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MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER



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Caitlynn Elser and Kyle McKinney have both played huge roles in the Lions success this season. While both play in the defensive position, both teams looked to Elser and McKinney to anchor the defensive line, leading to a successful season that took them to their respective AMCC final matches. Both teams will host ECAC tournament matches Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the Behrend Fields.

AMCC HEARTBREAK

Men's and women's soccer teams both lose in finals

MIRANDA MCCORMICK
staff reporter

It just was not the year for the Behrend Lions soccer programs. Both the 2010 men's and women's soccer teams made it to the AMCC championship game facing their biggest rivals: Medaille and Penn State Altoona respectively. Sadly, neither team could come up with a win.

Both teams played hard, but could not get the final push to gain a NCAA bid.

The men's soccer team went into the tournament as the top seed. The Lions faced La Roche in their first game of the tournament on Wednesday and won 5-0. They faced Medaille in the AMCC finals on Saturday. Penalty kicks would be the deciding factor in this battle. The Lions fell

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BRIAN BODNAR
SENIOR MIDFIELDER

5-4 in the end. This was the second time in AMCC history that a championship game would be decided by penalty kicks.

"Sometimes through all the hard work we put into the season, it does not always go our way no matter how bad you want it," said senior midfielder Brian Bodnar. "But we couldn't have asked for a better season. A result in

PKs does not define the better team in the game of soccer. We hope to continue our momentum and remain back to back ECAC champions."

The Lions have had to face Medaille in the championship the past four years. They hoped the outcome would be different this year. Senior, Jerry Tortella predicted that the Lions would face Medaille in the finals at the beginning

of the season. He said that it always seems to be these two teams in the finals. It just wasn't Behrend's turn to take the crown.

The women's team hoped their outcome would be different. After receiving a first round bye, the Lady Lions went on to face La Roche. They were victorious and

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CROSS COUNTRY

Athletes run to second place



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Senior Liz Keller ran a commendable 19.24 at the AMCC final.

SEAN NEELY
senior reporter

The Men's and Women's Cross Country teams have one key ingredient to their success. This success has developed from constant consistency and effort up and down their respective lineups. This year at the AMCC Championships at Schenley Park, Behrend finished a respectable second place behind conference rival Franciscan.

The men's side, even though they ended their fourth consecutive cham-

pionship reign, went on to have eight individual runners take home All-AMCC honors. Leading the way for the men was senior mechanical engineering technology major Justin DiPenti. DiPenti, the school record holder of the 1500-meter.

"Our drive to compete and constantly better ourselves has lead to our success. Our expectations for this year were to win our AMCC Championship, as well as to achieve our best overall team finish at our regional meet," said DiPenti.

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WOMENS VOLLEYBALL

Ladies come up short in AMCCs Red hot Behrend volleyball team falls to rival Penn State Altoona 3-0 in the finals held in Bradford last weekend

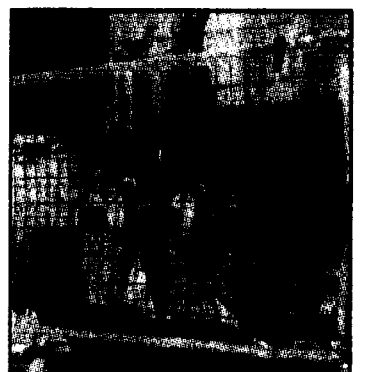
KAELA BISHOP
senior reporter

After an 11-game winning streak, the Lady Lions fell to Penn State Altoona in the AMCC Semi finals. The AMCC playoffs begun in the Junker Center last Tuesday. Behrend faced sixth-seeded Mt. Aloysius.

The Lions shut out Mt. Aloysius 3-0. Behrend got off to a slow start in the first game, the team was down seven points at one time during the match. The Lions ended the 25-20 game with a block from Jessica Woods.

"We showed that we can work our way out of a hole and come together as a team," said freshman Chelsea Magnusen. "I think that we need to work harder and use our talent on the court to win and play well."

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Junior Stefanie Kelly and freshman Kelly Tresser go up for a block.

Behrend Bottom Line

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Danielle Woods helps lead volleyball team. Full Story on

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