



## MEN'S GOLF

Team heads to Ohio to compete in season's last invite

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Through the rain and cold, the Penn State Behrend Men's golf program will attempt to repeat at the AMCC tournament taking place this weekend in Youngstown, Oh.

Two time AMCC coach of the year (2008-09) James Bowen seems to be leading the team in the right direction as they won two of their seven tournaments in this rain-shortened season.

"We have a very good chance at repeating; we are one of the two Penn-State teams there [Behrend and Altoona] and as long as our guys keep their heads on straight we can pull out a victory," said Bowen.

A lot of competition has popped up in the confer-



Juniors Kevin Koerbel (left) and Kyle Meehl (right) were part of the winning AMCC team last season.

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## Golf team roars into AMCCs

ence in the last few years and some new programs stand in the way of Behrend winning their second consecutive AMCC championship.

"Right now the most improved team is Mt. Aloysius," said Bowen. "I'm not

sure if they will win AMCCs, but any given Sunday anything can happen."

Last Sunday the team traveled to New Castle, PA in the Westminster Autumn Invitational where they finished seventh out of twelve

teams. Sophomore Zach Polinski was the low man for the Lions with a 79 on the par 72 course, two strokes behind tournament medalist Ryan Gaughan from Malone University.

Junior Kevin Koerbel, the number one player on the

team with a season average of 79.4, placed 25th in the tournament with an 86, and senior captain Marc Neiswonger fired an 88 to take 31st.

"I think we are a young, developing team that still has a shot to win AMCCs,"

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

### Rookie Vasy brings versatility to field

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Being a freshman in college is a big transition for most. Sam Vasy dealt with the normal freshman things like adjusting to dorm life and dealing with Dobbins' food everyday, but also stepped up into a starting position on the women's soccer team. As she has started in every game this season in multiple positions, it is apparent that she is a key role in the Lion's success.

"Adjusting to a whole new group of girls and learning their style of play was a huge adjustment," Vasy said. "The speed of play is a little faster, and girls are a lot bigger in college than they were in high

school."

Vasy played for the powerhouse Norwin squad in high

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Freshman center-mid

school, so Vasy's work ethic and skills transitioned easily into the collegiate level.

Soccer has been a large part in Vasy's life, as she began playing at age six. While playing on cup teams and in high school, Vasy helped her team make its way to the state semifinals where they lost in overtime to local McDowell Area high school in overtime. Though it was a heart breaking loss, Sam was recognized as an All-Section and All-WPIAL player.

After years of success she has formed a routine before each game to get herself pumped.

"I listen to the song 'all the above' by Maino," Vasy said. Then I think about how lucky I am to be playing the game."

"In my junior year of high school, I met a five year old,

Grace Ekis, who was diagnosed with brain cancer who loved soccer. She passed away and every day since then I've been inspired to play for her and I tell myself to play every game like its my last."

Vasy started the season off in the open right defensive position, but with changes in the line up, Vasy has made the move to center midfield. Her composure on the ball and ability to read the field has led to her to be successful in any position she has been put on the field. The fact that she holds herself to high standards allows her to accept the best when she steps on the field.

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## VOLLEYBALL

Lady Lions lose close match against rivals

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After a long five game set, Behrend took a tough loss against Penn State Altoona. The women came up just short in the first two but were able to snag the wins in the third and fourth games. Behrend was not able to carry that force into the fifth game.

"We need more energy on the court, said freshman Chelsea Magnusen. "We seem to die down every now and then and lose our excitement and energy."

During the first game, Behrend had an early lead, but wasn't able to hold onto it. Altoona took the lead and never fell behind for the remainder of the game. Behrend was able to tie it up, though, at 24 all. The close game was finished off by a side-out and a kill by Altoona's junior, Samantha Link. Behrend got behind in the second game and never took the lead.

"It has been a rough season so far with our losses but we have improved on some smarter

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Tortella part of men's soccer success

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The men's soccer team has started the season with a record of 6-2-3. Outscoring their opponents 26-13 overall this season, the Lions are aiming to win the AMCC conference championship.

All of their success would not be possible without senior Jerry Tortella. Tortella is ranked third all-time in goals and total points in school history, and has established himself as the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Athlete of the Week.

This fifth-year senior has achieved so much in his tenure at Behrend, and has contributed greatly to the soccer program here. He has been dreaming of playing soccer at a higher level since he was very young.

"It just felt right," he says. "I loved the campus and how it was set up along with a great business program."

The more he looked into the soccer program here the more he loved it. The coach also had a huge impact on his choice.

"I found Coach Perriatano very helpful and able to relate to his players, which I really liked in a coach," Tortella said.

With this being his last year playing soccer, Tortella is aiming to win another AMCC conference championship.

"I've won one already and nothing would end my soccer career better than winning another," said Tortella.

It's not just about what Tortella

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## Behrend Bottom Line

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### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The MLB gears up for post-season play, complete preview on Page B4

### MEN'S WATER POLO

Freshman Brian Shapter has been named the CWPA defensive player of the week