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 Freshman winger Kevin Backhouse (19) scores the game-winning goal in the second period of the game against Penn State Altoona.

## Ladies: The team came into the finals on an 11 game-winning streak

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During the second game, the score tied seven different times. Stefanie Kelley had a large role in breaking away from the Mounties, collecting eight kills. The Lions took control during much of the third game. Kelly Treser made a kill to finish the game at 25-16.

"We worked hard on what we knew what to do and we were having fun while doing it," Magnusen. "Having a lot of energy from our team as a whole really helped to pull us through and win."

Kelly collected 17 kills and 12 digs, Danielle Woods with 12 digs, Treser with six kills and three blocks and Magnusen had 17 assists during the win.

"I feel that as a freshman, I worked hard to get playing time," said Magnusen. "With each game I played, I took the knowledge I had from the coaches and players and used it to my advantage to really work hard."

The Lions faced the second-seeded Penn State Altoona during

the semifinals. The 11 game winning streak came to an end in just three games with scores of 25-20, 25-18 and 25-20.

During the game Woods collected a game high 20 digs. Kelley had 18 digs, Carly Higham had 15 assists and Mary Sperry had eight kills.

"We have shown that we can pursue to the small goals to chip away at a big goal as well," said Magnusen. "This season started out quite bumpy but we managed to pull through and surprised a lot of opponents."

Behrend will wait for their chance for a postseason bid to the ECAC Tournament.

"I expect that next season we will take what we have learned this season and work even harder," said Magnusen. "We know what we need to do to win and I think setting small goals and working towards them throughout the season instead of setting one huge goal really helps in the long run."

## AMCC: Men lose in PKs, 5-4

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went on to face Penn State Altoona in the AMCC finals. The ladies went into the game with a lot of confidence. The game ended with an Altoona victory, 3-0.

The Lions played tough, but they just couldn't come up with the "W."

"Kelly Thill left her heart on the field," said sophomore forward Meredith Gipson. "I really wish we could have won the NCAA bid, against biggest rivals, Penn State Altoona."

This tournament truly was the battle of the rivals. Both men's and women's soccer teams expected to get this far and have to face their rivals. This sort of thing seems to happen every year. Unfortunately for our Behrend Lions, they haven't been able to come up with the crown.

It's not the time to dwell on the loss, but to look ahead to what the Lions can still do. Both teams have won bids to the ECAC tournament, with the women gaining the third seed. They will host Marywood University, Nov. 10 at 11:00 p.m. while the men will play. This could be the driving force to make the Lions work that much harder in the ECAC tournament.

## Athletes: DiPenti and Keller top runners for Behrend

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Behrend's success has come from the will and want of constant success. Or, better yet, the goal to win the AMCC Championship year-in-and-year-out. Even though, this goal was not accomplished this year, the men's and women's team should have nothing to regret. This consistency of success has developed

Behrend into one of the top teams in the AMCC Conference every year.

The women's team has been lead by senior accounting and finance major Liz Keller. Keller was an All-AMCC representative in her freshman year. Following the AMCC Championship, Keller went on to say:

"A huge success factor for the veterans this year was an exceptional recruitment class. All the freshmen have excelled every meet which

helped push the remaining upper-classmen and gave us the ability to run with a new bunch of girls."

Again, the theme here is consistency. As Keller said above, the factor that led to success was the will and want for success. Or, better yet, the push, determination, and passion to achieve the AMCC Championship Trophy every year.

However, not only do the men's and women's cross country teams see success

in their results, they also see results in the classroom. This defines the student athlete.

"A student athlete is someone who is overall determined and dedicated," Keller said. "We go to class all day long, and spend countless hours in the training room."

DiPenti also believes that success in the classroom equates to success in athletics.

"A student athlete gives their all in the classroom, but also someone who gives their

all at practices and competitions to benefit both themselves and their team," he said

Let's not forget the supporting cast behind Keller and Dipenti. This consistency does not just come from upper-classmen or leader's of their respective teams. This consistency comes from the heart and desire of a whole team. This is something any student-athlete wants: consistency in and out of the classroom.

To end the season, a select few men and women will run at the NCAA Regional's at Cooper's Lake in Slippery Rock, PA on Nov. 13. For the past four years, the cross country program has been dedicated to their success.

This shows in their results year after year. For both teams, their should be no doubt that they will see continued success, especially considering the strong underclassmen that continue to push for strong results.



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