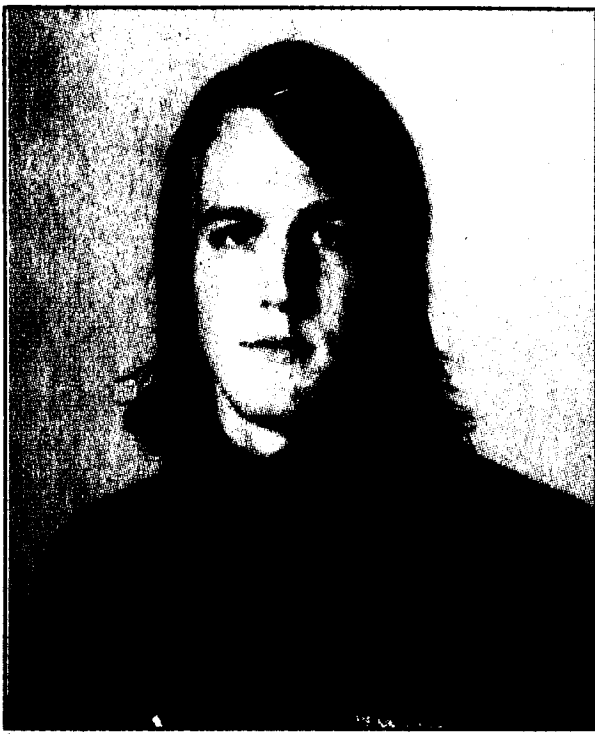


ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Adam Cline
SPORT: Men's Soccer
CLASS: Junior
DATE: Nov. 5, 2007

Adam Cline (Jefferson Hills/Thomas Jefferson) has been named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of Oct. 29, 2007.

On Saturday, the Behrend men took on the Medaille Mavericks in Buffalo, NY for the 2007 AMCC Championships. Cline scored the game-tying goal with only 19 seconds left in regulation to put the men into overtime in the AMCC Championship game. Once in overtime, Cline stepped up once again to score with a rocket shot only three minutes into the overtime period. The Mavericks had not suffered a loss from an AMCC opponent in the past three years until the defeat by the Behrend Lions.

The men captured the 2007 AMCC title and will now advance to the Division III NCAA tournament. The men will play in the first round of the NCAA tournament later this week. Match-ups and game schedules will be posted on the athletics website.

Volleyball swept by Altoona in AMCC semifinals

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In a rematch of last year's AMCC Championship, the Penn State Behrend volleyball team once again got the bitter end of the deal against Penn State Altoona, falling in a decisive 3-0 sweep to the opposing Lions in the AMCC conference semifinals last Friday evening at Frostburg State. With the victory, the Altoona Lions, seeded third, advanced to their second straight AMCC final, while Behrend's season came to an abrupt finish. Although their 8-1 conference record earned them a tie for AMCC regular season co-champion with Frostburg State, the Lady Lions' 18-12 overall mark was not strong enough to earn the team post season recognition.

The loss to Altoona in the AMCC tournament came only six days after Behrend's last meeting with the rival Lions. In that match-up Behrend had no problem containing an explosive Altoona squad, as the Lady Lions defeated Altoona three games to one. With the win under their belts and a firsthand look at what Altoona had to offer, Behrend entered last Friday's match-up prepared. However, as head coach Phil Pisano soon realized, being prepared is only half the battle. "We were confident that we knew them," said Pisano. "What we practiced for is what they did, and unfortunately we were very tentative. Ultimately, it didn't matter that we knew what they were going to show us because we couldn't seem to stop it anyways."

In the first game, the lead exchanged hands a number of times, with both squads slow to get a consistent rhythm intact, until Altoona eventually pulled away for the 30-28 victory.

After the Lady Lions jumped out to an early advantage in the second game, Altoona was able to reclaim the lead at 8-7, and then much to Pisano's dismay, score 17 of the next 24 points to go ahead 25-14.

"When Altoona jumped ahead I think we started to relax," said Pisano. "You play more relaxed when you're down by a significant margin, and at the same time Altoona possibly started to let up with such a big lead. We played more aggressive when we started to get comfortable during that stretch but the margin was just too big."

Behrend would return to within a striking distance at 27-24, however, shortly after Altoona would tally three straight points for a 30-24 win.

In the third game, which would prove to be the final match of

Behrend's season, the Lady Lions' comeback was stifled by Altoona, as the opposing Lions were able to maintain a significant advantage for most of the match. The defending conference champions contained an uncharacteristically dormant Behrend offensive attack en route to the 30-23 victory.

Despite the loss, a handful of players were recognized for their efforts this season. Behrend had four players named to the 2007 AMCC Volleyball All-Conference Team. The all-conference team, which was announced on Nov. 4, comes as yet another positive in what Pisano believes was not a lost season.

"Right now it's easy to be disappointed, but overall we did some good things," noted Pisano. "Although we were young, I refuse to use that as an excuse. We played a few matches this season really well, but we were simply inexperienced, and that may have kept us from going as far as we wanted to. Above all we were able to grow as a team, and hopefully that will translate into next season where we'll hope for a big contribution from our upperclassmen, especially those who were selected with AMCC All-Conference honors."

Behrend sophomore middle hitter Sheila Ogden was named to the AMCC First Team. Ogden contributed a team-leading 315 kills and led Behrend with a .270 hitting percentage. Ogden was an all-conference honorable mention in 2006.

Three other members of the Lady Lions were named AMCC Honorable Mentions including junior Brittany Hennessy and sophomores Brooke Gallentine and Carissa Johnston.

Defensive specialist Hennessy led the team with 634 digs, an average of over six digs per game. She is currently second all-time in digs at Behrend with 1,772, which is just four shy of the career leader mark. The junior has made the all-conference team each of her three seasons at Behrend.

Gallentine, a setter, finished third in the AMCC in assists averaging nearly 10 per game. The sophomore now has 2,083 assists in her career, placing her third on the Behrend career leader board. Gallentine was selected to the all-conference team last season.

Johnston, an outside hitter, received her first selection to the all-conference team after tallying 295 kills and recording 198 digs.

With only one senior member on this season's roster, Pisano is optimistic for next season and the strong core of players the team has returning.

"Next season we feel we should be set to make a significant run," said Pisano. "Our expectations are that we'll be playing at this time next year."

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-Head Coach Phil Pisano

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