

CROSS COUNTRY

XC prepares for AMCC Championships

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The men's and women's cross country team will be hosting the AMCC Championships at the Behrend Fields on Oct. 31.

The men will look to win the team's third consecutive AMCC Championship.

The women look to be just as successful as their men teammates, with a win of their own.

The women won the title in 2007 and expected to win the AMCC last year.

This year, the women's team will be looking to not be disappointed.

"Not winning the AMCC title last year was a huge let down," said junior Liz Keller. "Not one of us expected to place as low as third last year. This season we are definitely a stronger team. We have every intention of going out on a strong note, and hopefully we win the title."

Both the men's and women's cross country teams have had a strong season.

While the team has placed highly in several of this year's meets, individuals have conse-

quently done well.

Going above and beyond expectations this season, the men's senior captain Kevin Gorny has placed in several meets this year. At the first Invitational of the year, at Westminster, Gorny placed first

among the men with a time of 26:52. The men's team followed suit and placed first at the Westminster Invitational.

The women's team has also had success this season. Junior Emily Berry has been a stand out on the women's team, plac-

ing highly at several meets this season.

At the Behrend invitational, the men and women placed third out of 15 and second out of 12, respectively.

Most recently the cross country team struggled against some of the better teams in Division III at the Oberlin Invitational. The men finished 23 out of 28 and the women finished 23 out of 25. Tanisha Wheatley led the Lions with a time of 24:49.

After winning three of the last four championships the men and women will have high expectations heading into this weekend.

Should one or both of the men's or women's teams win the title, that respective team or teams will be four-time AMCC champions.

"We are looking really good as a team," Gorny said. "We have a good shot to win the title with up to six or seven All-AMCC runners."

The Lions hope for a good turn out with the Championship being held at Behrend.



Dan Smith/The Behrend Beacon
Junior Liz Keller hopes for an AMCC Championship.



Dan Smith/The Behrend Beacon
Andy Iams has been a strong runner for the Lions this season.

Athlete of the week



Jon Klein/The Behrend Beacon

Ryan Banks scored three goals in a 9-0 win against Mt. Aloysius.

Ryan Banks has been named the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Athlete of the Week for the week of Oct. 26, 2009.

Banks exploded for three goals in an AMCC contest against Mount Aloysius on, Oct. 24.

The Behrend Lions went on to score a season high nine goals as they defeated the Mounties 9-0.

Banks scored one of his goals in the first period while adding the Blue and White's only goals in the second.

Banks' Season Statistics

Goals	Assists	Shots	SOG	SOG%
6	1	21	11	.524

SWIMMING

Swim team takes second at Pitt Bradford Relays

The Lions take gold in eight out of 16 events in first competition

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The Penn State Behrend swim team kicked off their 2009-2010 season by taking second place at the Pitt Bradford Relay Invitational.

The Lions, with a combined score of 230 after 16 events, fell only to Notre Dame who won by 34 points.

The nearest competitor after Behrend was Penn State Altoona with a score of 82 and

ousted teams such as Pitt-Bradford and Bethany College.

The Behrend Lions took the gold in eight of the 16 events.

These events included Mixed 200 Yard Medley Relay, Men 300 Yard Butterfly Relay, Men 300 Yard Backstroke Relay, Men 300 Yard Breaststroke Relay, Mixed 200 Yard Freestyle Relay, Mixed 400 Yard Reverse Medley Relay, Men 800 Yard Freestyle Relay, and Men 500 Yard Crescendo Relay.

Junior women's team captain Danielle Wilson, a first-team all-AMCC athlete, performed well in the mixed 400 yard reverse medley relay to help her team take the win.

Junior Josh Reish was named team captain for the men's team. He swam well in the Men

300 yard breaststroke relay along with Hamilee Cousin, Jake Sherk and Ben Strunk.

The relay team took first in the event over Notre Dame by 5.71 seconds and over Penn State Altoona by 16.52 seconds.

Another swimmer that did well at the meet was freshman Jake DesRoches.

He helped the team take first in the mixed 200-yard medley relay and the men 300-yard backstroke relay.

The Lions won the events by 1.57 seconds and 1.65 seconds respectively both over Notre Dame.

Sophomore Anne Lawrence helped the women's team to win the mixed 400 Yard Reverse Medley Relay and the 200 yard Medley Relay.

Lawrence is expected to

make a few runs at the record boards during her career here at Behrend.

The team is led by coach Jen Wallace who is in her seventh year as men's and woman's head swimming coach.

This year the Lions will look to secure their third straight AMCC swimming and diving championship after taking the title the last two years.

"The team worked well together, and we swam strong," said freshman Stefania Pontillo. "We hope to do better next week and will be practicing hard all week for it."

The swim team continues their season when they next host Bethany College on Oct. 31.

MEN'S SOCCER

Soccer team falls to Case Western, 3-0

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On Oct. 23 the Penn State Behrend men's soccer team faced off against the Spartans of Case Western Reserve at the Behrend Fields.

Despite less than perfect weather conditions, as well as field conditions, the Behrend men knew what they needed to accomplish.

Playing without starting sophomore center midfielder Aaron Meehl would be an obstacle that the team needed to overcome to win the game.

Throughout the entire first half, the Lions certainly had

their chances to put the ball in the net.

Unfortunately, they could not capitalize on any of their scoring opportunities.

The Behrend men held strong and stood their ground until the 27:55 minute mark of the first half when a Case Western player was pulled down in the box, giving the Spartans a penalty shot taken by the Spartans' Vinny Bell.

Bell was able to put the ball behind senior goalkeeper Dustin Walker.

Down by a score of 1-0 at halftime, the Lions needed to pick up their game and start creating scoring opportunities.

Despite their efforts, the second half of the game saw only two more goals by the Spartans.

Behrend continued to struggle to find the net and fell to the

Spartans by a final score of 3-0.

Walker finished the game with five saves.

"I personally believe we were a better team," said freshman Danny Poljak. "However, in less than perfect weather and field conditions, the better team does not always win." The absence of Meehl may have also hurt the Lions.

"Well, Aaron is a great ball winner and handler in the middle," Poljak said. "Obviously, we missed him, but we still had a good amount of depth on the field. We just need to to bounce back from a tough game."

The men's soccer team is currently 7-1-1 in AMCC play.

The AMCC tournament is coming up for the Behrend Lions, and they are poised to win an AMCC Championship



Jon Klein/The Behrend Beacon
Behrend shot six times, but only had one shot on goal.

Beat The Editors

NFL

Denver @ Baltimore
Miami @ N.Y. Jets
Minnesota @ Green Bay
Atlanta @ New Orleans

Connor

Denver
Miami
Minnesota
New Orleans

Nick

Denver
N.Y. Jets
Minnesota
New Orleans

Shawn

Baltimore
N.Y. Jets
Minnesota
New Orleans

Christine

Denver
N.Y. Jets
Minnesota
New Orleans

Dan

Denver
Miami
Minnesota
New Orleans

Mike

Denver
N.Y. Jets
Green Bay
New Orleans

NCAA

#12 Penn St. @ Northwestern
#3 Texas @ #14 Oklahoma St.

Penn St.
Texas

Penn St.
Texas

Penn St.
Texas

Penn St.
Oklahoma St.

Penn St.
Texas

Penn St.
Texas

NHL

Minnesota @ Pittsburgh
Carolina @ Philadelphia

Pittsburgh
Carolina

Pittsburgh
Carolina

Pittsburgh
Philadelphia

Pittsburgh
Philadelphia

Pittsburgh
Carolina

Pittsburgh
Philadelphia

Season Totals:

45-19

46-18

47-17

47-17

38-26

43-21

AMCC Sports Standings

As of 10/26

MEN'S SOCCER

	AMCC	Pts	Overall	Strk
Medaille	8-0-1	25	14-2-2	W1
Penn St. Behrend	7-1-1	22	12-4-2	W1
Penn St. Altoona	7-2	21	11-5-1	W4
Franciscan	6-3	18	9-6	W2
Frostburg State	6-3	18	10-6-1	W6
La Roche	6-3	18	8-8-1	W1
Pitt-Bradford	3-6	9	4-12	W1
Pitt-Greensburg	2-6-1	7	3-13-1	L6
D'Youville	2-7	6	3-14	L1
Hilbert	1-7-1	4	1-15-1	L5
Mount Aloysius	0-9	0	0-15	L15

WOMEN'S SOCCER

	AMCC	Pts	Overall	Strk
Penn St. Behrend	8-0-1	25	12-2-3	W8
Frostburg State	8-1	24	14-3	W3
Medaille	6-2-1	19	8-7-2	W1
Penn St. Altoona	6-2-1	19	14-3-1	W5
La Roche	5-3-1	16	12-6-1	L2
Pitt-Bradford	5-4	15	9-7	L1
Franciscan	4-5	12	6-9-1	W1
Hilbert	4-6	12	7-8-2	W1
Pitt-Greensburg	1-8	3	2-14	L7
D'Youville	1-8	3	3-11	L3
Mount Aloysius	0-9	0	0-16	L16

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

	AMCC	Overall	Strk
Frostburg State	7-0	25-4	W6
Penn St. Behrend	7-2	17-8	L1
Penn St. Altoona	6-1	13-10	W3
Pitt-Bradford	6-2	14-4	W3
Medaille	5-2	18-7	W2
Mount Aloysius	3-4	8-18	L8
D'Youville	2-5	8-15	L4
Pitt-Greensburg	3-4	5-14	W2
Franciscan	2-7	9-13	W1
Hilbert	1-6	4-16	L3
La Roche	0-9	2-24	L11

Most recent sports results

Swimming

Oct. 24 at Pitt-Bradford Relays - 2nd Place - 154 pts.

Men's Soccer

Oct. 23 v. Case Western - Lost 3-0.
Oct. 24 at Mount Aloysius - Won 9-0.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 24 at Mount Aloysius - Won 8-0.

Women's Volleyball

Oct. 24 at Penn State Altoona - Lost 3-2.

Men's Water Polo

Oct. 24 at DII Eastern Championships v. Washington and Jefferson - Lost 11-7 (OT).
Oct. 24 at DIII Eastern Championships v. John Hopkins - Lost 23-2.
Oct. 25 at DIII Eastern Championships v. Connecticut - Lost 14-9.
Oct. 25 at DIII Eastern Championships v. Connecticut - Lost 19-13.