

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



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Senior captain Brooke Gallentine has been an aggressive leader for Behrend this season. She recorded 40 assists and 2 aces to lead the Lady Lions to victory over the D'Youville Spartans in the AMCC tournament.

Lions eliminate D'Youville in the AMCC tournament

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The Lady Lions, led by senior captain Brooke Gallentine, cruised passed the D'Youville Spartans in the first round of the AMCC Championship tournament.

Gallentine recorded an astonishing 40 assists to account for over half of Behrend's offense.

"I have to attribute my play to many years of hard practice," Gallentine said. "My coaches and teammates have pushed me to be the best I can be."

Behrend took three straight matches by scores of 25-16, 25-17 and 25-19.

The Lions jumped out to an early lead and never surrendered it through the entire contest. The team rolled through the second match with even less resistance.

D'Youville came out with a new tenacity in the third match and came close to winning. The Spartans pulled the match to within four points down the stretch, but the Blue and White

held D'Youville's women off.

Behrend went on a 3-1 run to close out the game, set and match.

"Our level of play was pretty consistent throughout the whole match," said senior Carissa Jonhston, who had a team-leading 10 kills along with sophomore Lauren Dalton. "We probably could have increased our intensity as the match progressed."

It came down to winning small victories, which were spread throughout the entire court for the Lady Lions.

"We had a few key plays during each match that allowed us to hang onto the lead," said Johnston. "Everyone stepped up their game when it was needed."

Freshman Alex Johnson and senior Sheila Ogden led the team in spikes. Ogden recorded nine kills and Johnson had seven.

"Alex got some great kills for us by getting to the ball fast and swinging hard," said Ogden. "She is unstoppable when she does that."

On the defensive side of the game, junior Danielle Woods led the team with 19 digs. Johnson and Ogden had three blocks apiece.

"I thought we were pretty solid offensively," said head coach Phil Pisano. "We kept the pressure on D'Youville by taking good swings and finding open court space."

The team showed its only true weakness in struggling to prevent hitting and service errors.

Pisano does not seem to worry.

"I truly believe this team is good enough to claim the AMCC title," Pisano said. "This weekend presents an exciting opportunity and we're looking forward to the challenge."

Gallentine is going to be taking a more fierce approach against Pitt-Bradford in the semi-finals.

"We are going to come out like beasts, hungry for another win," Gallentine said. "If we all play to our potential, great things are going to happen for us."

MLB

Yanks win Series, earn their stripes

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A full-count, runner on second pitch to the Phillies center-fielder Shane Victorino ended a nine-season World Series Championship drought for the New York Yankees.

"It feels better than I can remember," shortstop Derek Jeter said. "It's been a long time."

Yankees closer Mariano Rivera delivered the final pitch, which Victorino softly sliced to second baseman Robinson Cano. Cano shoveled the ball into his glove and delicately threw it to first baseman Mark Teixeira to clinch the 7-3 victory over the defending Champion Phillies.

It was Rivera's fourth time delivering the final pitch of a World Series to win a championship with the Yankees.

"I still have a huge rush through all of my body," said Rivera. "Thank God for this."

World Series MVP Hideki

Matsui played the game of his life to lead the Yankees to the team's twenty-seventh World Series Championship.

"This is awesome," said Matsui. "I can't believe this. This is the best moment of my life."

Exemplary of a clutch hitter, Matsui drove in a single-game, World Series record-tying six runs off of three hits.

He started his night of terror on Phillies pitching with a full-count, two-run home run over the right field bleachers in the bottom of the second. Only an inning later Matsui hit a two-out, two-run single off of a 0-2 count to knock in the winning run of the game.

Andy Pettitte, off of three days' rest, started the game for the Yankees. He was 2-0 in the World Series and was the winning pitcher in each of the Yankees three playoff series clinching victories.

"This is what I came back for," said Pettitte. "I wanted to play in front of these fans and

in this ball park."

He threw only 50 strikes in 94 pitches, but the ball had eyes for Yankees' fielders when the Phillies' bats would not die.

Manager Joe Girardi won his first World Series as a manager and fourth overall in pinstripes.

"This is for the Steinbrenners, Brian Cashman and his staff for putting this team together," said Girardi. "This is for the players and the fans."

Girardi chose to wear number 27 when he was hired as the Yankees manager to send a message to the team that its only goal was a twenty-seventh championship. He might have to change his number to 28.

Emotionally stung, defending World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies manager Charlie Manuel offered bitter-sweet words after the game.

"I am proud to be the Phillies manager," said Manuel. "We have a great team, but the Yankees deserve this. They played tough, and they played better."

Possibly the best Yankee of this year's playoffs is also the most ridiculed by baseball and Yankee fans alike.

The man's name is Alex Rodriguez. Fans questioned his ability to perform in October baseball ever since he was adorned in pinstripes in 2004.

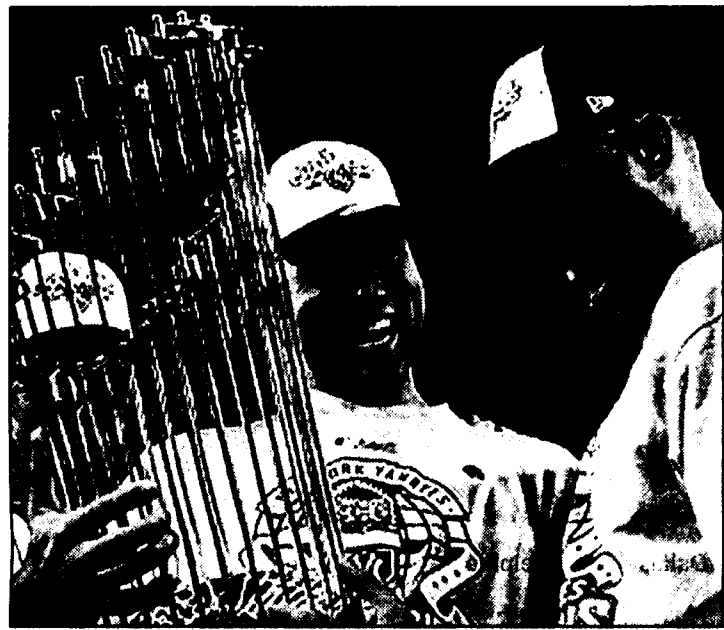
Rodriguez quieted his critics and batted at a .365 clip with a .500 OBP. He hit six homeruns and drove in 16 RBIs in 15 playoff games.

"I cannot be more proud of these guys," said Rodriguez. "My teammates stood by me, and we won."

It is Rodriguez's first time as a World Series Champion, but Jeter, Rivera and Pettitte won their fifth World Series title along with Jorge Posada.

"I'm excited for these guys here," said Posada. "We brought in C.C. Sabathia and A.J. Burnett to pitch. We won this time because of pitching."

The Yankees also brought in first baseman Mark Teixeira in



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Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera won their fifth World Series Championship with the Yankees, along with Jorge Posada and Andy Pettitte.

the offseason. Teixeira provided the most home runs with 39 and the most RBIs with 122 for the Yankees this season.

It may be that The Bronx Bombers have ushered in the start of a new dynasty with a crop of fresh, world class talent, much like the teams of the

late 90's.

For now, the team is going to celebrate inside of its \$1.5 billion, one-year old baseball park.

"We stand here World Champions," said Rodriguez. "We are going to enjoy it, and we are going to party."

MEN'S SOCCER

Behrend versus Medaille: AMCC Championship

When: Nov. 7 at 7:00 pm
Where: Medaille College, Buffalo, New York
Behrend record: 15-4-2, 8-1-1
Medaille record: 16-2-2, 9-0-1
Head-to-head record: Tied, 0-0-1

Oct. 21 Head-to-head stats

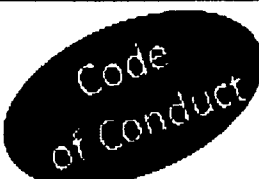
	Behrend	Medaille
Shots:	10	33
Shots on Goal:	2	10
Goals:	0	0
Fouls:	20	13

Season Leaders

Points:	41, Gary Boughton, (Medaille) 22, Lance Sabol, (Behrend)
Shots:	71, Alex Rouse, (Medaille) 35, Lance Sabol, (Behrend)
Goals:	16, Alex Rouse, (Medaille) 11, Lance Sabol, (Behrend)
Assists:	21, Gary Boughton, (Medaille) 7, Cory Hamilton, (Behrend)
Save Pct:	.902, Ryan Goettel, (Medaille) .838, Dustin Walker, (Behrend)



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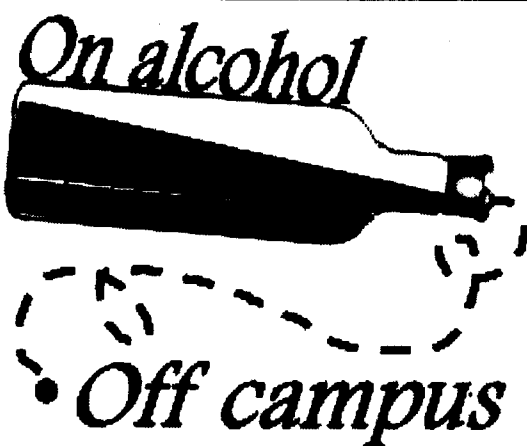


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