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opportunity to set up a scoring chance

Unfortunately, the Behrend men could not capitalize on the set piece, leaving the score remaining 0-0, with time ticking down.

Shortly after the Behrend free kick, Medaille received a free kick with 30:50 remaining in the second half.

Once again, Walker was able to make the save. Even so, the scoring opportunity seemed to give Medaille control of the game.

The Lions held strong until the 11:51 mark of the half, when, off of a deflection, Medaille senior Josh Meier was able to put the ball behind Walker, scoring the one and only goal of the game.

With a score of 1-0 in favor of the Mavericks, the game came to a close, making Medaille the AMCC Tournament Champions and the Behrend men the second place runner up.

"Medaille is a big, fast, physical team and we knew going into the game it would be a battle," Walker said. "They are a very dangerous team on the attack, but our defense did an outstanding job of limiting quality opportunities. It was a disappointing loss, but we played well and had chances to win the game."

Kyle McKinney, Lance Sabol, and Danny Poljak not only agreed with Walker, but complimented their senior captain.

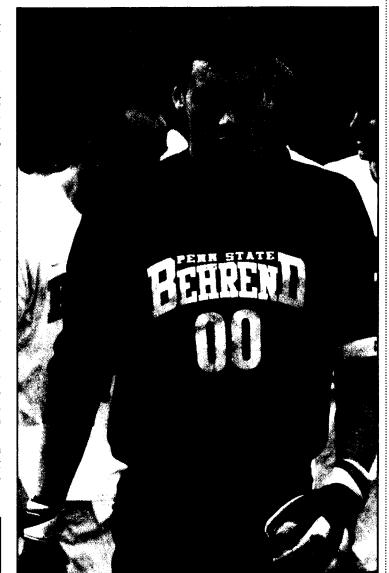
"He was a captain for a reason," McKinney said.

"I would not want anyone else in goal," Sabol said.

"He is the reason we've done so well, he's kept us in every game," Poljak said.

Although the Lions did not win the AMCC Tournament, they are now in the ECAC Tournament. On Nov. 11, the number one seeded Behrend Lions beat the number eight seed, Neumann, by a score of 2-1 in overtime

The Lions are back in action on Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. against Lebanon Valley at Gannon University.



Jon Klein/The Behrend Beacon (Above) Senior goal keeper Dustin Walker made seven saves on eight Medaille Maverick shots in the AMCC championship game.

Chris Ripley/The Perspective (Left) In such a low-scoring match-up, ball control often decided momentum in the game.

# **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL** Women's volleyball falls short of AMCC title

ALEC ITALIANO statt writes

The Penn State Behrend Women's Volleyball team came close to an AMCC championship, but fell just short.

After defeating Pitt Bradford found, the Lions lost in the to Frostourg State University in the championship match by a score of three sets to one.

However, the second place finish did earn the Lions a place in the ECAC tournament. In the first game against Pitt



# Sports

# **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

# Lions come out with 2-1 win in **ECAC first round**



Jon Klein/The Behrend Beacon Sophomore Heather Klimuszka gave the Lions an early 1-0 lead.

NICK BLAKE sports editor

The women's soccer team came off of a tough loss in the AMCC semi-final to earn a win in the first round of the ECAC Tournament.

The Lions earned themselves a fourth seed in the tournament and took on the fifth seeded Grove City Wolverines at Gannon University on Nov, 11.

The Behrend Lions were looking to get back to their winning ways early in the game against Grove City, and opened with fast paced play.

Behrend would strike within the first 10 minutes of the game with a goal of the foot of sophforward Heather omore Klimuszka.

Klimuszka was able to find the back of the net at the 9:10 mark thanks to a spot on pass from freshman midfielder Valerie Wagner.

Grove City would respond, though, and 20 minutes into the game would produce the equalizer.

Freshman midfielder Grace

Rieman beat Behrend goal keeper Kayla Frost with an unassisted shot.

The Lions picked up their game, urgent to get a goal and take the lead into halftime.

With less than two minutes left in the half, that goal came from freshman midfielder Dannielle Pelensky, whose unassisted tally would give Behrend a 2-1 lead at halftime.

The second half was filled with offensive attacks from the Grove City Wolverines as they tried desperately to tie the game again.

The Lions defense held tough, though, for the entire 40 minutes of the second half.

Strong defensive play from the Lions was the key to a 2-1 victory in the first round of the tournament.

The ECAC Tournament will head to Penn State Altoona for the final rounds.

The Behrend Lions will take on the Altoona Lions on Nov. 14 for the right to play in the ECAC Final.

**Basketball season previews** 

Bradford, the team started off playing well and took the first game 25-14.

The Lions faltered in the second set and lost 25-21, but they rebounded in the third and fourth sets taking them 25-13 and 25-13 respectively.

Sophomore Laura Dalton led the team in kills that match with 15, followed closely by senior Carissa Johnston with seventh time in the league's 13, and freshman Mary Sperry with 12.

Defensive specialist junior Danielle Woods helped the team accumulate 91 digs total and she herself collected 24.

"Friday, we started the match playing well, and finished the match playing well," said head coach Phil Pisano. "In between we were a little sloppy with our play."

The win over Pitt Bradford set the stage for the championship game between the Lions and Frostburg State.

These two programs were no strangers to each other and would meet for the AMCC Lions and took the third set 25championship match for the 21.

Daniel Smith / The Behrend Beacon

The women's volleyball team defeated Pitt Bradford in the first round but couldn't keep up with Frostburg State University in the AMCC championship match.

thirteen vears.

The Lions got off on the right foot to take down the powerhouse Bobcats, taking the first match 25-18 after starting out with four straight points.

The second and third sets were both back and forth the entire night with lead changes happening every other point.

Frostburg State took the second set by a score of 25-17, but Behrend battled back in the third set to tie it at 10-10 halfway through the game.

However, after a three point run by the Bobcats, they were able to fight off the pursuing

Frostburg State went on to take the fourth and final set 25-19 after running away after a 5-3 lead and took the title over Behrend.

Dalton again led the team with 13 kills and teamed up with passing expert senior Brooke Gallentine who handed out 28 assists during the championship match.

Sophomore Stefanie Kelley, along with Woods and Sperry, combined for 52 of the teams 82 digs from the hard hitting Frostburg State Bobcats.

"Our first game was great, we had some adrenaline backing us for that game," said senior Shelia Ogden. "Overall, the whole match we played pretty

well, but Frostburg is a very strong and dominant team and in order to beat that team we would have needed to play great. Pretty good didn't do it. I'm proud of my team for battling hard that day."

Pisano was proud of his team during the AMCC run.

"I thought we played pretty solid during the championship match, but to pull off the upset we needed a great match, and we just fell a little bit short in that effort," Pisano said. "We fought hard, passed and served well, but just needed a few more big swings. Frostburg has a great team with a lot of offense and they kept the pressure on us after the first set."

Coach: Dave Niland Last Season: 17-8 overall regular season record. Lost in the AMCC Tournament semi-finals. Last Season Statistical Leaders: Points: Adam Potter, 369. Assists: Tom Newman, 75. Steals: Drew Seker, 38. Field Goal Percentage: (Minimum 50 shots) Drew Seker, .504, Adam Potter .504. Key Returning Players: The Behrend Lions will be returning All-AMCC players Adam Potter and Adam Kaiser. Kaiser averaged 13.5 points per game, and Potter was a go-to force in the paint.

# WOMEN'S

### Coach: Roz Fanari

Last Season: 13-11 overall regular season record. Lost in the first round of the AMCC Tournament.

Last Season Statistical Leaders:

Points: Natalie Engel, 349.

Assists: Amy Oldach, 86.

Steals: Rachel Richardson, 85.

Field Goal Percentage: (Minimum 50 shots) Christine Krankota .533

Key Returning Players: The Behrend Lions have lost All-AMCC selections, Natalie Engel and Rachel Richardson. They are, however, returning Amy Oldach and Kelly Nowacinski, who led the team in rebounds last season.

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Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati
Dallas (a Green Bay	Dallas	Dallas	Green Bay	Dallas	Dallas	Green Bay
New England (a Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	New England	Indianapolis
Philadelphia (a San Diego	San Diego	Philadelphia	San Diego	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
NCAA						
#16 Utah (a #4 TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	Utah	TCU
#10 Iowa (@ #11 OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	Iowa
NHL						
Boston (a Pittsburgh	Boston	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Buffalo (a Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Buffalo	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Season Totals:	51-29	54-26	57-23	54-26	43-35	50-30

# Most recent sports results

## **Men's Swimming**

Nov. 6 at Buffalo State - Lost 125-112. Nov. 11 v. St. Vincent - Lost 122-117. Nov. 11 v. Baldwin Wallace - Won 168-51.

## Women's Swimming

Nov. 6 at Buffalo State - Won 115-103. Nov. 11 v. St. Vincent - Won 143-71. Nov. 11 v. Baldwin Wallace - Won 114-104.

#### Men's Soccer

Nov. 7 at Fredonia v. Medaille, AMCC Championship - Lost 1-0. Nov. 11 ECAC Tournament at Ganon v. Neumann - Won 2-1(OT)

Women's Soccer Nov. 11 ECAC Tournament at Ganon v. Grove City - Won 2-1.

### Women's Volleyball

Nov. 6 AMCC Tournament at Frostburg State v. Pitt Bradford Won 3-1. Nov. 7 AMCC Championship at Frostburg State v. Frostburg State - Lost 3-1. Nov. 11 ECAC Tournament v. St. Vincent - Lost 3-2.

## Men's Basketball

Nov. 8 v. Sheridan (Exhibition) - Won 94-66.