

SPORTS

Rugby club takes third place in Pittsburgh Classic Tournament

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The Behrend Rugby Club is becoming more recognized this year after they took third place in the Pittsburgh Classic Rugby Tournament at Cooper's Lake on March 28.

"Getting third place was unbelievable," said Rugby Club president Cam Fry, a freshman.

Senior Tony Marosy is the vice president of the club and senior Alejandro Niete is the treasurer and student advisor.

"This is the best season we've had since it started," Fry said. "More people want to play and we have more talent. People are starting to know we have a team."

Josh Jaeger is the coach of the club and also plays for the Erie men's rugby team.

"He has taught us fundamental and the true basics of the game," Fry said. "Since he has established the fundamentals, we are getting better as a team."

According to Marosy, Jaeger is not only big on fundamentals, but he also believes team unity is important.

At the Cooper's Lake tournament, the team went 2-1. The first game was an early 9 a.m. match against the University of Dayton. The result was an 18-3 loss.

According to junior Justin

Kozak, the team was not properly prepared because they arrived at the match a few minutes before game time. However, the team proceeded to play a mediocre match.

Niete had an amazing drop-kick at the end of the first half which added points to Penn State's score.

In the second match of the day, the Behrend Rugby team played Niagara and won 28-0.

"We dominated ball possession, rucks [when the ball is on the ground and both teams converge over the ball], scrums [formation], and the tempo of the game," Kozak said. "To my forwards, that was the proudest moment I've had on a pitch [rugby field of play], and the proudest I've been as a Penn State Behrend Rugger ever."

Junior Evan Bras scored two tries [five points scored when the ball is grounded in the other team's in-goal area] and sophomore Tom Cummings and Fry recorded one try each. Niete was four-for-four on conversions [kick at goal, following a try].

The last game of the tournament was against Indiana University of Pennsylvania who beat Behrend last year at Cooper's Lake in the final minutes of the game.

After a hard fought game,

the Lions won 13-7. Senior Kevin Jackson and Niete each scored a try and Niete went one-for-two on conversions.

The rugby club has a young team and many players with little experience.

"We are doing well with recruiting," explained Fry. "If we just keep going with what we are doing we will be fine. We'll blow right through these tournaments. The more the [younger players] improve and touch the ball, the better we will be in our tournaments."

The rugby teams plays April 18 at the Allegheny College tournament and April 25 at Penn State University Park with Penn State Berks.

"We want to win the next tournament," Niete said.

Fry believes that the rugby club is becoming more well known around campus.

"We need to focus on what we've done so far," Fry said. "We have established ourselves and we need to continue to work towards having a good fall team."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
Left: The rugby team comes together.
Top: Three rugby players surround the ball.

Emma Hahn named AMCC pitcher of the week

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Freshman pitcher Emma Hahn was named the AMCC pitcher of the week for the week of April 5, 2009.

"To be honest, I had no idea I was named the pitcher of the week until we had a team meeting and my coach men-

tioned it to me on my way out," said Hahn. "I was very excited to hear the news but I'm happy to be part of such a humble team. Everyone has the best interest of each other at heart and it's a real team effort. We don't put individual successes

on a podium as much as some teams do and I like that."

Hahn said that she wouldn't have had this much success without her teammates.

"I wasn't pitcher of the week just by myself, a lot of the credit should go to my catcher Amy Greene and my teammates that constantly have my back defensively and offensively."

Hahn earned two victories last week against Pitt-Bradford and Medaille. Hahn recorded two shutouts, including a no-hitter against AMCC rival Pitt-Bradford.

Hahn pitched a shortened complete game against Pitt-Bradford as the Lady Lions won 9-0. In the game, Hahn did not give up a hit in the five innings played and struck out seven batters while giving up two walks. The game marked Hahn's second no-hitter of the season. Her first no-hitter came against Medaille on March 25.

In her second start of the week, Hahn held Hiram to three hits while striking out eight batters. Hahn pitched all seven innings in the 6-0 win.

She has a 5-2 record entering this week's matchups and has pitched 35 innings in ten appearances this year.

Hahn has only given up 20 hits, nine earned runs, and is holding opposing hitters to a .163 batting average. She holds a 2.31 ERA and has 49 strike outs on the year. Hahn

also finds herself ranked fourth in ERA and third in strikes.

"I guess you could say I hoped for this kind of success but I never simply expected it," said Hahn. "Actually, at the beginning of the season, especially when we were in Florida, I was a nervous wreck. I had no idea what I had gotten myself into but with the support of my teammates and coaches I've gained some confidence and gotten back to my mellow, composed self."

The Lady Lions are 17-4 overall and 7-0 in the AMCC.

"I think the season is going great," said Hahn. "We have a unique overload of seniors and freshman but I think it only makes us stronger. Having so many experienced players has made it easy for us as freshman to adapt. It has been a lot of fun being lucky enough to be part of such a successful and posed team."

Along with team goals, Hahn has set individual ones as well.

"I have an endless list of goals that I'm working on and I think the team would say the same," said Hahn. "Everyday we focus on something new that needs improved. I've found out that freshman year is kind of like a crash course in college softball. I'm just trying to keep up with the rest of the girls, and learning along the way."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Emma Hahn was named AMCC pitcher of the week.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

home games in bold

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

The Men's and Women's Track & Field team competes at the Slippery Rock Invitational at 10 a.m.

The Baseball team (17-4) plays a televised game against Pitt-Greensburg (13-10) at 1 p.m.

The Softball team (17-4) plays at Pitt-Greensburg (11-10) at 1 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

The Men's Tennis team (12-6) has a match against Notre Dame (N/A) at 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

The Baseball team plays against Allegheny (10-12) at 2 p.m.

The Softball team competes against Westminster (9-14-1) in a televised game at 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

The Baseball team travels to Thiel (N/A) for a 1 p.m. game.

The Softball team plays against Washington & Jefferson (11-13) at 3 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S SPORTS

All wins in italic text

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Men's Tennis: *Behrend 9 Pitt-Greensburg 0*
Women's Water Polo: Behrend 2 Colorado College 11
Behrend 3 Carthage 15
Behrend 2 Wheaton 7

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Men's Track & Field: *Won meet with a score of 128.50*
Women's Track & Field: *Won meet with a score of 97.50*
Men's Tennis: Behrend 8 Frostburg State 1

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Baseball(DH): Behrend 26 Altoona 14
Behrend 5 Altoona 6
Softball(DH): Behrend 3 Altoona 1
Behrend 5 Altoona 4
Men's Tennis: Behrend 7 Altoona 2

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Baseball(DH): Behrend 14 Franciscan 2
Behrend 11 Franciscan 2
Men's Tennis: Behrend 6 Pitt-Bradford 3

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Softball (DH): Behrend 11 Thiel 4
Behrend 3 Thiel 1

DH stands for doubleheader

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	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Christine	Nick
NHL					
Carolina @ New Jersey	N.J.	N.J.	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina
Philly @ N.Y. Islanders	Philly	Philly	Philly	Philly	Philly
Boston @ Buffalo	Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston
Pitt @ Montreal	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt
Washington @ Florida	Florida	Wash.	Wash.	Wash.	Florida
Edmonton @ Calgary	Calgary	Calgary	Calgary	Calgary	Calgary
Season Totals:	100-63	87-76	108-55	98-65	94-69