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Behrend Women Leave Their Mark at ECAC Track and Field Championships

The Behrend women's track and field team had three top competitors at the ECAC Indoor Track & Field Championships held on March 3 and 4 at Ursinus College.

Senior captain Staci Banaszek (Erie/Harborcreek) had strong performances in all three of her events. In the high jump, Banaszek finished second with a jump of 5' 4.5" which is an NCAA provisional qualifying mark. A leap of 36' 9" in the triple jump secured third place and set a new school record and was also an NCAA provisional qualifying mark. Banaszek also finished eighth in the long jump as she flew 16' 7" in that event.

In the women's 500m dash, Leisl Soergel

(Evans City/Butler) and Kim Chapman (Cranberry Township/Seneca Valley) finished sixth and eighth respectively. Soergel finished with a time of 1:21.67 and Chapman was close behind coming in at 1:22.21. Both Soergel and Chapman improved upon their qualifying times. Banaszek, Soergel, and Chapman were all named All-ECAC in their events.

The strong performance by these Behrend Lions earned 19 team points and helped the women's team to finish at number 12 out of the 36 teams participating.



5TH ANNUAL BECKY HUBLER DECKER "SPIRIT AGAINST CANCER" RAISES OVER \$8,000

Penn State Behrend hosted its annual "Spirit Against Cancer" dance and cheerleading competition on February 11, 2006 and successfully raised over \$8,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The competition honors the memory of Becky Hubler Decker and her commitment to cheerleading and dance in the community. Hubler served as dance coach at Penn State Behrend, as cheerleading coach at Edinboro University, was captain of the Invaderettes dance team, and also a member of the Buffalo Bills (Jills) cheerleaders.

This year 52 squads competed in the event. In the five years Behrend has hosted this event over \$25,000 has been raised and donated to the American Cancer Society.

PENN STATE BEHREND REMAINS ATOP OF PRESIDENTS' CUP STANDINGS AFTER WINTER SEASON

Penn State Behrend held on to its lead in the AMCC Presidents' Cup race, with five points separating the Behrend Lions from second place Frostburg State University (70-65). The slimmest of margins—one-half point—marks the difference between #3 Pitt-Greensburg and #4 Penn State Altoona (52-51.5). Penn State Behrend has won the Presidents' Cup four of the five years it has been awarded, as the AMCC Presidents' Cup has been awarded annually since the 2000-01 season.

The spring season sports which remain to determine the final standings are baseball, softball and men's tennis. All points are determined by the final regular season conference standings.

Sports which earn points for the Presidents' Cup race include: (fall) men's golf, men's soccer, women's soccer, volleyball, men's and women's cross country, women's tennis; (winter) men's basketball, women's basketball; (spring) baseball, softball, and men's tennis.

Volleyball and women's tennis have earned AMCC Championships this school year, while women's soccer and men's golf were conference runners-up. Every Behrend team has finished at least in the top four teams in the regular season AMCC standings, helping the blue and white retain the top spot through two of the three sport seasons.



PILEWSKI PLACES TWELFTH AT ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sophomore swimmer Missy Pilewski (Villa Maria Academy/Cranesville) placed twelfth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Swimming and Diving Championships held in Pittsburgh on Saturday, February 25. Pilewski swam the women's 100-yard breaststroke in 1:09.62. Despite competing against mostly Division I athletes, Pilewski managed to make the final round of just sixteen athletes after finishing with a time of 1:09.30 in the preliminary round. This was her first-ever post season event, and Pilewski marks only the second female swimmer in Behrend Lions history to ever to swim at the event.

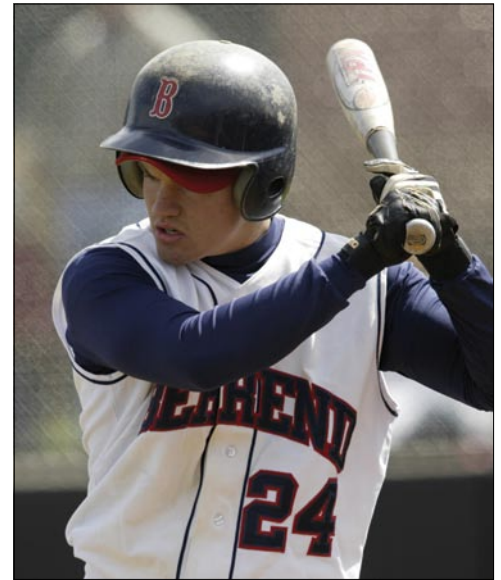
Pilewski earned a trip to the ECAC Championships with a second place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke at the Grove City Invitational on February 9-11. She broke her career best and the Behrend 100-yard breaststroke record swimming a 1:09.21.

Coach Jen Wallace said, "Missy had a great season and accomplished a lot as just a sophomore. We're excited for next season as we look for bigger and better things from her and the rest of our swimmers."

Elzer Recognized by Baseball Newspaper

The Collegiate Baseball Newspaper has highlighted Behrend outfielder Shane Elzer (Washington/Trinity) as a player to watch in 2006. The senior has been dominant in his first three seasons with the blue and white. Last year Elzer hit .344 and a team best 36 RBIs. Elzer, a two-time All-AMCC performer, led the AMCC in triples last season and currently holds the school record with 19.

To go along with his solid hitting at the plate, Elzer has been sensational in the outfield. The senior did not commit a single error last season. "Shane has performed extremely well for us at Behrend," said head coach Paul Benim. "He is a very gifted young man and continues to be instrumental in our success."



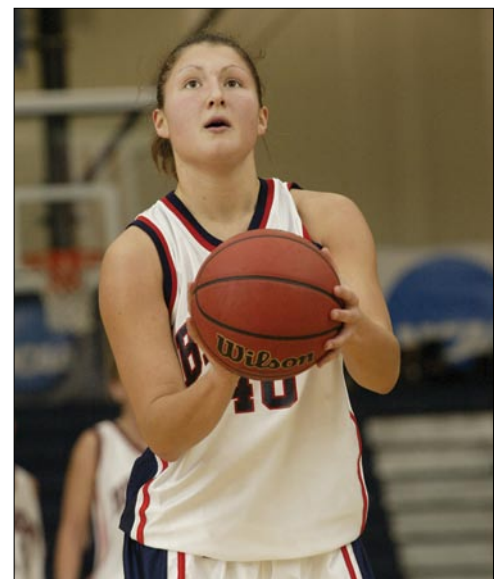
Mays and Slomski Earn All-AMCC Honors for Women's Basketball

Junior guard Brittany Mays (Keystone/Knoch) and junior forward Rachel Slomski (Erie/McDowell) were both selected to the All-AMCC Second Team for their efforts during the 2005-2006 season. Both players started all 27 games for the Behrend Lions (17-10, 12-6) who reached the AMCC Semifinals this season.

Mays led the team in rebounds with 164 (6.1 per game) and steals with 54. She also averaged 10.5 points per game and shot .458 from the field which ranked ninth in the AMCC. In three productive seasons at Behrend she has scored 766 points, collected 438 rebounds, and snagged 132 steals. Mays has steadily risen among Behrend's career leaders in several categories and currently ranks seventh all-time in field goal percentage (.472).

Slomski led the Behrend Lions in scoring, averaging 12.3 points per game. She shot .460 from the field which led the team and ranked seventh in the AMCC. She also finished second on the team in rebounds (147) and steals (48). In her two seasons at Behrend, Slomski is shooting .471 which ranks her eighth all-time at Behrend.

This is the second selection to the all-conference team for both Mays and Slomski. Coach Roz Fornari said, "I am proud of Rachel and Brittany for making second team all-conference. The league has so many solid players and it is great to see ours among them. Rachel and Brittany are deserving of this, and certainly worked hard for us."



Buczynski and Ferguson Named All-AMCC in Men's Basketball

Sophomore center Kevin Buczynski (Erie/Villa Maria) and senior guard J.J. Ferguson (Summerville/Clarion-Limestone) earned recognition from AMCC basketball coaches as each was named to the All-AMCC team. Buczynski was named to the First Team and also recognized as AMCC Player of the Year as he led the AMCC in field goal percentage (.606) while averaging 18.7 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Coach Dave Niland said, "Kevin had a tremendous season and worked hard this summer. It was good to see that work pay off."

Ferguson was selected to the All-AMCC Second Team despite a season cut short due to injury. Ferguson set a new season record for three-point accuracy, hitting on 52.4% of his three-point attempts. He also leaves as the Behrend career leader in three-point accuracy, shooting at a 46.9% clip over his four years. Niland said, "For him to be recognized by other coaches after a tough injury, he is very deserving."

Buczynski and Ferguson helped the



men's basketball program to a 20-8 overall record in 2005-06. The blue and white were selected to participate in the ECAC Southern Region Tournament and defeated Wesley College (DE) 68-60 in the first round before falling in the semifinals to Pitt-Greensburg 48-45.

Spring Sports Kick-off Seasons with Annual Trips over Spring Break

Spring break finds the Behrend spring sports teams hitting the road to begin their seasons. The baseball, softball, and track and field teams all head to Florida to begin competition. Meanwhile, men's tennis will compete at Hilton Head, South Carolina and women's water polo will compete and train in Colorado Springs over the spring break week.

Baseball which has been picked #2 in the AMCC preseason coaches' poll will compete eight times in Port St. Lucie, Florida beginning March 5. Baseball returns 20 letterwinners from last year's squad which won 27 games, played for the AMCC Championship, and advanced to the ECAC Tournament.

Softball, picked as the #5 team in the AMCC preseason coaches' poll, will battle ten different teams in Ft. Myers, Florida from March 5-10. Softball has added 15 freshmen to a team that made a run to the AMCC Semifinals a year

ago, and looks to get off to a fast start in Florida.

Outdoor track season kicks off at the Disney Relays in Orlando, Florida over the spring break week. The men's and women's teams are coming off a strong indoor season which saw several new records set. This outdoor season also marks the first time Behrend will compete in the Mason-Dixon Conference.

Men's tennis will face some of the top programs in Division III when they compete in Hilton Head from March 7-10. The tennis team just missed out on its second straight AMCC Championship a season ago, when they fell in the championship by just a single point.

Women's water polo will head to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado over spring break to both compete and train. The Behrend Lions will face off against Colorado State and Colorado College on March 9 and 10.

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Behrend Lions Home Events

Date	Event	Time
March 17	WWP Utica College	6:00 p.m.
March 18-19	WWP Behrend Tournament	9:00 a.m.
March 18	MTN Pitt-Greensburg*	12:00 p.m.
March 19	MTN Penn State Altoona*	1:00 p.m.
March 22	BSE Grove City (S) w/ JV	1:00 p.m.
March 25	MTN Seton Hill	11:00 a.m.
March 25	BSE La Roche (DH)	1:00 p.m.
March 29	SB Thiel (DH)	3:00 p.m.
March 29	WWP Grove City	7:30 p.m.
March 31	MTN Alfred	4:00 p.m.
April 1	SB Pitt-Greensburg* (DH)	1:00 p.m.
April 1	MTN Frostburg*	5:00 p.m.
April 4	SB Hilbert* (DH)	3:00 p.m.
April 5	BSB Thiel (S) w/ JV	1:00 p.m.
April 6	SB Grove City (DH)	3:00 p.m.
April 8	BSE Frostburg* (DH)	1:00 p.m.
April 10	BSE Mercyhurst North East (S) w/ JV	4:00 p.m.
April 12	SB Medialle* (DH)	3:00 p.m.
April 12	WWP Mercyhurst	7:30 p.m.
April 13	GOLF Penn State Behrend Invitational	12:00 p.m.
April 15	SB Mt. Aloysius* (DH)	1:00 p.m.
April 18	BSE Pitt-Bradford* (DH)	1:00 p.m.
April 20	BSE Fredonia (DH)	2:00 p.m.
April 22	BSE Penn State Altoona* (DH)	1:00 p.m.
April 23	BSE W&J (S) w/ JV	2:00 p.m.
April 26	BSE Lake Erie* (DH)	2:00 p.m.
April 27	BSE Allegheny (DH)	2:00 p.m.

* indicates AMCC Game

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Use our Alumni Information Form to help us keep you up-to-date with the latest Behrend Lions news. When you visit the Behrend Athletics Web page, click on the "For Alumni" link. At this screen you can find e-mail addresses for your old teammates and colleagues at Behrend. You can also update your information by completing the online

Athletic Alumni Information Form. It's an easy way to stay current with the latest happenings with Penn State Behrend athletics and upcoming alumni events.

Coming soon will be information on ways to help endow future Behrend Lions athletics initiatives!

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