

SPORTS

Behrend's swim team opens home season with victory

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After two away meets, Penn State Behrend swim team hosted their first home meet.

Behrend welcomed Buffalo State Bengals to the Junker Center pool on Nov. 7 for a 5 o'clock meet. The women walked away with a win over Buffalo and the men walked away with a tie after an exciting meet.

The first event was the 400 medley relay. The girl placed first due to Danielle Wilson (jr.), Julie Cook (fr.), Anne Lawrence (fr.), and Katie VanEpps (Soph.), they won with a time of 4:26.44.

The men, in the same event, placed second and fifth. Tom Weir (jr.), Ben Strunk (Soph.), Jacob Guiher (jr.), and Steve Zomicik (fr.) had a time of 3:51.77. Ronnie Hatt (fr.), John Reish (jr.), Mike Falvo (fr.), and Harmilee Cousin (jr.) finished the event with a time of 4:26.99 awarding them fifth place.

Behrend's freshman swimmer, Terrance Watterson (fr.), placed first in the 1650 yard freestyle, a vigorous event consisting of swimming 50 yards 33 times. He won the event with the time of 19:09.17. Watterson's teammate, David Jesberger (fr.), swam the even in 19:43.69 and placed second.

Watson placed first in the 200 yard freestyle and Hilary MacManus (fr.) placed third. Due to technical difficulties, their times are unavailable. Josh Weaver (soph.) won the same event with a time of 1:53.82. Mike Falvo (fr.) and Mike Kinsel (soph.) placed fifth and sixth with times of 2:06.07 and 2:16.96.

For the 50 yard freestyle, Cook placed first coming in with 27.20. Heather Vickery (fr.) and diver Krystal Kovach (soph.) placed third and fourth. Vickery finished the race in 28.87 seconds. Kovach finished in 31.10 second. Zomicik finished this event in third place, his time was 23.30 second. Weir finished right behind him in 23.85 second giving him fourth place.

Van Epps was the only

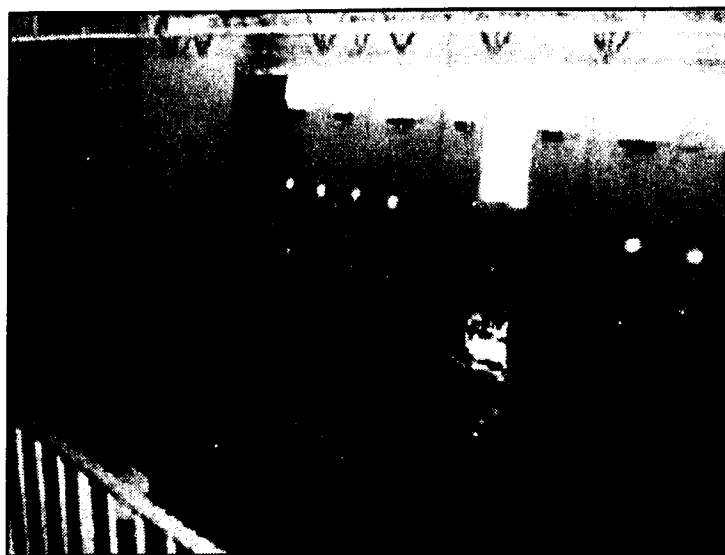


Photo: Penn State Behrend website
The Junker pool hosted the opening of the Behrend swim season.

Behrend swimmer for the women's 400 yard individual medley. She won the even in 5:12.24. Strunk was the only swimmer for the men's team and placed third behind Buffalo State's two swimmers. He saw a 5:03.85.

There was a break from swimming for Behrend's talented divers. Kovach placed first in the one-meter diving event only six points in front of Buffalo's only female diver. Kovach was awarded 230.10 points. Steve Graves (jr.) took first place, as expected, for the men's one meter diving with 196.50 points. Surprisingly, he only won by two more points than one of Buffalo's divers.

Swimming continued with the 100 yard butterfly. Lawrence placed first for the women's swim team finishing the event in 1:03.15. Dane Dombrosky (fr.) also placed first for Behrend getting a time of 56.54 seconds. The 100 yard freestyle followed. VanEpps placed first in 58.22 seconds. Weaver won for the men, he came in with 51.43 seconds. Zomicik, Jacob Shrek (fr.),

and Mike Kinsel placed second, sixth, and seventh respectively.

For the 100 yard backstroke, Lawrence placed first yet again, with a fast time of 1:06.65. Vickery placed fifth with a time of 1:15.77, just 3 seconds behind one of Buffalo's swimmers. Weir placed second for this event. He finished with a time of 57.85 seconds losing to Buffalo by only 300ths of a second. Hatt came in fifth with a time of 1:12.74. Wilson placed first for the 500 yard freestyle for Behrend. She came in with a time of 5:51.58. Dombrosky came in with a time of 5:13.02 being awarded first place. Watterson and Jesberger placed second with third with time of 5:36.89 and 5:43.47.

At this time there was another break from swimming for the last diving event, the three-meter diving event. Kovach, again, placed first with an impressive score of 262.10 winning by a large margin of roughly 40 points. Graves won for the men winning by his usually large lead of 28 points. Graves walked away with a score of 222.80.

The following event, the 100 yard breaststroke. Behrend's women swimmers placed first, second, and third. Cook came in with a time of 1:17.64. MacManus came in right behind her team mate in 1:17.88. Vickery came in third at 1:18.42. Strunk won the event for the men. He came in at 1:04.76. Cousin placed fourth with a time of 1:08.30. Teammates Reish and Shrek placed sixth and seventh respectively.

The final event was the 400 yard freestyle. VanEpps, Wilson, Lawrence, and Cook's relay was exhibition race. Two of the swimmers had already been in three events, due to the limit for a dual meet, the race had not counted. Dombrosky, Guiher, Kinsel, and Weaver placed first for this event with a time of 3:29.57, only four seconds after then Buffalo's relay. Falvo, Watterson, Jesberger, and Reish placed fourth, finishing the meet with 3:54.46 as their time.

Behrend's first home meet was a success for the women's team. They defeated Buffalo with a 28 point lead, a score of 120. The men's team walked away having tied with Buffalo with 120 points. "We were really lucky [that we didn't lose]," said co-captain John Reish, "we were down going into the last part of the meet after the second diving half and to come and tie them was impressive. It literally down to the last relay."

The Behrend swim team plans to host four more home swim meets. The next home meet is Saturday Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. Because of the first few meets, Behrend has great potential. "I think we have a good season ahead of us, challenging but good," says coach Wallace. "As a team both men and women have a strong 'front line'. Plus we have depth in a variety of events. Hard work and determination along with peak performances at the right moments are going to be keys to our success." John Reish added, "At the end of the season I see us defending our title as AMCC champions and ranking high at the Grove City Invite."

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An open letter to Browns fans

So, here we are. We're just past the halfway point throughout the season, and a mysterious silence hangs over the city of Cleveland and its sports fans residing in Erie.

Why? What's the matter? At the beginning of the season, the Behrend Brownie fans had so much to say. They had a promising rookie quarterback who was going to take the helm. They acquired skillful defensesmen that will terrorize Big Ben and the AFC North. They will be the cinderella story of the year.

Sports writers everywhere ate it up, and Cleveland fans loved the attention.

But, here we are, and nine games have been played in the season. The Browns are 3-6. By contrast, their rivals are 6-3.

At the beginning of the year, I predicted that the Browns-Steelers rivalry would go to the victor of the year's first matchup. In that game, a 10-6 struggle, Pittsburgh dismantled the Browns offense, holding them to no touchdowns. Jamal Lewis was held to 38 yards.

So why the silence? There was so much hope early in the season. But, Browns fans, this is not the time to give up. Rather, this is the time to rally behind your again failing team.

When Derek Anderson throws a deep pass to Braylon Edwards, don't squeeze your eyes shut and yell "CATCH IT!" Instead, stand up and cheer knowing that your star wide receiver is open.

When Jamal Anderson gets a handoff, don't curse the playcalling of your coaching staff.

Celebrate knowing that your bruiser runningback is spending time hurting offenses by running into them, headfirst, and falling backwards again. Eventually, he might break through.

When opposing quarterbacks have an hour and thirty two minutes each play to throw the ball, don't get angry at your defensive line. Rather, applaud them. See, they are giving the other team's offensive line time to rest. They are trying to foster a mutual understanding of peace and love on the football field. Nobel Peace Prizes incoming, I think.

Sure, the Browns are 5th to worst in yards per game. Sure, they're 25th in the league in both pass yards per game and points scored per game. Sure, their schedule for the rest of the year features games which they are probably destined to lose.

But take heart, friends from the West. Think about what makes your team better than other teams.

For one thing, you are the only team named after a color. Huzzah!

Also, you are the only team without a logo. Your logo is a brown helmet. Sometimes, your logo is a big, angry pitbull.

However, the way that the Browns have been playing, you might want to consider getting the dog fixed.

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11/15 VS. ALLEGHENY COLLEGE
11/22 VS. FROSTBURG STATE
12/5 @ FREDONIA

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NFL	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Ryan	Chris
Denver @ Atlanta	ATL	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN
Chicago @ Green Bay	CHI	GB	GB	CHI	GB
Dallas @ Washington	DAL	WASH	DAL	DAL	WASH
N. Orleans @ K. City	NO	KC	NO	NO	NO
Oakland @ Miami	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA
Baltimore @ N.Y.G.	NYG	NYG	NYG	BAL	NYG
Minn. @ Tampa Bay	TB	TB	TB	TB	MIN
Detroit @ Carolina	CAR	DET	DET	CAR	CAR
Arizona @ Seattle	ARI	SEA	ARI	SEA	SEA
San Diego @ Pitt.	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT
Tenn. @ Jacksonville	JAC	JAC	TEN	JAC	TEN
Tie-Breaker	+7	+4	+10	+80	+3
Cleveland @ Buffalo	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF
Last week:	8-4	8-4	*10-2	10-2	7-5
* denotes winner					

NCAA	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
Indiana @ #8 P.S.U.	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
#25 South Carolina @ #4 Florida	S. Carolina	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
#24 Wake Forest @ N. Carolina St.	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	Wake Forest	N. Carolina	N. Car.
#3 Texas @ Kansas	Texas	Texas	Kansas	Texas	Texas
#6 USC @ Stanford	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Last week:	*3-2	2-3	*3-2	1-4	2-3
* denotes winner					
Season Totals:	109-50	91-68	105-54	97-62	81-65

Rachel draws within four games of Connor as the season passes the halfway point.

Ryan has drawn away from Matt to take a commanding third place.

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Take a look at next week's schedule on NFL.com and e-mail your picks of the games to cis5060@psu.edu.