

2000-01 - Week 25

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GREYHOUND TRACKS

	Overall	Commonwealth	MAC Overall	Meets & Tournaments
Baseball	4-4	0-0	0-0	Eastern Mennonite Sarasota Spring Break Classic
Golf	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Softball	6-2	0-0	0-0	NFCA Division III Leadoff Classic
Men's Tennis	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Men's Indoor Track	0-0	0-0	0-0	3 rd of 10 at MAC Championships
Women's Indoor Track	0-0	0-0	0-0	MAC Champions; Tied for 12 th at NCAA Indoor National Championships

GREYHOUND STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Female – Rachel Mowrey (Jr, Hellertown/Saucon Valley HS), softball Heidi Wolfsberger (Jr, Moosic/Riverside HS), women's indoor track & field Male – None

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 14th – Baseball vs. *Messiah College (DH), 1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 20th – Baseball vs. Muhlenberg College, 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20th – Softball vs. Muhlenberg College (DH), 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 22nd – Baseball vs. Haverford College, 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 24th – Softball vs. Haverford College (DH), 1:00 p.m.

*Commonwealth Conference Opponent

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Women's Indoor Track & Field 0-0 (Commonwealth Conference 0-0, MAC 0-0)

Last Week – Tied for 12th of 44 schools at NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field National Championships at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Season Complete

Junior middle distance runner **Heidi Wolfsberger** (Moosic/Riverside HS) of the Moravian College indoor track & field team won the NCAA Division III Indoor National Championship in the 1,500 meters with a Moravian record of 4:34.26 on Saturday in the second day of competition in the national meet hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. As a team, Moravian tied for 12th of 44 schools with 11 points, ten from Wolfsberger's national championship and one from the distance medley relay squad.

Wolfsberger becomes the fifth Moravian athlete to win an individual national championship and just the second female in school history to be a national champion. Moravian's first female national champion was **Tracey Wartman** in 1994 in the 1,500 meters outdoors. Wolfsberger's time of 4:34.26 was also the fastest time in NCAA Division III all season and set a Kolf Sports Center record at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Wolfsberger, who finished second twice in the 1,500 meters last year (once indoors and once outdoors), won the race by 2.71 seconds. She had won her preliminary heat of the 1,500 meters on Friday with the fastest qualifying time of 4:36.44.

Wolfsberger's win also earned her All-American honors for the second time this weekend and the sixth time in her Moravian career (two in cross country, four in track & field). Wolfsberger anchored Moravian's distance medley relay team which included junior **Erin Boyle (Philadelphia/Nazareth Academy)**, sophomore **Jennifer Wagner** (**Riegelsville/Wilson HS**) and freshman **Jamie Marks (Macungie/Emmaus HS**) to a sixth place finish with a time of 12:06.52.

Greyhound freshman **Christina Scherwin** (**Denmark**) placed sixth in her preliminary flight of the shot put at 42 feet, 8 ¼ inches (13.01 meters), just three and a quarter inches (.08 meters) out of the finals.

Men's Indoor Track & Field 0-0 (Commonwealth Conference 0-0, MAC 0-0) Season Complete

Golf – 0-0 (Commonwealth Conference 0-0, MAC 0-0)

18th.

Season Begins – Thurs., Mar. 22nd at Susquehanna University Tee-Off Tournament at Susquehanna Valley Country Club

The Greyhounds had their season opening contest, the York Invitational on Monday, March 19th, postponed until Monday, April 23rd. Moravian will now start the season with the Susquehanna Tee-Off Tournament on Thursday, March 22nd.

Men's Tennis – 0-0 (Commonwealth Conference 0-0, MAC 0-0) Season Begins – Sun., Mar. 18th at #Wilkes University, 1:00 p.m. #MAC match

The Greyhounds are still a week away from their season opening match at Wilkes University on Sunday, March

Softball – 6-2 (Commonwealth Conference 0-0, MAC 0-0)

Last Week – Defeated La Grange, 14-1 & 8-3; Defeated #Buena Vista (IA), 5-1; Defeated #24 #Willamette (OR), 4-3; Defeated #North Carolina Wesleyan, 1-0; Lost to #Cabrini, 4-0; Defeated #5 #Pacific Lutheran (WA), 9-1; Lost to #La Verne (CA), 1-0. #National Fastpitch Coaches Association NCAA Division III Leadoff Classic in La Grange, GA. This Week – Fri., Mar. 16th vs. \$Bates (ME) College, 8:30 a.m. & vs. \$Cabrini College, 2:30 p.m.; Sat., Mar. 17th vs. \$Wilkes

University, 8:30 a.m. & vs. \$Frostburg State (MD) University, 2:30 p.m. \$Salisbury State Sea Gull Tournament, Salisbury, MD

The Greyhounds opened the season with a sweep of LaGrange (GA) College, 14-1 & 8-3. Junior Rachel Mowrey (Hellertown/Saucon Valley HS) tossed a one-hitter in the first game with eight strikeouts, no walks and an unearned run. Junior Deb Noble (Cranford, NJ/Cranford HS) was 3-for-4 in the game with two RBIs while freshman Janelle Brey (Allentown/Dieruff HS) was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a double. Freshman Jenn Hastings (Pottstown/ Owen J. Roberts HS) was also 2-for-4 in the contest. Freshman Donna Weiner (Hanover, NJ/Hanover Park HS) tossed a five-hitter in the second contest with 11 strikeouts and no walks. Brey, Hastings and freshman Melissa Soroka (Newton, NJ/Pope John XXIII HS) were each 3-for-5 in the game. Brey added a double and a RBI while Hastings had a RBI and Soroka had two RBIs and a double. Junior Sarah Leiby Fleetwood/Fleetwood HS) collected two hits in the win.

Moravian jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second inning on its way to a 5-1 win over Buena Vista (IA) University in the first game of pool play at the NFCA Leadoff Classic at Shuford Fields in La Grange, GA. **Brey** led of the inning by reaching second when the Beavers' centerfielder dropped a fly ball. **Noble** walked and **Hastings** had an infield single to lead the bases. After an out, junior **Laurie Rentschler (Slatington/Northern Lehigh HS)** and senior **Missy Hummel** (**Walnutport/Northampton HS**) each had hits to score **Brey** and **Noble**. **Soroka** was up next and a ripped a baseclearing triple to centerfield. **Mowrey** allowed five hits and two walks while striking out two batters. **Hastings** and **Soroka** each had two hits in the game.

Brey tied the second game of the NFCA Leadoff Classic in the bottom of the sixth inning with a solo homerun and **Soroka** drove in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Greyhounds defeated #24 Willamette (OR) University, 4-3. Moravian, ranked 30th in the nation, jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a walk by **Soroka**, a sacrifice by junior **Stacy Matuczinski** (**Bethlehem/Liberty HS**) and a double by junior **Summer Miller** (**Mount Holly, NJ/Rancocas Valley Regional HS**). **Rentschler** smacked a one-out double to get things started in the seventh inning and moved to third on a wild pitch before **Soroka's** line drive up the middle to win the game. **Weiner** earned the victory on the mound despite allowing five walks. She gave up three runs, two earned, on six hits with one strikeout.

Mowrey tossed a two-hit shutout with three strikeouts and no walks to lead Moravian to a 1-0 victory over North Carolina Wesleyan College. The Greyhounds scored their lone run of the contest in the fourth inning. **Miller** led off with a single and was followed by a double from **Brey** but **Miller** tried to score on the hit and was called out. **Noble** singled up the middle to put **Brey** on third with one out. **Hastings** infield ground out scored **Brey** to give **Mowrey** all the offense she would need as she retired the final nine batters in a row.

The Greyhounds were limited to singles **Soroka** and **Hummel** as the squad lost for the first time in 2001, falling to Cabrini College in the quarterfinals of the Gold Championship Bracket at the NFCA Leadoff Classic. Moravian gave up three unearned runs in the 4-0 loss by committing four errors. **Weiner** suffered the loss in the game, allowing six hits and four walks while striking out four batters.

Moravian fell behind 1-0 to Pacific Lutheran (WA) University, ranked fifth in the NFCA Preseason Top 25 Poll, but the Greyhounds responded with nine runs in the next four innings to defeat the Lutes, 9-1, in the Gold Championship Bracket Consolation Semifinals. Moravian tied the game in the second inning when freshman Jessica Esposito (Madison, NJ/Madison HS) hit a single to left field. After a sacrifice bunt moved Esposito to second, Noble and Rentschler followed with singles to score Esposito. The Greyhounds would add three runs in the fourth inning on a two-run error by Pacific Lutheran and a single by Soroka. Moravian would break the game open with five runs in the top of the fifth inning, all coming with two outs. Brey started things with her second homerun of the tournament, a solo shot to center. Esposito, who was 3-for-3 in the game, followed with a single and moved to second on a single Leiby. Hastings earned a walk as a pinch hitter to load the bases and Esposito would score on a walk by Rentschler. Hummel bunted a ball that was misplayed to score another run. The final two runs scored on another error.

The Greyhounds were limited to a pair of singles by **Leiby** and a single off the bat of **Rentschler** as Moravian fell to the University of La Verne (CA) in the Consolation Finals. The Leopards touched **Weiner** for a single run in the fifth inning. **Weiner** gave up seven hits and walked four batters but stranded ten La Verne runners on base.

Baseball – 4-4 (Commonwealth Conference 0-0, MAC 0-0)

Last Week – Split with #Juniata, L 6-1 & W 15-5; Lost to #Kenyon, 4-1; Defeated #Bluffton, 8-5; Split with #Eastern Mennonite, Won 12-2 & Lost 6-5; Lost to #Kenyon, 4-1; Defeated #Bluffton, 4-2. #Eastern Mennonite Sarasota Spring Break Classic, Sarasota Christian School, Sarasota, FL.

This Week – Tues., Mar. 13th at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, 3:00 p.m.; Wed., Mar. 14th vs. *Messiah College (DH), 1:00 p.m. *Commonwealth Conference Game

Sophomore catcher Jeff Meila (Bethlehem/Bethlehem Catholic HS) connected on a pair of homeruns and sophomore first baseman Bob Frey (Hellertown/ Saucon Valley HS) added a homerun to lead the Greyhounds to a 15-5 win over Juniata College in the second game of the first day of the Eastern Mennonite Sarasota Spring Break Classic to open the 2001 season. Juniata defeated Moravian 6-1 in the first game of the twinbill. Meila had a two-run homer in the second inning and a solo homer in the sixth inning while Frey connected on a three-run shot in the third inning. Meila was 3-4 in the game as was senior shortstop Mike Gill (Lebanon, NJ/ North Hunterdon HS). Gill added two RBIs while junior outfielder Michael Abbate (South Plainfield, NJ/ Bishop Ahr HS) and sophomore third baseman Charlie Bowden (Parlin, NJ/Sayreville War Memorial HS) each had two hits. Senior Joe Pochron (Allentown/Salisbury HS) picked up the win on the mound with six strikeouts, seven hits and three walks. Pochron added one hit in the second game after four in the first contest. A mark only three other Moravian players have reached. In addition to Pochron's four hits in game one, Gill and Bowden each had two hits. Junior Randy Woolley (Manahawkin, NJ/Southern Regional HS) suffered the loss on the mound for Moravian.

The rest of the Greyhounds spring trip results will be in next week's Greyhound Tracks.