

## Baseball and softball teams look to keep their momentum flowing



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Baseball and softball are in full swing after both squads began the season strong and have maintained their winning ways. The Blue and White look to maintain rhythm.

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### HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Julie Koman  
SPORT: Softball  
CLASS: Freshman  
DATE: March 27, 2006

Julie Koman (McKees Rocks/Montour) has been named the Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week.

On Monday, March 27, freshman sensation Julie Koman (McKees Rocks/Montour) threw a no-hitter in a thrilling 1-0 victory in game one of a doubleheader against AMCC rival La Roche. Koman struck out 16 on her way to the Behrend record books, in the first no-hitter since May of 2005 and just the second since 1996. Katie Whitby (Tyrone/Tyrone) went 2-for-4 and provided the only run of the game.

"She had great stuff all game, her pitches were really working. Her confidence was high and continued to rise as the game progressed," said head coach Stacy Pondo. "She really stepped up in a key conference game, giving us a tight win in a defensive battle."

Behrend also took game two of the doubleheader, 5-2. Whitby had another strong performance at the plate, going 2 for 4 with a homer. Freshman Rachel Lawrence also stepped up big with the bat, going 2 for 4 with a triple and a run scored. With the sweep, Behrend improves to 13-3 and starts off 2-0 in a competitive AMCC conference. Behrend softball is in action again on Wednesday, March 29 when they host the Thiel Tomcats in game one of a four-game home stand.

Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week is selected by the Sports

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Behrend's baseball and softball teams are off to a strong start.

Head baseball coach Paul Benim says that while the team is doing well, with some rhythm and consistency the team could play better.

The team started the season in Florida and the schedule got the team off to a slow start.

Over the next several weeks, the team has a full schedule and Benim says that if the team works to its potential, they will have a great season. He said, "It's a good group in our program and that will help us be successful."

Saturday the team hits the road to play Greensburg and other conference games. Benim says the games will be won or lost on the mound. "When we

go out and play we always focus on ourselves. There's no doubt that we have to pitch at a high level," he said.

The Behrend softball team is having a tremendous season with a record of 15 - 3. Leadership and teamwork have contributed to their success. The team has been striving to make the conference tournament, and with a double victory Thursday over Thiel, the team is growing stronger.

Upperclassmen have been keeping the rest of the team on task and this has allowed the team to be more confident as they face opponents. The team's goal is to play hard throughout the remainder of the season.

This weekend you can catch the women in action at Behrend when they host a doubleheader against Pitt-Greensburg beginning at 1 p.m on Saturday. Be sure to cheer on the Blue and White.

### Baseball and Softball Schedule

<b>Baseball:</b>	
April 1	@ Pitt-Greensburg (DH) 1:00 p.m.
April 4	@ Hilbert (DH) 1:00 p.m.
April 5	Thiel (S) w/JV 1:00 p.m.
<b>Softball:</b>	
April 1	ALUMNI GAME 11:00 a.m.
April 1	Pitt-Greensburg (DH) 1:00 p.m.
April 4	Hilbert (DH) 3:00 p.m.

### NFL Draft 2006: Who will make the move for an M.V.P.?

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- 1.) Houston Texans – Reggie Bush RB USC
- 2.) New Orleans Saints – D'Brickashaw Ferguson OT Virginia
- 3.) Tennessee Titans – Matt Leinart QB USC
- 4.) New York Jets – Mario Williams DE North Carolina State
- 5.) Green Bay Packers – AJ Hawk LB Ohio St.
- 6.) San Francisco 49ers – Vernon Davis TE Maryland
- 7.) Oakland Raiders – Vince Young QB Texas
- 8.) Buffalo Bills – Haloti Ngata DT Oregon
- 9.) Detroit Lions – Michael Huff DB Texas
- 10.) Arizona Cardinals – Jay Cutler QB Vanderbilt
- 11.) St. Louis Rams – Kamerion Wimbley DE Florida St.
- 12.) Cleveland Browns – Brodrick Bunkley DT Florida St.
- 13.) Baltimore Ravens – Winston Justice OT USC
- 14.) Philadelphia Eagles – Chad Jackson WR Florida
- 15.) Denver Broncos (f/ATL) – Santonio Holmes WR Ohio St.
- 16.) Miami Dolphins – Jimmy Williams S Virginia Tech
- 17.) Minnesota Vikings – Ernie Sims LB Florida St.
- 18.) Dallas Cowboys – Donte Witner S Ohio St.
- 19.) San Diego Chargers – Marcus McNeil OT Auburn
- 20.) Kansas City Chiefs – Tamba Hali DE Penn St.
- 21.) New England Patriots – DeAngelo Williams RB Memphis
- 22.) Denver Broncos (f/WAS) – Mathias Kiwanuka DE Boston College
- 23.) Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Ashton Youboty CB Ohio St.
- 24.) Cincinnati Bengals – Gabe Watson DT Michigan
- 25.) New York Giants – Chad Greenway LB Iowa
- 26.) Chicago Bears – Leonard Pope TE Georgia
- 27.) Carolina Panthers – Bobby Carpenter LB Ohio St.
- 28.) Jacksonville Jaguars - Thomas Howard LB UTEP
- 29.) New York Jets (f/DEN/ATL) – DeMeco Ryans LB Alabama
- 30.) Indianapolis Colts - Laurence Maroney RB Minnesota



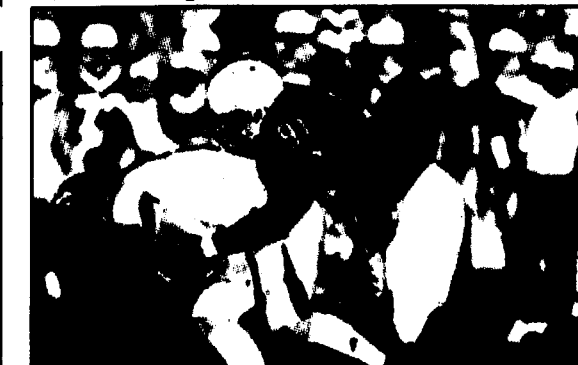
USC Quarterback Matt Leinart



USC Running Back Reggie Bush



Vanderbilt Quarterback Jay Cutler



Penn State Defensive End Tamba Hali

- 31.) Seattle Seahawks – Max-Jean Gillies OG Georgia
- 32.) Pittsburgh Steelers – LenDale White RB USC

What teams and players will make a big showing at this year's NFL draft? Let the Beacon Sports page know. Email Chris LaFuria at csl5005@psu.edu with your opinions. Be heard!

### Sports Trivia 101

In professional sports, there are many team names that originate from other languages. What American professional sports team contains no English words in either their city name or its team name?

Last Week's answer:

**Bob Feller, April 16, 1940, Cleveland Indians vs. White Sox in Chicago**  
Answered by Chad Cochran

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!