

# SPORTS

## Tennis team's nine match win streak snapped

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As an athlete, coach, or just a fan it is always difficult to take a loss. It can be argued that losing time and time again is the most heart breaking, but what about when the team and its fans feel like the wrong team lost. Those are the losses that are the most difficult to take in most cases but, not these Lions.

In their final regular season

match the Penn State Behrend men's tennis team (12-7, 8-0) hosted and lost to the Notre Dame Falcons (4-9, 0-4). Head coach Jeff Barger and several players do not appear to be concerned over the defeat. Rather, they are looking ahead to competing in the AMCC Championships on April 19 at the Oxford Club in Wexford, PA.

"I'm not concerned. Notre Dame was a very good team," Barger said. "I thought we had our chances, but just didn't get

it done. We had a couple of players playing with injuries and illness and I sat out one starter. For the most part we played hard. We will keep doing what we have been doing, the guys will respond."

Senior captain James Getty said, "I'm not really concerned about the loss against Notre Dame, it was a close match that could have gone either way. We just had an off day and it cost us the match. Even though we didn't play as well as we could, it was good warm up for the tournament. [Notre Dame] is a pretty good team."

The Lions lost 6-3 and it ended a month long undefeated streak from March 13 to April 13.

Sophomore Elliot Blackstone, who is a favorite to be named AMCC player of the year for the second year in a row, barely lost in the top singles and doubles match. He got off to a slow start in his singles match losing the first set 6-1 to Notre Dame's Jimmy Goodwin. He came back in the second set to edge out a small victory of 7-6. In the tiebreaker, he lost by the same score he had won. In the top doubles match, he teamed with fellow sophomore Jon Henderson and the pair lost 9-7.

"I played very poorly in singles and doubles, I made so many errors in the singles match, but it was still pretty close," Blackstone said. "I really feel that I could have won both of those matches. I'm not worried about that match at all. It was played outside in bad conditions."

Behrend did win the second and third singles matches, as well as, the second doubles match. In the number two singles match, sophomore Erkin Nasirli defeated Notre Dame's Andy Sherman. In the number

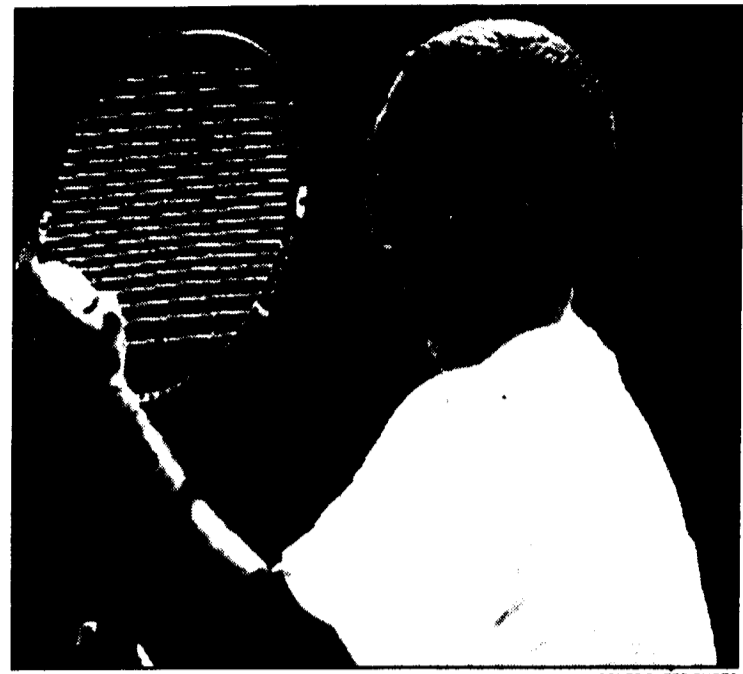
three singles match, junior Shane Mosier defeated the Falcon's Kyle Roche while losing just one point. The Lions paired the victorious duo of Getty and Nasirli in the number two doubles match.

Getty and fellow senior Brian Kaleta are ending their careers when the AMCC Championships are over. Kaleta contributed greatly in his first three years at Behrend before an injury derailed his career last year. He made a return this year, but he has only been able to play sparingly.

"It's kind of bitter sweet," Getty said. "I am definitely excited about playing in the tournament again. I haven't played my best at the tournament in previous years, so I am looking forward to getting another chance to play in it. At the same time it will be the last time I will play tennis as a part of a team. I've had so much fun being a part of this team, and I will miss everything about it."

The Lions are the favorites to dominate this year's AMCC Championship's as they have gone undefeated against their AMCC rivals this season. Getty is confident the Lions will maintain their superiority in the AMCC Championships.

"I really want to win the tournament," Getty said. "And there is not a doubt in my mind about us winning the tournament. I have all the confidence in the world in this team. We have been playing well and we all have been working hard throughout the season, winning the AMCC Tournament would be a great way for us to end our season. I want to leave this team on a positive note by starting a streak of AMCC Championships."



Senior James Getty gets ready to serve.

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Sophomore Jon Henderson returns the ball to his opponent.

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### THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

home games in bold

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

The Men's and Women's Track & Field compete at the Westminster Invitational at 10 a.m.

The Lady Lions Softball (20-5) team plays a televised DH against La Roche at 1 p.m.

The Golf team plays at 11 a.m. at the Carnegie Mellon Invitational.

The Women's Water Polo (0-12) team competes at the CWPA Western Division Championships at Indiana University at TBA.

The Baseball team (21-5) plays a DH at La Roche (12-11) at 1 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

The Women's Water Polo team continues the CWPA Western Division Championships.

The Golf team competes at the Carnegie Mellon Invitational at 11 a.m.

The Men's Tennis (12-7) team plays in the AMCC Tournament at the Oxford Club in Wexford, PA at 9 a.m.

The Softball team plays a DH against Frosburg State (20-9) at 1 p.m.

The Baseball team travels to Wooster (26-7) for a DH at 1 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 20

The JV Baseball team plays Mercyhurst-North East at 4 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

The Baseball team plays a televised DH against Hilbert at 1 p.m.

The Softball team travels to take on Hilbert for a 3 p.m. game.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

The Men's and Women's Golf team competes at the Behrend Invitational at Pean-N'-Peek at noon.

The softball team plays Washington & Jefferson (13-5) at 3 p.m.

### LAST WEEK'S SPORTS

All wins in *italic text*

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Baseball (DH): *Behrend 2 Pitt-Greensburg 0*  
*Behrend 7 Pitt-Greensburg 1*

Softball: *Behrend 11 Pitt-Greensburg 1*  
*Behrend 13 Pitt-Greensburg 2*

#### MONDAY, APRIL 13

Men's Tennis: Behrend 3 Notre Dame 6

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Baseball (DH): *Behrend 11 Allegheny 0*  
*Behrend 3 Allegheny 7*

Softball (DH): *Behrend 1 Westminster 0*  
*Behrend 2 Westminster 5*

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Baseball: *Behrend 13 Thiel 7*

DH stands for doubleheader

All scores based from Sports Calendar and individual team page results. If your sport is not listed and you feel that it should be, contact cen5060@psu.edu

## Koerbel and Fyffe named AMCC performers of the week

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Senior pitcher David Koerbel and junior shortstop Josh Fyffe were named the AMCC performers of the week.

Koerbel earned the pitcher of the week honors and Fyffe was named the player of the week.

"Holding the all time wins [record] at Behrend definitely means a lot to me," Koerbel said. "There were big name pitchers that I surpassed. But it is more of trying to get back to regionals for me."

Koerbel won his 24th win of his career in the first game of the doubleheader against Pitt-Greensburg on Saturday, April 11. He is already the program's leader in strike-outs and complete games. Koerbel currently leads the AMCC in wins with six and strikeouts with 43.

"The first two years I just showed up and played," explained Koerbel. "But the last two years I put forth a lot more effort in the offseason

and these have been my best two years." Head coach Paul Benim has seen Koerbel grow as a player throughout his career at Behrend.

"David has evolved into a complete pitcher," Benim said. "He is a mentally tough kid and he deserves credit for what he has done."

As Koerbel was dominating at the plate, Fyffe took over at the plate. Fyffe went 9-for-12 (.750) on the week with four extra-base hits (double, triple, and two HR) and drove in nine runs as the Blue and White swept Franciscan and Pitt-Greensburg. He also contributed to the team through his base running as he was 3-for-4 on stolen base attempts. Fyffe played solid defense with three assists and three putouts while committing no errors.

The Behrend Lions play a home game on April 17 against Fredonia at 2 p.m. and then travel to La Roche on April 18 for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. On April 19 the team travels to play Wooster and is back at home against Hilbert to play a doubleheader on April 22.



Junior Josh Fyffe at the plate.

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	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Christine	Nick
<b>MLB</b>					
Braves vs. Pirates (4-18)	Pirates	Pirates	Pirates	Braves	Pirates
Indians vs. Yankees (4-18)	Indians	Yankees	Indians	Yankees	Indians
Padres vs. Phillies (4-18)	Phillies	Phillies	Phillies	Phillies	Padres
Orioles vs. Red Sox (4-18)	Red Sox	Orioles	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox
Tigers vs. Mariners (4-18)	Tigers	Mariners	Tigers	Mariners	Tigers
Cardinals vs. Cubs (4-18)	Cardinals	Cubs	Cardinals	Cubs	Cardinals
<b>Season Totals:</b>	<b>105-64</b>	<b>91-78</b>	<b>111-58</b>	<b>101-68</b>	<b>98-71</b>