

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Behrend drops three games during invite

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The Junker Center recently hosted the Penn-State Behrend women's water polo invitational, which included 14 games over the span of two days. This included mostly division II teams such as Mercyhurst, Gannon, Villanova, Chatham University, Utica, and Toronto.

The Behrend women opened up their invitational against Toronto University last Saturday in the third of eight games played in the Junker Center pool that day. After junior Tegan Boland and freshman MaryEllen Spooner both scored one goal apiece for the Lady Lions, the offense fell off as they fell to Toronto by a final score of 19-2.

The Blue and White were back in the pool the next morning to face off against fellow Erie school, the Gannon Golden Knights in the sec-

ond game of that Saturday. The only goal of the game again came by the arm of Spooner late in the second period of play.

Mercyhurst College was the last competitor for the Lions in their second game of the day and third of the invitational. The Lakers won their first three games of the tournament against Villanova, Chatham University, and Utica before blanking the Lady Lions 5-0. Behrend fell behind early, giving up three goals in the first period, and was only able to mount nine shots on goal, all of which saved by Mercyhurst goaltender Hope Rozelle.

A positive for the women's water polo team is the potential they have coming from a strong swimming and diving program. The team has five freshmen currently on the roster and are hoping to add success to the program in the future.

"We didn't give up this weekend," said freshman Kim Ballentine. "The weekend started off rough with hard competition, but we really started to play together as a team as the weekend went on."

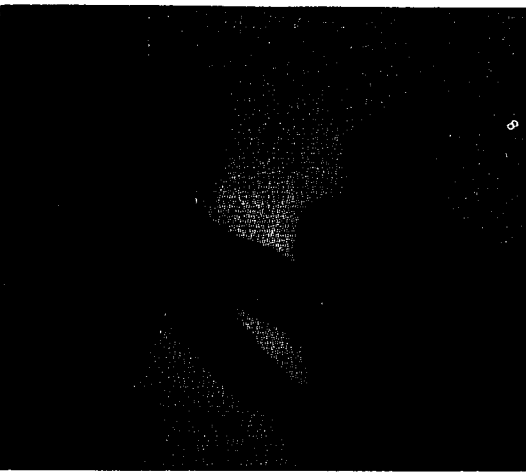
Head coach Joe Tristan enters his seventh season with the women's water polo team.

He came from Eastern Michigan University after coaching their club women's water polo team.

"Coach Tristan pointed out a couple flaws throughout the weekend which really allowed us to come together a little and fix these flaws," freshman Stefania Pontillo said. "Everyone has their bad days, but this weekend our team showed we can get through it and play together."

Next the Lady Lions will travel to Chicago for the Wheaton Invitational this weekend.

"Our first regional game for this Friday is in Chicago, and hopefully we can kick some butt while we are there," Pontillo said.



Seniors Danielle Wilson and Jenny LaFuria talk strategy in a timeout against Toronto University.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Blackstone controls court

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It's funny to think that one of Behrend's top tennis players was forced into the sport. Athlete of the week Elliot Blackstone was reluctant to get involved in tennis, but his mother didn't give him much of a choice but to get involved.

"My mom forced me to do a tennis camp for a week in the summer before my freshman year of high school, because I wasn't doing anything. But, I ended up really enjoying it and kept on playing," Blackstone said.

It is fair to say that his mom encouraged him to play the right sport, because Blackstone has been dominating the courts for Behrend.

Blackstone helped to lead the Lions to a 2-1 week, with wins against D'Youville and Pitt-Greensburg, and a dropped match against Penn State Al-

toona. In the match against Pitt-Bradford, Blackstone played impressively, recording a 6-0, 6-0 win in the No. 1 single position, and when he teamed up with Chris Galvin, he was able to post an 8-1 win at the No. 1 doubles spot.

Though the Lions did not win against Penn State Altoona,

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Elliot Blackstone
 junior math major

Blackstone received victories once again in both singles and doubles matches.

Blackstone would dominate the last match of the week against D'Youville in which he

blanked his opponent 6-0, 6-0 in No.1 singles.

Though Elliot plays both singles and doubles, he really enjoys singles the most.

"I like singles more because the points are usually a lot longer and sometimes I zone out at the net in doubles," Blackstone said.

With the win against Pitt-Greensburg on Tuesday, the Blue and White are now 8-5 overall and 4-1 in the AMCC.

Up next the Behrend Lions will play in another AMCC match against the Franciscan Barons on Wednesday. Behrend defeated Franciscan once already this year by an 8-1 score.

Although he dreaded tennis camp, Blackstone is an example of a natural tennis player.

He played in the PIAA (AAA) State Championships his junior year of high school to start off his career, and developed into a force on the college courts.

BEHREND INTRAMURALS

UPCOMING INTRAMURAL DEADLINES

Intramural outdoor soccer registration due by March 26.

Intramural kickball registration due by April 2.

Intramural tennis registration due by April 2.

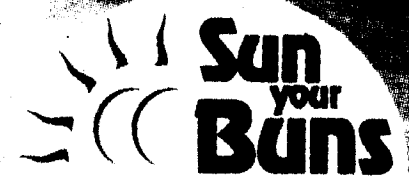
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AMCC Sports Standings

BASEBALL

	Overall	Streak
Frostburg State	12-5	W3
Penn St. Behrend	8-2	W1
Medaille	6-4	L1
Pitt-Bradford	5-6	L2
La Roche	5-4	W1
Hilbert	3-5	W1
D'Youville	3-5	L3
Pitt-Greensburg	3-7	L3
Penn St. Altoona	3-10	W1
Mount Aloysius	3-12	L3

SOFTBALL

	Overall	Streak
La Roche	7-4	L4
Hilbert	6-2	W2
Penn St. Altoona	5-4-1	T1
Mount Aloysius	5-5	L2
Medaille	5-5	W2
Frostburg State	5-9	L4
Penn St. Behrend	4-4	W1
Pitt-Bradford	3-7	L5
Franciscan	1-5	L2
D'Youville	1-7	L2
Pitt-Greensburg	0-2	L2

MEN'S TENNIS

	Overall	Streak
Frostburg State	28-4	W10
Penn St. Behrend	21-9	W2
Pitt-Bradford	18-4	W7
Penn St. Altoona	16-11	W2
Medaille	19-11	L2
Pitt-Greensburg	7-17	L1
D'Youville	10-18	L2
Mount Aloysius	8-20	L11
Franciscan	9-15	L1
Hilbert	4-19	L6

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