

SPORTS

Golf team takes first place out of Division III at Behrend Invitational

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The Behrend golf team came in first place out of the Division III level in the Behrend Spring Invitational at Peak n' Peek's lower course.

The outing was the last home match for the two seniors, Jon Arrigo and Bill Weeks.

According to the Behrend website, the Penn State Behrend blue team and Medaille College both finished with a score of 309. With this score, the Blue and White won the NCAA Division III level. In Division II play, Gannon was the winner, shooting an overall 290 on the day.

"We played really well," freshman Kevin Koerbel said. "Everyone in the blue team [the number one team] shot under 80. It was wet outside, but we did well."

Junior Joe Nelson led the Behrend Lions as he shot a 74 on the day. Both Koerbel and Arrigo scored a 78 at the invitational.

According to head coach James Bowen, nine men's teams and two women's teams participated in the event.

"Four of the AMCC schools that usually participate in our tournament were missing due to early finals so the field will not be a complete AMCC field," Bowen said. "I have four teams from Division II competing also."

Junior Rene Menjivar said that Gannon was led by Bobby Scalise who shot a score of 69.

The AMCC teams that competed in the invitational were La Roche and Medaille. Pitt-Bradford, Pitt-Greensburg, Hilbert, and Penn State Altoona were the four AMCC schools who could not participate. Other Division III schools involved were Thiel and Daemen College.

The four Division II schools that were part of the outing included Gannon, Mercyhurst, Slippery Rock, and Lake Erie College.

"We have separate DII and DIII trophies," Bowen explained. "We [Division III] don't compete against them; they just participate in the outing."

Before the Behrend Invitational, the team was in two invitationals for the 2009

spring season.

"So far this spring it has been pretty tough," Bowen said. "We have competed in two outings and have not fared well in."

In the spring season, the Behrend Lions competed in the Mercyhurst Invitational, also known as the Battle of the Lakes.

Behrend competed against Division II schools and took third place with a score of 650. Gannon was first with 605 followed by Mercyhurst with 626.

According to junior Rene Menjivar, the Carnegie Mellon Invitational was last weekend.

"This [Carnegie Mellon] was our first match of the spring season," Bowen said. "Temperatures were low, in the high 30s, and it was our first outing. I think we did okay, but not as well as I'd like."

Junior Joe Nelson and freshman Kevin Koerbel led the team at Carnegie Mellon with 160 and 164 points respectively.

"As for the season so far we have struggled a little bit," Arrigo said. "I think it was because of the bad weather and we have not been able to practice at all in the spring, but we have been getting better each tournament."

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According to Arrigo, the team started both tournaments a little rough but everyone improved the second day of each one.

"In the spring season, I want to get more experience into the players," Bowen said. "I try to get every player in there. It is a tune up for fall 2009."

The majority of the Blue and White's season is in the fall. This year, the Behrend Lions were AMCC runners-up at the tournament.

"We did very well," Bowen said. "We had a hiccup in a performance and unfortunately we couldn't make the score up completely."

Along with Bowen, Arrigo believes that the team was very successful in the fall season.

"The fall season went great for us; it was probably our most successful since I have been on the team," Arrigo said. "We took second in AMCC tournament with my teammate

Joe Nelson actually winning the tournament. We won one other tournament in the fall and battled with Penn State Altoona, who was our biggest rival, in every tournament."

Bowen is in his third year as the head men's and women's golf coach. Before becoming the head coach, he was the assistant coach for 16 seasons.

"Coach Bowen has really helped us a lot," Arrigo said. "When I first joined the team it was more just practice whenever you can or want to. Now with him we have set schedules and definitely get more practice in. He has also helped us with knowing that if we play bad, not to get to worked up and still have fun."

As a senior, Arrigo hopes to leave a mark on the golf program as he moves on.

"I would like to leave a mark that the golf team has become

more serious and will be a competitor to win the AMCC each year," Arrigo explained. "I think not too many people know that we have a golf team and especially a good one, so it would be nice to let everyone know we are practicing hard and working hard to win the AMCC."

After Arrigo graduates from Behrend, he plans on staying in Erie and working part time in the summer, which will still leave him one more summer to play in local golf tournaments. Then in the fall, Arrigo said that he plans on finding a full time job in Erie or somewhere else.

"I've seen both of them [Arrigo and Skuse] grow and improve," Bowen said. "I've seen them mature as men and as golfers. They have been an asset to the team."



Junior Joe Nelson won the Behrend Invitational with a score of 74.



Head coach James Bowen is in his third year at the position.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

home games in bold

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

The softball team (26-5) plays a doubleheader against Franciscan (1-22) at 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

The junior varsity and varsity baseball team (26-7) plays against Bethany at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

The golf team competes at Washington & Jefferson at 9 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

The golf team continues their play at Washington & Jefferson at 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

The junior varsity and varsity team travels to play at Washington & Jefferson at 4 p.m.

The softball team plays at Grove City in a doubleheader at 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

The baseball team plays against Fredonia at 3 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S SPORTS

All wins in italic text

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Track & Field : Men-First place: 252 points
Women-Second place: 128 points

Softball (DH): Behrend 3 La Roche 0
Behrend 5 La Roche 0

Women's Water Polo: Behrend 2 Michigan 14
Behrend 4 Grove City 12

Baseball (DH): Behrend 9 La Roche 4
Behrend 8 La Roche 4

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Women's Water Polo: Behrend 8 Chatham 6

Men's Tennis: AMCC CHAMPS

Softball (DH): Behrend 9 Frostburg State 1
Behrend 2 Frostburg State 0

Baseball (DH): Behrend 3 Wooster 11
Behrend 8 Wooster 12

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Baseball (DH): Behrend 18 Hilbert 3
Behrend 14 Hilbert 6

Softball (DH) : Behrend 24 Hilbert 1
Behrend 24 Hilbert 9

Golf: 1st Place for D III

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

Beat The Experts

Rachel is still sitting in first while Nick, Christine and Connor all battle for second.

Want to play? Email cen5056@psu.edu for a list of next week's games to see if you can "beat the experts".

	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Christine	Nick
MLB					
Yankees vs. Red Sox (4-25)	Yankees	Yankees	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox
Cubs vs. Cardinals (4-25)	Cubs	Cubs	Cards.	Cards.	Cards.
Phillies vs. Marlins (4-25)	Phillies	Phillies	Marlins	Phillies	Marlins
Rays vs. Athletics (4-25)	Rays	Rays	Athl.	Rays	Athletics
Twins vs. Indians (4-25)	Indians	Twins	Indians	Twins	Indians
Blue Jays vs. W. Sox (4-25)	Sox	Sox	Jays	Sox	Jays
Giants vs. DBacks (4-25)	DBacks	Giants	Giants	Giants	DBacks
Pirates vs. Padres (4-25)	Pirates	Padres	Pirates	Pirates	Pirates
NHL					
Penguins vs. Flyers (4-25)	Pens	Pens	Pens	Pens	Pens
Flames vs. B'hawks (4-25)	'Hawks	Flames	'Hawks	'Hawks	'Hawks
Ducks vs. Sharks (4-25)	Sharks	Ducks	Sharks	Ducks	Sharks
Devils vs. Hurricanes (4-26)	Devils	Devils	'Canes	Devils	'Canes
Capitals vs. Rangers (4-26)	Capitals	Capitals	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers
Season Totals:	109-66	92-82	115-60	102-73	103-72