

# SPORTS

## Behrend soccer teams win AMCC titles

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Move over Brazil and Italy, because Erie, PA is the center of the soccer world. This past weekend, Penn State Behrend men's and women's soccer teams both took home the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) titles, which is the second time both Behrend soccer teams won the AMCC title in the same year.

The women hosted the AMCC title game against Frostburg State and even though Frostburg grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second half, Behrend came back, scoring two goals within three minutes to win 2-1. With the win, Behrend jumps over Frostburg State in all-time AMCC title wins, with six title wins to five.

The now two-time defending champs started off slow, being out-shot by Frostburg 10-6 in the first half. Senior Jess Carlson was not happy with the rough start, but knew that the team could prevail in the end. "We have been the underdogs all year, so there was no surprise that we would have to come back again in this game too." This is the first time since 2000 that Penn State Behrend beat Frostburg State in the regular season and in the playoffs.

For seniors Danielle Demay, Emily Rogan, Katie Ritchey and Carlson, it was a season that had its ups

and downs, but will be looked back on as a lesson in never giving up. "With the start that we had, it was hard to think about winning another conference title, but we took each game at a time and walked away with another AMCC title," Carlson said.

The girls will travel to Springfield, Ohio to take on Wittenberg University (17-2-2) in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Last year, the girls were



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knocked out by the top seed Messiah 6-0 in the first round of the tournament and even with Wittenberg's impressive record; the girls, who have won 10 of the last 12 games, have high hopes in the match up. "It's been such a crazy year, so I have no idea what might happen, but we have what it takes to win this game," Carlson said.

The men's soccer team was the lower seed and the underdogs in the championship game, but with heroics from an unlikely hero, the men won 2-1 in

overtime against Medaille and were crowned the 2007 AMCC champs.

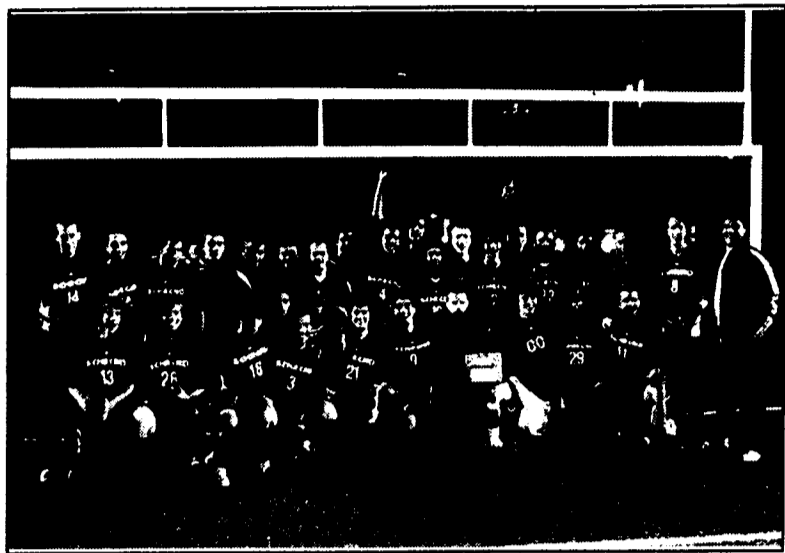
The men trailed 1-0 throughout the game and as time ticked away, it appeared the men would lose the title game to Medaille. With 20 seconds left, the men were awarded a corner kick, which potentially could have been their last chance to score in the game. A pinpoint corner kick from sophomore Eric Murillo was connected by a header from junior Adam "Sunshine" Cline, which sailed into the back of the net and sent the game into overtime. In the early stages of the first overtime period, it was defender Cline who would again score from outside the box, giving Behrend the win and the AMCC title.

Cline, who scored his fourth and fifth goals of the year last Saturday, is known for his strong defensive play, even though he is fifth in total points on the season. Cline was named the AMCC Player of the Week and sophomore net-minder Dustin Walker was named AMCC Goalkeeper of the Week after their play in the title game. Walker had four saves in the winning effort against Medaille. Head Coach Dan Perritano, who won his second AMCC title with Behrend, knew that his team had what it took to win the section title. "This was a well deserved win for our team. We stayed focused all year and it paid off."

The men traveled to Washington, PA on Wednesday Nov. 7, to take on Washington & Jefferson (12-6-3) in the first round of the NCAA

Tournament. Earlier in the season, Behrend downed W&J in a 6-1 victory. Since the loss, W&J has gone 11-1-3, leading to a Presidents Athletic Conference (PAC) title.

In a defensive struggle, Behrend knocked out W&J with a 1-0 win. Scoring for Behrend was sophomore Jerry Tortella, who grabbed his 17th goal of



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the season, passing Dennis Grace for most goals in a single season for Behrend.

With the win, Behrend will travel Saturday to New Jersey to face Montclair State in the next round of the tournament. Montclair State was granted a first-round bye after posting a 17-2-1 record and winning the New Jersey Athletic Conference for the eighth time.

The winner of Saturday's Montclair/Behrend game will move on to play in the Sectional Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18.

### Intramural Deadline Update

#### Indoor Soccer

Deadline is **Nov. 9 at 4 p.m.**

#### Team Triathlon

Deadline is **Nov. 16 at 4 p.m.**

If interested contact Rob Wittman @ rww3@psu.edu.

### Intramural Flag Football Champions

Golden Bracket: **Something Vulgar**

Silver Bracket: **Enforcers**

Coed: **Chick Magnets**

Women's: **Trailer Trash**

## Beat The Experts

The Beacon Staff will be using their expertise in the field of American Football to pick NFL and NCAA games for the upcoming weekend. We would like to see if anyone on the Behrend campus can not only keep up with our brilliant minds, but possibly beat the experts. Email [asm5006@psu.edu](mailto:asm5006@psu.edu) or [mbw5028@psu.edu](mailto:mbw5028@psu.edu) by Saturday at 9 a.m. to enter your picks. Winners will receive gifts from the Behrend Beacon Staff.

NFL	Andy	Chris	Ryan	Muska	Matt
Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.
Baltimore vs. Cincinnati	Balt.	Cin.	Cin.	Cin.	Balt.
Buffalo vs. Miami	Buff.	Buff.	Buff.	Buff.	Buff.
Tenn. vs. Jacksonville	Jacks.	Jacks.	Jacks.	Jacks.	Tenn.
Philly vs. Washington	Philly	Philly	Wash.	Wash.	Philly
Arizona vs. Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
Minn. vs. Green Bay	GB	Minn.	GB	GB	GB
Dallas vs. NYG	NYG	Dallas	Dallas	NYG	Dallas
SD vs. Indianapolis	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.
Tie-Breaker	(+17)	(+7)	(+3)	(+10)	(+52)
San Fran. vs. Seattle	Sea.	Sea.	Sea.	Sea.	Sea.

NCAA	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
Penn State vs. Temple	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
Michigan vs. Wisconsin	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.
Illinois vs. Ohio St.	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU
Georgia vs. Auburn	UGA	UGA	Auburn	UGA	UGA
California vs. USC	USC	USC	Cal	USC	USC
Totals:	69-51	76-44	67-53	76-44	76-44

## Behrend Hockey Crushes Robert Morris

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On Saturday Nov. 3, the Penn State Behrend Hockey team defeated Robert Morris University's Division III club team 11-4, at Mercyhurst Ice Arena.

Junior Brian Hammel lit up the lamp on Saturday, scoring four goals and one assist. Junior Justin Duchini also helped the cause, popping in two goals and one assist. Seniors Dan Thiessen and DJ Craven added to their amazing year, each contributing a goal and an assist. Also adding a goal a piece for Behrend were freshman Graham Segal, junior Brian Learn and sophomore Chris Simanic.

After sitting out two games with a shoulder injury, freshman Josh Horvath made his presence known, with five assists. Sophomore goalie Eric Thiessen grabbed his fourth win of the year, making 30 saves against RMU.

Even though the score was not close, Behrend knows that RMU will not be such a pushover when they meet again in February at Robert Morris.

"RMU has been one of the toughest competitors we have had in the past. A win like this is huge, but we can't let it go to our heads. I know for a fact Robert Morris will be ready for us when we play

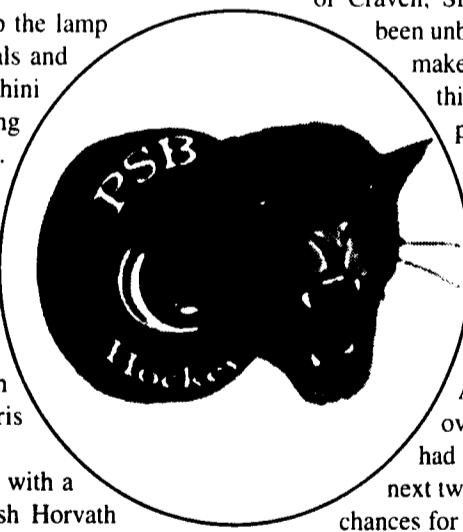
them again later into the season," says senior forward Andrew McLachlan.

Craven leads the College Hockey East (CHE) in scoring with seven goals and nine assists in five games. Trailing him is Simanic with five goals and 10 assists in five games, and Dan Thiessen with eight goals and four assists in four games. The line of Craven, Simanic, and Dan Thiessen has been unbeatable at times this year. They make up 50% of the goals scored this season and 38% of the total points scored for Behrend.

Behrend is currently ranked first in the North Division of the CHE with a record of 4-1 and is ranked fifth nationally in the Atlantic Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) with an overall record of 9-3-0. "We have had some big wins this year, but the next two games can make or break our chances for nationals," says McLachlan.

Their next game is Friday, Nov. 9 against Penn State Altoona. The game is to begin at 5:15 p.m. at Galactic Ice Arena in Altoona, PA, followed by a home game on Nov. 16 vs. University of Pitt-Johnstown, beginning at 6:20 p.m. at Mercyhurst Ice Arena. Altoona is ranked tenth in the ACHA D-III, while Pitt-Johnstown is ranked fourth, one place ahead of Behrend for the Atlantic Region.

For more information, visit the teams website at <http://eteamz.active.com/psbhockey/>.



### Leaders for Behrend Hockey

Name	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
1.) DJ Craven	12	18	27	45
2.) Chris Simanic	12	17	25	42
3.) Dan Thiessen	7	12	11	23
4.) Brian Hammel	12	19	3	22
5.) Josh Horvath	9	7	12	19

Goalies	Games	Saves/Shots	GA	Save %
1.) Eric Thiessen	12	212/238	3.28	.902%
2.) Pat Laakey	6	93/106	2.89	.877%