

BASEBALL

Behrend wins one of two

The Behrend Lions take game one of a high-scoring double header against the Pitt-Bradford Panthers

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The Behrend Lions took the field Wednesday afternoon in beautiful weather and split games with Pitt-Bradford in a double header. The Lions took the first game 8-3 while they dropped the second one 9-3.

Freshman pitcher Ryan Jacobs was the highlight of the first game, pitching six solid innings and giving up only three hits and three walks earning him the win. Junior Ryan Zamiskie came in for the one inning save and struck out two of the last three batters to end the game.

"In the first inning, things were getting to my head, but I calmed down and hit my spots," Jacobs said.

Jacobs got in trouble in the first inning as Pitt-Bradford loaded the bases with two outs, but he quickly put them away with one of his six strikeouts throughout the game.

Senior shortstop Josh Fyffe sparked the Lions offensively with a triple to left center, bringing in senior outfielder Jon Gray and eventually scored after an RBI single by sophomore catcher Ryan Geibel. Behrend was able to get two more men across the plate by the fourth inning and jumped out to a 4-0 lead.

The team was able to pull out ahead, adding four more runs thanks to a four-run sixth inning when Bradford's pitching staff hit two batters and walked a third to load the bases with no outs. Senior Dustin Dubensky and Geibel both singled, driving in three runs between the two.

Geibel led the team offensively, going 3-3 with a walk and also posted three RBI's to boot. Gray went 2-3 with a walk to add to the Behrend offense.

"We earned the win in game one. Bradford's pitcher had a great performance in the second game," said head coach Paul Benim.

Pitt-Bradford's pitcher Cody Swope owned the

second game as he pitched all seven innings and silenced Behrend's big bats for most the game.

Behrend took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, when Fyffe reached home from third on a throwing error committed by Pitt-Bradford.

Pitt-Bradford fought back in the third, scoring two runs and running away with it from there limiting the Lions to only three runs.

"It was a complete flip-flop of two games," Benim said. "We did a lot of good things last week against Penn State Altoona that just did not happen this game."

Behrend finished game one with a total of 11 hits while committing just a single error, and posted seven hits and just two errors in game two of the day.

"We hit right through the pitchers in the first game," Jacobs said. "One bad inning in the second game got to us and really brought the team down."

The team is back in action today against Fredonia at home and then travels to La Roche in an AMCC section double header game coming up Saturday.



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Ryan Geibel went 3-3 and led Behrend with 3 RBIs.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kang follows in father's footsteps

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Encouraging younger teammates and breaking records are qualities fitting for an Entertainer-Player-of-the-Week. For junior Denny Kang, however, it is just what he sets out to do everyday.

Kang started competing in track in his elementary school in South Korea for two years, where he focused on running.

Kang says that he was inspired by his father, who was also a track and field star in his prime.

"I just wanted to try it out," Kang said. "My dad did it, and he encouraged me to try it. I loved it."

Kang moved to the United States in 2000 when he was 11-years-old. When he was a freshman at South Park High School in 2003, he wanted to try out for track and field again.

It was here where he learned the other events of track and field.

"My coach's motto [from freshman year] was to try everything," Kang said. "I tried everything, and I ended up liking the pole vault, javelin, and the sprinting events."

Certainly, that was the right move as he excelled in those events. To this day, he still participates in javelin in some meets, but he always does the pole vault.

His recent achievements include setting a new Penn State Behrend record by vaulting over 15 feet at the Wheeling Invitational on March 27.

"That was my dream in high school," Kang said. "I was always taught by my coaches that records were meant to be broken."

With six years of training under his belt, it is not surprising that he has performed to

this level. Prior to joining the South Park track and field team, the only experience he had was running.

"My pole vault coach taught me the fundamentals of pole vaulting," Kang said. "He did a great job and built on that."

Participating in track invitations in high school gave him opportunities to meet college coaches, including the Behrend coaching staff.

"I was excited to have them as coaches," Kang said. "They built on basic training to help me reach the top."

As a junior, Kang's top priorities are school and finishing on time, but he also wants to push himself as well as the younger track team members.

"I want to try to keep my grades up and balance my social life as well as my school life," Kang said. "My goal for track is to break more records and to train better."

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- Innovative, creative
- Student currently enrolled in classes at Penn State Behrend (for 2010-2011 year)

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