AMCC championship after taking second place by one point as runner-up to Penn State Altoona. The last two seasons have been decided by one point, as Behrend defeated Frostburg in 2004 and lost to Altoona in 2005. Though they lost several seniors, the team is looking strong for this season. Among those returning members, Miles Boyea is looking very promising while succeeding academically. Another notable player to look for is James Meyers, who was one of only two Behrend players to make All-Conference first team. They will be hosting their first AMCC match against Pitt-Greensburg.

The women's water polo team is excited and ready to compete against tough competition for this season including several Division I schools. They have eight women returning for this season, including Colleen Applebaugh, who is also a soccer goalkeeper who had an impressive 89 saves last year. Another strong player to look for will be Brittany Yost who scored 25 goals, had 52 steals and gave 12 assists in 2005. They will be hosting home games at 6:30 p.m. on March 17, 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on March 18 and 10:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. on March 19. You should be looking forward to this promising spring season as our teams are well prepared to compete in tough divisions.

Sports Trivia 101

If the number three seed Tar Heels of North Carolina can win the championship, they will be one of the few teams to win back-to-back championship titles. Led by freshman Tyler Hansbrough with 19.1 points per game, the Heels need to fight their way to the top in order to accomplish this. What team was the first to win back-to-back National Titles in NCAA Men's basketball?

Last Week's answer: **William Avery** (Answered by Gary Rosatelli)

The answer will be posted in next week's Beacon issue. Email your answers to csl5005@psu.edu. The first person to answer correctly will have their name printed next week. Good Luck!

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