5. 2014-17: Three years of glory: ranked #1, championships, and Nationals

One could make the argument that the three hockey seasons 2014-17 were the most successful campaigns of any athletic teams in the history of Bryn Athyn College. The team won three consecutive conference championships, took part in three straight National Championships where it reached the semifinals (frozen four) twice, was ranked number 1 in the ACHA D3 Atlantic Region, and had season records that almost exclusively were composed of wins. The Lions played 91 games during these three seasons and accumulated an overall record of 80 wins, 8 losses, 1 OT loss, and 2 ties, scoring 615 and allowing only 217 goals. The season win percentages were 87.93% (2014-15), 89.39% (2015-16), and 89.66% (2016-17), and the overall win percentage for the three seasons combined was 89.01%. The team played 36 games at the Jungé Pavilion, won 33, tied one, and only lost twice. In fact, during a two-year stretch, starting at the end of the 2013-14 season, between January 31, 2014, and February 6, 2016, the Lions played 25 straight games at the Jungé Pavilion without losing. In 2015-16 the team had a win streak of 17 games that was broken by a tie that was followed by another nine wins. Thus, 27 games in a row without a loss.

5.1 2014-15: Ranked #1, a championship, and the Frozen Four at the Nationals



Bryn Athyn College had "265 full time undergraduate students" at the beginning of 2014-15. Some highlights this year were the approval of the new four-year business major degree and the establishment of the

pre-nursing program.[627] Dr. Wendy Closterman was appointed Dean of Faculty. The four-year majors had become increasingly popular, and Dr. Allen Bedford, Chief Academic Officer, wrote in his annual report:

> "BAC is experiencing remarkable growth in the number of students enrolling and completing four-year programs. In 2014-15 100 students were enrolled in their junior or senior years (as contrasted to 61 students in 2009-10 and 38 students in 2004-2005. Developments in the baccalaureate programs over the past several years, along with significant investments in facilities encouraged this growth…
>
> Starting with the incoming students in 2009, we have seen a dramatic shift in incoming students' expectations for earning a baccalaureate from BAC. Prior to 2009 fewer than 25% of incoming students planned on earning a bachelor's degree from Bryn Athyn. By 2011, however, that number rose to 66%."[628]

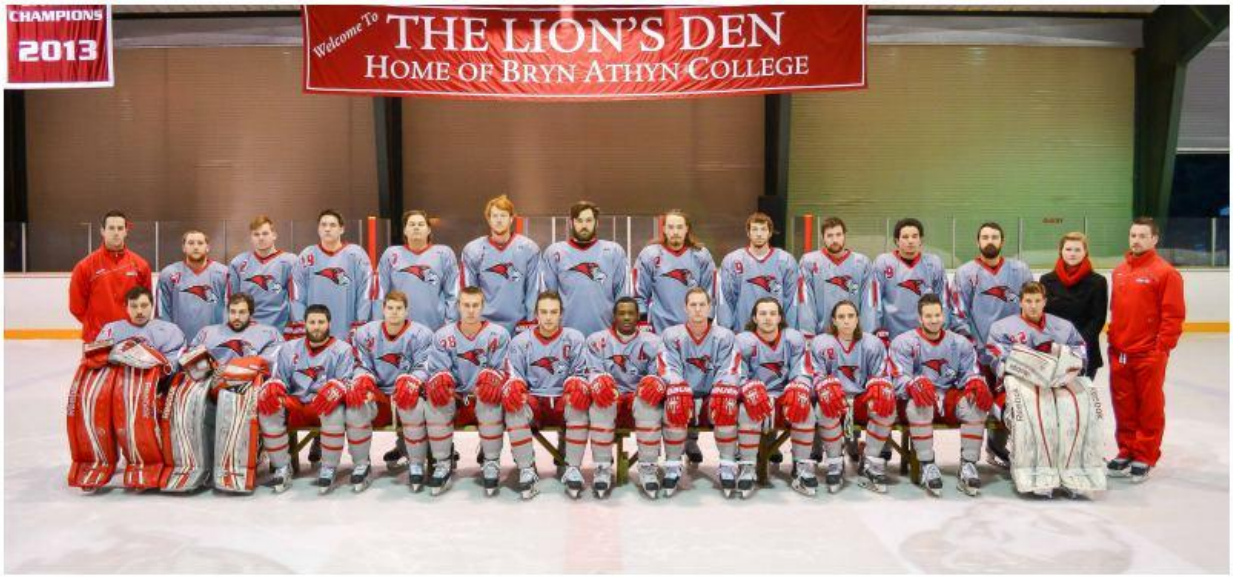
In athletics, the 2014-15 academic year marked the first for the College as a provisional member of the NCAA DIII, and it was part of the NEAC conference for the first time (men's ice hockey was still a member of the ACHA and played in the National Division of the DVCHC). Men's and women's cross country qualified for the NEAC post season. A highlight was freshman Nolan Frame's selections as the men's lacrosse NEAC rookie of the year *and* men's lacrosse NEAC offensive player of the year. Seven student athletes made the NEAC All-conference teams.[629]

Kaitlyn Brock (women's volleyball, third team)
Michael Donnelly (men's lacrosse, first team)
Nolan Frame (men's lacrosse, first team)
Emma Gross (women's lacrosse, third team)
Ryan Landels (men's lacrosse, second team)
Robert Moran (men's lacrosse, third team)
Mark Strange (men's lacrosse, second team)



Lacrosse player Nolan Frame was the first Bryn Athyn College student athlete that was selected as the player of the year in a NCAA DIII conference. He was also the rookie of the year (image from BAC Athletics).

[627] Allen Bedford, "BAC academic report," In The Academy of the New Church, *The Academy Journal 2014-2015* 56 (2015): 12.
[628] Allen Bedford, "BAC academic report," In The Academy of the New Church, *The Academy Journal 2014-2015* 56 (2015): 12.
[629] "NEAC announces 2014 women's volleyball regular season all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on November 5, 2014 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2014/11/5/11_5_2014_989.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2014-15 men's lacrosse all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on April 29, 2015 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2015/4/29/4_29_2015_303.aspx) Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2014-15 women's lacrosse all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on April 29, 2015 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2015/4/29/4_29_2015_777.aspx) Viewed on June 30, 2023.



The 2014-15 Bryn Athyn College Men's Hockey Team. Back row: Ian Finnerty (assistant coach), Raymond Norfo, DJ Mulhern, Alex Hyatt, Chance Rapp, Andrew Dexter, Patrick Linehan, Paul Napierkowski, Todd Hirsch, Sean Feyler, Anthony Astorino, Billy Martin, Katrina Hughes (team manager), and Andrew Burke (head coach). Front row: Kyle Watters, Steven Altman, Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, Travis McCurdy, Benjamin Silvers, Terrence Johnson, Scott Witmyer, Justin Nugent, Anthony Notorfrancesco, Jordan Roth, and Graham Lermitte (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



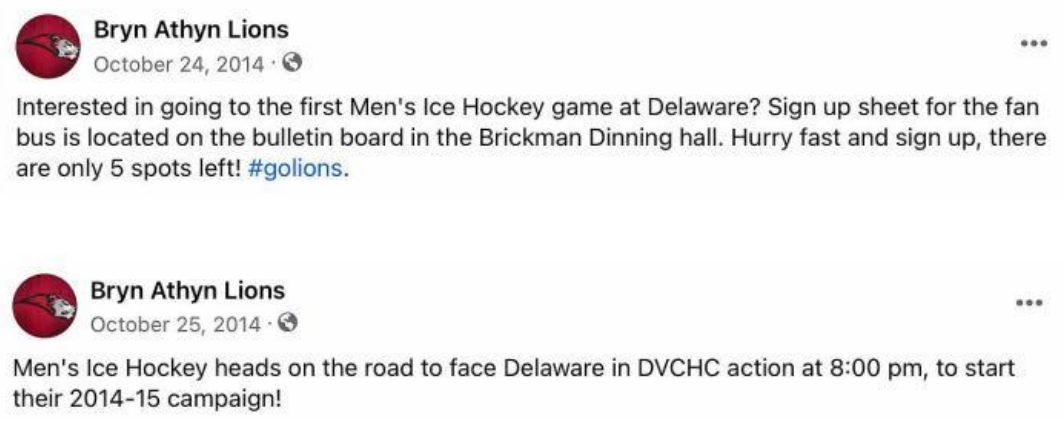
The coaches and captains in 2014-15. Left to right: assistant coach Ian Finnerty, Terrence Johnson (A), Benjamin Silvers (C), Travis McCurdy (A), and head coach Andrew Burke (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The 2014-15 team included some new recruits that would play a big role in the team's success in the next few years: Anthony Astorino, Kyle Jennings, Paul Napierkowski, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Justin Nugent.[630]

2014-15 Team Roster

Goalkeepers	Defense	Forwards
#1 Steven Altman	#19 Anthony Astorino	#91 Andrew Dexter
#42 Graham Lermitte	#3 David DalCortivo	#48 Cade Gurney
#71 Kyle Watters	#4 Sean Feyler	#9 Todd Hirsch
	#7 Patrick Linehan	#29 Alex Hyatt
	#2 Paul Napierkowski	#22 Kyle Jennings
	#23 Benjamin Silvers (C)	#84 Terrence Johnson (A)
	#10 Zach Zadjeika	#21 Jayson Marbach
		#24 Billy Martin
		#28 Travis McCurdy (A)
		#12 D.J. Mulhern
		#67 Raymond Norfo
		#18 Anthony Notorfrancesco
		#8 Justin Nugent
		#13 Chance Rapp
		#63 Billy Reilly
		#17 Jordan Roth
		#6 Scott Witmyer

5.1.1 Seven wins in a row to start a season and defeating a #1 ranked team

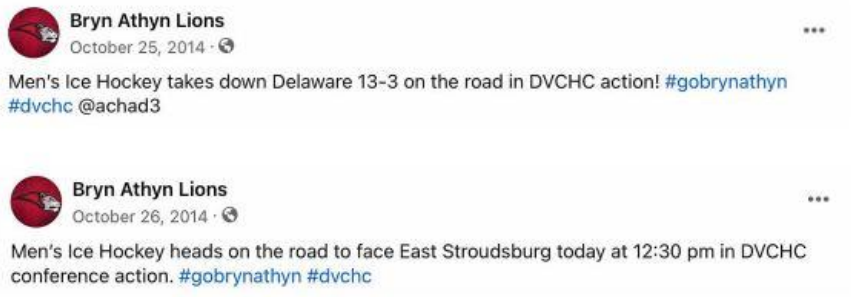


[630] "Men's ice hockey 2014-15," team roster published on the BAC Athletics website in 2014-15 (http://www.brynathynathletics.com/sports/cice/2014-15/roster). Viewed on the Wayback Machine on August 29, 2023.

The Lions began the 2014-15 season with an away conference game on October 25 against University of Delaware. The Lions won 13-3. Alex Hyatt scored the first goal of the game, and thus the first for the Lions during the 2014-15 season, and Scott Witmyer recorded his sixth hat trick with Bryn Athyn.[631]

Conference game, Oct 25	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	2	7	4	13
University of Delaware	1	2	0	3

Goals: Scott Witmyer (3), Terrence Johnson (2), Jayson Marbach (2), Sean Feyler (2), Alex Hyatt, and Jordan Roth.
Goalkeeper: Kyle Watters 16 saves.



On October 26 the Lions won against East Stroudsburg 6-4 at the Revolution Ice Centre in Pittston. Billy Reilly and Anthony Notorfrancesco scored their first goals with the Lions.[632]

Conference game, Oct 26	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	2	4	0	6
East Stroudsburg	0	1	3	4

Goals: Billy Reilly (2), Terrence Johnson, Travis McCurdy, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte 53 saves (save percentage: 92.98%).



Bryn Athyn College against East Stroudsburg University on October 26, 2014 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[631] "Men's ice hockey picks up first conference win on the road at Delaware," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 25, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019. The game recap does not list the goal scorers for two of the Lions' goals. According to the ACHA box score these goals were scored by Kyle Jennings and Travis McCurdy.

[632] "Men's ice hockey picks up second conference win at East Stroudsburg, 6-4," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 26, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



Bryn Athyn played two away games the following weekend. The team won 10-1 against University of Pennsylvania in a non-conference game on November 1 at the Class of 1923 Arena. The Lions outshot Penn 49-19 and Kyle Jennings and Scott Witmyer each scored twice, and Justin Nugent scored his first goal with Bryn Athyn. Steven Altman was the goalkeeper.[633] The next day, Richard Stockton College was defeated 8-2 in a conference game at the Flyers Skate Zone in Atlantic City. Jayson Marbach recorded a hat trick, his first with the Lions. Terrence Johnson and Scott Witmyer scored two goals each. Witmyer had scored goals in each of the first four games of the season. Goalkeeper Kyle Watters saved 29 shots (save percentage: 93.55%).[634]

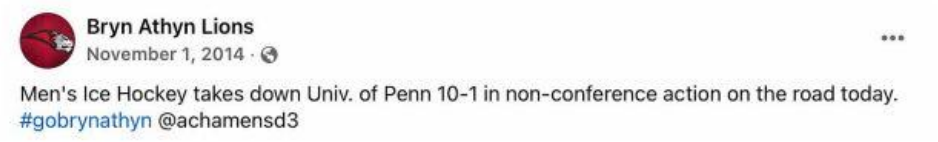
[633] "Men's ice hockey takes down UPenn," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 1, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019. The game recap does not list the goal scorers for all goals.

[634] "Men's ice hockey defeats ranked Richard Stockton 8-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 2, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

Non-conference game, Nov 1	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	4	2	4	10
University of Pennsylvania	0	0	1	1



Bryn Athyn College against University of Pennsylvania on November 1, 2014 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Bryn Athyn College against Richard Stockton College on November 1, 2014. Left: Kyle Jennings, Terrence Johnson and Scott Witmyer after a faceoff. Right Jayson Marbach in front of the Stockton net (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

ACHA announced in early November that Bryn Athyn forward Scott Witmyer had been picked to be part of the ACHA D3 select US National team that played a series of games in late December 2014 and early January 2015, in central Europe (however, injury stopped him from taking part).[635]



The Lions extended their undefeated conference streak on November 8, when Rowan University was defeated 5-2 at the Hollydell Ice Arena. Anthony Astorino scored his first goal with the Lions.[636] The team had so far won all four of its conference games.

Conference game, Nov 8	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	1	2	2	5
Rowan University	1	0	1	2

Goals: Anthony Astorino, Travis McCurdy, Ray Norfo, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Justin Nugent.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte 22 saves.

[635] "Witmyer selected to ACHA National Select team," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 3, 2014 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2014/11/3/11_3_2014_92.aspx). Accessed on June 4, 2023.

[636] "Men's ice hockey tops Rowan," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 8, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

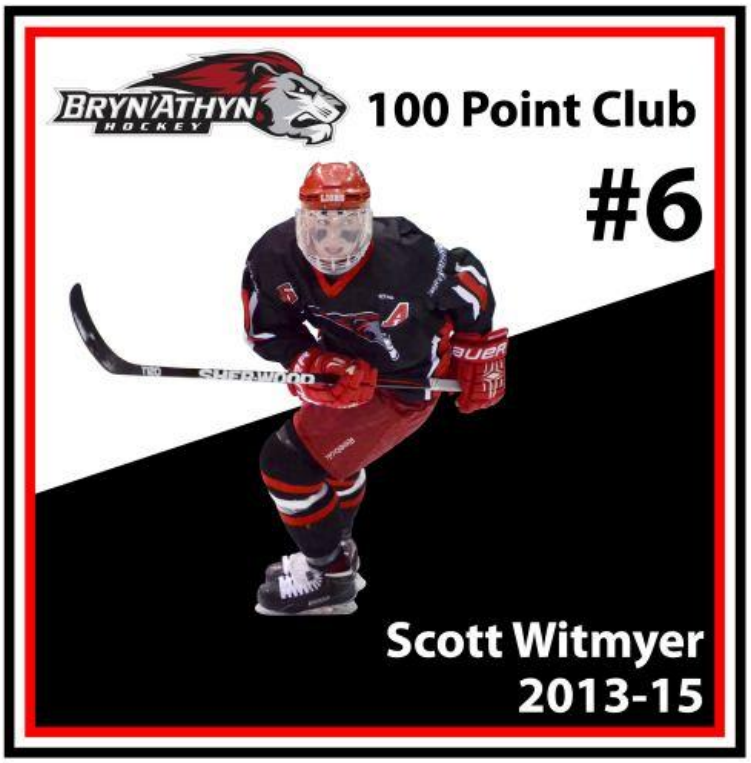


Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Rowan University on November 5, 2014. Above: the bench. Below left: Paul Napierkowski and Graham Lermitte. Below right: Right the team celebrating after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The following day the Lions traveled to Long Island to play Farmingdale State College in a non-conference game. The Lions won 8-3. Scott Witmyer had three assists, which meant that he had now recorded 100th career points with the Lions.[637]



[637] "Men's ice hockey takes down #8 Farmingdale State 8-3," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 9, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



The first ACHA D3 rankings of the season were announced in November. The Lions were now ranked #3 in the Atlantic Region, which was the highest the team had been ranked.

Atlantic Region		
Rank	**Team**	**Pts**
1	California University of PA (8)	6
2	Pittsburgh - Johnstown	14
3	Bryn Athyn	17
4	Richard Stockton	22
5	Fairfield University	30
6	Rowan	37
7	Alvernia College	46
8	Farmingdale State University	49
9	Robert Morris University (PA)	57
10	Southern Connecticut State University	59
11	SUNY-Martime	67
12	Loyola (MD)	68
13	Neumann University	70
14	Fredonia State University	83
15	East Stroudsburg University	90
Also Receiving Votes: Bloomsburg, Brandywine, Delaware		

The first ACHA D3 ranking for the Atlantic Region in 2014-15.[638]

[638] "Regional rankings (Games thru Nov 2nd)," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on December 12, 2014.

The Lions took part in their second *Empire Classic* in November. The first game was on November 21 against Atlantic Region powerhouse, #1 ranked California University of PA. Cal U had been ranked #1 the entire 2013-14 season and been National Champions in 2008. Bryn Athyn had never played against a #1 ranked team, and a win against Cal U would increase the Lions' chances of climbing higher in the rankings.

The team's strong start to the season had created a buzz of anticipation and the BAC athletics department hosted a pre-game event for alumni and families at Tony's Place Bar and Grille.



The Lions had a good start against Cal U and led 3-0 after two periods. Billy Reilly scored after 8 minutes and 55 seconds in the first period. His goal was followed by two goals in the second period by Paul Napierkowski and Kyle Jennings. However, the third period became a tense affair. Cal U tallied two quick goals before Jayson Marbach scored 4-2 after 10 minutes and 19 seconds. Cal U reduced the lead to 4-3, but the Lions held on to win the game. Kyle Watters had a great game in goal with 32 saves (save percentage: 91.43%). The Lions had defeated the #1 ranked team in the Atlantic Region.[639]

Empire Classic, Nov 21	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	1	2	1	4
California University of PA	0	0	3	3



The Lions defeated #1 ranked California University of Pa on November 21, 2014. Above left: Travis McCurdy taking a faceoff with Anthony Astorino. Above right: Kyle Watters. Below left: the scoreboard after the game. Below right: the team after the win (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[639] "#3 Men's ice hockey triumphs over #1 California University of Pa. in Atlantic Region showdown," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 21, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

Bryn Athyn had won the first seven games of the 2014-15 season. However, the Lions lost 5-7 to #8 ranked Farmingdale on November 22. The last Farmingdale goal was an empty netter at the end of the game.[640] The next day the Lions defeated #12 ranked Loyola by nine goals to two. Travis McCurdy recorded his fourth hat trick for Bryn Athyn. The shots on net were 41-24 in Bryn Athyn's favor.[641]

Empire Classic, Nov 22	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Farmingdale State	1	2	4	7
Bryn Athyn College	1	1	3	5

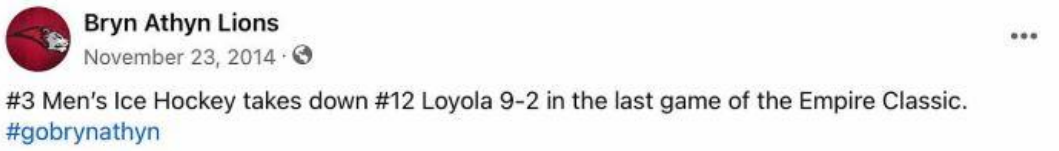
Goals: Kyle Jennings, Terrence Johnson Jayson Marbach, Travis McCurdy, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte 27 saves.

Empire Classic, Nov 23	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Loyola	0	1	1	2
Bryn Athyn College	2	4	3	9

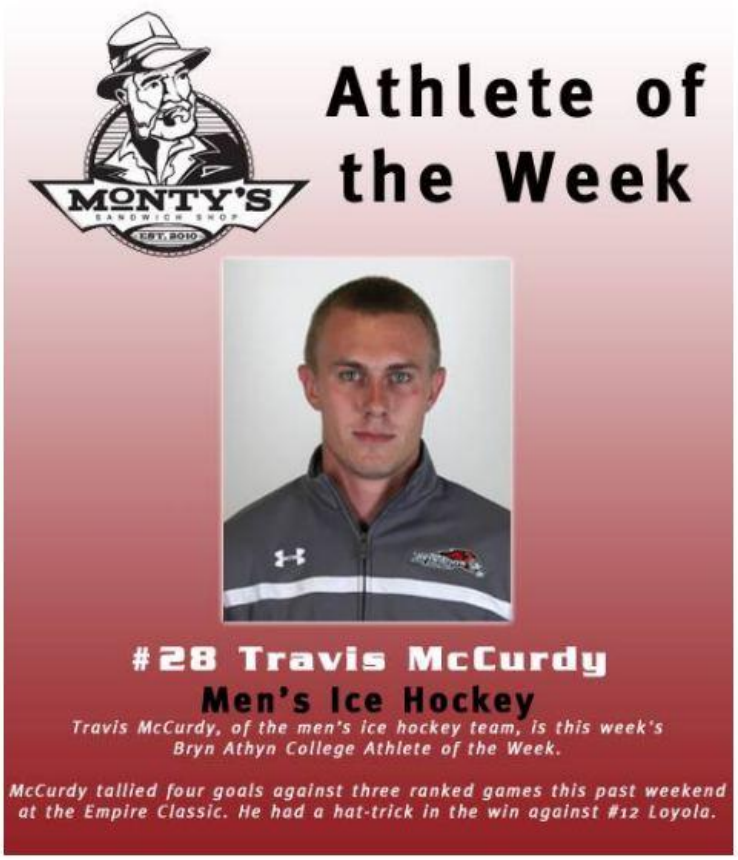
Goals: Travis McCurdy (3), Anthony Notorfrancesco (2), Billy Reilly, Kyle Jennings, Terrence Johnson, and Ben Silvers.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman 22 saves.



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Loyola (Md) on November 23, 2014. Left: Anthony Notorfrancesco taking a faceoff with Kyle Jennings and Billy Reilly. Right: the team after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



[640] "#3 Men's ice hockey falls to #8 Farmingdale State 7-5," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 22, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[641] "#3 Men's ice hockey takes down #12 Loyola 9-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 23, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



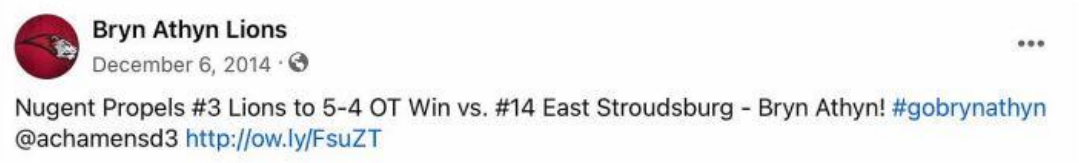


BAC Athletics social media ad for the home games against East Stroudsburg and University of Delaware.

The home opener at the Jungé Pavilion took place on December 5 when the Lions hosted #12 ranked East Stroudsburg in a conference game. The game was tied 4-4 after three periods and in OT Justin Nugent found the net with only 19 seconds remaining. Bryn Athyn won 5-4 and had so far won all five conference games.[642]

Conference game, Dec 5	**1**	**2**	**3**	**OT**	**Final**
East Stroudsburg	1	2	1	0	4
Bryn Athyn College	2	1	1	1	5

Goals: Kyle Jennings, Travis McCurdy, Anthony Notorfrancesco, Justin Nugent (OT), and Billy Reilly.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman 52 saves (save percentage: 92.86%).



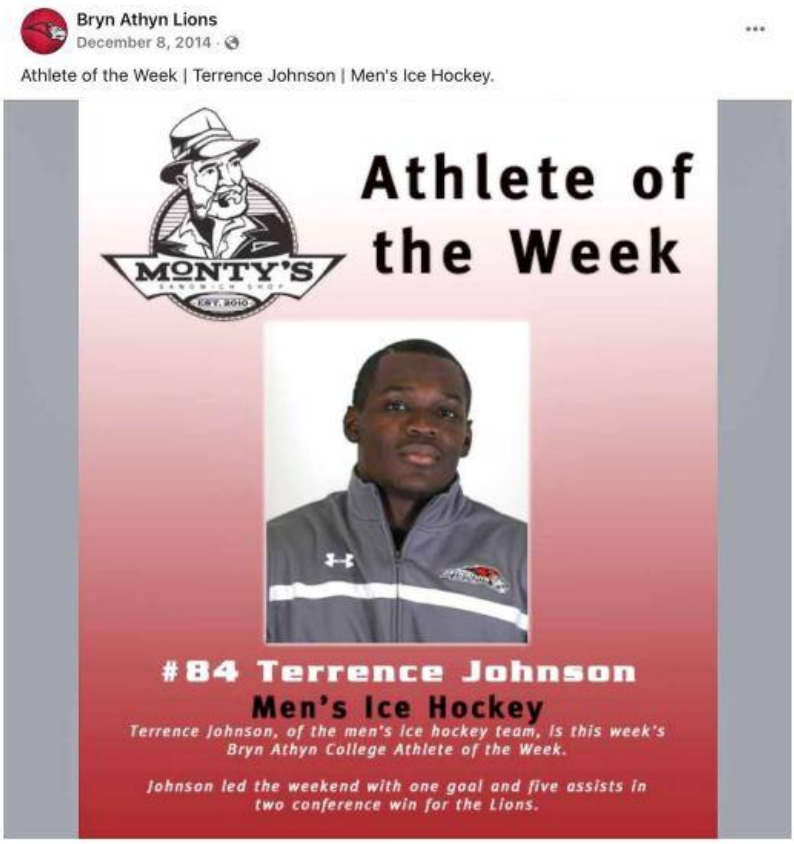
Bryn Athyn extended the conference record to six straight wins on December 6 when the team defeated University of Delaware 7-3 at the Jungé Pavilion.[643]

Conference game, Dec 6	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
University of Delaware	0	2	1	3
Bryn Athyn College	3	2	2	7

Goals: Travis McCurdy (2), Anthony Astorino, Kyle Jennings, Terrence Johnson, Justin Nugent, and Jordan Roth.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte 22 saves.



[642] "Nugent propels #3 Lions to 5-4 OT win vs. #12 East Stroudsburg," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 5, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019; The ACHA box score lists Roth as scoring the goal that the game recap gives to Jennings.
[643] "Men's ice hockey wins at home against Delaware 7-3," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 6, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.


Bryn Athyn Lions
December 8, 2014 ·
Athlete of the Week | Terrence Johnson | Men's Ice Hockey.
MONTY'S
Athlete of the Week
#84 Terrence Johnson
Men's Ice Hockey
Terrence Johnson, of the men's ice hockey team, is this week's Bryn Athyn College Athlete of the Week.
Johnson led the weekend with one goal and five assists in two conference win for the Lions.


Bryn Athyn Lions
December 8, 2014 ·
Men's Ice hockey set to play Stockton | Dec. 10th 8:00 pm. At the second period break, sign up for a chance to get your spring term books paid for, follow the link for more information http://ow.ly/FyVGa. #gobrynathyn #shootfortheloot
vs STOCKTON
Wed. @ 8:00 pm
12/10/14
Shoot for the Loot
BRYN ATHYN HOCKEY
vs Rowan
Friday @ 8:00 pm
12/12/14
Jungé Ice Rink and Pavilion
3002 Cairnwood Dr, Bryn Athyn, PA

The Lions next game was at home against #6 ranked Richard Stockton College on December 10. Bryn Athyn won 6-3 and Travis McCurdy recorded his fifth hat trick with Bryn Athyn, which meant that he had scored in five consecutive games.[644]

Conference game, Dec 10	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Richard Stockton College	0	0	3	3
Bryn Athyn College	2	2	2	6

Goals: Travis McCurdy (3), Kyle Jennings, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Billy Reilly.
Goalkeeper: Kyle Watters 30 saves (save percentage: 90.91%).



The second ACHA D3 rankings were released in the second week of December, and the Lions had now moved up to second place in the Atlantic region (three of the eight voters ranked Bryn Athyn in first place).

Atlantic Region

Rank	Team	Pts
1	California University of PA (5)	8
2	Bryn Athyn (3)	10
3	Farmingdale State University	22
4	Fairfield University	23
5	Pittsburgh - Johnstown	28
6	Richard Stockton	40
7	Alvernia College	41
8	Rowan	44
9	Robert Morris University (PA)	54
10	Neumann University	66
11	Southern Connecticut State University	67
12	East Stroudsburg University	68
13	SUNY-Martime	76
14	Xavier	90
15	Fredonia State University	92

Also Receiving Votes: Loyola (MD), Brandywine, Delaware

The second ACHA D3 ranking for the Atlantic Region in 2014-15.[645]



[644] "Men's ice hockey remains undefeated in conference," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 10, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

[645] "Regional rankings (Games thru Dec 7, 2014)," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on December 12, 2014.

5.1.2 Honoring the 1972 championship team

The Bryn Athyn College athletics department hosted a celebration at the Jungé Pavilion on December 12 to commemorate the 1972 championship team.

1972 Men's Ice Hockey Championship Team to be Honored

Posted: Nov 24, 2014

Bryn Athyn, Pa. - Bryn Athyn College (BAC) will pay tribute to their 1972 Ice Hockey Championship Team on Friday, December 12 at 8 pm in the college's Jungé Pavillion.



The 1972 team was the first team in the college's conference history to advance all the way and claim the title. BAC has invited the 1972 team back to the ice hockey arena for a commemorative ceremony which will include a raising of a championship banner.

After the alumni team is recognized, the current BAC ice hockey team will take the ice against Rowan University. Both teams will meet as members of the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHA).

This game will also be celebrated as one of BAC's "Bed Sheet Banner Night." BAC students compete for prizes (and bragging rights) for decorating the most creative and spirited banners. Students decorate actual bed sheets and hang them in support of the Bryn Athyn Lions.

The Jungé Pavillion is located on Bryn Athyn College's campus at 2945 College Drive, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009. This event is free and open to the public.

BAC Athletics web posting to promote the commemoration of the 1971-72 championship team.[646]

BRYN ATHYN HOCKEY

A NIGHT TO HONOR THE
1972 DVCHL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Please join us on Friday, December 12, at the Junge Pavilion as the college hockey team takes on Rowan University in DVCHC conference play at 8pm.

Before the game, we would like to commemorate the 1972 DVCHL Championship team for their accomplishments on the ice. We invite all former players and their families to attend the event.

Please RSVP to the Director of Athletics, Matthew Kennedy at matthew.kennedy@brynathyn.edu

We HOPE to be able live-stream the event for anyone who is too far from campus to watch. This is the first year we are able to broadcast our games on the internet, so we hope it is up and working for the event. Tune into www.brynathynathletics.com - click "hockey", then "schedule", and finally "live stream" next to Rowan University.

Letter sent by the BAC athletics department to BAC Hockey alumni inviting them to the celebration of the 1972 championship team on December 12, 2014.

[646] "1972 men's ice hockey championship team to be honored," (http://www.brynathynathletics.com/sports/cice/2014-15/releases/20141124). November 24, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.





#2 Men's Ice Hockey vs #8 Rowan Tonight at 8:00 pm!

Joseph, Abraham <Abraham.Joseph@brynathyn.edu>
Fri 12/12/2014 1:09 PM

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The 1972 team was the first team in history to advance all the way and claim the title. BAC has invited the 1972 team back to the ice hockey arena for a commemorative ceremony which will include a raising of a championship banner.

After the alumni team is recognized, the current BAC ice hockey team will take the ice against Rowan University. Both teams will meet as members of the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHC).

Please come out and support the Lions as they try to extend their undefeated conference season.

GO LIONS!



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Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach
Bryn Athyn College
267-502-6083
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The speech at the ceremony to commemorate the 1972 championship team included the following:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, before we start our game tonight we would like to honor the members of the 1971-72 Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey League Championship team. Winning the first league championship in program history. The Bryn Athyn College Hockey team went 10-5-3 and undefeated in the DVCHL - which transformed over the years into the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference which our Lions compete in today. To date - this is the only team to ever go undefeated in league play in school history.

At this point, we would like to call forward the members from the 1972 DVCHL Championship Team…

… *Pause for everyone to take a photo-*

At this point- we would like to recognize the 1972 Most Valuable Player. This player had 25 goals and 13 assists for 38 points, in just 18 games- and shot an impressive 150 shots on goal during the 1972 campaign. Your 1972 Most Valuable Player is David Childs.

Andrew Burke to hand him the trophy and pause for photo.

At this time, we call forward the captains from Bryn Athyn and Rowan University for the opening face-off…

… Congratulations one more time to the members of the 1972 championship team for the first conference championship in program history." [647]



The celebration of the 1972 championship team on December 12, 2014, at the Jungé Pavilion. Members of the 1972 team. Left to right: Dave Childs, Brian Keith, Ron McQueen, Phil Schnarr, Mike Posey, Brian Schnarr, Steve Hendricks, and Jay Lermitte (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson)

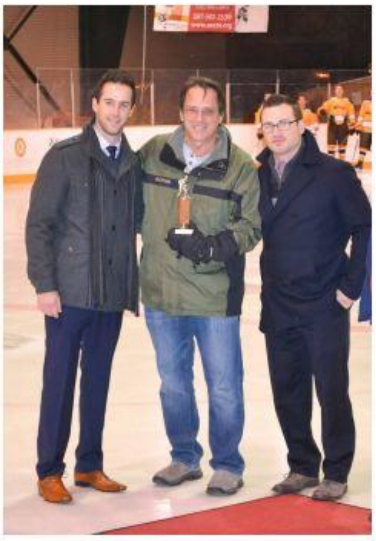
[647] Program for the celebration of the 1972 championship team. Included in an e-mail message from Abraham Joseph to Fredrik Bryntesson on December 11, 2014.





The celebration of the 1972 championship team on December 12, 2014, at the Jungé Pavilion. Left: the introduction of 1972 head coach Brian Schnarr. Right: 1972 MVP Dave Childs did a ceremonial puck drop (photos from Bryn Athyn College Marketing).



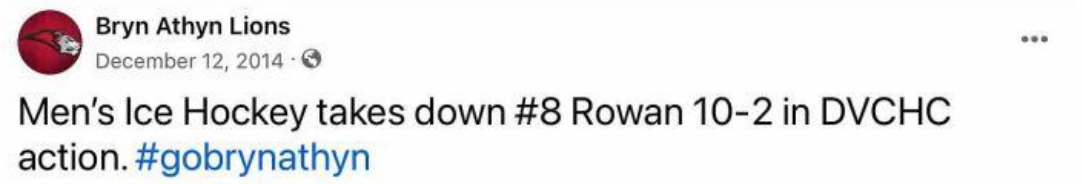


The celebration of the 1972 championship team on December 12, 2014, at the Jungé Pavilion. Left: the commemoration included the raising of a banner for the 1972 team. Right: assistant coach Ian Finnerty and head coach Andrew Burke with 1972 MVP Dave Childs (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

5.1.3 Continued success, a first-place regular season finish, ranked #1, and going to Nationals

The Lions took to the ice after the ceremony for the 1972 team and defeated #8 ranked Rowan University 10-2 in a conference matchup. Kyle Jennings scored a hat trick and added two assists for a five-point night. According to the published game recaps, this was the eighth consecutive game that Jennings had scored in. Terrence Johnson and Anthony Notorfrancesco each scored two goals. Goalkeeper Kyle Watters had an excellent night and stopped 40 shots (save percentage: 95.24%).[648]

Conference game, Dec 12	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Rowan University	1	0	1	2
Bryn Athyn College	2	3	5	10





Pictures from the game against Rowan on December 12, 2014 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[648] "Men's ice hockey makes 10-2 statement against Rowan," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 12, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019. The ACHA box score lists Jennings with 2 goals and 3 assists.



Kyle Jennings and Jayson Marbach celebrating against Rowan (photo from Bryn Athyn College Marketing).







Pictures from the game against Rowan on December 12, 2014 (photos from Bryn Athyn College Marketing).





Pictures from the game against Rowan on December 12, 2014 (photos from Bryn Athyn College Marketing).

Bryn Athyn Lions
December 12, 2014 ·

All banners for the "Besheet Banner Night" should be submitted to college office today at 3:00pm! #bedsheetbanner #gobrynathyn

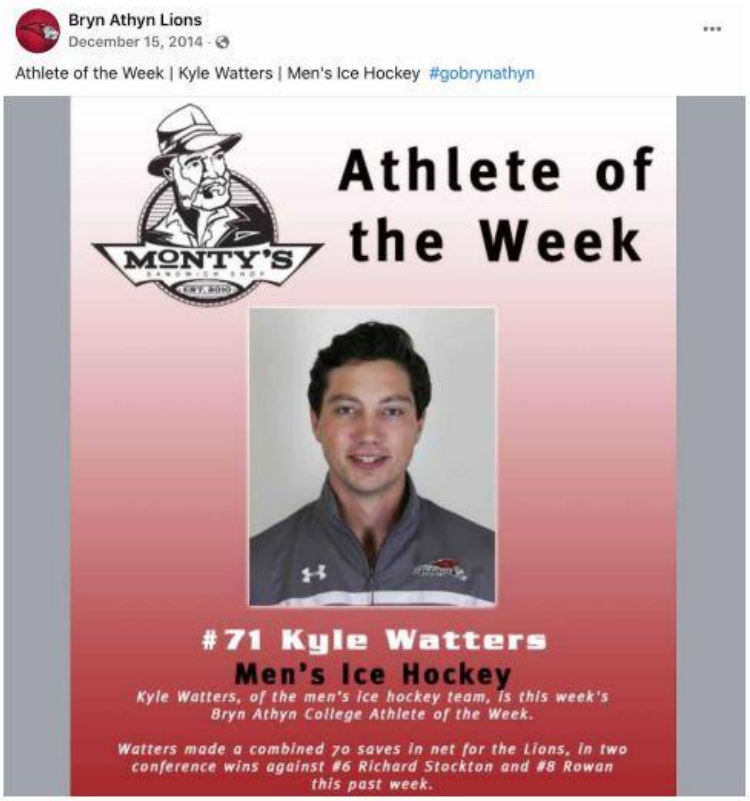








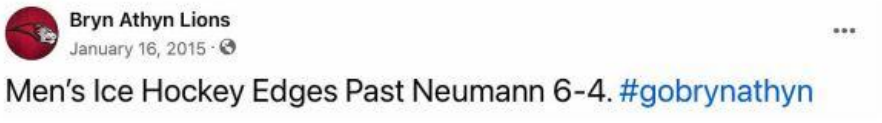
Bedsheet Banner Night on December 12, 2014 (photos by Bryn Athyn College Marketing).



The game against Rowan was the last before Christmas break. The team had so far won 12 of the 13 games it had played, including a perfect conference record of eight wins. The Lions were back in action on January 16 to play an away conference game against #8 ranked Neumann University. Scott Witmyer was back after missing the previous seven games due to injury Bryn Athyn won 6-4. Terrence Johnson scored a hat trick, his tenth with the Lions.[649]

Conference game, Jan 16	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	1	1	4	6
Neumann University	1	1	2	4

Goals: Terrence Johnson (3), Travis McCurdy, Paul Napierkowski, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.
Goalkeeper: Kyle Watters 32 saves.



[649] "Men's ice hockey," Schedule and results posted on the Bryn Athyn College athletics website. Viewed on November 14, 2016; ACHA box score for the game against Neumann University on January 16, 2015.



Pictures from the game against Neumann University on January 16, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

On January 17 the Lions defeated Christopher Newport University, 5-0, in a non-conference game at the Jungé Pavilion. Steven Altman got his third shutout with the Lions after making 26 saves.[650]

Non-conference game, Jan 17	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Christopher Newport	0	0	0	0
Bryn Athyn College	2	1	2	5

Goals: Terrence Johnson (2), Kyle Jennings, Paul Napierkowski, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman 26 saves (shutout).

After this weekend, ACHA announced the third rankings of the season. The Lions maintained their number 2 ranking.

Atlantic Region		
Rank	**Team**	**Pts**
1	California University of PA (5)	8
2	Bryn Athyn (3)	10
3	Farmingdale State University	18
4	Fairfield University	24
5	Pittsburgh - Johnstown	30
6	Richard Stockton	38
7	Alvernia College	40
8	Neumann University	50
9	Robert Morris University (PA)	55
10	Rowan	56
11	Southern Connecticut State University	66
12	East Stroudsburg University	72
13	SUNY-Martime	78
14	Xavier	84
15	Fredonia State University	92
Also Receiving Votes: Loyola (MD), Brandywine, Delaware		

The third ACHA D3 ranking for the Atlantic Region in 2014-15.[651]

[650] "#2 Men's ice hockey shutout #4 Christopher Newport," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 17, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[651] "Regional rankings (Games thru Jan 18, 2015)," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on December 12, 2014.



BAC Athletics Department ad for the *Bryn Athyn Classic* invitational.

The Lions hosted the *Bryn Athyn Classic* invitational on January 24-25. In the first game, on January 24, the Lions defeated #9 ranked Robert Morris University 5-3. The next day the Lions won 5-4 against #3 ranked Farmingdale State College in the championship game.[652]

Bryn Athyn Classic, Jan 24	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Robert Morris	0	2	1	3
Bryn Athyn College	2	1	2	5

Goals: Billy Martin, Travis McCurdy, Justin Nugent, Paul Napierkowski, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman 26 saves.



[652] "#2 Men's ice hockey takes down #9 Robert Morris," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 24, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019; "#2 Men's ice hockey topples #3 Farmingdale State, 5-4," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 25, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



Pictures from the game against Robert Morris University on January 24, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn Lions
January 25, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey takes on Farmingdale State today at 4:00 pm in the Championship game of the Bryn Athyn Classic. #gobrynathyn

Bryn Athyn Classic, Jan 25	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Farmingdale	1	1	2	4
Bryn Athyn College	3	2	0	5

Bryn Athyn Lions
January 25, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey takes down #3 Farmingdale State 5-4 in non conference action.
#gobrynathyn



Pictures from the game against Farmingdale State College on January 25, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The Lions went on a road trip to western Pennsylvania during the last weekend in January to play two non-conference games. On January 30, the team lost 4-5 to Robert Morris University.[653]

Non-conference game, Jan 30	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	2	2	0	4
Robert Morris	1	2	2	5

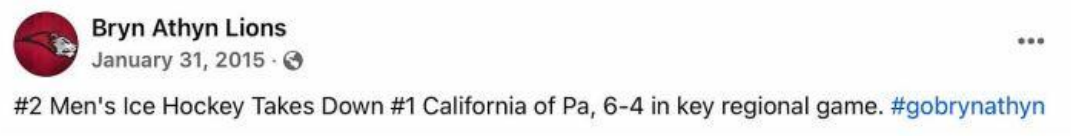
Goals: Terrence Johnson, Jason Marbach, Travis McCurdy, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte (27 saves 55 minutes) and Steven Altman (4 saves last 5 minutes).

Bryn Athyn played at #1 ranked California University of Pennsylvania on January 31. The Lions found themselves down 2-4 in the second period. With only a couple of minutes left of the period the Lions scored twice in quick succession to tie the game 4-4. Bryn Athyn then added two more goals in the final period to win the game 6-4.[654] No doubt, this comeback win played an important role for the success the team had during the remainder of the season.

Non-conference game, Jan 31	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	1	3	2	6
California University of PA	2	2	0	4

Goals: Terrence Johnson (2), Antony Astorino, Sean Feyler, Kyle Jennings, and Travis McCurdy.
Goalkeeper: Kyle Watters 38 saves (save percentage: 90.48%).

[653] "Colonials hand men's ice hockey second loss," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 30, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[654] "#2 Men's ice hockey take down #1 California Univ of Pa," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 31, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.





The Lions defeated #8 Neumann 7-4 in a conference game on February 3.[655] Two days later the team won 3-2 against Alvernia University in a conference game at the Body Zone in Reading.[656]

Conference game, Feb 3	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Neumann	1	1	2	4
Bryn Athyn College	2	3	2	7

Goals: Anthony Astorino, Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, Travis McCurdy, Paul Napierkowski, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman.

[655] "Men's ice hockey remains undefeated in DVCHC," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 3, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[656] "Men's ice hockey slide by Alvernia, 3-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 5, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

Bryn Athyn Lions
February 3, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey remains undefeated in conference action, taking down Neumann 7-4! #gobrynathyn



Pictures from the game against Neumann University on February 3, 2015. Above: Anthony Notorfrancesco and Steven Altman Below: Anthony Astorino, Ray Norfo, and Patrick Linehan (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Conference game, Feb 5	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	0	2	1	3
Alvernia University	1	0	1	2

Goals: Terrence Johnson (2) and Jayson Marbach.
Goalkeeper: Kyle Watters.

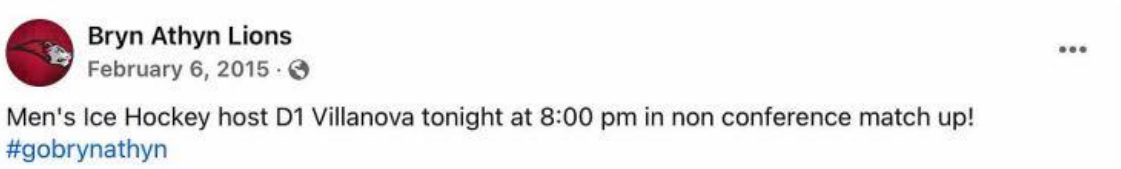
Bryn Athyn Lions
February 5, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey takes down Alvernia 3-2 in DVCHC conference play. #gobrynathyn





Kyle Jennings and Kyle Watters at the game against Alvernia University on February 5, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



A key game during the 2014-15 season took place on February 6, when Bryn Athyn hosted D1 Villanova University. The Lions trailed 0-1 after the first period, but played a strong second period led by Notorfrancesco, who scored two goals, which gave the Lions a 3-2 the lead after 40 minutes of play. Although the Lions scored in the third to increase the lead to 4-2, Villanova found their stride and scored three straight goals to recapture the lead. However, the Lions tied the game 5-5 with just over two minutes left. Bryn Athyn prevailed in OT, after a goal by Travis McCurdy in front of a celebrating audience at the Jungé Pavilion.[657] Bryn Athyn had beaten the #1 ranked California University of PA twice, and now D1 Villanova. Confidence levels were high.

Non-conference game, Feb 6	**1**	**2**	**3**	**OT**	**Final**
Villanova University	1	1	3	0	5
Bryn Athyn College	0	3	2	1	6

Goals: Anthony Notorfrancesco (2), Kyle Jennings, Terrence Johnson, Jayson Marbach, and Travis McCurdy (OT winner).
Goalkeeper: Kyle Watters.



[657] "Men's ice hockey takes down D1 Villanova 5-4 in OT," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 6, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



Pictures from the game against D1 Villanova on February 6, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Goal celebrations at the game against D1 Villanova on February 6, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Travis McCurdy's OT winner against D1 Villanova on February 6, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions honored its eight seniors on February 7 in a ceremony that included College President Dr. Kristin King, and Dean of Students Kiri Rogers.



Bryn Athyn College President Kristin King and Dean of Students Kiri Rogers at the Senior Day ceremony (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The Seniors in 2014-15. Left to right: Andrew Dexter, Terrence Johnson, Kyle Watters, Raymond Norfo, Jordan Roth, Todd Hirsch, Patrick Linehan, and Benjamin Silvers (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn played its last home game of the season against Alvernia University in a conference matchup on February 7. The Lions had already secured first place in the conference regular season standings (for the first time since 1987-88). Bryn Athyn won the game 8-2, which meant a perfect regular season conference record of 12 wins.[658] Afterwards the team and friends celebrated in the College's Social Center, where a band of students (including team member Jordan Roth), alumni, and faculty, entertained.

Conference game, Feb 7	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Alvernia University	0	2	0	2
Bryn Athyn College	3	3	2	8

Goals: Terrence Johnson (2), Scott Witmyer (2), David DalCortivo, Kyle Jennings, Ray Norfo, and Justin Nugent.
Goalkeeper: Kyle Watters 30 saves (save percentage: 93.75%).



[658] "Men's ice hockey finish the regular DVCHC season undefeated," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 7, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



Pictures from the game against Alvernia University on February 7, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).









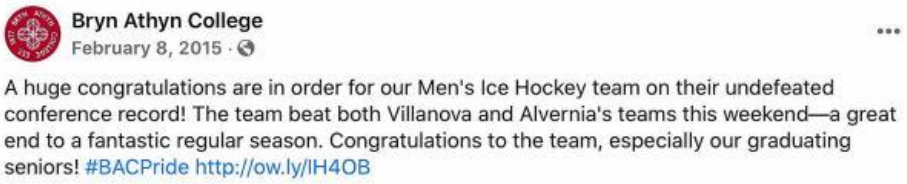




Pictures from the game against Alvernia University on February 7, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Faceoff at the game against Alvernia University on February 7, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



- **National Division – 2014-2015 Regular season**

Team	Team	GP	W	L	T	OTL	SOL	PTS	GF	GA	Division
Bryn Athyn	BA	12	12	0	0	0	0	24	83	35	12-0-0-0-0
Alvernia	ALVRN	12	7	5	0	0	0	14	55	47	7-5-0-0-0
Stockton	STOC	12	7	5	0	0	0	14	59	59	7-5-0-0-0
Rowan University	ROWAN	12	6	5	0	0	1	13	49	54	5-5-0-0-1
Neumann	NU	12	6	6	0	0	0	12	54	55	6-6-0-0-0
East Stroudsburg	ESU	12	2	9	0	1	0	5	31	51	2-9-0-1-0
University of Delaware	U.D	12	2	10	0	0	0	4	39	69	2-9-0-0-0

The 2014-15 DVCHC National Division final regular season standings.[659]

Bryn Athyn College was ranked #1 in the Atlantic region when the final ACHA D3 rankings for the 2014-15 season were released in early February. This was the first time the Lions had been ranked #1 and it meant that the team automatically qualified for the upcoming National Tournament in Pelham, Alabama. This was an historic day for the hockey program and Bryn Athyn College; never had a BAC athletic team qualified for a National Tournament. The athletics department produced a banner with the news that was displayed at the College entrance on the Huntingdon Pike.

[659] "National Division - 2014-2015 regular season," posted on the DVCHC website (http://mens.dvchchockey.org/page/show/372564-home). Accessed on March 18, 2015. Bryn Athyn had scored 84 goals during regular season play.

Atlantic Region		
Rank	**Team**	**Pts**
1	Bryn Athyn (8)	6
2	California University of PA	12
3	Fairfield University	18
4	Farmingdale State University	24
5	Pittsburgh - Johnstown	30
6	Alvernia College	38
7	Richard Stockton	43
8	Robert Morris University (PA)	46
9	Neumann University	53
10	SUNY-Martime	61
11	Rowan	65
12	Southern Connecticut State University	72
13	Xavier	78
14	PSU-Brandywine	89
15	George Mason	91
Also Receiving Votes: Delaware		

The fourth ACHA D3 ranking for the Atlantic Region in 2014-15.[660]



The banner by the College entrance on Huntingdon Pike (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[660] "Regional rankings (Games thru Feb 8, 2015)," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on December 12, 2014.




The team celebrated the qualifications to the National Tournament in Pelham Alabama with a band playing "Sweet Home Alabama" in the College Social Center after the Alvernia game on February 7, 2015. Left: Head Coach Andrew Burke and Assistant Coach Ian Finnerty introducing the party. Right: Cole Graham, Blake McCurdy (hockey alumnus) and Jake Dillon. The band was the nucleus of the BAC Rocks! 2016 band.




Left: Blake McCurdy, Jordan Roth (who was a member of the 2014-15 hockey team), and Leah Fisher. Right: Hockey players Scott Witmyer, Chance Rapp, Billy Martin, Steve Altman, and Jayson Marbach enjoying the show.



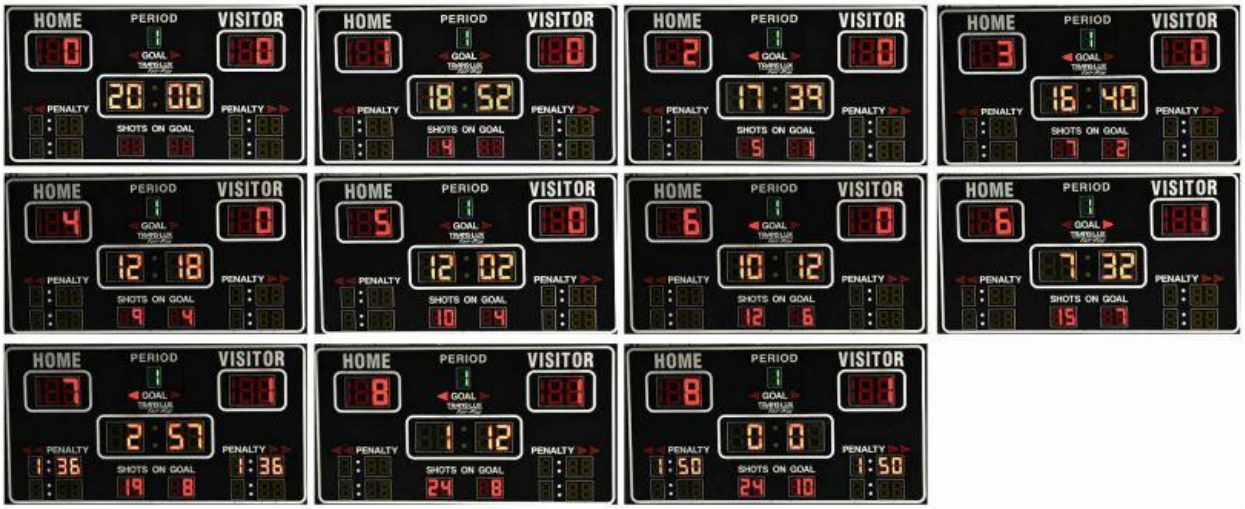

Left: Fredrik Bryntesson, Blake McCurdy, and Jordan Roth. Right: Jordan Roth and backup vocalists Leah Fisher and Michelle Chapin.

5.1.4 Champions

The Lions began their post-season on February 15 with the conference semifinal against Rowan University at the Aston IceWorks. The first period will be remembered for the Lions' overpowering offense. Bryn Athyn led 3-0 after 3 minutes and 20 seconds and 8-1 after 20 minutes. The game finished 11-4 in Bryn Athyn's favor. Scott Witmyer recorded six points (including four goals), and Jayson Marbach scored a hat trick.[661] The Lions outshot Rowan 65-33. In the other semifinal Richard Stockton College defeated Alvernia University 3-1. Three days later Richard Stockton College changed its name to Stockton University.

Conference semifinal, Feb 15	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Rowan University	1	1	2	4
Bryn Athyn College	8	0	3	11

Goals: Scott Witmyer (4), Jayson Marbach (3), Justin Nugent, Terrence Johnson, Jordan Roth, and Ben Silvers.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman 29 saves.



Photos of the scoreboard during the first period of the DVCHC National Division semifinal against Rowan University on February 15, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

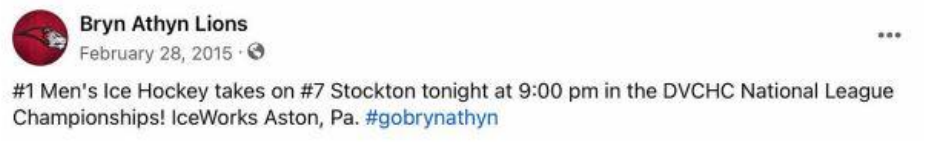


[661] "First period propels men's ice hockey past Rowan in DVCHC semifinals," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 15, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



Photos from the DVCHC National Division semifinal against Rowan University on February 15, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



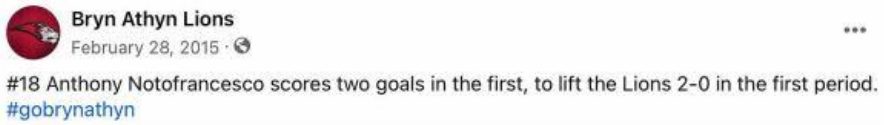


The format for the DVCHC championship changed in 2015. Instead of a best-of-three series, the title was decided by one game. The 2015 championship game took place on February 28 when Bryn Athyn faced off against Stockton. The Lions continued their good form from the semifinal and won 12-2 to claim the DVCHC National Division Championship.[662] Never before had an athletic team from Bryn Athyn College had such an outstanding conference campaign. The athletics department summarized in its game recap:

"The Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey team defeated #7 Richard Stockton, 12-2 to the 2014-15 Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHC) National Divisional title Saturday night.

The Lions finished the season undefeated, 14-0 in all DVCHC conference games, including the conference tournament.

Bryn Athyn was led by three freshmen with four points each. Anthony Notorfrancesco scored two goals and two assists. Anthony Astorino and Justin Nugent scored one goal and notched three assists. Terrence Johnson and Jordan Roth put up two goals and one assist. Jayson Marbach tallied two assists and one goal. Kyle Jennings turned in a two-point performance with two goals. Andrew Dexter registered one goal. Paul Napierkowski, Scott Witmyer, DJ Mulhern, and Alex Hyatt added one assist each in the triumph."[663]







Conference final, Feb 28	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Stockton University	0	1	1	2
Bryn Athyn College	2	3	7	12

Goals: Kyle Jennings (2), Terrence Johnson (2), Anthony Notorfrancesco (2), Jordan Roth (2), Anthony Astorino, Andrew Dexter, Jayson Marbach, and Justin Nugent.
Goalkeeper: Kyle Watters 42 saves (save percentage: 95.45%).

[662] "Men's ice hockey wins the DVCHC National Division title," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 28, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

[663] "Men's ice hockey wins the DVCHC National Division title," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 28, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



The scoreboard after the DVCHC National Division Championship game against Stockton on February 28, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 2014-15 DVCHC National Division Champions game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







The team celebrating after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 2014-15 DVCHC National Division Champions (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).











Celebrations after the 2014-15 DVCHC National Division Champions game (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

5.1.5 The National Championships send-off party at the Doering Center

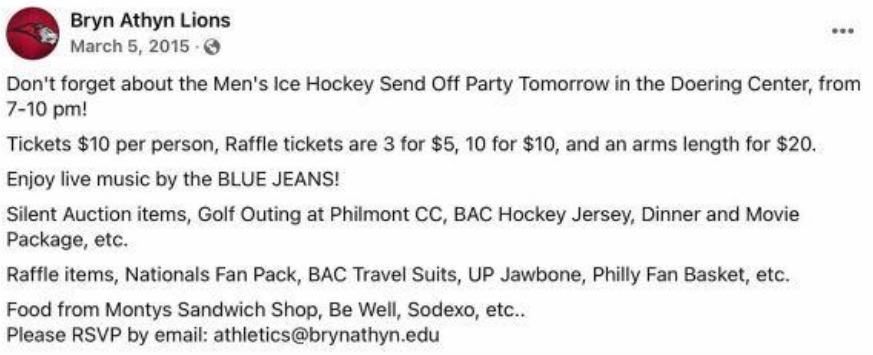
The team had little time to celebrate the championship as it was getting ready to travel to Pelham, Alabama, for the ACHA D3 National Championships. On March 6, the BAC athletics department hosted a send-off party for the team in the Doering Center. The event included presentations by Athletic Director Matt Kennedy, Rev. Dr. Ray Silverman, Head Coach Andrew Burke, the team captains Benjamin Silvers, Terrence Johnson, and Travis McCurdy, and a musical performance by the faculty-student-alumni band Blue Jeans together with Blake McCurdy. The band included three BAC hockey alumni and one current hockey player (Jordan Roth).



BAC HOCKEY TEAM SEND-OFF PARTY

The Bryn Athyn College Hockey team is hosting a "Send-Off Party" this Friday, March 6, from 7-10 PM. This is to help raise funds towards their National Championship trip in Pelham, AL. There will be food, music, silent auctions and raffle tickets for sale. Entrance fee is $10. It will take place at the Doering Center atrium on the College Campus. Please RSVP by email to athletics@brynathyn.edu.

Left: BAC athletics department flyer and social media ad for the send-off party. Right: *Bryn Athyn Post* ad for the send-off party published on March 5, 2015.











The send-off party for the College men's ice hockey team. Captain Ben Silvers introduced the new black jersey which the team wore during the warm-ups before the first game at the Nationals, and then for away games during the following two seasons.

5.1.6 The 2015 ACHA D3 National Championships



The National Tournament was organized so that the 16 best teams from across the country were divided into four pools, each consisting of one team from one of the four ACHA D3 regions (Atlantic, Pacific, North, and South). As the #1 seed in the Atlantic Region, the Lions were in Pool C with Hope College (ranked #2 in the North Region), UNC-Wilmington (ranked #3 in the South Region), and University of Northern Colorado (ranked #4 in the Pacific Region). The winner of each pool would qualify for the semifinals (frozen four).



Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Florida Gulf Coast (S1)	Colorado State (P1)	Bryn Athyn (A1)	Oakland University (N1)
Arkansas (P2)	Alabama (S2)	Hope College (N2)	California Univ. (A2)
Fairfield (A3)	Michigan State (N3)	NC-Wilmington (S3)	Metro State (P3)
Calvin College (N4)	Pitt-Johnstown (A4)	Northern Colorado (P4)	Ole Miss (S4)



The BAC Men's Ice Hockey Team and BAC President Dr. Kristin King at the Jungé Pavilion when the team left for the National Tournament in Alabama on Saturday March 7 (photo from BAC Athletics).

The Lions left for Alabama early in the morning on Saturday March 7. Later that day, the team practiced at the LaHaye Ice Center at Liberty University in Virginia.

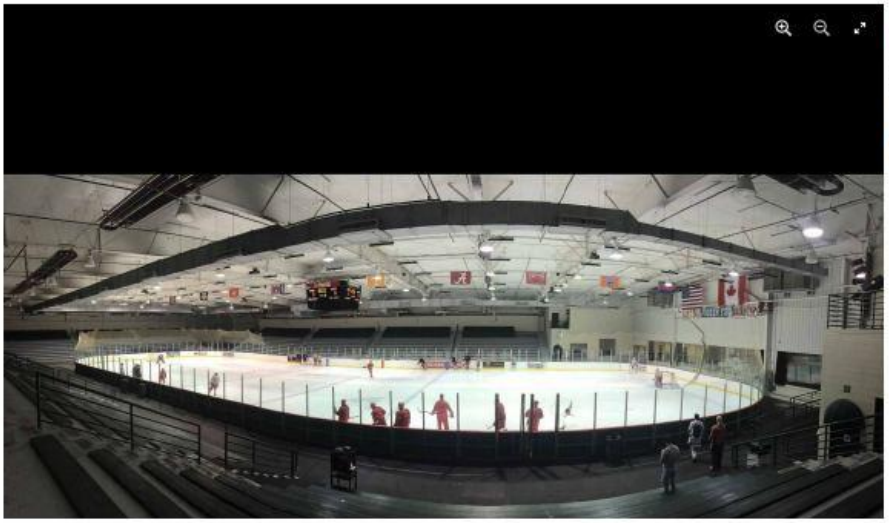




The team arrived in Pelham, Alabama, on March 8, and later that day the Lions had their first practice at the Pelham Civic Complex, the venue for the 2015 National Tournament.



The Pelham Civic Complex. This venue had two rinks: one smaller rink with a stand for audience along one side of the rink, and one stadium rink with stands on three sides of the ice (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Hockey Team Makes Nationals!

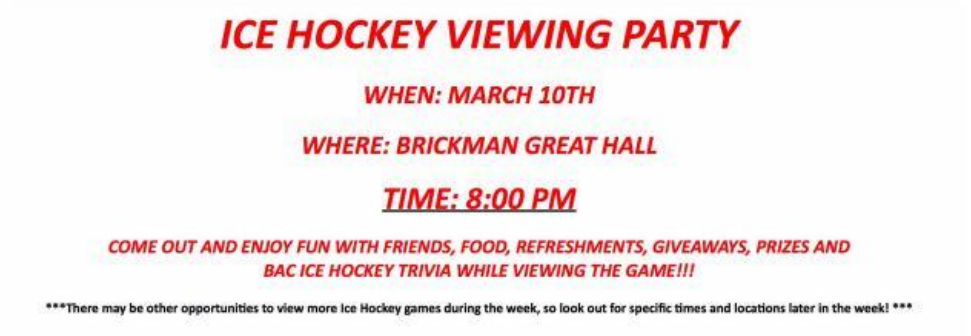
The college hockey team will be a #1 seed when they compete for American Collegiate Hockey Association, Division 3 National Championship March 10 - 14, hosted by the University of Alabama. The schedule for the opening round of games:

March 10 - #4 Northern Colorado 7:30pm
March 11 - #3 UNC-Wilmington 1pm
March 12 - #2 Hope College 7:30pm
March 13 - National Semi-Final
March 14 - National Championship

All games can be viewed through the internet via FASThockey, http://acha.fasthockey.com. If you would like to make a donation to the men's hockey program to assist their travel to Alabama, please contact the Office of Advancement at (267)502-4895 or send a check to Box 708, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009. Donations are tax deductible. Please visit www.brynathynathletics.com for the most up-to-date information on the National Championship.

Article about the National Tournament that appeared *Bryn Athyn Post* on March 5 and 12, 2015.

The Lions' first game at the 2015 National Tournament was on Tuesday March 10, against University of Northern Colorado in front of a crowd that had a loud following from Bryn Athyn including faculty, alumni, families, friends, and even some students that had made the long trip to Pelham. On campus there was a viewing party in the Brickman Center that watched the livestream.



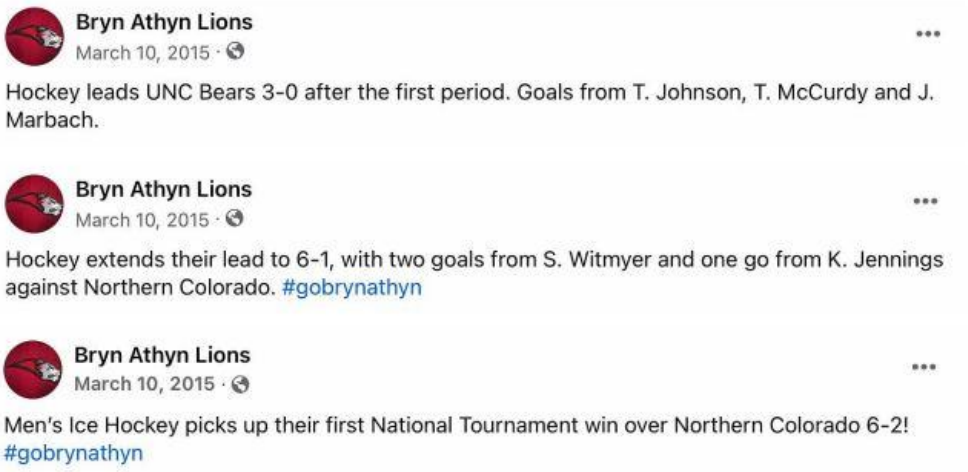


The viewing party in the Brickman Center to watch the Lions – UNC game on March 10, 2015 (photos by Bryn Athyn College Marketing).



Bryn Athyn College had never played University of Northern Colorado. The starting line-up for the Lions was Kyle Watters (goalkeeper), Anthony Astorino (defense), Paul Napierkowski (defense), Kyle Jennings (forward),

Terrence Johnson (forward), and Scott Witmyer (forward). Jennings took the historic opening faceoff to start the game. Terrence Johnson earned the distinction of scoring the first ever goal by a Bryn Athyn team at a National Tournament (which also meant that he had scored in six consecutive games), and two more goals by Travis McCurdy and Jayson Marbach secured a 3-0 lead for the Lions after the first period. UNC scored early in the second period, but the Lions responded with three straight goals, one by Kyle Jennings, and two by Scott Witmyer, to give Bryn Athyn a 6-1 lead going into the third period. The game ended 6-2, to give the Lions a perfect start to the National Tournament. Johnson and Witmyer each had four points and Watters a 94.4% save percentage in goal. Witmyer was quoted in the BAC athletics department's game recap after the game: "Solid team win tonight! We had a strong defensive effort and it was a great way to open up the national tournament."[664]



The first game at the 2015 ACHA D3 National Tournament: BAC vs University of Northern Colorado

Pelham Civic Complex
Tue, Mar 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm

FINAL

M3-Northern Colorado 2 at M3-Bryn Athyn College 6

Scoring	1	2	3	T
M3-Northern	0	1	1	2
M3-Bryn Athy	3	3	0	6

Shots	1	2	3	T
M3-Northern	17	13	6	36
M3-Bryn Athy	13	19	20	52

Power Plays	PP	PIM
M3-Northern	1-4	39
M3-Bryn Athy	3-11	15

V - H	#	Per	Team	Time	Scored By	Assists		PP	SH
0 - 1	1	1	BAC	7:51	T.Johnson	K.Jennings	S.Witmyer	x	
0 - 2	2	1	BAC	12:37	T.McCurdy	S.Witmyer	T.Johnson	x	
0 - 3	3	1	BAC	16:13	J.Marbach	A.Notorfrancesco	J.Nugent		
1 - 3	4	2	NTC	1:25	M.Bailey	B.Pougnet			x
1 - 4	5	2	BAC	15:32	K.Jennings	T.McCurdy	A.Notorfrancesco		
1 - 5	6	2	BAC	16:43	S.Witmyer	A.Astorino	T.Johnson	x	
1 - 6	7	2	BAC	19:31	S.Witmyer	T.Johnson			x
2 - 6	8	3	NTC	16:03	B.Pougnet	C.Chmelka		x	

The official ACHA game sheet for the Lions – University of Northern Colorado game on March 10, 2015.

[664] "Men's ice hockey picks up first National Tournament win over Northern Colorado," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 10, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.







Pictures from the game between the Lions and University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015. Above: the Lions wore the new black jersey for the warm-ups. Below left: The team celebrating Terrence Johnson's historic 1-0 goal, the first by a Bryn Athyn College sports team at a National Championship Tournament. Below right: Travis McCurdy's 2-0 goal with Abe Joseph, the BAC Sports Information Director, in the background (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the game between the Lions and University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015. Left: Kyle Jennings with an opportunity. Right: celebrations after Jayson Marbach's 3-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







Pictures from the second period between the Lions and University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Kyle Jennings' 4-1 goal against University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Scott Witmyer's 5-1 goal against University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Scott Witmyer's 6-1 goal against University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Kyle Watters and Terrence Johnson at the game between the Lions and University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).






Pictures from the game between the Lions and University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015. Above Bryn Athyn fans and Markus Bryntesson and Danny Triesler. Below: the bench and Scott Witmyer (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The Lions celebrating the win and thanking the fans after the win against University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The Lions celebrating the win and thanking the fans after the win against University of Northern Colorado on March 10, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The other game in the group on March 10, ended with a 5-2 win for Hope College against UNC-Wilmington. The standings in group C after the first day of play was as follows:

Standings in POOL C after day 1 of the 2015 ACHA D3 Nationals:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GS	GA	Points
1. Bryn Athyn College	1	1	0	0	6	2	2
2. Hope College	1	1	0	0	5	2	2
3. UNC-Wilmington	1	0	1	0	2	5	0
4. Northern Colorado	1	0	1	0	2	6	0



The Lions getting ready to play UNC-Wilmington in the second game of the 2015 Nationals (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Good afternoon Bryn Athyn College Campus,

Our Athletic Director, Matthew Kennedy, is extending an invitation for you all to view today's Ice Hockey Game!

WHERE: CAFE

TIME: 2:00PM

ONE FREE DRINK ON ATHLETICS IS INCLUDED!

LET'S GO LIONS!!!!

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 11, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey takes on Univ. of North Carolina-Wilmington today at 1 pm CT / 2 pm ET, in game two of the National Tournament.

The Lions played UNC-Wilmington in the afternoon on March 11. The two teams had met once before, at the 2013 *Empire Classic* tournament. That time the Lions won 6-3. The starting lineup for the Lions in Pelham was Kyle Watters (goalkeeper), Sean Feyler (defense), Benjamin Silvers (defense), Kyle Jennings (forward), Terrence Johnson (forward), and Scott Witmyer (forward). Bryn Athyn started the game well, scoring two goals in the first period. After a goalless second period, UNC-Wilmington created some nerves when they scored 1-2 in the middle of the third period. However, Scott Witmyer added two goals in the last five minutes of the game to complete a hat trick. The Lions won the game 4-1.[665] Later that day, Hope College defeated Northern Colorado 5-3. The Lions and Hope College had won both games, but Bryn Athyn had a better goal differential. Therefore, the Lions would qualify for the semifinals if the team either tied or won against Hope College the following day.

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 11, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey leads UNC Wilmington 2-0 after the first period. Goals scored by S. Witmyer and S. Feyler. #gobrynathyn

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 11, 2015 ·

Hockey leads UNC Wilmington 2-0 after two periods in game two of the National Tournament! #gobrynathyn

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 11, 2015 ·

Scott Witmyer lifts Men's Ice Hockey with a hat-trick over UNC Wilmington. S Feyler scored one goal in the 4-1 win. #gobrynathyn

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[665] "Men's ice hockey rally past UNC Wilmington in game 2 of the National Tournament," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 11, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

The second game at the 2015 ACHA D3 National Tournament: BAC vs UNC Wilmington

Pelham Civic Complex
Wed, Mar 11, 2015 at 1:00 pm

FINAL

M3-North Carolina - Wilmington 1 at M3-Bryn Athyn College 4

Scoring	1	2	3	T
M3-North Car	0	0	1	1
M3-Bryn Athy	2	0	2	4

Shots	1	2	3	T
M3-North Car	8	9	11	28
M3-Bryn Athy	20	11	8	39

Power Plays	PP	PIM
M3-North Car	0-1	8
M3-Bryn Athy	1-3	4

V - H	#	Per	Team	Time	Scored By	Assists		PP	SH
0 - 1	1	1	BAC	13:33	S.Witmyer	S.Feyler	T.Johnson		
0 - 2	2	1	BAC	15:32	S.Feyler	T.Johnson		x	
1 - 2	3	3	NCW	9:21	T.Evangelous	A.Furtado			
1 - 3	4	3	BAC	15:48	S.Witmyer	T.McCurdy			
1 - 4	5	3	BAC	19:34	S.Witmyer (en)				

The official ACHA game sheet for the Lions – UNC-Wilmington game on March 11, 2015.

Standings in POOL C after day 2 of the 2015 ACHA D3 Nationals:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GS	GA	Points
1. Bryn Athyn College	2	2	0	0	10	3	4
2. Hope College	2	2	0	0	10	5	4
3. UNC-Wilmington	2	0	2	0	3	9	0
4. Northern Colorado	2	0	2	0	5	11	0



Kyle Jennings wins the opening faceoff against UNC-Wilmington on March 11, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The team celebrates the first two goals against UNC-Wilmington on March 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game between the Lions and UNC-Wilmington on March 11, 2015. Left: Anthony Notorfrancesco, Travis McCurdy, and Jayson Marbach in the offensive zone. Right: Terrence Johnson during a breakaway (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game between the Lions and UNC-Wilmington on March 11, 2015. Left: Anthony Notorfrancesco. Right: Jordan Roth (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game between the Lions and UNC-Wilmington on March 11, 2015. Left: Kyle Watters and team captain Benjamin Silvers. Right: Travis McCurdy with an opportunity (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Scott Witmyer scoring the 4-1 empty net goal against UNC-Wilmington on March 11, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 12, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey takes on Hope College tonight at 7:30 CT / 8:30 pm ET, in the third game at the ACHA D3 National Tournament! #gobrynathyn

Scoring Updates: http://ow.ly/K9Fk7

Live Video: http://acha.fasthockey.com

The final pool games took place on March 12. The day began with University of Northern Colorado defeating UNC-Wilmington 6-0. Nevertheless, all attention was focused on the evening game between Bryn Athyn College and Hope College, the #2 ranked team from the North region, that had been the runners-up at the 2014 National Championships. The Lions would qualify for the semifinals providing that the team didn't lose. At Bryn Athyn College, students, faculty, and friends gathered in the Mitchell Performing Arts Center (MPAC) to watch the game, and in Pelham the stands were full. BAC hockey program founder Brian Schnarr and his family was in attendance, and BAC Athletic Director Matt Kennedy flew down from Bryn Athyn and arrived in Pelham in time for the game.

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 12, 2015 ·

TONIGHT: Watch the Men's Ice Hockey team take the ice in the third game of their bid for the national title!

The game will be streamed live at the Mitchell Performing Arts Center on campus at 8:30pm.

All students, faculty and members of the community are invited to attend to cheer on our fearless Lions!

Good luck tonight, boys—we're all rooting for you! #BACPride #gobrynathyn



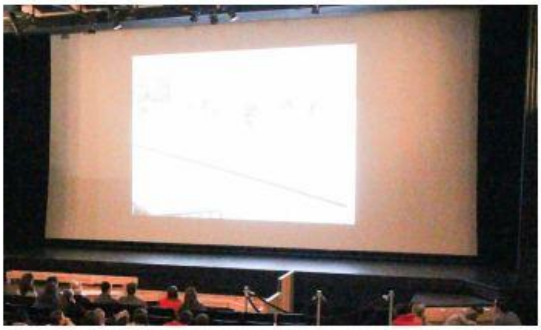
ICE HOCKEY VIEWING SOCIAL

WHEN: TODAY, MARCH 12TH
WHERE: MPAC THEATER

TIME: 8:30 PM

COME OUT AND ENJOY FUN WITH FRIENDS, GIVEAWAYS, PRIZES AND BAC ICE HOCKEY TRIVIA WHILE VIEWING THE GAME!!!

***There may be other opportunities to view more Ice Hockey games during the week, so look out for specific times and locations later in the week! ***




The viewing party in the Mitchell Performing Arts Center in Bryn Athyn to watch the Lions – Hope College game on March 12, 2015 (photos by Bryn Athyn College Marketing).




The stands were packed when the Lions played Hope College. Left: Bryn Athyn fans. Right: the audience at the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Left: BAC Athletic Trainer Scott Jones getting ready for the game. Right: BAC Athletic Director Matt Kennedy, Sports Information Director Abraham Joseph, Athletic Trainer Scott Jones, and Assistant Coach Ian Finnerty on the bench watching Scott Witmyer skate the puck up the ice (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The game between Bryn Athyn College and Hope College is arguably one of the all-time classics in the history of history the hockey program. The starting lineup for the Lions in was Kyle Watters (goalkeeper), Terrence Johnson (defense), Paul Napierkowski (defense), Kyle Jennings (forward), Travis McCurdy (forward), and Scott

Witmyer (forward). Travis McCurdy took the opening faceoff for the Lions. Hope College scored first, and then Kyle Jennings, tied the game 1-1, before the first period ended.

Hope College retook the lead after 7 minutes and 50 seconds in the second. The Lions were at that time in second place in Pool C, thus missing out on a place in the Frozen Four. But, just after 14 minutes Justin Nugent had a breakaway and put the puck in the net to tie the game. The Lions were back in first place in Pool C. Less than a minute later Paul Napierkowski skated the puck from the Lions' own zone all the way up towards the Hope goal and fired the puck into the top right corner from the left circle. A classic goal in Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey history – and 3-2 to Bryn Athyn! The lead was short lived, however, as Hope tied the game at the end of the period.

The third period was nerve wrecking for the fans on both sides. The game recap on the Bryn Athyn College athletic website described the drama:

> "Both teams attacked the offensive zone in the third period to win the game outright. But both defenses and goalies played strong for their teams to take the game into overtime. Bryn Athyn outshot Hope, 11-3. Hope hit the Bryn Athyn goal post four times in the third period to take the lead, but the Lions kept the puck from getting to the goal. Bryn Athyn had two breakaway chances to close the game, but Hope's goalie stepped up and made game changing saves to keep them in the game."[666]

An overtime period was played. The rules were such that the game would be called a tie if no goal had been scored after 10 minutes. At the end of the OT period a very unusual thing happened as Hope College, knowing they had to win, pulled their goalie. It didn't help. The game ended 3-3 and Bryn Athyn had won Pool C and qualified for the semifinals against Michigan State the next day.





Pictures from the game against Hope College on March 12, 2015. Two Bryn Athyn powerplays in the first (left) and second (right) periods (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[666] "Men's ice hockey heads to the National Championship semifinal," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 12, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



Pictures from the game against Hope College on March 12, 2015. Top row: Scott Witmyer with an opportunity (left) and Paul Napierkowski (right). Second row: Kyle Jennings scores the 1-1 goal in the first period. Third row: Justin Nugent's 2-2 goal in the second period. Bottom row: Jayson Marbach and Justin Nugent (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Paul Napierkowski's 3-2 goal after 14 minutes and 53 seconds in the second period against Hope College on March 12, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the OT against Hope College on March 12, 2015. Left: Scott Witmyer with an opportunity. Right: the Lions narrowly missing an empty net goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the OT against Hope College on March 12, 2015. Above: Faceoff in the Lions' zone with 11.9 seconds left of OT. Below left: the Lions managed to keep the puck away from the net. Below right: Captain Ben Silvers celebrates as the final horn sounds (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The Lions celebrate after the OT against Hope College (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Kyle Watters made 34 saves and had a 91.89% save percentage against Hope College (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

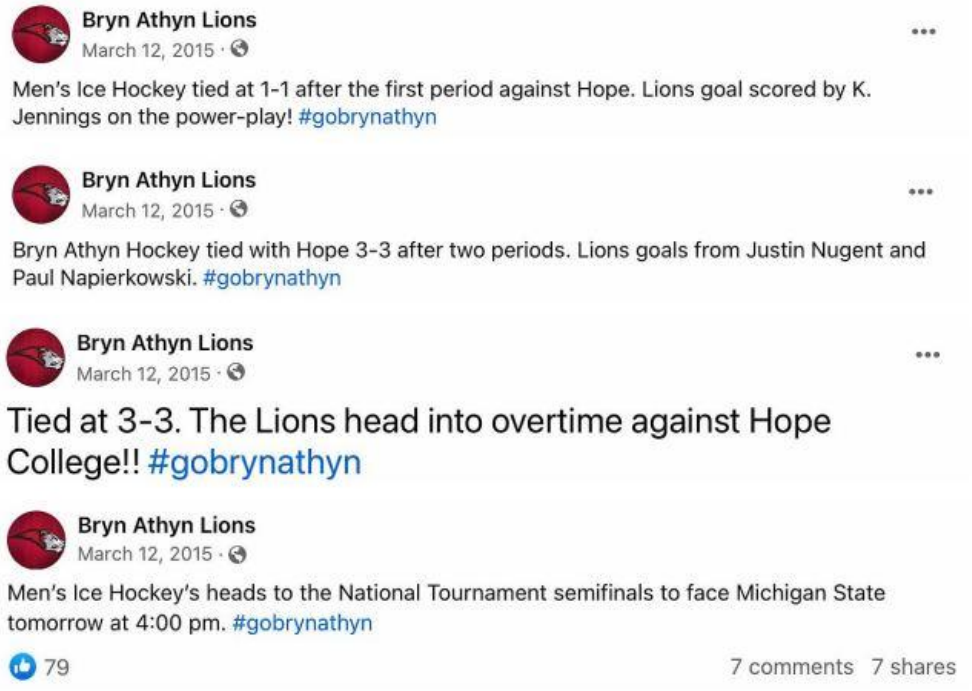


The team led by Captain Ben Silvers thanking the BAC fans after the game. Athletic director Matt Kennedy watching in the back. This gesture by the team was mentioned by BAC Chaplain Rev. Dr. Thane Glenn at the inaugural Commissioning Service for BAC athletes the following November (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

"Hope came out in overtime, determined to end the Bryn Athyn national championship run early, but Bryn Athyn stepped up their neutral zone defense and forced the game to expire with a tie."[667]

"Napierkowski stated, 'it was an amazing game by all the boys tonight. We pulled for each other out there every shift and got the job done. Now our focus is on Michigan State tomorrow.'

...Nugent expressed, 'It was an amazing effort from our goalie tonight, but we are still not done and now our focus is on Michigan State.'"[668]



The third game at the 2015 ACHA D3 National Tournament: BAC vs Hope College

Pelham Civic Complex
Thu, Mar 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm

FINAL - OT

M3-Hope College 3 at M3-Bryn Athyn College 3

Scoring	1	2	3	OT	T
M3-Hope Coll	1	2	0	0	3
M3-Bryn Athy	1	2	0	0	3

Shots	1	2	3	OT	T
M3-Hope Coll	13	11	3	10	37
M3-Bryn Athy	11	15	11	6	43

Power Plays	PP	PIM
M3-Hope Coll	0-2	12
M3-Bryn Athy	1-4	8

V - H	#	Per	Team	Time	Scored By	Assists		PP	SH
1 - 0	1	1	HOP	7:23	B.Hoard				
1 - 1	2	1	BAC	15:13	K.Jennings	S.Feyler		x	
2 - 1	3	2	HOP	7:50	R.Restum	A.Obrien			x
2 - 2	4	2	BAC	14:06	J.Nugent	J.Marbach	K.Watters		
2 - 3	5	2	BAC	14:53	P.Napierkowski				
3 - 3	6	2	HOP	18:24	R.Calvert				

The official ACHA game sheet for the Lions – Hope College game on March 12, 2015.

[667] "Men's ice hockey heads to the National Championship semifinal," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 12, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

[668] "Men's ice hockey heads to the National Championship semifinal," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 12, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.



The team was greeted by fans and families after the game against Hope College (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



After the game against Hope College on March 12. 2015. Left: Captain Ben Silvers and Kyle Watters. Right: Head Coach Andrew Burke and Athletic Director Matt Kennedy (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Final Standings in POOL C at the 2015 ACHA D3 Nationals:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GS	GA	Points
1. Bryn Athyn College	3	2	0	1	13	6	5
2. Hope College	3	2	0	1	13	8	5
3. Northern Colorado	3	1	2	0	11	11	2
4. UNC-Wilmington	3	0	3	0	3	15	0

The semifinal was played on Friday, March 13. The Lions faced Michigan State, and the game was live streamed with announcers who highlighted that the Lions were playing against a university with a student population much bigger than Bryn Athyn College. Michigan was ranked #3 in the North and had won Pool B.

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 13, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey set to play Michigan State in the semifinal game of the ACHA National Tournament today at 4:00 CT / 5:00 pm ET. #gobrynathyn

Scoring Updates: http://ow.ly/K9Fk7

Live Video: http://acha.fasthockey.com



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ALL ARE WELCOME, SO PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!!




The warm-ups before the Frozen Four game against Michigan State (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Left: the Bryn Athyn fans section. Right: the starting line-up for the Lions: Paul Napierkowski, Kyle Watters, Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, Scott Witmyer, and Terrence Johnson (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions had injury problems and were missing defender Anthony Astorino and forward Anthony Notorfrancesco. The semifinal was the fourth game in as many days and the team was exhausted. Nevertheless, the Lions gave it all. However, the game did not begin well as Michigan took the initiative early on and seemed to hold on to their 2-0 lead as the first period was expiring. But Paul Napierkowski scored for the Lions with just 8 seconds left of the period. In the second period Michigan increased the lead to 3-1 before Scott Witmyer scored two goals to tie the game 3-3. However, Michigan retook the lead 28 seconds later. Witmyer was not done, though, and completed his second period hat trick with less than a minute to play in the second. This was Witmyer's second hat trick at the National Tournament. Michigan scored twice to take a 6-4 lead in the third period before two goals by Jayson Marbach and Justin Nugent tied the game 6-6. The game was finally settled in overtime when Michigan scored the game winner after just over 6 minutes.[669]

[669] "Men's ice hockey falls to Michigan State in overtime, 7-6 in the ACHA National Championships semifinals," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 13, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 13, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey trails Michigan State 2-1 after the first period. Lion's goal by Paul Napierkowski assisted T. Johnson, and S. Witmyer

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 13, 2015 ·

S. Witmyer scored three goals in the second period to tie the game at 4-4. #gobrynathyn

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 13, 2015 ·

Bryn Athyn heads into OT with the game tied 6-6. Goals from J. Marbach and J. Nugent. #gobrynathyn

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 13, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey falls in overtime 7-6 to Michigan State, in the semifinal game of the ACHA national championships.

The fourth game at the 2015 ACHA D3 National Tournament: BAC vs Michigan State University

Semifinal

Pelham Civic Complex
Fri, Mar 13, 2015 at 4:00 pm

FINAL - OT

M3-Michigan State University 7 at M3-Bryn Athyn College 6

Scoring	1	2	3	OT	T
M3-Michigan	2	2	2	1	7
M3-Bryn Athy	1	3	2	0	6

Shots	1	2	3	OT	T
M3-Michigan	12	11	12	4	39
M3-Bryn Athy	8	11	11	4	34

Power Plays	PP	PIM
M3-Michigan	1-2	4
M3-Bryn Athy	2-2	4

V - H	#	Per	Team	Time	Scored By	Assists		PP	SH
1 - 0	1	1	MSU	2:15	W.Badner				
2 - 0	2	1	MSU	11:03	J.Iandoli	B.Tracey	M.Cox	x	
2 - 1	3	1	BAC	19:52	P.Napierkowski	T.Johnson	S.Witmyer		
3 - 1	4	2	MSU	5:53	T.Bitterman	M.Cox	B.Tracey		
3 - 2	5	2	BAC	14:29	S.Witmyer	K.Jennings	T.Johnson		
3 - 3	6	2	BAC	17:12	S.Witmyer	T.Johnson	S.Feyler		
4 - 3	7	2	MSU	17:40	W.Badner	C.Coyne			
4 - 4	8	2	BAC	19:17	S.Witmyer	P.Napierkowski	T.Johnson	x	
5 - 4	9	3	MSU	4:05	M.Lipari				
6 - 4	10	3	MSU	6:22	C.Flynn	M.Lipari	D.Compeau		
6 - 5	11	3	BAC	8:44	J.Marbach	B.Silvers	J.Nugent	x	
6 - 6	12	3	BAC	13:05	J.Nugent				
7 - 6	13	OT	MSU	6:05	T.Bitterman	J.Iandoli			





Left: Kyle Jennings took the opening faceoff in the semifinal. Right: Ray Norfo, Justin Nugent, and Travis McCurdy in the offensive zone (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Left: the team celebrating Paul Napierkowski's 1-2 goal. Right: Scott Witmyer scores his first goal in the semifinal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).









Jordan Roth, Billy Martin, Terrence Johnson, and Ray Norfo against Michigan State on March 13, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Scott Witmyer's second goal in the semifinal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach's 5-6 goal in the semifinal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The team celebrates Justin Nugent's 6-6 goal in the semifinal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Although the semifinal loss was a big disappointment for the team, the 2015 National Tournament was a huge success for Bryn Athyn. The team won its Pool at the Nationals, qualified for the Frozen Four, and finished fourth in the tournament. Scott Witmyer was the overall scoring leader with 11 points, including two hat tricks (he is the only Lions player to do score a hat trick at a Nationals Tournament), and Terrence Jonson was fourth in the scoring leader category with 10 points. Scott Witmyer was selected to the First All-Tournament team, and Kyle Watters made the Second All-Tournament team.

M3 National Tournament

Tournament Rankings/Awards

Final Rankings

Rank	Team	Rank	Team
1	Michigan State University	9	University of Alabama
2	Florida Gulf Coast University	10	Metropolitan State Univ. Denver
3	Oakland University	11	Northern Colorado
4	Bryn Athyn College	12	Fairfield University
5	Hope College	13	Calvin College
6	Colorado State University	14	North Carolina - Wilmington
7	California Univ of PA	15	University of Mississippi
8	University of Arkansas	16	Pitts-Johnstown University

The official final rankings at the 2015 ACHA D3 National Tournament.[670]

http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey

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Men's Division 3 Scoreboard Standings Schedule Leaders

Scoring Leaders

Rank	Player	Team	Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PP	PPA	SH	SHA	GWG
1	Scott Witmyer	BAC	F	4	8	3	**11**	5	2	2	1	0	0
2	Brett Sutton	FGC	F	5	6	4	**10**	0	1	0	0	0	2
3	Zachary Massa	OAK	F	4	3	7	**10**	4	0	3	0	0	0
4	Terrence Johnson	BAC	F	4	1	9	**10**	0	1	4	0	1	0
5	Michael Lipari	MSU	F	5	6	3	**9**	2	1	0	1	0	0
6	Will Badner	MSU	F	5	6	3	**9**	2	1	0	1	0	0
7	Chris Hellebuyck	OAK	F	4	7	2	**9**	0	3	0	0	0	1
8	Trevor Mullaly	FGC	F	5	1	6	**7**	0	1	0	0	0	0
9	Ryan McAleese	FGC	F	5	4	3	**7**	2	0	0	0	0	0
10	Tristan Eggenberger	MSU	F	5	3	4	**7**	2	0	1	0	0	0

The scoring leaders at the 2015 ACHA D3 National Tournament.[671]

[670] "M3 National Tournament," article posted on the ACHA website (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/divisions/men-s-d3/m3-national-tournament). Viewed on December 15, 2015.

[671] Statistics showing the scoring leaders for the 2015 ACHA D3 National Championship. Posted on the ACHA website. Viewed on December 5, 2019.

M3 National Tournament

Tournament Rankings/Awards

All Tournament Team

1st Team

Forward	Scott Witmyer Bryn Athyn	Michael Lipari Michigan State	Brett Sutton Florida Gulf Coast
Defense	Alex Zakucia Oakland	Zack King Michigan State	
Goalie	Tyler Toyota Florida Gulf Coast		

2nd Team

Forward	Zac Massa Oakland	Will Badner Michigan State	Ryan McAlleese Florida Gulf Coast
Defense	Derek Grove Pitt-Johnstown	Ryan Fretwell Colorado State	
Goalie	Kyle Watters Bryn Athyn		

The All-Tournament teams at the 2015 ACHA D3 National Tournament.[672]



The awards Scott Witmyer and Kyle Watters received for being selected to the All-Tournament Teams at the 2015 ACHA D3 National Tournament.

[672] "M3 National Tournament," article posted on the ACHA website (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/divisions/men-s-d3/m3-national-tournament). Viewed on December 15, 2015.

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 13, 2015 ·

Bryn Athyn Athletics and the Men's Ice Hockey team would like to thank all the parents, students, faculty, community members and the fans, for all their support in the national championship run! Best Fans in the ACHA! #gobrynathyn

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ICE HOCKEY WELCOMING HOME SOCIAL

WHEN: TONIGHT, MARCH 14TH

WHERE: JUNGE PAVILION/SOCIAL CENTER

TIME: 8:30PM

PLEASE NOTE: WE JUST RECEIVED WORD THE HOCKEY TEAM WILL BE ARRIVING CLOSER TO 9PM THIS EVENING!

SINCE THIS EVENT IS A SURPRISE TO OUR HOCKEY TEAM, WE URGE YOU NOT TO POST THE EVENT ON ANY SOCIAL MEDIA!!!

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SPREAD THE WORD TO THE BAC COMMUNITY, AS ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOMED!!!

COME OUT AND ENJOY FUN WITH FRIENDS, MUSIC, FOOD AND BE READY TO CHEER ON OUR HOCKEY TEAM UPON ARRIVAL, AS THEY HAVE HAD AN AWESOME SEASON!!!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

The team arrived back in Bryn Athyn on March 14. The college had prepared a surprise welcome home event at the Social Center next to the Jungé Pavilion.

The Bryn Athyn College Men's Ice Hockey team gave us a lot to cheer about last week. They competed in their first DIII National Championship, finishing 4th overall, and 1st in the Atlantic Region. Please join us in congratulating them on a job well done! For game recaps of and other details, visit www.brynathynathletics.com

Notice in the March 19, 2015, issue of *Bryn Athyn Post*.

BRYN ATHYN CLAIMS TOP 4 ACHA SPOT

The DVCHC extends their sincere thanks, appreciation, and congratulations to Bryn Athyn College for their outstanding performance through this entire season. After going undefeated (14-0) to capture the DVCHC Championship, they then continued their roll at the ACHA National Tournament. After battling to a 2-0-1 record in the preliminary rounds, Bryn Athyn earned a spot as one of the top four teams in the U.S. and a shot a Michigan State. Despite coming back from deficits three different times during the game, our boys great run came up one bad bounce of the puck short of a trip to the title game.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON!

Bryn Athyn 6 Northern Colorado 2
Bryn Athyn 4 NC-Wilmington 1
Bryn Athyn 3 Hope College 3

ACHA National Semi Final Game
Bryn Athyn 6 Michigan State 7 OT

5.1.7 Season summary and awards

2014-2015 Season

Opponent	Date	Result
@Delaware*	10/25/2014	Win 13-3
@East Stroudsburg*	10/26/2014	Win 6-4
@University of Pennsylvania	11/1/2014	Win 10-1
@Stockton*	11/2/2014	Win 8-2
@Rowan*	11/8/2014	Win 5-2
@Farmingdale	11/9/2014	Win 8-3
California University of PA EMPIRE CLASSIC	11/21/2014	Win 4-3
Farmingdale EMPIRE CLASSIC	11/22/2014	Loss 5-7
Loyola EMPIRE CLASSIC	11/23/2014	Win 9-2
East Stroudsburg*	12/5/2014	Win 5-4 (OT)
Delaware*	12/6/2014	Win 7-3
Stockton*	12/10/2014	Win 6-3
Rowan*	12/12/2014	Win 10-2
@Neumann*	1/16/2015	Win 6-4
Christopher Newport	1/17/2015	Win 5-0
Robert Morris BRYN ATHYN CLASSIC	1/24/2015	Win 5-3
Farmingdale BRYN ATHYN CLASSIC	1/25/2015	Win 5-4
@Robert Morris	1/30/2015	Loss 4-5
@California University of PA	1/31/2015	Win 6-4
Neumann*	2/3/2015	Win 7-4
@Alvernia*	2/5/2015	Win 3-2
Villanova (D1)	2/6/2015	Win 6-5 (OT)
Alvernia*	2/7/2015	Win 8-2
Rowan DVCHC SEMIFINAL	2/15/2015	Win 11-4
Stockton DVCHC FINAL	2/28/2015	Win 12-2
University of Northern Colorado NT	3/10/2015	Win 6-2
UNC Wilmington NT	3/11/2015	Win 4-1
Hope College NT	3/12/2015	Tie 3-3
Michigan State NT	3/13/2015	Loss 6-7 (OT)

* Conference game NT = ACHA D3 National Tournament



Conference record

GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
12	12	0	0	24	84	35

Overall season record

GP	W	L	T	GF	GA
29	25	3	1	193	91



Shutouts during the 2014-15 season	
January 17, 2015	Steven Altman[673]

Hat tricks during the 2014-15 season	
October 25, 2014	Scott Witmyer (3 goals)[674]
November 2, 2014	Jayson Marbach (3 goals)[675]
November 23, 2014	Travis McCurdy (3 goals)[676]
December 10, 2014	Travis McCurdy (3 goals)[677]
December 12, 2014	Kyle Jennings (3 goals)[678]
January 16, 2015	Terrence Johnson (3 goals)[679]
February 15, 2015	Scott Witmyer (4 goals) and Jayson Marbach (3 goals)[680]
March 11, 2015	Scott Witmyer (3 goals)[681]
March 13, 2015	Scott Witmyer (3 goals)[682]

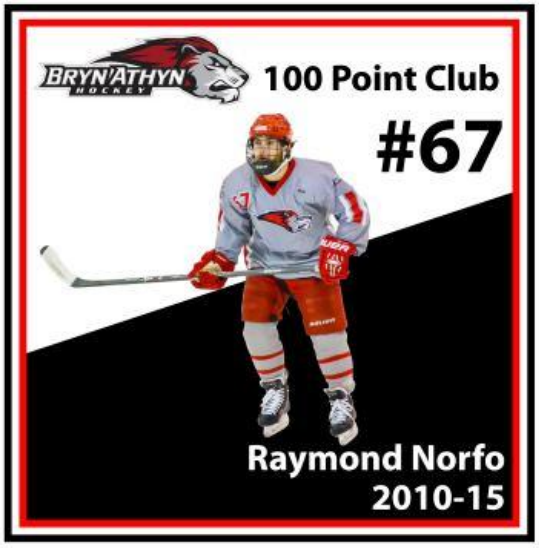
The overall 2014-15 men's ice hockey season had arguably been the most successful one so far in history for any athletic teams from Bryn Athyn College. The team won every conference game and playoff game to claim the 2014-15 DVCHC National Division championship. It finished the season ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region and

[673] "#2 Men's ice hockey shutout #4 Christopher Newport," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 17, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[674] "Men's ice hockey picks up first conference win on the road at Delaware," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 25, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[675] "Men's ice hockey defeats ranked Richard Stockton 8-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 2, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[676] "#3 Men's ice hockey takes down #12 Loyola 9-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 23, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[677] "Men's ice hockey remains undefeated in conference," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 10, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[678] "Men's ice hockey makes 10-2 statement against Rowan," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 12, 2014. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[679] ACHA stats for the game against Neumann University on January 16, 2015.
[680] "First period propels men's ice hockey past Rowan in DVCHC semifinals," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 15, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[681] "Men's ice hockey rally past UNC Wilmington in game 2 of the National Tournament," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 11, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.
[682] "Men's ice hockey falls to Michigan State in overtime, 7-6 in the ACHA National Championships semifinals," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 13, 2015. Viewed on January 13, 2019.

placed fourth at the 2015 National Championship. The overall season record was 25 wins, three losses, and one tie, which meant a win 87.93% percentage. According to the ACHA website, Terrence Johnson finished first in points nationwide in ACHA D3.[683] Andrew Burke received DVCHC's Coach of the Year award, and Terrence Johnson the DVCHC Commissioner's Award.[684] At the end of the season Terrence Johnson, Jayson Marbach, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Kyle Watters were selected to take part in the DVCHC All-Star game, which took place on March 21.[685] Terrence Johnson was the team MVP,[686] and the recipient of the *Larry E. Spaulding* award, given to the most outstanding male athlete each year at Bryn Athyn College. Only three athletes have received this award twice: David Hotson in 1978 and 1979, Greg Henderson in 1994 and 1997, and Terrence Johnson in 2013 and 2015. These three athletes all have in common that they played for the men's ice hockey team. Raymond Norfo was added to the 100-point club in 2014-15.



The DVCHC all-star game (photos from the DVCHC website [https://mens.dvchchockey.org/archive] viewed on August 31, 2024).



[683] "Scoring leaders," Statistics showing the scoring leaders for the 2014-15 ACHA D3 season. Posted on the ACHA website. Viewed on August 22, 2015.

[684] "2014-15 season award winners," posted on the DVCHC website (https://mens.dvchchockey.org/archive). Viewed on March 30, 2024.

[685] "2014-2015 DVCHC all star game," Posted on the DVCHC website (http://mens.dvchchockey.org/page/show/372564-home). Viewed on March 28, 2015.

[686] Terrence Johnson, personal communication.



