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Penn State Behrend Volleyball Wins 2008 ECAC South Region Championship

The Penn State Behrend volleyball team captured the 2008 ECAC Division III South Volleyball Championship, taking the title after a come-from-behind 3-2 win over runner-up Cabrini College on November 16 in Stevenson, Maryland. Behrend (25-9) dropped a tight first game 24-26, before bouncing back for a 25-21 win in the second. Cabrini (22-14) answered with a 25-21 win of its own in the third game before Behrend took the fourth 25-19 to set up the winner-take-all fifth game. The deciding game was tied 8-8 before the blue and white exploded for a 7-1 run to close it out, clinching the title with a 15-9 win and starting the celebration.

Senior defensive specialist Brittany Hennessy (Hopewell/Hopewell) closed out her career by racking up a match-high 30 digs in the championship match. Hennessy, Behrend's all-time leader in digs with 2,160 in her career, was awarded the ECAC Most Outstanding Player award for the tournament. Junior Brooke Gallentine (Mt. Pleasant/Southmoreland) dished out a season-high 51 assists, to go with ten digs and three aces, with a big ace at the end of game five.

Freshman Lauren Dalton (Cochran-ton/Cochran-ton) hammered 15 kills in the match, including four winners in the fifth game. Junior hitters Carissa Johnston



(Cambridge Springs/Cambridge Springs) and Sheila Ogden (Grove City/Grove City) were a big part of the offense as Johnston had 12 kills and Ogden had 11 kills in the final. Sophomore Danielle Woods (Pittsburgh/Baldwin) played huge down the stretch and totaled ten kills with 17 digs against the Cavaliers. Freshmen Liz Emerick (Hopewell/Hopewell) and Stefanie Kelley (Moon Township/Moon) came through with key plays and combined for 23 digs and six aces.

One day earlier, in the ECAC semifinal match, #3 seed Behrend cruised past #2 seed Widener 3-0 (25-16, 25-18, 25-18) hitting .270 as a team. Freshman Danielle Kindle (Erie/McDowell) smashed eight kills on 16 attempts with zero errors and

also tallied five blocks. Johnston had ten kills to go with six blocks of her own, while Hennessy finished with 23 digs. Freshman Kait Bianco (Aliquippa/Center) smacked five kills on ten attempts in the win over Widener (26-10).

In the second semifinal #4 seed Cabrini College upset host and #1 seed Stevenson University with a 3-0 win (25-20, 25-23, 25-22) to set up the championship contest with the Behrend Lions.

The ECAC volleyball championship is the first for the Penn State Behrend volleyball program, and this was the team's second ever tournament appearance. In 2006, the blue and white won a school-record 29 matches and went 2-1 in the ECAC South Championship to finish as the runners-up.

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This fall the Penn State Behrend athletic department staff participated in a Habitat for Humanity new home build. The staff split into a morning crew and an afternoon crew and assisted on a local Erie property.



2008 HALL OF FAME CLASS

Penn State Behrend inducted seven members of the 2008 Behrend Lions Athletic Hall of Fame Class: Julie Stocker, Ron Derian, Marc Burchanowski, Beth (Calhoun) Wisniewski, Sandy Mishic, Kevin Rinehardt, and Ryan Ruta. In addition, the Behrend Lions Athletic Association recognized five teams of distinction. The 1998-99 women's basketball, 1998 women's tennis, 1998 women's soccer, and the 1998-99 women's softball teams all won AMCC championships, while the 1998-99 men's basketball team captured the ECAC title. This is the sixteenth class inducted by the College since establishing the Hall of Fame in 1991. The Behrend Lions Athletic Hall of Fame has 100 individuals and ten teams as members, and is sponsored by the Behrend Lions Athletic Association.

2008 Women's Tennis Captures Eighth AMCC Championship!

Penn State Behrend women's tennis team successfully defended its Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference crown, capturing the 2008 conference title.

The 2008 AMCC title marked the fourth title in a row for the blue and white and head coach Jeff Barger, as the program earned its eighth championship overall in eleven years of AMCC tennis. The league began play in 1997.

The Behrend Lions swept the individual singles titles and won two of three doubles crowns en route to a convincing defense of their AMCC women's tennis title. The scoring breakdown of the championship was Penn State Behrend in first with 26 points, Frostburg posted 15, Penn State Altoona logged 12, La Roche had six points and Pitt-Bradford tallied four.

Arica Christman (Sharon/Sharon) at #1 singles and #2 doubles, Stephanie Cattron (Greenville/Commodore Perry) at #3 singles and #2 doubles, and Hillary Lasher (Lakewood, NY/Southwestern) at #5 singles and #3 doubles were both singles and doubles champions for Behrend.



Arica Christman

Also winning their respective singles flights were Christy Calvert (Warren/Mercyhurst Prep) who took the second flight singles title, Karen Hobaugh (Kutztown/Kutztown) who was victorious in #4 singles and Leslie Durante (Fairview/Fairview) in #6 singles.

Men's Cross Country Wins Second Straight AMCC Championship

On November 1, the men's cross country teams competed at the AMCC Championships at Fort Roberdeau in Altoona, PA.

A year after the men's team claimed the first-place prize out of ten teams at the 2007 event, they followed it up with another championship title. The Behrend men have won AMCC Championships previously in 2000 and 2007.

The Behrend men logged 31 points and held off runner-up Franciscan. Kevin Gorny (Erie/McDowell) was Behrend's top finisher and placed second overall in 27:45, while Andrew Iams (Harrison City/Penn Trafford) was six seconds off his pace, placing third. Carl Kallgren (Erie/McDowell) ran seventh in 28:50, Robert Shrawder (New Wilmington/West Middlesex) was ninth in 29:11, and Bob Cizek (Pittsburgh/Shaler) was tenth in 29:15. The top ten finishers earn AMCC All-Conference honors.

The men's team also finished the season strong at the NCAA Mideast Regional meet. Behrend junior Andy Iams earned All-Mideast Region recognition after his thirty-third place finish in the 2008 Regional at Waynes-



Andrew Iams

burg College. Iams led the Behrend Lions to a tie for fourteenth place with a score of 449 points, finishing the course in 26:25 to pace the blue and white. Finishing in forty-first was the Behrend Lions Kevin Gorny who ran a time of 26:41.

Behrend Places Two on the AMCC All-Conference Team

The Penn State Behrend men's golf team placed two golfers on the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate All-Conference team. Junior Joe Nelson (Warren/Warren) was named to the first team. Nelson was the top medalist at the



Joe Nelson

AMCC Championships and led the blue and white to a second place finish. This is the second time that Nelson has received All-Conference honors, as he was a second team selection a year ago.

Joining Nelson on the All-Conference team was freshman Kevin Koerbel (Gibsonia/Deer Lakes). Koerbel was the low scorer at the Penn State Behrend Invitational shooting a 75 to help

the Behrend Lions to a fifth place finish. Koerbel was named as a second team All-Conference member.

Adding to the awards was Penn State Behrend men's golf coach James Bowen. Bowen was named the coach of the year after his second consecutive runner-up finish in the AMCC championships.



James Bowen

The Behrend Lions took first place in two tournaments this year, winning both the Pitt-Bradford and La Roache Invitational. The blue and white finished the year with five top five finishes and two championships.

Men's Soccer Concludes 2008 Season in ECAC Tournament

After reaching the AMCC title game, the Behrend men's soccer program was awarded a bid to the 2008 ECAC Tournament. Penn State Behrend Lions faced off against Wilkes University on the artificial turf at Gannon University on Wednesday, November 12. Wilkes came away with a 2-1 win in overtime and advanced to the ECAC semi-finals, while the blue and white closed out its season at 13-8-1. The Behrend Lions picked up a number of league honors for their season.

Behrend's all-time scoring leader Ahmad Salim (Cranberry Twp./Seneca Valley) was named to the All-AMCC first team. Salim scored 12 goals and tallied 26 points on the year, and the senior finishes his career with 32 goals and six assists tallying 70 points for a new school record. Also named to the first team was Behrend's junior goalie Dustin Walker (Apollo/Kiski Area). Walker accumulated a goals against average of 1.09 on the year making 86 saves. This is the second year in a row that Walker was named to the first team.

Also recognized for outstanding seasons were senior Mike Seth (Pittsburgh/Baldwin), sophomore Josh Teti (McKeesport/Elizabeth Forward) and sopho-



Ahmad Salim

more Jordan Hoffay (McKees Rocks/Montour) who all made the All-AMCC second team. Seth led the Behrend Lions through the mid-field scoring three goals and an adding one assist on the year. Hoffay's solid work from the back earned him recognition as a defender. Teti was third on the team in both goals and points, tallying four goals and two assists.

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BEHREND LIONS HOME EVENTS

JANUARY 2009

Date	Event	Time
January 10	SWIM, Edinboro	1:00 p.m.
January 14	WBB, Medaille*, TV Game	6:00 p.m.
January 14	MBB, Medaille*, TV Game	8:00 p.m.
January 17	WBB, Franciscan*	1:00 p.m.
January 17	MBB, Franciscan*	3:00 p.m.
January 22	WBB, La Roche*	6:00 p.m.
January 22	MBB, La Roche*	8:00 p.m.
January 24	SWIM, Washington & Jefferson (TV Meet)	1:00 p.m.
January 24	WBB, Frostburg State*	1:00 p.m.
January 24	MBB, Frostburg State*	3:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2009

Date	Event	Time
February 4	WBB, Hilbert*	6:00 p.m.
February 4	MBB, Hilbert*	8:00 p.m.
February 7	WBB, Penn State Altoona*	1:00 p.m.
February 7	MBB, Penn State Altoona*	3:00 p.m.
February 21	MTN, Waynesburg	1:00 p.m.
February 21	WBB, Pitt-Bradford*	6:00 p.m.
February 21	MBB, Pitt-Bradford*	8:00 p.m.
February 27	MTN, Westminster	5:00 p.m.

Fall Presidents' Cup Standings: Behrend In The Lead

Penn State Behrend is in a familiar position: sitting atop the AMCC Presidents' Cup standings. The Behrend Lions garnered 54 points during the fall season, which included winning the men's cross country and women's tennis titles. In close pursuit is Penn State Altoona with 49 points and Frostburg State with 47 points.

The Behrend Lions will look to capture their eighth Presidents' Cup trophy in its nine year history with strong performances in the winter and spring sport seasons.



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