5.2 2015-16: Ranked #1, Champions, Nationals, Retiring Bob Eidse's Jersey, and 27 Consecutive Games Without a Loss



BRYN ATHYN HOCKEY **2015-16**

Bryn Athyn College President Dr. Kristin King stepped down at the end of June 2015 after five years, and Mr. Brian Blair took on the job as President. New developments at Bryn Athyn College in 2015-16 included the faculty approving a new education major (early childhood and special education). Brian Blair said, "[the new major] was awarded certification by the Pennsylvania Department of Education… Students majoring in education will now be able to be certified in both early childhood teaching [grades K-4] and special education [grades 1-8]. This is a major milestone for the education program."[687] A new data minor was also approved by the faculty and the year also saw the construction of two new residence halls on campus.[688]

[687] Brian Blair, "Bryn Athyn College president's report," In The Academy of the New Church, *The Academy Journal 2015-2016* 57 (2016): 7.
[688] Brian Blair, "Bryn Athyn College president's report," In The Academy of the New Church, *The Academy Journal 2015-2016* 57 (2016): 7-8.

The 2015-16 academic year resulted in a couple of new records for Bryn Athyn College in terms of student enrollment. Dr. Allen Bedford, Chief Academic Officer, noted in his annual report to the Academy Journal:

> "Enrollment in Bryn Athyn's baccalaureate programs continues to grow. In 2015-16 full time enrollment of 116 juniors and seniors set a record. This enrollment was 6% higher than the previous year and 90% higher than it was in 2010. Prior to 2009, fewer than 30% of enrolling students returned to Bryn Athyn for their third and fourth years. This pattern has changed. Sixty per cent of the students enrolling as first years in 2013-14 returned in 2015-16 for their third year, which is another record. With 277 full-time students enrolled in 2015-16, the 116 juniors and seniors represent 42% of the student body."[689]

Bryn Athyn College was still a provisional member of the NCAA DIII in 2015-16, competing in the NEAC conference. Men's golf was added to the athletics offerings. The men's and women's cross country teams qualified for the postseason in a NCAA DIII conference. They competed in the NEAC Championship on October 31, 2015.[690] Women's basketball, men's golf, and men's lacrosse also qualified for the NEAC postseason in 2015-16. Ten student athletes made the NEAC All-conference teams.[691]

Kristina Clark (women's basketball, first team)
Sabrina Colbridge (women's lacrosse, third team)
Taylor Davis (women's volleyball, third team)
Bianca Feliciano (women's lacrosse, third team)
Nick Fetko (men's lacrosse, second team)
Nolan Frame (men's lacrosse, first team)
Emma Gross (women's lacrosse, third team)
Ryan Landels (men's lacrosse, first team)
Robert Moran (men's lacrosse, third team)
Anja Weisser (women's lacrosse, third team)

The ice hockey program also set records during the 2015-16 academic year. The team won 17 straight games between October 31, 2015, and January 22, 2016, the longest winning streak in known program history, perhaps even in Bryn Athyn College athletics' history.[692] On January 29, 2016, the winning streak ended when the Lions tied California University of PA. This tie was followed by nine straight wins before the team lost against Calvin College at the National tournament on March 10, 2016. Thus, the Lions played 27 straight games without losing during the season. Furthermore, the win against Fairfield University at the last home game of the season on February 6, meant that the Lions had been undefeated at the Jungé Pavilion for 25 straight games (a streak that started on January 31, 2014 – see p. 256, and ended with the first home game on December 2, 2016 – see pp. 534-537), likely also a college record for consecutive home games without a loss.

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[689] Allen Bedford, "Bryn Athyn College academic report," In The Academy of the New Church, *The Academy Journal 2015-2016* 57 (2016): 9.

[690] "Men's and women's cross country teams finishes season at NEAC Championships," article published on the BAC Athletics website on October 31, 2015 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2015/10/31/10_31_2015_839.aspx). Viewed on November 24, 2023.

[691] "NEAC announces 2015 women's volleyball all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on November 4, 2015 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2015/11/4/11_4_2015_998.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2015-16 women's basketball all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on February 25, 2016 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2016/2/25/2_25_2016_682.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2015-16 men's lacrosse all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on May 4, 2016 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2016/5/4/5_4_2016_308.aspx) Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2014-15 women's lacrosse all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on May 4, 2016 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2016/5/4/5_4_2016_784.aspx) Viewed on June 30, 2023.

[692] These are almost certainly program records. However, it should be noted that some season records are missing, but there is no evidence available that even closely suggest that these missing seasons stats would have produced more successful records than 2015-16.

The Bryn Athyn Mens Hockey Program on Recruiting Tier 3 Junior Hockey Players

On recruiting Tier 3 Players

The 2015-16 Bryn Athyn Men's Hockey team rosters 27 student athletes, of which 23 played Tier 3 Junior Hockey. (85%) The teams recent on-ice success and recruiting efforts helped build relationships with Tier 3 coaches, teams and leagues.

"By attracting top end tier 3 players we were able to have three straight 20 win seasons." - Andrew Burke, Head Coach

When recruiting, Bryn Athyn looks for players who buy into their system, believe in the teams vision to win a National title and players who know what it takes to win hockey games and are willing to work hard on and off the ice.

"We do focus a lot of our time and energy in recruiting the tier 3 leagues." Says Head Coach Andrew Burke. "Over the past four years we have had tremendous success with recruiting high-end student-athletes. Recruiting in the tier 3 leagues has helped us establish our foundation of our program. By attracting top end tier 3 players we were able to have three straight 20 win seasons. We know what type of players we are getting out of the tier 3 leagues and we know they are always players who are willing to work hard and have had good coaches along the way which make the transition to the college hockey easier. At the end of the day, we are trying to recruit smart, hardworking, talented, and goal oriented student-athletes.

Bryn Athyn Hockey Program

Unique to many ACHA College Hockey programs, Bryn Athyn has their own rink on campus which allows for daily practices as well as a recently renovated, dedicated locker room with 30 stalls and is a fully funded ACHA program backed 100% by their athletic department. The program is run in the same manner as an NCAA D-III varsity program. The team provides players with new travel bags, gear bags, skate mats, laundry bags, workout gear, travel suits, team apparel and players receive a stick deal with Sherwood, glove deals with Bauer and discounted equipment.

Portions of an article about Bryn Athyn College's program and how its success could be linked to recruiting tier 3 Junior hockey players. The article was published online on October 27, 2015, by *Tier 3 Junior Hockey*.[693] The statement that the Lions had 3 consecutive 20-win seasons is erroneous. The team won 16 games in 2012-13, 16 games in 2013-14, but had 25 wins in 2014-15.

[693] "The Bryn Athyn men's hockey program on recruiting tier 3 junior hockey players," article by *Tier 3 Junior Hockey* (http://www.tier3juniorhockey.com/bryn-athyn-on-tier-3.html). Viewed on October 27, 2015.

About the College

"Bryn Athyn College is a small, private, coeducational, liberal arts college dedicated to a New Church approach to education and life. Bryn Athyn College challenges students to develop spiritual purpose, to think broadly and critically from a variety of perspectives, and to build intellectual and practical skills. Bryn Athyn College classes are small, with an average class size of 15 students and a student-faculty ratio of 8:1. The 130-acre campus is located in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, just 14 miles north of center-city Philadelphia."

Quotes from Former Tier 3 Players/current Bryn Athyn College Men's Ice Hockey Players:

Scott Witmyer, Junior, Forward
To date: 4 games, 3 goals, 7 assists, 1 game winner
Leads team in points
Tier 3: Philadelphia Revolution (EHL)

"(Junior hockey) helped me mature and become more responsible so I could handle every situation when I transitioned into college." States Witmyer "Bryn Athyn College offers an experience that I believe no other school offers as a college hockey player. We have a rink on campus, a chance to get an amazing education, and a community that supports us both academically and athletically. My best experience in my college career was making it to nationals last season and seeing the support from our school and community. Supporters of our program flew all the way to Alabama just to see us play. To be able to experience something like that is breathtaking and it makes us realize that we do not just represent the hockey program, our students, and the college but we represent our community and to me that is priceless."

Kyle Jennings, Sophomore, Forward
To date: 4 games, 4 goals, 4 assists, 2 game winners
Tier 3: Philadelphia Revolution (EHL)

"My junior hockey experience has prepared me to be competitive and disciplined throughout my collegiate career. Being on a tight schedule every day during Junior hockey has prepared me to become a great student athlete. I was convinced, by Coach Burke, that this school would suite me perfectly. He was right, my first visit was a success as I toured the campus and sports facilities. Bryn Athyn College gives me an opportunity to excel in my education and has welcomed me with open arms. As a college hockey player, at Bryn Athyn College, I am offered our own rink on campus, top notch staff, and an excellent program overall. I truly appreciate the Bryn Athyn College community as a whole, for they are the reason we constantly strive for greatness. "

Aron Jackson, Freshman, Defenseman
To date: 3 games, 2 assists
Tier 3: Frederick Freeze (USPHL)

"Junior hockey really prepared me for the competition not only required for games, but for ice time too. In college, the players that are going to give the team the best chance to win are going to play, and of course you want to be one of those guys. I chose Bryn Athyn for a multitude of reasons, from the one on one communication, to the facilities and perks offered. The coaching staff are very approachable, and want the best out of you, while the community, student body, and faculty all show tremendous support for the team."

Cullen McNally, Freshman, Defenseman
To date: 4 games, 1 goal, 6 assists
Leads defensemen in points
Tier 3: Philadelphia Little Flyers (MJHL)

"I found Bryn Athyn College to be better than I hoped. The school is a well-established college with the history of supporting, and challenging their students through the entire college journey. Bryn Athyn College has one of the best ran ACHA D3 Men's Ice Hockey programs in the nation."

Portions of an article about Bryn Athyn College's program and how its success could be linked to recruiting tier 3 Junior hockey players. The article was published online on October 27, 2015, by *Tier 3 Junior Hockey*.[694]

[694] "The Bryn Athyn men's hockey program on recruiting tier 3 junior hockey players," article by *Tier 3 Junior Hockey* (http://www.tier3juniorhockey.com/bryn-athyn-on-tier-3.html). Viewed on October 27, 2015.



The 2015-16 Bryn Athyn College Men's Hockey Team. Back Row: Justin Nugent, Billy Martin, Ryan Hollingshead, Ryan Conery, Kyle Cedrone, Kyle Jennings, and Cecil Boyd. Middle Row: Ian Finnerty (assistant coach), Natalie Manogue (team manager), Landon Trutt, Steven Santos, Devyn Dworsky, Connor Buick, Cullen McNally, Shane McCurdy. Christopher Ebersole, Nikita Klinisovs, Aron Jackson, Chuck Blair (team chaplain), and Andrew Burke (head coach). Front Row: Steven Altman, DJ Mulhern, Sean Feyler, Jason Marbach, Travis McCurdy, Paul Napierkowski, Anthony Notorfrancesco, Anthony Astorino, and Graham Lermitte (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

2015-16 Team Roster[695]

Goalkeepers

#1 Steven Altman
#42 Graham Lermitte
#30 Landon Trutt

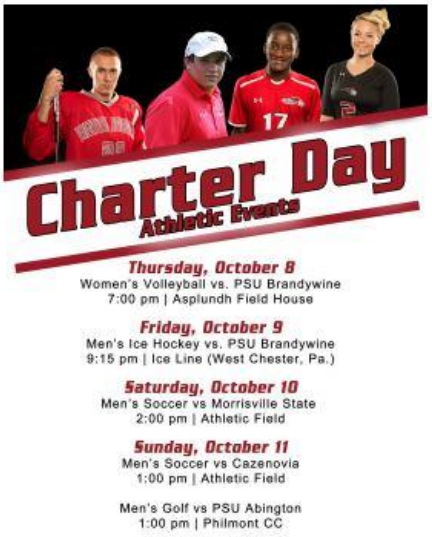
Defense

#19 Anthony Astorino
#67 Kyle Cedrone
#4 Sean Feyler
#67 David Hayes
#23 Ryan Hollingshead
#29 Aron Jackson
#11 Cullen McNally
#2 Paul Napierkowski (A)

Forwards

#10 Cecil Boyd
#5 Connor Buick
#13 Ryan Conery
#3 Vincent Conti
#9 Devyn Dworsky
#91 Chris Ebersole
#22 Kyle Jennings
#16 Nikita Klinisovs
#21 Jayson Marbach (A)
#24 Billy Martin
#17 Shane McCurdy
#28 Travis McCurdy (C)
#12 D.J. Mulhern
#48 Anthony Notorfrancesco
#8 Justin Nugent
#14 Steven Santos
#6 Scott Witmyer (A)

[695] "Men's ice hockey 2015-16," team rosters published on the BAC Athletics website in 2015-16 (http://www.brynathynathletics.com/sports/cice/2015-16/roster). Viewed on the Wayback Machine on November 14, 2023. Conti and Hayes most likely did not play any games. They left after fall term. Kyle Cedrone joined winter term.





5.2.1 Two early losses followed by the beginning of a very long win streak and the first Commissioning Service

The 2015-16 season began on Charter Day Friday, October 9, 2015, when the team traveled to play PSU Brandywine in a conference game. This was the first time the Lions used the new black away uniforms for a game. Kyle Jennings opened the scoring after 2:43 in the first period. The Lions scored three goals within a span of 1 minute and nine seconds in the second period to take a 4-0 lead. The first by Jennings after 8:08, the second by Jayson Marbach at 8:33, and the third by Connor Buick at 9:17. This was Buick's first goal with the Lions. Scott Witmyer tallied a goal at 15:11, and Buick scored his second of the night at 17:22. In the final period, Marbach added his second of the night at 7:57. Bryn Athyn outshot PSU Brandywine 62-14 and won, 7-0. Steven Altman recorded his fourth shutout with the Lions.[696]

Conference game, Oct 9	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	1	5	1	7
PSU Brandywine	0	0	0	0

Goals: Connor Buick (2), Kyle Jennings (2), Jayson Marbach (2), and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman.

[696] "Men's ice hockey shut out PSU Brandywine, 7-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 9, 2015. Viewed on December 3, 2019; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.

Bryn Athyn Lions
October 10, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey Shut Out PSU Brandywine, 7-0! #gobrynathyn http://ow.ly/Tf5al



Fans at the game against PSU Brandywine on October 9, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Steven Altman during the game (left) and after the game (right) against PSU Brandywine on October 9, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against PSU Brandywine on October 9, 2015. Top row: Travis McCurdy, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Justin Nugent. Bottom row: Sean Feyler and the scoreboard after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The following weekend, the team played three non-conference games at the Freeport Recreation Center on Long Island. Bryn Athyn first lost at Farmingdale State College 4-7 on October 17. Team captain Travis McCurdy scored all four goals for the Lions. Bryn Athyn bounced back the following day and defeated University of Central Florida 11-2. Chris Ebersole scored for the first time with the Lions as he recorded a natural hat trick in the third period. Jayson Marbach also scored a hat trick and Cullen McNally scored his first goal for Bryn Athyn. On October 18, the Lions won 3-1 against Fairfield University.[697] A second loss (3-4) came in a conference game against

[697] "Men's ice hockey falls on the road to Farmingdale State," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 17, 2015. Viewed on October 29, 2015; "Men's ice hockey defeats Central Florida, 11-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 17, 2015. Viewed on October 29, 2015. The game recap does not list the goal scorers for two of the goals (the ACHA box score lists these goals as having been scored by Kyle Jennings and Cullen McNally); "Men's ice hockey double up Fairfield, 3-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 18, 2015. Viewed on October 29, 2015. The game recap lists Connor Buick as the goal scorer for the first goal, but the ACHA box score gives this goal to Travis McCurdy.

Neumann on October 24. Cullen McNally scored two goals and Jayson Marbach one goal.[698] The Lions did not lose another game for over four months, until March 9 the following year.

Non-conference game, Oct 16	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	2	0	2	4
Farmingdale	1	5	1	7

Goals: Travis McCurdy (4).



Travis McCurdy scores his first goal against Farmingdale on October 16, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Non-conference game, Oct 17	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Central Florida	0	1	1	2
Bryn Athyn College	5	3	3	11

Goals: Chris Ebersole (3), Jayson Marbach (3), Connor Buick (2), Cullen McNally, Kyle Jennings, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman.



Non-conference game, Oct 18	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Fairfield University	0	1	0	1
Bryn Athyn College	0	3	0	3

Goals: Connor Buick, Kyle Jennings, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman.



[698] "Knights slip past men's ice hockey, 4-3," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 26, 2015. Viewed on October 29, 2015.



Bryn Athyn next played two away conference games. The team first played East Stroudsburg on October 31 at the Revolution Ice Centre in Pittston, PA. East Stroudsburg took the lead in the first period. Travis McCurdy then tied the game, but East Stroudsburg added a second goal before the end of the period. Jayson Marbach levelled the score at the beginning of the second period. Bryn Athyn scored three goals in the third period by Buick, Notorfrancesco and Witmyer (empty net goal) to win the game 5-2.[699]

Conference game, Oct 31	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	1	1	3	5
East Stroudsburg	2	0	0	2

Goals: Connor Buick, Jayson Marbach, Travis McCurdy, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte.



[699] "Men's ice hockey defeated East Stroudsburg 5-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 31, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn College and East Stroudsburg on October 31, 2015. First row: Graham Lermitte, Ryan Conery, and Nikita Klinisovs. Second row: Jayson Marbach, Ryan Hollingshead, and Travis McCurdy. Third row: Scott Witmyer, Paul Napierkowski, and brothers Travis and Shane McCurdy after the game. Fourth row: Jayson Marbach scores 2-2 at the beginning of the second period (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The following day, on November 1, the Lions played against Alvernia at the Santander Arena in Reading. Bryn Athyn led 3-0 after the first period after goals by Anthony Notorfrancesco, Scott Witmyer, and Kyle Jennings. Sean Feyler scored 4-0 in the second period before Alvernia reduced the lead to 4-2. At the end of the period, Devyn Dworsky scored his first goal for the Lions to give Bryn Athyn a 5-2 lead. Witmyer scored 6-2 at 5:32 in the third period. Alvernia scored again, and at the end of the game Nikita Klinisovs tallied his first goal with the Lions at 16:55 to give Bryn Athyn a 7-3 win. The Lions outshot Alvernia 47-17.[700]

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

Goals: Scott Witmyer (2), Devyn Dworsky, Sean Feyler, Kyle Jennings, Nikita Klinisovs, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.
Goalkeeper: Landon Trutt.

Bryn Athyn Lions
November 1, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey Emerge Victorious Over Alvernia, 7-3!



Goals against Alvernia University on November 1, 2015. Top row: Anthony Notorfrancesco's 1-0 goal and Nikita Klinisovs' 7-3 goals. Bottom row: Scott Witmyer's 2-0 and 6-2 goals (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[700] "Men's ice hockey emerges victorious over Alvernia, 7-3," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 1, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.



Devyn Dworsky scores 5-2 against Alvernia on November 1, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Alvernia on November 1, 2015. Left: Kyle Jennings takes a faceoff. Right: Landon Trutt (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Shane McCurdy and Chris Ebersole against Alvernia University on November 1, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn Lions
November 3, 2015 ·

Athlete of the Week | Scott Witmyer | Men's Ice Hockey



Bryn Athyn Lions
November 3, 2015 ·



New Church Live
November 3, 2015 ·

We are blessed to work with a large number of wonderful young adults at NewChurch LIVE. One group is the Bryn Athyn College Hockey Team where I am honored to serve as chaplain. Last night we enjoyed a little kickoff dinner with the captains and coach.

Bryn Athyn defeated Rowan University 6-1 in a conference game at the Hollydell Ice Arena on November 7.[701] Ryan Hollingshead opened the scoring in the first period, his first goal with the Lions. Cullen McNally, Justin Nugent, and Nikita Klinisovs added three goals in the second period. Rowan scored early in the third period. Kyle Jennings and DJ Mulhern tallied two more goals for the Lions. Bryn Athyn's conference record so far was four wins and one loss.

Conference game, Nov 7	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	1	3	2	6
Rowan University	0	0	1	1

Goals: Ryan Hollingshead, Kyle Jennings, Nikita Klinisovs, Cullen McNally, DJ Mulhern, and Justin Nugent.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman.





The Lions before the game against Rowan University on November 7, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[701] "Men's ice hockey beats Rowan 6-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 8, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015.



Goals and celebrations at the game against Rowan University on November 7, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

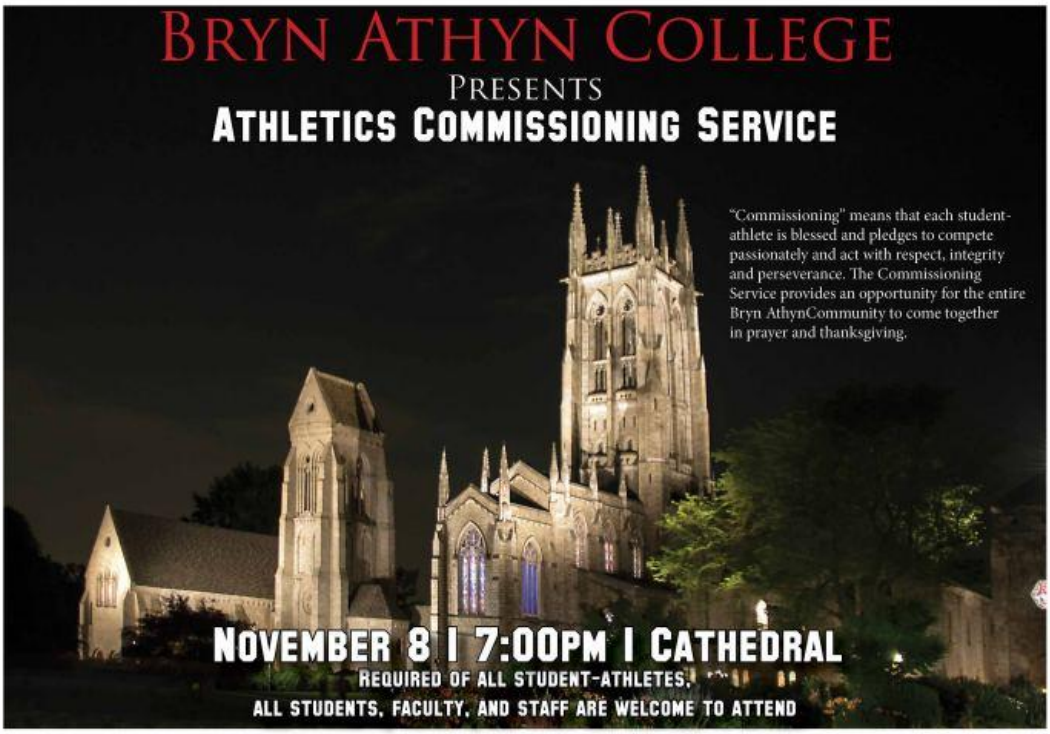


Scott Witmyer and Anthony Notorfrancesco at the game against Rowan University on November 7, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Cullen McNally and Anthony Astorino at the game against Rowan University on November 7, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







On November 8, 2015, Bryn Athyn College held its first ever Athletics Commissioning Service. Athletic Director Matthew Kennedy explained in an e-mail to faculty, staff, and administration: "'Commissioning' means that each student-athlete is blessed and pledges to compete passionately and act with respect, integrity and perseverance. The Commissioning Service provides an opportunity for the entire Bryn Athyn Community to come together in prayer and thanksgiving."

ACHA D3 announced the first rankings of the season in November. It was based on games from the beginning of the season until November 8. The Lions were ranked third in the Atlantic Region behind #2 Farmingdale State College and #1 Neumann University.[702]

Atlantic Region

Rank	Team	Pts
1	Neumann (9)	7
2	Farmingdale State	14
3	Bryn Athyn	23
4	Fairfield	27
5	California Universtiy of PA	34
6	Pittsburg-Johnstown	42
7	Fredonia State	50
8	West Virginia	72
9	Southern Connecticut State	73
10	Rowan	75
10	Xavier	75
12	Robert Morris PA	76
13	Alvernia College	84
14	PSU-Brandywine	95
15	Maryland	105

Also Receiving Votes: Stockton, Fordham, George Mason



BAC athletics department social media ad for the Empire Classic tournament.

In November, the team took part in the annual *Empire Classic* tournament where it played against the teams that were ranked #4, #5, and #6 in the Atlantic Region. The team opened the *Empire Classic* on November 20, against #4 ranked Fairfield University. The game was tied 2-2 after two periods after goals by Scott Witmyer and Nikita Klinisovs. The Lions scored three unanswered goals by Witmyer, Travis McCurdy, and Jayson Marbach in the third period to secure a 5-2 win for the team. The Lions outshot Fairfield 46-18.[703]

[702] "Regional rankings (games thru Nov 8th)," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on November 13, 2015.

[703] "Strong third period lifts #3 men's ice hockey over #4 Fairfield, 5-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on December 16, 2015; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.

Empire Classic, Nov 20	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Fairfield University	1	1	0	2
Bryn Athyn College	1	1	3	5





Scott Witmyer scores the 1-0 goal (left) and Nikita Klinisovs the 2-1 goal (right) against Fairfield University on November 20, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Scott Witmyer celebrates his 3-2 goal (left) and Travis McCurdy his 4-2 goal (right) against Fairfield University on November 20, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Travis McCurdy scores the 4-2 goal (left) and the scoreboard after the game (right) against Fairfield University on November 20, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



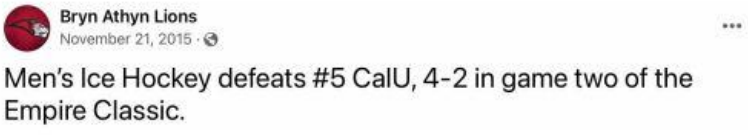
Ad for BAC Athletics Department's social gathering for alumni at Tony's Place Bar & Grill before the game against California University of PA. A similar gathering took place the previous year before the game against Cal U of PA.

Bryn Athyn played #5 ranked California University of PA on November 21. Chris Ebersole scored 1-0 in the first period. Cal U tied the game early in the second period, but Anthony Notorfrancesco found the net to give the Lions a 2-1 lead after the second period. Cal U equalized after 5 minutes of the third period. Scott Witmyer tallied the game winner at 8:04 when the Lions had a powerplay. Notorfrancesco added one more goal to give the Lions a 4-2 win.[704]

[704] "#3 Men's ice hockey take down #5 California of Pa," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 21, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015.

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

Goals: Anthony Notorfrancesco (2), Chris Ebersole, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman.


Bryn Athyn Lions
November 21, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey defeats #5 CalU, 4-2 in game two of the Empire Classic.











Bryn Athyn College against California University of PA on November 21, 2015. Above: the team before the game and goalkeeper Steven Altman. Below: Chris Ebersole's 1-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco's 2-1 goal against California University of PA on November 21, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Scott Witmyer with an opportunity against California University of PA on November 21, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions faced #6 ranked University of Pittsburg at Johnstown at the last game of the *Empire Classic* on November 22. The two teams had played each other three times in 2013-14 (including the finals at the regionals) and UPJ had won all three games. Bryn Athyn was determined to not lose again. Within the first minute the Lions had tallied twice and the score after the first period was 5-1 to Bryn Athyn. The second and third period were high scoring affairs: 10-4 to the Lions after the second, and 13-6 to Bryn Athyn after the third, the shots 48-28 (14-8, 26-14, 8-6) in favor of the Lions. Cecil Boyd scored his first goal with the Lions and Scott Witmyer recorded his ninth hat trick for Bryn Athyn College.[705] The Lions had finally defeated UPJ and emerged with a perfect record from the 2015 *Empire Classic*.

[705] "#3 men's ice hockey down #6 Univ. of Pitts-Johnstown," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on December 16, 2015; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.

Bryn Athyn Lions
November 22, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey defeats Univ. of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, 13-6. The Lions went 3-0 this weekend at the Empire Classic.




The first minute of the game against UPJ on November 22, 2015. Left: Cullen McNally scores against UPJ after 28 seconds. Right: Jayson Marbach scores some 20 seconds later (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Pictures from the Empire Classic game against UPJ on November 22, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the Empire Classic game against UPJ on November 22, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the Empire Classic game against UPJ on November 22, 2015. Left: the Lions celebrating the win Right: the scoreboard after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Handshakes after the game against UPJ on November 22, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).





BAC Athletics Department's social media ad for the home opener.

The Lions returned after Thanksgiving break and played five straight home games at the Jungé Pavilion. The home opener, on December 4, was a conference game against #14 ranked PSU Brandywine. Scott Witmyer gave the Lions the lead with the only goal of the first period. Anthony Notorfrancesco and Chris Ebersole added two more goals in the second period. In the final period Notorfrancesco increased the lead to 4-0. PSU Brandywine scored in the final minute of the game. The Lions won 4-1. Graham Lermitte saved 23 out of the 24 shots he faced (save percentage: 95.83%).[706] The goalkeeper for PSU Brandywine was Tim Browne, who the following year transferred to Bryn Athyn College and played for the Lions.

Conference game, Dec 4	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
PSU Brandywine	0	0	1	1
Bryn Athyn College	1	2	1	4

Goals: Anthony Notorfrancesco (2), Chris Ebersole, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte.

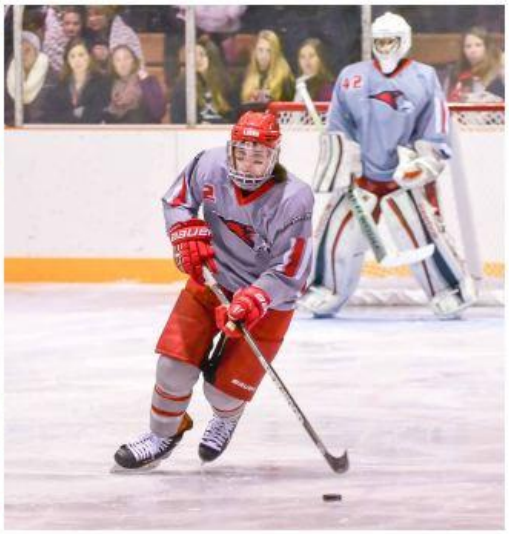


[706] "#3 Men's ice hockey defeats PSU Brandywine, 4-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 4, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015.



The starting lineup at the home opener against PSU Brandywine on December 4, 2015: Graham Lermitte in goal, Paul Napierkowski and Anthony Astorino on defense, and forwards Connor Buick, Chris Ebersole, and Travis McCurdy (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Left: Travis McCurdy takes the opening faceoff at the home opener. Right: Paul Napierkowski (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Scott Witmyer's 1-0 goal at the home opener against PSU Brandywine on December 4, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Pictures from the home opener against PSU Brandywine on December 4, 2015. Left: The Lions in the offensive zone. Right: Billy Martin (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Pictures from the home opener against PSU Brandywine on December 4, 2015. Left: Graham Lermitte. Right: Anthony Notorfrancesco's 2-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Chris Ebersole's 3-0 goal at the home opener against PSU Brandywine on December 4, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the home opener against PSU Brandywine on December 4, 2015. Left: Anthony Notorfrancesco's 4-0 goal. Right: The scoreboard at the end of the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



BAC Athletics Department's social media ad for the home game against Farmingdale on December 5, 2015.

The win against PSU Brandywine was followed by two important non-conference wins against highly ranked #2 Farmingdale State College on December 5 and 6. Steven Altman was the goalkeeper in both games. The first game ended with a 3-1 win for the Lions. After a scoreless first period, Scott Witmyer tallied two goals in the second period to give the Lions a 2-0 lead. Although Farmingdale reduced the lead at the end of the second period, the Lions did not allow them to score again. Kyle Jennings scored an empty netter at the end of the game.[707]

[707] "#3 Men's ice hockey takes down #2 Farmingdale State, 3-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 6, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015.



Pictures from the game against Farmingdale on December 5, 2015. Above: Celebrations after Scott Witmyer's 1-0 goal. Below: Scott Witmyer's 2-0 goal against Farmingdale on December 5, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Farmingdale on December 5, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the game against Farmingdale on December 5, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Non-conference game, Dec 5	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Farmingdale	0	1	1	1
Bryn Athyn College	0	2	1	3

Goals: Scott Witmyer (2) and Kyle Jennings.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman.

Bryn Athyn Lions
December 5, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey takes down Farmingdale State 3-1 in game 1. The Lions will play the Rams again tomorrow at 4:00 pm in game 2. #gobrynathyn



BAC Athletics Department's social media ad for the home game against Farmingdale on December 6, 2015.

The second game against Farmingdale, on December 6, didn't start well for the Lions as the Rams took an early 2-0 lead. However, the Lions rebounded with a goal by Jayson Marbach before the end of the first period. Farmingdale scored in the second period to increase their lead to 3-1, but thanks to two goals by Kyle Jennings and Travis McCurdy the period ended 3-3. Farmingdale's Alberto Markopoulos scored his fourth goal of the evening at the beginning of the third period, but less than two minutes later Scott Witmyer tied the game 4-4. Travis McCurdy then scored the game winning goal at 7:48. The final score was 5-4 to the Lions.[708]

Non-conference game, Dec 6	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Farmingdale	2	1	1	4
Bryn Athyn College	1	2	2	5

Goals: Travis McCurdy (2), Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman.



[708] "#3 Men's ice hockey sweeps #2 Farmingdale State, 5-4," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 7, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015.



Celebrations after the first two goals against Farmingdale on December 6, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Travis McCurdy's 3-3 goal against Farmingdale on December 6, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Farmingdale on December 6, 2015. Left: celebrations after Travis McCurdy's 5-4 goal. Right: the team celebrating the win (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

After the game against Farmingdale the Lions invited the Bryn Athyn community to "Skate with the Lions."

SKATE WITH THE BRYN ATHYN LIONS

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM



Don't miss the opportunity "Skate with the Lions" after the conclusion of the Farmingdale State game. All Bryn Athyn hockey fans are invited to take to the ice with the current Lions players for open skating.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for Lion's apparel, Flyers tickets and gift basket, etc...

Admission for the event is free, however we are asking for a small donation which will go towards the Bob Eidse Student Scholarship Fund.

All participants who want to skate must provide their own skates. No sticks or puck will be allowed on the ice.



The "Skate with the Bryn Athyn Lions" event for the community after the second game against Farmingdale (photo by BAC Athletics Department)



The two wins against higher ranked Farmingdale were important for the second ACHA D3 rankings, which was based on games through December 6. In fact, these wins meant that the Lions surpassed Farmingdale and was now ranked #2 in the Atlantic region (three members of the ranking committee had ranked the Lions first in the region)).[709]

Atlantic Region		
Rank	**Team**	**Pts**
1	Neumann (6)	9
2	Bryn Athyn (3)	12
3	Farmingdale State	21
4	California Universtiy of PA	31
5	Fairfield	36
6	Rowan	41
7	Pittsburgh-Johnstown	49
8	Fredonia State	53
9	Southern Connecticut State	65
10	Robert Morris PA	68
11	Xavier	81
12	West Virginia	82
13	PSU-Brandywine	93
14	Alvernia College	96
15	Maryland	103
Also Receiving Votes: Stockton		

The second ACHA D3 ranking of the 2015-16 season.

[709] "Regional rankings (games thru Dec 6th)," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on December 12, 2015.

Bryn Athyn Lions
December 8, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey host Delaware tonight at 8:00 pm in DVCHC conference action!
#gobrynathyn

On December 8, the Lions hosted University of Delaware for a conference game. Bryn Athyn came out strongly and took a 3-0 lead in the first period after goals by Anthony Astorino, Justin Nugent and Scott Witmyer. Delaware scored to reduce the lead, but the Lions responded with a goal by Jayson Marbach before the end of the period. Travis McCurdy scored the lone goal of the second period and Cullen McNally added a goal in the final period. Delaware scored at the very end of the game. The Lions won 6-2. Landon Trutt saved 24 of 26 shots (save percentage: 92.31%).[710]

Bryn Athyn Lions
December 8, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey Topples Delaware, 6-2! http://ow.ly/VEc3k



Pictures from the game against University of Delaware on December 8, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[710] "#3 Men's ice hockey topples Delaware, 6-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 8, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015.



Pictures from the game against University of Delaware on December 8, 2015. Left: Justin Nugent's 2-0 goal. Right: Jayson Marbach's 4-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against University of Delaware on December 8, 2015. Left: Scott Witmyer celebrating his 3-0 goal. Middle: Travis McCurdy. Right: Steven Santos (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



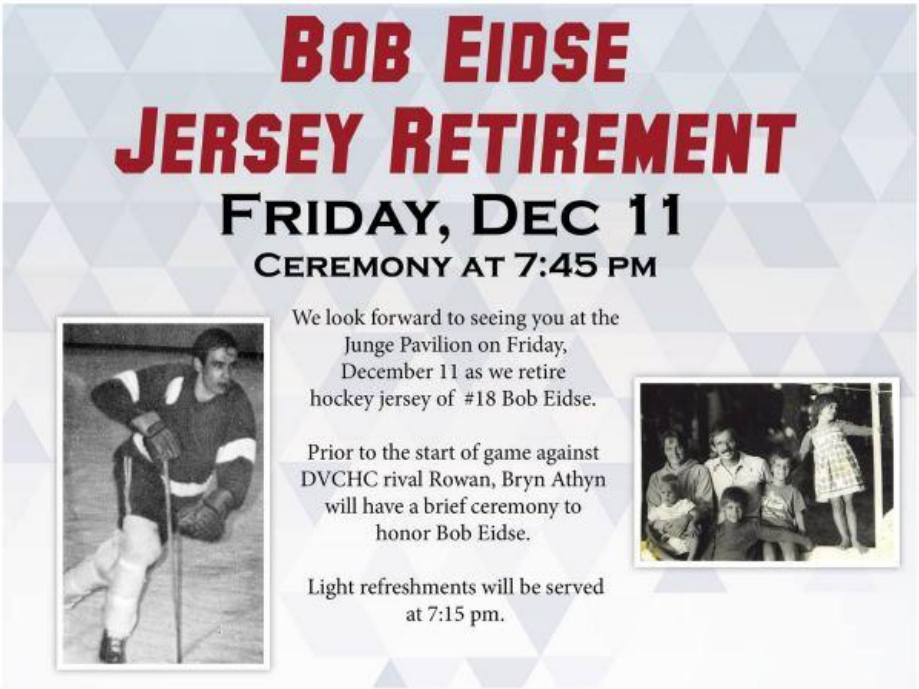
Bryn Athyn College President Brian Blair and Brian Schnarr at the game against University of Delaware on December 8, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

5.2.2 Retiring Bob Eidse's #18 jersey

On December 11, 2015, an historic event took place at the Jungé Pavilion. For the first time in Bryn Athyn College history (any sport), a jersey was retired. It was Bob Eidse's #18. Bob played for the Lions between 1968-71 and 1972-73. He later coached the team between 1986-90 (maybe until 91), a tenure that included a 1st place regular season conference finish in 1987-88, and a 2nd regular season conference finish in 1988-89.

Brian Schnarr, who coached Bob during his four seasons with our team stated,

> "Bob was quiet, gentle, and loving. He would always give a puck to someone else to score. Maybe too much sometimes… In the locker room he would call the other students who were acting out or being negative or wanting to get into a fight. He called them into integrity. He would say that wasn't a good thing… He had a universal good attitude… He was such a fast skater… He was a great penalty killer because he skated so hard. When he got on the ice you always know we had a chance to score… His spirit meant so much for the team… His personality was magnetic, because of his integrity… Bob's leadership was great…
>
> …Bob meant a lot to me as a coach to have as a player on the team. He was so steady. Bob was an aggressive hockey player, but not in the physical sense… He worked extremely hard. He did these spinning moves that were so great. He dazzled everybody on the ice. He was fun to watch. I can still visualize this. Amazing stamina. End to end… When he got on the ice you always knew we had a chance to score … He was totally team oriented. He loved to pass the puck."[711]



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for Bob Eidse's jersey retirement.

[711] Brian Schnarr, interview with Fredrik Bryntesson on November 25, 2015.



Bob Eidse playing for the Lions. Left: in 1971 (photo by Boyd Asplundh). Right: Bob Eidse in 1968-69.

The retirement ceremony included speeches by Athletic Director Matt Kennedy, Bob's close friend, Alex Rogers, Bryn Athyn College President, Brian Blair, and Bob's wife, Louise. The family was present and celebrated as the jersey was retired.



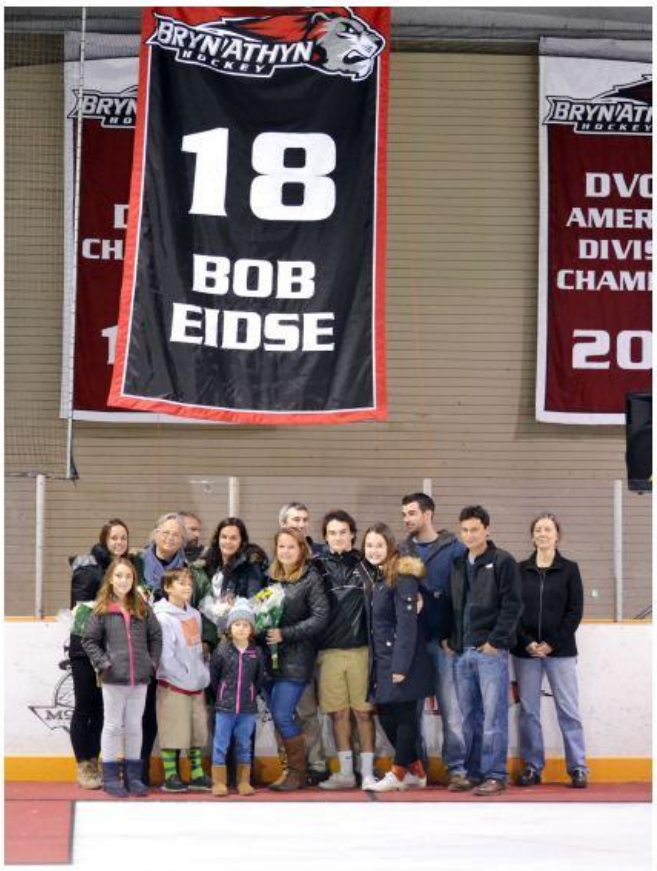
Athletic Director Matthew Kennedy and Bryn Athyn College President Brian Blair at the the retirement of Bob Eidse's #18 jersey on December 11, 2015.



Alex Rogers at the retirement of Bob Eidse's #18 jersey on December 11, 2015.



Pictures from the retirement of Bob Eidse's #18 jersey on December 11, 2015.





Pictures from the retirement of Bob Eidse's #18 jersey on December 11, 2015.





The Lions played the game against Rowan with Bob Eidse's #18 jersey stickers on their helmets on December 11, 2015.

5.2.3 The second half of the regular season: no losses, a first-place finish, and ranked #1

The jersey retirement ceremony was followed by a conference game between the Lions and Rowan. Scott Witmyer, assisted by Anthony Astorino, scored 1-0 at 14:07. Some 25 seconds later Paul Napierkowski took a shot that Nikita Klinisovs deflected into the net on a Lions powerplay. Rowan scored at 16:06 and the score was 2-1 to Bryn Athyn at the end of the first period. Rowan tied the game at 5:29 of the second period. From that point the Lions took over. Travis McCurdy, assisted by Chris Ebersole, tallied a powerplay goal at 10:51. Scott Witmyer scored twice to increase Bryn Athyn's lead to 5-2. His first goal was at 11:56 and the second at 12:30. Both goals were assisted by Jayson Marbach. Anthony Notorfrancesco, assisted by Klinisovs, scored 6-2 at 19:02. Rowan found the net at 5:26 of the third period, but the Lions' win was never under threat. Witmyer found Marbach who scored the last goal of the evening at 9:11. The Lions had defeated Rowan 7-3.[712] Scott Witmyer recorded his 11th hat trick for the Lions. At the time of writing, this is a program record (stats for many seasons are missing).

Conference game, Dec 11	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Rowan University	1	1	1	3
Bryn Athyn College	2	4	1	7

Goals: Scott Witmyer (3), Nikita Klinisovs, Jayson Marbach, Travis McCurdy, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman 36 saves (save percentage: 92.31%).





Celebrations after Scott Witmyer's 1-0 goal against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[712] "#2 Men's ice hockey cruise past Rowan, 7-3," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 12, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015; Score sheet from the game; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.



Aron Jackson and Sean Feyler at the game against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Scott Witmyer's 5-2 goal against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after Travis McCurdy's 3-2 goal against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after Anthony Notorfrancesco's 6-2 goal against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Scott Witmyer's 4-2 goal against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Steven Altman and Paul Napierkowski at the game against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Shane McCurdy, Ryan Hollingshead and Anthony Notorfrancesco at the game against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Scott Witmyer and Justin Nugent at the game against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Steven Altman and the team after the game against Rowan on December 11, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions played a conference game against Stockton University the following day at the Revolution Ice Gardens. Jayson Marbach and Scott Witmyer gave the Lions a 2-0 lead after the first period. Stockton scored in the second period, but the Lions added four goals in the last five and half minutes of the period by Marbach, Witmyer, Justin Nugent and Nikita Klinisovs. Bryn Athyn scored three more goals in the third period by Travis McCurdy, Kyle Jennings and Cecil Boyd to win the game 9-1. Graham Lermitte saved 17 shots (save percentage: 94.44%).[713]

[713] "Men's ice hockey defeats Stockton, 9-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 13, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.

Conference game, Dec 12	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Stockton University	0	1	0	1
Bryn Athyn College	2	4	3	9

Bryn Athyn Lions
December 13, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey defeated Richard Stockton, 9-1 in DVCHC conference play. #gobrynathyn



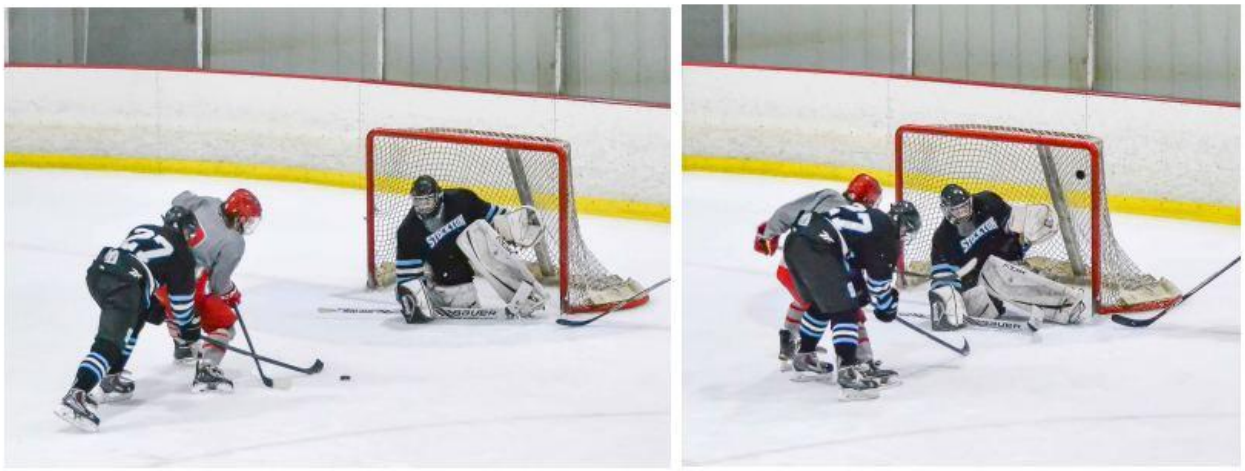
The first two goals against Stockton on December 12, 2015. Above: Jayson Marbach's 1-0 goal. Below: Scott Witmyer's 2-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



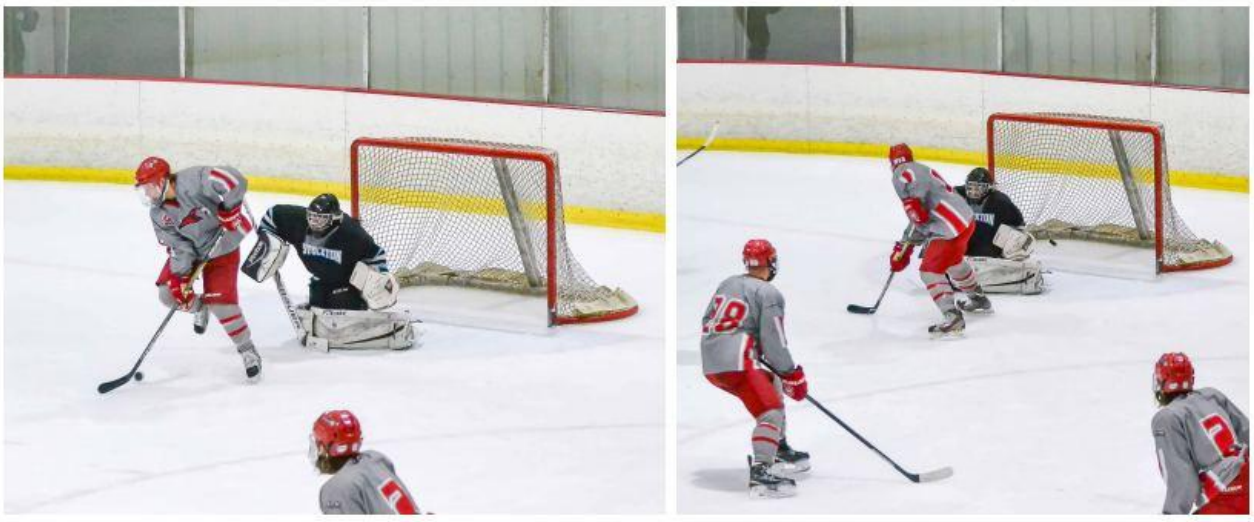
Jayson Marbach's 3-1 goal against Stockton on December 12, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



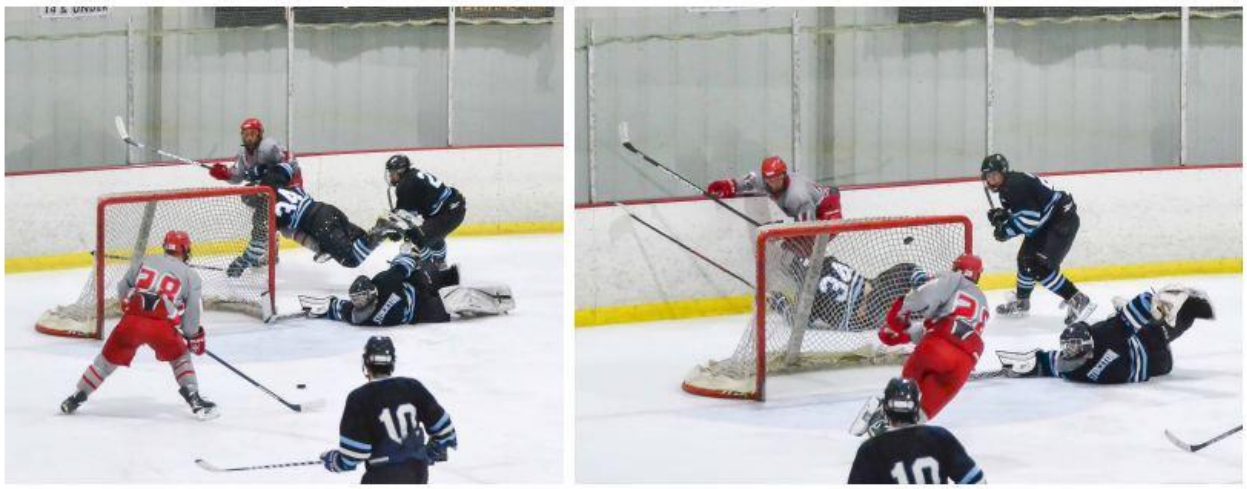
Scott Witmyer's 4-1 goal against Stockton on December 12, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Justin Nugent's 5-1 goal against Stockton on December 12, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Nikita Klinisovs' 6-1 goal against Stockton on December 12, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Travis McCurdy's 7-1 goal against Stockton on December 12, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Kyle Jennings' 8-1 goal against Stockton on December 12, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Cecil Boyd's 9-1 goal against Stockton on December 12, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Left: Graham Lermitte at game against Stockton University on December 12, 2015. Right: Markus Bryntesson and Graham Lermitte after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



2015 ended with two games against Post University's NCAA DII team. These games were played at the Jungé Pavilion on December 18 and 19, 2015. It was probably the first time in history that the Lions had faced an NCAA team. The first game began with goals by Scott Witmyer and Chris Ebersole to give the Lions a 2-0 lead at the end of the first period. Bryn Athyn added three more goals in the second period by Travis McCurdy, Aron Jackson and Witmyer. Ryan Conery added one more for the Lions in the third period before Post found the net. The Lions won the game 6-1. Jackson and Conery's goals were their first for the Lions.[714]

Non-conference game, Dec 18	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Post University	0	0	1	1
Bryn Athyn College	2	3	1	6

[714] "Men's ice hockey sweeps Post," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 19, 2015. Viewed on March 14, 2016.





Pictures from the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 18, 2015. Left: Kyle Jennings takes the opening faceoff. Right: an opportunity for the Lions (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 18, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 18, 2015. Top row: Landon Trutt and Ryan Conery. Middle row: Aron Jackson and Scott Witmyer. Bottom row: Steven Santos and Billy Martin (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 18, 2015. Left: celebrations after Scott Witmyer's 1-0 goal. Right: Travis McCurdy's 3-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 18, 2015. Left: Aron Jackson's 4-0 goal. Right: Scott Witmyer's 5-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



DJ Mulhern and Jayson Marbach at the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 18, 2015. (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Ryan Hollingshead and Landon Trutt at the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 18, 2015. (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions defeated Post University 7-2 the following day, December 19. Shane McCurdy scored his first goal with the Lions in this game. Scott Witmyer had a five-point night (one goal and four assists). He had, according to the game recaps published by the BAC Athletics Department, scored in 11 consecutive games and had recorded points in 14 straight games. However, this was Witmyer's last game with the Lions. He left Bryn Athyn during the Christmas break after signing a contract with minor league professional team, Port Huron. Witmyer, according to the game recaps, recorded 53 points (25 goals and 28 assists) between October 9 and December 19, 2015 (2.79 points per game).[715]



Picture from the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 19, 2015 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[715] "Men's ice hockey sweeps Post," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 19, 2015. Viewed on March 14, 2016; Matthew Kennedy, e-mail message on December 28, 2015; Witmyer's profile on elite prospects shows an erroneous record for the 2015-16 season. It states that he played 17 games for the Lions, did not score any goals, or have any assists, but had 30 penalty minutes (https://www.eliteprospects.com/player/60195/scott-witmyer).



Pictures from the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 19, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 19, 2015. Above: Shane McCurdy's 2-1 goal. Below left: Anthony Notorfrancesco's 1-1 goal. Below right: Jayson Marbach's 3-1 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Graham Lermitte and Kyle Jennings at the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 19, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Post University's NCAA DII team on December 19, 2015 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Scott Witmyer's 4-1 goal against Post University on December 19, 2015. This was his last goal and game as a Lion (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Non-conference game, Dec 19	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Post University	1	0	1	2
Bryn Athyn College	3	1	3	7

Goals: Jayson Marbach (2), Kyle Jennings, Shane McCurdy, DJ Mulhern, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Scott Witmyer.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte 20 saves (save percentage: 90.91%).

Bryn Athyn Lions
December 20, 2015 ·

Men's Ice Hockey Sweeps Post! http://ow.ly/W89qS



The Lions won every single game at the Jungé Pavilion during the 2015 calendar year.

The Lions played 35 games, won 30, tied one, and lost 4 during the 2015 calendar year. The team scored 212 goals and allowed 97. Thus, an average of 6.06 goals scored and 2.77 goals allowed per game. The 30 wins is almost certainly a program record, as well as a record for any BAC athletic team during a calendar year.

The Lions began 2016 with an away conference win, 11-2, against University of Delaware on January 16.[716]

Conference game, Jan 16	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	0	6	5	11
University of Delaware	0	2	0	2

Goals: Chris Ebersole (2), Jayson Marbach (2), Travis McCurdy (2), Nikita Klinisovs, Shane McCurdy, Paul Napierkowski, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Justin Nugent.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte 20 saves.

[716] "Men's ice hockey starts 2016 with a win at Delaware, 11-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 17, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.



Bryn Athyn College at University of Delaware on January 16, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after a goal in the first period against at University of Delaware on January 16, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after a goal in the first period against at University of Delaware on January 16, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Bryn Athyn College at University of Delaware on January 16, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Bryn Athyn College's fourth and fifth goals against University of Delaware on January 16, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Travis McCurdy's 6-2 goal against University of Delaware on January 16, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







Pictures from the game against University of Delaware on January 16, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



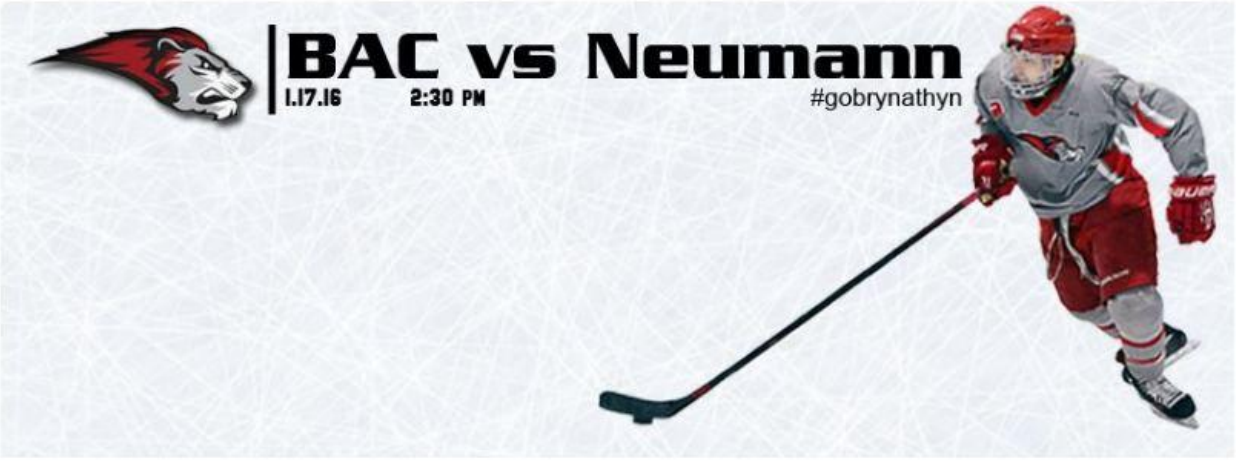


Shane McCurdy's 7-2 goal against University of Delaware on January 16, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Graham Lermitte and Nikita Klinisovs' 11-2 goal against University of Delaware on January 16, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the game against Neumann University on January 17, 2016.

A very important game took place on January 17 at the Jungé Pavilion when Bryn Athyn hosted Neumann University in a conference game. #1 ranked Neumann University had defeated the Lions on October 24 in the first meeting between the teams. Now the Lions were looking for a win against Neumann to strengthen the chances of not only securing top seed in the conference for playoffs, but also to increase their chances of being ranked #1 in the ACHA D3 Atlantic Region.

The Lions took the control of the game early on and outshot Neumann 19-5 in the first period. Nikita Klinisovs, assisted by Ryan Hollingshead and Ryan Conery, scored 1-0 at 5:06. Jayson Marbach added to the Lions' lead on a powerplay at 14:40. His goal was assisted by Anthony Notorfrancesco and Kyle Jennings. Bryn Athyn scored a second powerplay goal of the period at 18:23 when Marbach and Justin Nugent assisted Jennings who found the net. The score was 3-0 to Bryn Athyn after one period.

Travis McCurdy, assisted by Jennings, scored a shorthanded goal at 5:43 in the second period to give the Lions a 4-0 lead before Neumann replied with two even-strength goals at 6:05 and 8:52. McCurdy scored his second goal of the night on a powerplay at 10:42. His goal was assisted by Paul Napierkowski. Chris Ebersole, assisted by Marbach, tallied at 18:20 to give the Lions a 6-2 lead after two periods.

Anthony Notorfrancesco, assisted by Nugent and Jennings, added a goal at 3:51 in the third period and the Lions had convincingly beaten #1 Neumann University 7-2. The Lions outshot Neumann 40-25 (19-5, 12-11, 9-9) and Steven Altman stopped 23 shots. Five Bryn Athyn players had multiple points: Kyle Jennings had a four-point night (one goal and three assists), Jayson Marbach had three points (one goal and two assists) and Travis McCurdy, Anthony Notorfrancesco and Justin Nugent each recorded two points. It was a busy game for the score keepers since no less than 56 penalty minutes were assessed by the referees (eleven two-minute minors for the Lions and

twelve two-minute minors and a 10-minute game misconduct for Neuman). 13 of the penalties occurred in the third period.[717]

The game against Neumann was the third time that the Lions had played against a #1 ranked team in the Atlantic Region of ACHA D3 – and the Lions had won all three games. But this was the first time the team had defeated a #1 ranked team at the Jungé Pavilion.



First period goals at the game against Neumann on January 17, 2016. Top row: celebrations after the 1-0 goal. Middle row: Jayson Marbach's 2-0 goal. The DVCHC Commissioner Tom Galambos stands behind the net. Bottom row: Kyle Jennings' 3-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[717] "#2 Men's ice hockey tops #1 Neumann, 7-2 in DVCHC action," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 17, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016; Score sheet from the game.



Second period goals at the game against Neumann on January 17, 2016. Top row: Travis McCurdy's 4-0 goal. Middle row: Travis McCurdy's 5-2 goal. Bottom row: Chris Ebersole's 6-2 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Anthony Notorfrancesco's 7-2 goal game against Neumann on January 17, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Steven Altman and the team after the game against Neumann on January 17, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn Lions
January 17, 2016 ·

#2 Men's Ice Hockey Tops #1 Neumann, 7-2 in DVCHC Action! http://ow.ly/XcvZI

Conference game, Jan 17	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Neumann University	0	2	0	2
Bryn Athyn College	3	3	1	7



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the games against University of Southern Florida on January 22 and 23, 2016.

University of South Florida, ranked #5 in the ACHA D3 South Region, visited Bryn Athyn in January. The plan was to play two games at the Jungé Pavilion on January 22 and 23. The Lions defeated USF, 9-2, on January 22. The goals were scored by DJ Mulhern (2), Justin Nugent (2), Ryan Connery, Cullen McNally, Shane McCurdy, Travis McCurdy, and Paul Napierkowski.[718] However, heavy snow had begun to fall, and the second game was therefore cancelled.

Non-conference game, Jan 22	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
University of South Florida	1	1	0	2
Bryn Athyn College	1	2	6	9

Goals: DJ Mulhern (2), Justin Nugent (2), Ryan Conery, Shane McCurdy, Travis McCurdy, Cullen McNally, and Paul Napierkowski.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman 28 saves (save percentage: 93.33%).



Pictures from the game against University of South Florida on January 17, 2016. Top row: Justin Nugent's 1-1 goal and goal by Travis McCurdy in the second period. Bottom row: DJ Mulhern's 4-2 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[718] "Men's ice hockey tops South Florida, 9-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 23, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.



Pictures from the game against University of South Florida on January 17, 2016. Top row: The 5-2 goal Bottom row: Celebrations after Ryan Conery's 6-2 goal and DJ Mulhern's 8-2 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Steven Altman, Nikita Klinisovs and Devyn Dworsky at the game against University of South Florida (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Cullen McNally, Billy Martin and the final scoreboard after the game against University of South Florida on January 22, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The game against University of South Florida on January 22 marked the end of the period of games that ACHA D3's third ranking was based on. The Lions hadn't lost a game since the last ranking and had recorded a convincing win against #1 Neumann University on January 17. Therefore, it came as no surprise when ACHA announced that the Lions were now ranked #1 in the ACHA D3 Atlantic Region.[719]

Atlantic Region		
Rank	**Team**	**Pts**
1	Bryn Athyn (9)	7
2	Farmingdale State	17
3	Neumann	18
4	California Universtiy of PA	28
5	Fairfield	35
6	Pittsburgh-Johnstown	42
7	Rowan	49
8	Robert Morris	60
9	Fredonia State	65
10	Xavier	67
11	Southern Connecticut State	71
12	PSU-Brandywine	88
13	West Virginia	91
14	Alvernia College	95
15	Maryland	104
Also Receiving Votes:		

Back at #1: ACHA D3's third ranking for the Atlantic Region in 2015-16.

[719] "Regional rankings (games thru Jan 22nd)," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on February 8, 2016.

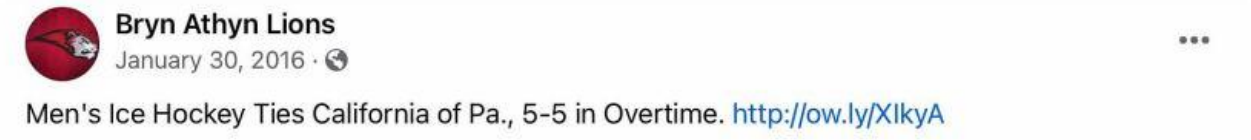


Fill the Pavil: BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the game against California University of PA on January 29, 2016.

The Lions hosted #4 ranked California University of PA at the Jungé Pavilion on Swedenborg's Birthday, January 29th. The Lions led 3-1 after the first period after goals by Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach and Devyn Dworsky. Cal U bounced back in the second period and scored twice to tie the game 3-3. In the third period Cal U scored early on to take a two-goal lead. However, Bryn Athyn responded and scored two goals by Anthony Notorfrancesco and Cullen McNally. The score at full time was 5-5 so a five-minute overtime was played. Neither team scored so the game ended in a 5-5 tie. This meant that the Lions' 17-game win streak had come to an end.[720]

Non-conference game, Jan 29	**1**	**2**	**3**	**OT**	**Final**
California University of PA	1	2	2	0	5
Bryn Athyn College	3	0	2	0	5

Goals: Devyn Dworsky, Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, Cullen McNally, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman 25 saves.



[720] "Men's ice hockey ties California of Pa., 5-5 in overtime," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 30, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.



Pictures from the game against California University of PA on January 29, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after Cullen McNally's 5-5 goal against California University of PA on January 29, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

On January 31, the Lions defeated #11 ranked University of Southern Connecticut 6-2 at the Pavilion.[721]

Non-conference game, Jan 31	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Southern Connecticut	0	1	1	2
Bryn Athyn College	1	3	2	6

Goals: Anthony Astorino, Chris Ebersole, Jayson Marbach, Shane McCurdy, Travis McCurdy, and Justin Nugent.
Goalkeeper: Landon Trutt 24 saves (save percentage: 92.31%).



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn College and University of Southern Connecticut on January 31, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[721] "Men's ice hockey cruise past Southern Connecticut, 6-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 31, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.

Bryn Athyn Lions
January 31, 2016 ·

Men's Ice Hockey Cruise Past Southern Connecticut, 6-2! #gobrynathyn http://ow.ly/XLTzS



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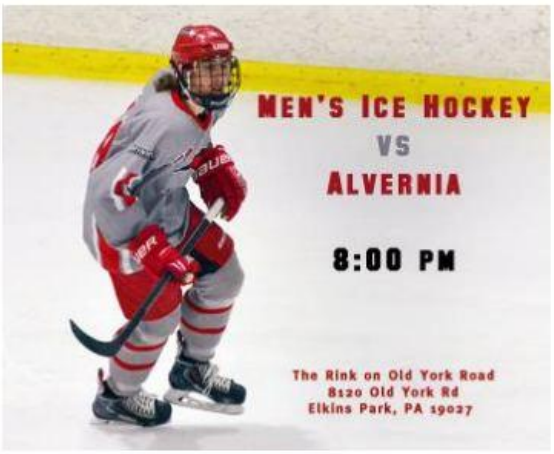
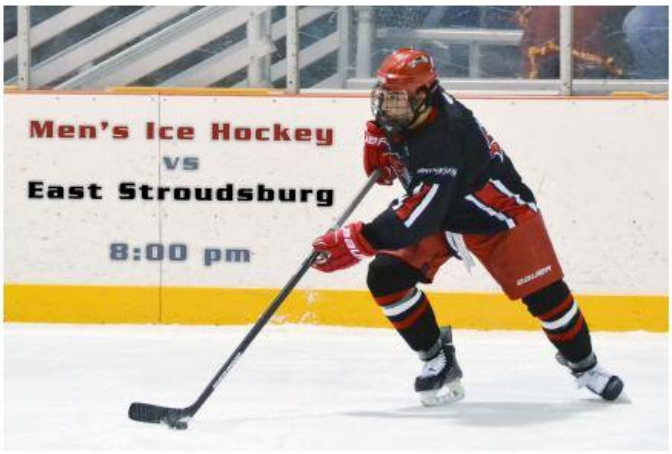




BAC Athletics Department social media ads for the games against Alvernia and East Stroudsburg on February 3 and 5, 2016.

Bryn Athyn played two home conference games against Alvernia University and East Stroudsburg University on February 3 and 5. The game against Alvernia was relocated to the Old York Road rink, and the Lions won it 4-0. Graham Lermitte stopped 30 shots to secure his second shutout with the Lions.[722]

Conference game, Feb 3	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Alvernia University	0	0	0	0
Bryn Athyn College	1	2	1	4

Goals: Ryan Hollingshead, Kyle Jennings, Nikita Klinisovs, and Travis McCurdy.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte 30 saves (shutout).



The Lions against Alvernia on February 3, 2016. Top row left: Ryan Hollingshead's 2-0 goal. Athletic Director Matt Kennedy and Abe Joseph celebrate behind the goal. Top row right: goalkeeper Graham Lermitte. Bottom row left: Travis McCurdy's 4-0 goal. Bottom row right: the scoreboard after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



[722] "#1 Men's ice hockey blanks Alvernia, 4-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 4, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.

The game against East Stroudsburg on February 5 was played at the Jungé Pavilion. Anthony Notorfrancesco, assisted by Kyle Jennings and Sean Feyler, scored 1-0 to Bryn Athyn at 4:51. Jayson Marbach added to the Lions' lead 50 seconds later. His goal was assisted by Chris Ebersole and Travis McCurdy. Cullen McNally, assisted by Aron Jackson, scored 3-0 at 1:20 of the second period. The Lions added three more goals late in the second period. The first by Cullen McNally, assisted by Anthony Notorfrancesco, at 16:45, the second by Marbach, assisted by Ebersole, at 17:38, and the third by Jennings, assisted by McNally, at 19:29. Neither team scored in the third period. Bryn Athyn outshot East Stroudsburg 78-23 (26-9, 20-6, 32-8). McNally had a three-point night and Graham Lermitte recorded his third shutout with the Lions, and his second in consecutive games.[723]

Conference game, Feb 5	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
East Stroudsburg	0	0	0	0
Bryn Athyn College	2	4	0	6

Goals: Jayson Marbach (2), Cullen McNally (2), Kyle Jennings, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.
Goalkeeper: Graham Lermitte 23 saves (shutout).



Graham Lermitte at the game against East Stroudsburg on February 5, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[723] "Men's ice hockey earn their second shutout against East Stroudsburg, 6-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 6, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016; Score sheet from the game.



Graham Lermitte at the game against East Stroudsburg on February 5, 2016, where he recorded his second consecutive shutout (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against East Stroudsburg on February 5, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against East Stroudsburg on February 5, 2016. Top row: Ryan Hollingshead, Aron Jackson and Kyle Jennings. Middle row: Ryan Conery and Justin Nugent. Bottom row: Brothers Travis and Shane McCurdy (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco's 1-0 goal against East Stroudsburg on February 5, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).







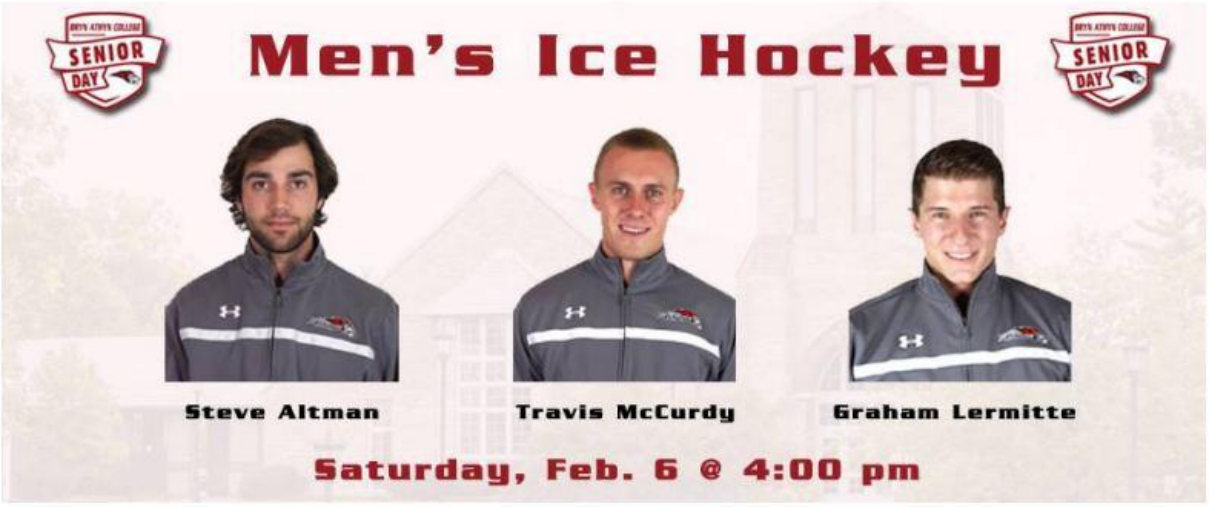




Pictures from the game against East Stroudsburg on February 5, 2016. Above left: celebrations after Cullen McNally's 4-0 goal. Above middle and right: Jayson Marbach's 5-0 goal. Below: Kyle Jennings with an opportunity and the scoreboard at the end of the game. (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The Lions played their last home game against Fairfield University on February 6, 2016. It was senior day and seniors Steven Altman, Graham Lermitte, and Travis McCurdy were recognized before the game.

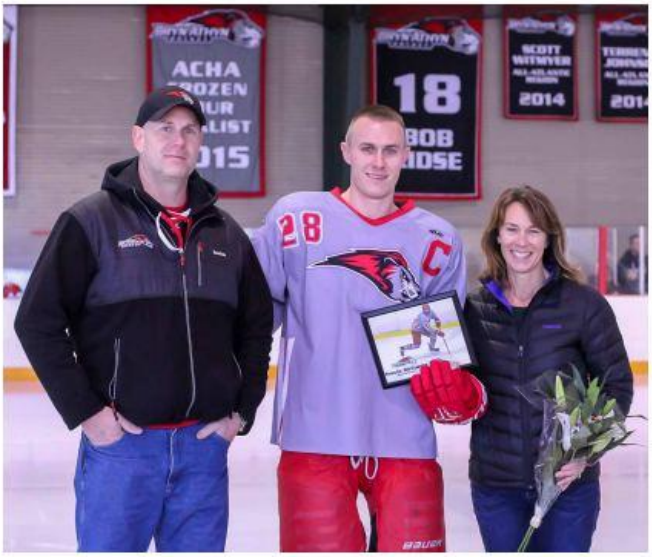


BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the senior day game against Fairfield on February 6, 2016.

Bryn Athyn College Ice Hockey Honors Its Seniors!
Senior Day is being celebrated this Saturday, February 6, just prior to the 4:00 pm game (about 3:50 PM) at the Junge Pavilion. Come help us honor Travis McCurdy, Graham Lermitte, and Steve Altman.

Senior Day was announced in *Bryn Athyn Post* on February 2, 2016.





Senior Day celebrations on February 6, 2016 (photos by BAC Athletics).





Senior Day celebrations on February 6, 2016 (photos by BAC Athletics).

The game against #5 ranked Fairfield is a classic in Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey history. It did not start well for the Lions. Fairfield scored the lone goal of the first period. Jayson Marbach missed a penalty shot in the second period and then Fairfield added to their lead. With four seconds left of the second period there was a faceoff in the offensive zone so the Lions pulled the goalkeeper for an extra skater but could not find the net. So, the Lions trailed 0-2 after two periods.

When the Stags scored their third goal at the beginning of the final period the game seemed to be slipping away from the Lions. However, Bryn Athyn staged a magnificent comeback. Sean Feyler scored 1-3 at 2:52 and Travis McCurdy found the net during a powerplay at 5:52. Kyle Jennings then tied the game at 7:57. With 1:41 left of the third period the Lions got a 2-minute penalty. After 20 seconds of playing shorthanded Travis McCurdy had a breakaway but was fouled and the refs awarded him a penalty shot. However, he hit the post. The game was tied 3-3 at full time. Therefore, a five-minute sudden death overtime period was played. The Lions survived the first 20 seconds when they were still shorthanded and then Jennings scored the game winning 4-3 goal.[724]

The Lions undefeated streak at the Jungé Pavilion was thus kept intact. The last loss had been on January 29, 2014, against Neumann, and since that game the Lions had played an impressive 25 games without a loss at the Pavilion (24 wins and one tie).

Non-conference game, Feb 6	**1**	**2**	**3**	**OT**	**Final**
Fairfield University	1	1	1	0	3
Bryn Athyn College	0	0	3	1	4

Goals: Kyle Jennings (2), Sean Feyler, Travis McCurdy
Goalkeeper: Steven Altman 20 saves



Anthony Astorino and Sean Feyler at the game against Fairfield on February 6, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[724] "Jennings lifts Lions over Fairfield in OT," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 14, 2016; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.



Ryan Conery and Anthony Notorfrancesco at the game against Fairfield on February 6, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The Lions pulled the goalkeeper at the very end of the second period against Fairfield on February 6, 2016, but did not score (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Sean Feyler-s 1-3 goal against Fairfield on February 6, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after Travis McCurdy's 2-3 goal and Kyle Jennings' 3-3 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Close for Fairfield when the score was 3-3 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Travis McCurdy's penalty shot that hit the post with 1:21 left of the game (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).







Kyle Jennings' OT winner against Fairfield on February 6, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

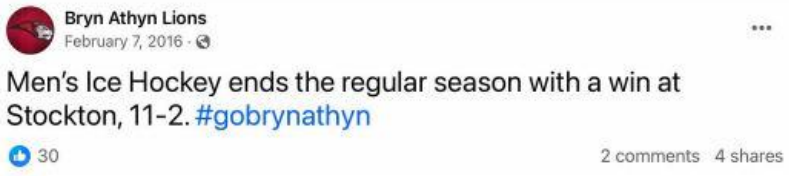


Celebrations after the win against Fairfield on February 6, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions ended regular season play with a conference matchup at Stockton University on February 7, 2016. The Lions outshot Stockton 67-10 and won the game 11-2. According to the ACHA website Justin Nugent scored four, and Jayson Marbach three goals.[725]

Conference game, Feb 7	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	4	2	5	11
Stockton University	1	1	0	2

Goals: Justin Nugent (4), Jayson Marbach (3), Anthony Notorfrancesco (2), Travis McCurdy, and Cullen McNally.
Goalkeeper: Landon Trutt.



[725] "Nugent's big game bests M3-Richard Stockton College in 11-2 M3-Bryn Athyn College win," article posted on the ACHA website. Viewed on December 4, 2019.



Justin Nugent scores against Stockton on February 7, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Astorino and Kyle Cedrone at the game against Stockton on February 7, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Aron Jackson and Steven Santos at the game against Stockton on February 7, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco and Travis McCurdy at the game against Stockton on February 7, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Landon Trutt and Ryan Hollingshead at the game against Stockton on February 7, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Ryan Conery with an opportunity at the game against Stockton on February 7, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Bryn Athyn goals at the game against Stockton on February 7, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Steven Altman's facemask and the final scoreboard after the game against Stockton on February 7, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn College finished the regular conference season in first place.

- **National Division - 2015-2016 Regular season**

Team	Team	GP	W	L	T	OTL	SOL	PTS	GF	GA	Division
Bryn Athyn	BA	14	13	1	0	0	0	26	93	23	13-1-0-0-0
Neumann	NU	14	12	2	0	0	0	24	89	37	12-2-0-0-0
Rowan University	ROWAN	14	10	2	0	0	2	22	70	48	10-2-0-0-2
Stockton	STOC	14	5	8	0	0	1	11	45	72	5-8-0-0-1
PSU Brandywine	PSU	14	5	9	0	0	0	10	31	47	5-9-0-0-0
Delaware	U.D.	14	5	9	0	0	0	10	53	76	5-9-0-0-0
Alvernia	ALVRN	14	4	9	0	0	1	9	46	79	4-9-0-0-1
East Stroudsburg	ESU	14	2	12	0	0	0	4	40	85	2-12-0-0-0

2015-16 DVCHC National Division final standings.[726]

When ACHA announced the final ACHA D3 rankings in February, the Lions were ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region, thereby securing an automatic bid to the upcoming ACHA D3 National Tournament in Grand Rapids, MI.[727]

Atlantic Region		
Rank	**Team**	**Pts**
1	Bryn Athyn College (9)	7
2	Farmingdale State College	14
3	Neumann University	23
4	California Universtiy of PA	27
5	Rowan University	34
6	Fairfield University	42
7	University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown	52
8	Robert Morris University	53
9	Xavier University	63
10	Southern Connecticut State University	72
11	Fredonia State University	75
12	PSU-Brandywine	84
13	West Virginia University	96
14	Alvernia College	98
15	George Mason University	104
Also Receiving Votes: Maryland		

ACHA D3's final rankings for the Atlantic Region in 2015-16.

[726] "Delaware Valley Men's Collegiate Hockey Conference, standings – 2015-2016 Regular Season," (http://mens.dvchchockey.org/page/show/1719201-standings-2015-2016-) Viewed on May 27, 2016.

[727] "Regional rankings (games thru Feb 9th)," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on February 13, 2016.

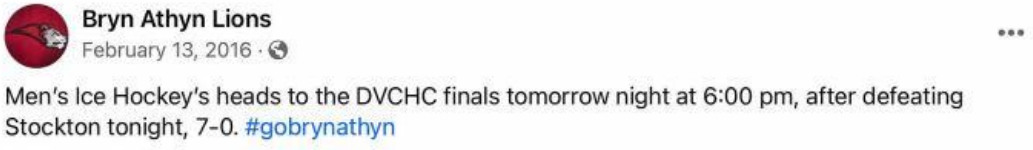


BAC Athletic Department social media ad that lists the dates for the hockey playoffs.

5.2.4 Champions

The Lions had qualified for the conference playoffs for the fifth year in a row. Bryn Athyn played Stockton University in the semifinal on February 13, 2016, at the IceWorks Skating Complex in Aston. The Lions had defeated Stockton 9-1 and 11-2 during the regular season and were the favorites to win. Bryn Athyn quickly took control and led 3-0 after the first period after goals by Anthony Notorfrancesco, DJ Mulhern, and Justin Nugent. Notorfrancesco added a goal in the second period and Shane McCurdy, Cullen McNally, and Chris Ebersole scored in the third, to give the Lions a 7-0 win. Goalkeeper Steven Altman got the shutout for Bryn Athyn.[728]

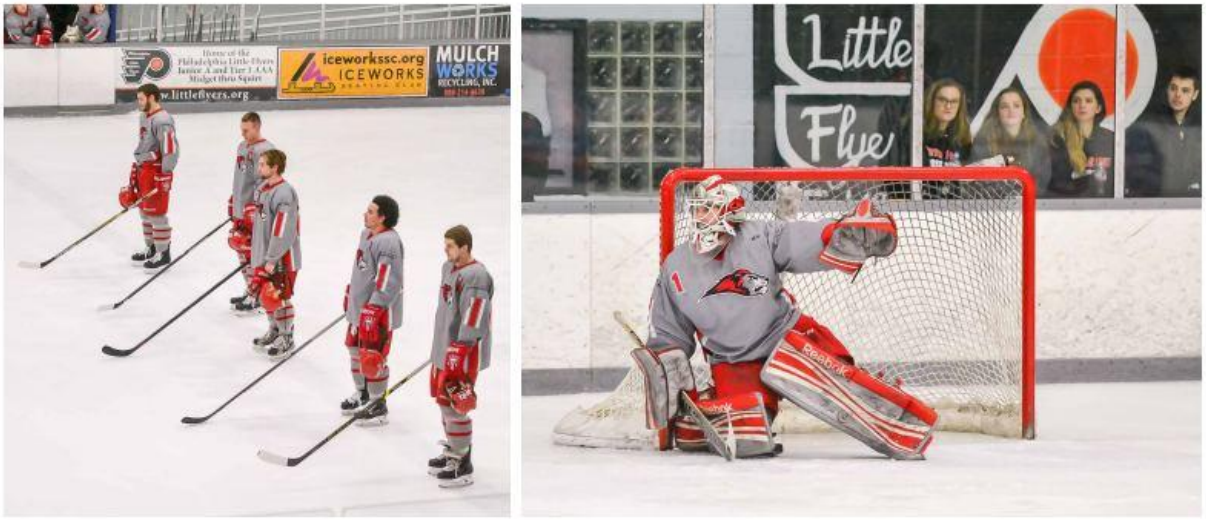
Conference semifinal, Feb 13	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Stockton University	0	0	0	0
Bryn Athyn College	3	1	3	7



[728] "Men's ice hockey blank Stockton, 7-0 in the DVCHC semifinals," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 14, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.



BAC Athletic Department social media post after the semifinal win against Stockton.



The 2016 conference semifinal against Stockton University on February 13, 2016. Bryn Athyn's starting lineup. Left: Chris Ebersole, Travis McCurdy, Ryan Hollingshead, Anthony Astorino, and Jayson Marbach. Right: goalkeeper Steven Altman (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 2016 conference semifinal against Stockton University on February 13, 2016. Anthony Notorfrancesco's 1-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 2016 conference semifinal against Stockton University on February 13, 2016. Top row: DJ Mulhern's 2-0 goal. Middle row: Justin Nugent's 3-0 goal. Bottom row: Shane McCurdy's 5-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The scoreboard after the 2016 conference semifinal against Stockton University on February 13, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 2016 conference semifinal against Stockton University on February 13, 2016. Left: Anthony Astorino. Right: Chris Ebersole (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 2016 conference semifinal against Stockton University on February 13, 2016. Left: Travis McCurdy. Right: Shane McCurdy (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 2016 conference semifinal against Stockton University on February 13, 2016. Left: Jayson Marbach. Right: Kyle Jennings (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the 2015-16 Championship game.

The conference final was played between Bryn Athyn College and Rowan University at the Ice Works in Aston on February 14. Steven Altman was the goalkeeper for the Lions. Devyn Dworsky scored 1-0 for the Lions at the beginning of the first period. However, Rowan scored twice in the second period to take the lead going into the third period, 2-1. Bryn Athyn bounced back emphatically in the final period and scored six goals on 13 shots. Kyle Jennings scored a hat trick and Jayson Marbach, DJ Mulhern, and Anthony Notorfrancesco scored a goal each. Steven Altman saved 24 shots.[729] The final score was 7-2 to the Lions, which meant that the team had won its third conference championship in four years.

[729] "Men's ice hockey win their second DVCHC National conference title," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 14, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.

Conference final, Feb 14	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Rowan University	0	2	0	2
Bryn Athyn College	1	0	6	7



The scoreboard after the first, second, and third periods of the championship game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The conference final against Rowan University on February 14, 2016. Left: the starting lineup was identical to the one in the semifinal. Right: early action for goalkeeper Steven Altman (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The conference final against Rowan University on February 14, 2016. Pictures from the first period (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





The conference final against Rowan University on February 14, 2016. Pictures from the second period (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







The conference final against Rowan University on February 14, 2016. Third period goals. Above left: celebrations after Kyle Jennings' game tying 2-2 goal after 4:46. Above right: Jayson Marbach celebrating his game winning 3-2 goal at 8:00. Below: Jennings scoring 4-2 after 9:20 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





The conference final against Rowan University on February 14, 2016. Kyle Jennings scoring and celebrating his hat trick at 17:08 of the third period, which meant a 5-2 lead for the Lions in the championship game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







The conference final against Rowan University on February 14, 2016. Left and middle: celebrating Anthony Notorfrancesco's 6-2 goal at 18:21. Right: DJ Mulhern's 7-2 goal at 19:28 of the third period (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





The conference final against Rowan University on February 14, 2016. Left: goalkeeper Steven Altman. Right: the Lions celebrating the championship (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Conference Champions. The BAC Athletics department used this picture as the cover photo of their Facebook page (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Congratulations, BAC Men's Ice Hockey Team!
The Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey team finished the regular hockey season ranked #1 with a 27-2-1 overall and 15-1 in the DVCHC conference record. The Lions won their second DVCHC National Division Conference title this past weekend against Rowan, 7-2. This is the second time in program history that Bryn Athyn has earned the distinction of being ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region.
With this honor the Lions will earn an automatic bid to the national tournament hosted by MCHC in Grand Rapids, MI. Bryn Athyn will start pool play on March 8, 2016.

The Lions' success was published in the *Bryn Athyn Post* on February 23, 2016.

5.2.5 Bryn Athyn hockey school

On February 27, 2016, the BAC men's hockey team hosted a youth camp for the Bryn Athyn community. The program was led by coaches Andrew Burke and Ian Finnerty and members of the hockey team and BAC hockey alumnus Terrence Johnson, who had just returned from finishing a season in Sweden (see p. 497), took part.



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COACHES

ANDREW BURKE

Head Hockey Coach, Bryn Athyn College

Burke led the team to a 16-10-1 record, picking up a first time regional ranking, and a first time trip to regionals. Two athletes, Scott Witmyer and Terrence Johnson, were voted to the All-Region Team and six players, Witmyer, Johnson, Travis McCurdy, Ben Silvers, Sean Feyler, and Graham Lemitte were named to the ACHA National Team for the first time.

A four year memeber of the University of Massachusetts-Boston men's ice hockey team. He tallied 17 goals and 33 assists in his career with the Beacons. Finished fourth amongst all UMass Boston skaters with 19 points on eight goals and 11 assists his senior year. Recorded his first two multi-goal games of his career over a three game stretch with two apiece on at Southern Maine and vs. the University of New England .... Opened his senior year red-hot to begin the season with eight points over the team's first seven contests. Netted the game-winning goal at St. Anselm College to give the Beacons their first victory over St. Anselm since the 1999-00 season.

Played junior hockey for the Philadelphia Little Flyers of the Atlantic Junior Hockey League ... Named an AJHL All-Star in 2006-2007 ... Graduated from Archbishop Ryan High School in 2006.

IAN FINNERTY

Assistant Hockey Coach, Bryn Athyn College

Finnerty comes from a strong playing and coaching background.He played junior hockey in the Atlantic Junior Hockey League (AJHL)from 2005 – 2008, where he helped his team reach thepostseason every season. Finnerty attended SUNY-Brockport (SUNYAC-NCAA DIII) where he was a pivotal piece in the growth ofBrockport's hockey program. He finished his college career totaling87 points in 89 career games. Finnerty earned the 7th man awardwhile at Brockport from 2009 – 2012. Ian graduated in2012 with a degree in Business Management.

Shortly after graduating from Brockport, he signed a prohockey contract with the Mississippi River Kings in the Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL). During his time in theSPHL, Finnerty contributed 14 goals and 15 assist for a total of 29points.

This past year Ian took his hockey knowledge off the ice andto the UMBC Terriers (ACHA DII) bench. Ian was UMBC's assistantcoach for the 2013 – 2014 season. Finnerty helped coach theUMBC Terriers all the way to the ACHA national semi-final and toa 3rd place finish in the nation.

REGISTRATION

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Bryn Athyn Hockey School on February 27, 2016. An example of the community outreach of the BAC athletics department and hockey team (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Bryn Athyn Hockey School on February 27, 2016. An example of the community outreach of the BAC athletics department and hockey team (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

5.2.6 The scrimmage against Wissahickon Skating Club

As part of the preparations for the upcoming ACHA D3 National Championships in Grand Rapids, MI, Bryn Athyn played an informal scrimmage at the Pavilion against the skilled Wissahickon Skating Club, on February 27, 2016. Wissahickon was strengthened this evening by BAC Head Coach Andrew Burke, Assistant Coach Ian Finnnerty, and BAC alumnus Terrence Johnson, and the Lions goalkeepers manned both nets. The referee was BAC hockey alumnus, Jordan Roth. Bryn Athyn used to play games against Wissahickon each season between 1967-74. Wissahickon won the game in 2016 by 6 goals to 5.



The Lions' scrimmage against Wissahickon Skating Club on February 27, 2016. Left: Terrence Johnson. Right: Jordan Roth (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The Lions' scrimmage against Wissahickon Skating Club on February 27, 2016. The teams after the game (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

5.2.7 The National Championship send-off party and practices at the Jungé Pavilion



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the Lions' send-off party.



Pictures from practices at the Jungé Pavilion on March 1-3, 2016. Steven Altman and Landon Trutt (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from practices at the Jungé Pavilion on March 1-3, 2016. Top row: Graham Lermitte and Paul Napierkowski. Middle row: Sean Feyler and Cullen McNally. Bottom row: Anthony Astorino and Ryan Hollingshead (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from practices at the Jungé Pavilion on March 1-3, 2016. Top row: Aron Jackson and Kyle Cedrone. Middle row: Connor Buick and Justin Nugent. Bottom row: Devyn Dworsky and DJ Mulhern (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from practices at the Jungé Pavilion on March 1-3, 2016. Top row: Ryan Conery and Steven Santos. Middle row: Nikita Klinisovs and Shane McCurdy. Bottom row: Jayson Marbach and Kyle Jennings (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from practices at the Jungé Pavilion on March 1-3, 2016. Top row: Travis McCurdy and Anthony Notorfrancesco. Bottom row: Chris Ebersole (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

5.2.7 The 2016 ACHA D3 National Championships

Bryn Athyn College had qualified for the ACHA D3 National Championships for the second consecutive year. The 2016 National Championships took place in Grand Rapids, MI. Bryn Athyn College marketing sent Holly Adams and Angella Irwin to Grand Rapids to document the tournament.

The National Championships was organized in the same way as the year before: sixteen teams, the top ranked two and two qualifiers from the regionals from each of ACHA D3's four regions (Atlantic, North, Pacific, and South). The Lions (#1 in the Atlantic) were assigned to Pool A together with Calvin College (#2 in the North),

Vanderbilt University (#3 in the South), and McKendree University (#4 in the Pacific). Vanderbilt had to pull out and was replaced by Kennesaw University. Bryn Athyn College's schedule was as follows: McKendree on March 8, Kennesaw on March 9, and Calvin on March 10.



Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
#1 Bryn Athyn	#1 Oakland University	#1 Florida Gulf Coast	#1 Colorado State
#2 Calvin College	#2 Metro State - Denver	#2 Farmingdale State	#2 University of Tampa
#3 Kennesaw State	#3 Cal U of PA	#3 Aurora University	#3 Aquinas College
#4 Mckendree University	#4 Liberty University	#4 Central Michigan	#4 Fairfield University





March 5: the team leaving for the 2016 ACHA D3 National Tournament in Grand Rapids, MI (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Return to Bryn Athyn College for

Viewing Parties for Ice Hockey at Nationals

Join current students and your fellow alumni to watch Bryn Athyn College **Men's Ice Hockey** play in the national championships in Michigan via live-stream! Cheer on the team from campus.

Watch the team in pool play:
Tuesday, **March 8 at 7 p.m.** from the **MPAC Theater**
Wednesday, **March 9 at 1 p.m.** from the **Brickman Center Great Hall**
Thursday, **March 10 at 7:15 p.m.** from the **MPAC Theater**

Go Lions!

E-mail from Bryn Athyn College Alumni Relations about the National Championships watch parties on campus.[730]

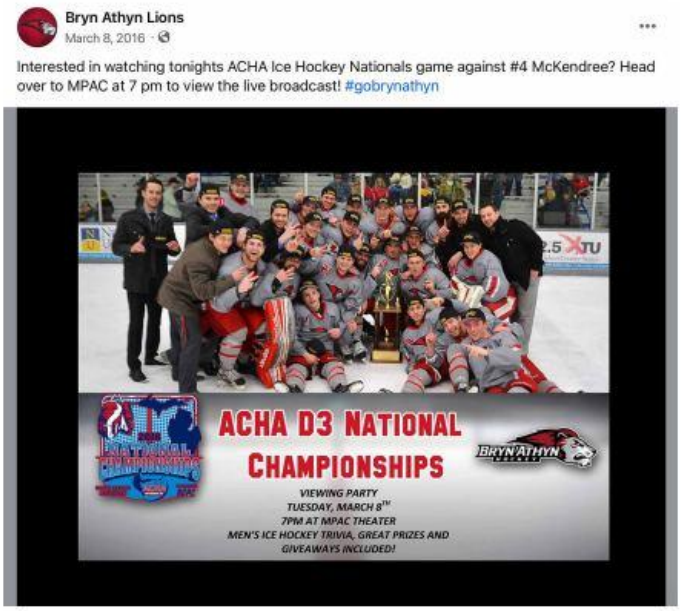


Banner outside the Southside Ice Arena where the Nationals were held (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[730] Bryn Athyn College Alumni Relations, e-mail message on March 7, 2016.



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the first game of the 2016 National Championships



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the campus watch party for game 1.

The starting lineup in game 1 against McKendree was Steven Altman in goal, Anthony Astorino and Paul Napierkowski on defense, and forwards Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, and Antony Notorfrancesco. Bryn Athyn had a good start to the game and led 2-0 after 20 minutes of play thanks to goals by Anthony Notorfrancesco and Justin Nugent. Jayson Marbach increased the lead to 3-0 in the second period before McKendree scored its first goal. Chris Ebersole and Justin Nugent then found the net in quick succession to give the Lions a 5-1 lead. McKendree reduced the lead to 5-2 just before the end of the period. Bryn Athyn added two goals by Connor Buick and Travis McCurdy in the final period, and the Lions had won the first game of the National Championships 7-2. Goalkeeper Steven Altman saved 23 shots.[731]

[731] "Men's ice hockey topples McKendree 7-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 9, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.

The first game at the 2016 ACHA D3 National Tournament: BAC vs McKendree University

Southside Ice Arena
Tue, Mar 08, 2016 at 7:00 pm

M3-McKendree University 2 at M3-Bryn Athyn College 7 **FINAL**

Scoring	1	2	3	T
M3-McKendree	0	2	0	2
M3-Bryn Athy	2	3	2	7

Shots	1	2	3	T
M3-McKendree	8	12	5	25
M3-Bryn Athy	16	23	5	44

Power Plays	PP	PIM
M3-McKendree	1-3	23
M3-Bryn Athy	2-5	11

V - H	#	Per	Team	Time	Scored By	Assists		PP	SH
0 - 1	1	1	BAC	7:15	A.Notorfrancesco	J.Marbach	P.Napierkowski		
0 - 2	2	1	BAC	14:06	J.Nugent	J.Marbach	A.Astorino	x	
0 - 3	3	2	BAC	4:10	J.Marbach	A.Notorfrancesco	C.Mcnally		
1 - 3	4	2	MKU	8:34	R.Sizer	B.Lamb			
1 - 4	5	2	BAC	12:01	C.Ebersole	C.Buick			
1 - 5	6	2	BAC	12:35	J.Nugent	P.Napierkowski			
2 - 5	7	2	MKU	18:18	L.Lestaric	S.Csanyi		x	
2 - 6	8	3	BAC	6:55	C.Buick	T.McCurdy	A.Astorino		
2 - 7	9	3	BAC	17:51	T.McCurdy			x	

The official ACHA game sheet for the Lions – McKendree University game on March 8, 2016.



Forward Connor Buick was awarded the Lions' *Howies Hockey Tape Player of the Game*.



Pictures from the Lions' first game of the 2016 National Championship against McKendree University on March 8, 2016. Left: before the game. Right: Kyle Jennings took the opening faceoff (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco's 1-0 goal against McKendree University on March 8, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach's 3-0 goal against McKendree University on March 8, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Chris Ebersole's 4-1 goal against McKendree University on March 8, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Connor Buick's 6-2 goal against McKendree University on March 8, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Lions' first game of the 2016 National Championship against McKendree University on March 8, 2016. Top row left: Steven Altman. Top row right: Nikita Klinisovs and Anthony Astorino. Middle row left: Kyle Jennings with the puck, Travis McCurdy and Connor Buick in the background. Middle row right: Sean Feyler. Bottom row left: Kyle Jennings. Bottom row right: Jayson Marbach (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Ryan Conery, Justin Nugent and Travis McCurdy against McKendree University on March 8, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

In the other game in Pool A, Calvin College defeated Kennesaw State 6-0.[732]

Standings in POOL A after day 1 of the 2016 ACHA D3 Nationals:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GS	GA	Points
1. Calvin College	1	1	0	0	6	0	2
2. Bryn Athyn College	1	1	0	0	7	2	2
3. McKendree University	1	0	1	0	2	7	0
4. Kennesaw State	1	0	1	0	0	6	0



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the second game of the 2016 National Championships.

[732] "Schedule," 2016 National Championships schedule and results (http://www.westmisports.com/acha/schedule). Viewed on the Wayback Machine on November 19, 2023.

Bryn Athyn Lions
March 9, 2016 ·

Today's men's ice hockey vs Kennesaw viewing party on campus will take place in the Brickman Great Hall at 1 pm.

BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the campus watch party for game 2.

The Lions played Kennesaw State in the second game of the 2016 Nationals on March 9, 2016. The starting lineup for Bryn Athyn was goalkeeper Steven Altman, Anthony Astorino and Paul Napierkowski on defense, and the three forwards Connor Buick, Chris Ebersole, and Travis McCurdy. The game started well for the Lions, who had a 5-0 lead in the second period, before Kennesaw State scored their first goal. The Lions won the game 8-5. Connor Buick was the *Howies Hockey Tape Player of the Game* for the second game in a row.[733] The same day, Calvin College won 3-1 against McKendree in the other game in Pool A.[734]

Standings in POOL A after day 2 of the 2016 ACHA D3 Nationals:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GS	GA	Points
1. Bryn Athyn College	2	2	0	0	15	7	4
2. Calvin College	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
3. McKendree University	2	0	2	0	3	10	0
4. Kennesaw State	2	0	2	0	5	14	0




Pictures from the Lions' second game of the 2016 National Championship against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016. Left: before the game. Right: Travis McCurdy took the opening faceoff (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[733] "Men's ice hockey sprints past Kennesaw State, 8-5," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 9, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.

[734] "Schedule," 2016 National Championships schedule and results (http://www.westmisports.com/acha/schedule). Viewed on the Wayback Machine on November 19, 2023.





First period action against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after the first two goals against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Connor Buick's 3-0 goal in the second period against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Travis McCurdy's 4-0 goal in the second period against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Justin Nugent's 5-0 goal in the second period against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Top row: Anthony Notorfrancesco scores the Lions' sixth goal in the second period against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016. This shorthanded goal turned out to be the game winner. Bottom row: celebrations after the Lions' sixth and seventh goals (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Travis McCurdy's goal in the third period against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Ryan Conery and Shane McCurdy against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



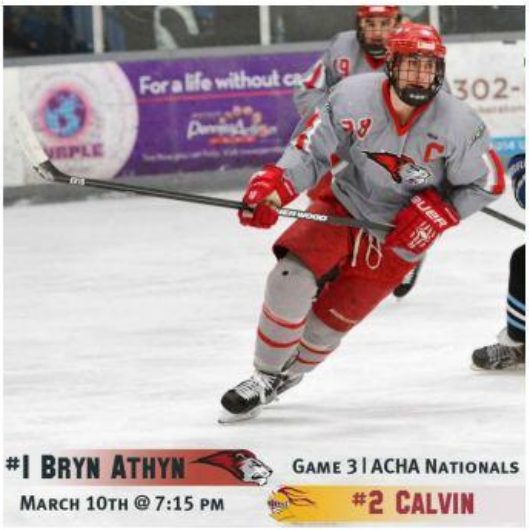
Pictures from the Lions' second game of the 2016 National Championship against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016. Top row: Steven Santons and Devyn Dworsky. Middle row: Connor Buick and DJ Mulhern. Bottom row: Nikita Klinisovs and Steven Altman (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the Lions' second game of the 2016 National Championship against Kennesaw State on March 9, 2016. The team celebrating after the game and thanking the fans (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







Left: BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the third game of the 2016 National Championships. Right: Robert "Bob" Heinrichs and Hilary Bryntesson, two former BAC Athletic Directors at the game against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. Heinrichs was the AD between 1977-92, and Bryntesson between 2001-08 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The last day of pool play at the National Championship was on March 10. McKendree defeated Kennesaw State 6-5 in a morning game, thereby securing the third place in Pool A.[735] Later that day Bryn Athyn College and Calvin College played. Both teams had won the first two games, so the evening game between the teams would decide the winners of Pool A, and therefore who would qualify for the semifinal of the National Championships.

[735] "Schedule," 2016 National Championships schedule and results (http://www.westmisports.com/acha/schedule). Viewed on the Wayback Machine on November 19, 2023.

The starting lineup for the Lions was Steven Altman in goal, Anthony Astorino and Paul Napierkowski on defense, and the three forwards Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, and Anthony Notorfrancesco. The first period ended 0-0. Calvin took control in the second period and scored four unanswered goals. Many thought the game was over when Calvin added a fifth at 2:49 of the third period. However, Ryan Hollingshead scored 43 seconds later, at 3:32, and at the same time a Calvin player was sent to the penalty box. The Lions took the opportunity and Anthony Notorfrancesco scored 2-5 at 4:34. Some sixteen seconds later Calvin took another penalty, and Bryn Athyn went back on the powerplay. Kyle Jennings scored 3-5 at 6:17, and the Lions were back in the game. Jennings scored again at 12:29 to make it a one goal game. Despite a valiant effort to tie the game, the Lions could not score a fifth goal. The game ended 4-5, and the 2016 National Championship had come to an end. Kyle Jennings was the Howies Hockey Tape Player of the Game.[736]

The third game at the 2016 ACHA D3 National Tournament: BAC vs Calvin College

Southside Ice Arena
Thu, Mar 10, 2016 at 7:15 pm

M3-Calvin College 5 at M3-Bryn Athyn College 4 **FINAL**

Scoring	1	2	3	T
M3-Calvin Co	0	4	1	5
M3-Bryn Athy	0	0	4	4

Shots	1	2	3	T
M3-Calvin Co	14	13	4	31
M3-Bryn Athy	6	10	11	27

Power Plays	PP	PIM
M3-Calvin Co	0-3	16
M3-Bryn Athy	2-7	8

V - H	#	Per	Team	Time	Scored By	Assists		PP	SH
1 - 0	1	2	CAL	2:02	R.Bradley	S.Shaver			
2 - 0	2	2	CAL	6:51	J.Duncan	S.Johnson			
3 - 0	3	2	CAL	8:15	C.Bell				x
4 - 0	4	2	CAL	13:58	D.Zwiers	T.Rietema	A.Huizenga		
5 - 0	5	3	CAL	2:49	N.Szenderski	R.Bradley	S.Shaver		
5 - 1	6	3	BAC	3:32	R.Hollingshead				
5 - 2	7	3	BAC	4:34	A.Notorfrancesco			x	
5 - 3	8	3	BAC	6:17	K.Jennings	P.Napierkowski		x	
5 - 4	9	3	BAC	12:29	K.Jennings	S.Feyler			

Final Standings of POOL A at the 2016 ACHA D3 Nationals:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GS	GA	Points
1. Calvin College	3	3	0	0	14	5	6
2. Bryn Athyn College	3	2	1	0	19	12	4
3. McKendree University	3	1	2	0	9	15	2
4. Kennesaw State	3	0	3	0	10	20	0

[736] "Men's ice hockey falls to Calvin, 5-4 in the ACHA ice hockey Nationals," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on March 11, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.





Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. Left: the teams before the game. Right: Kyle Jennings took the opening faceoff (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



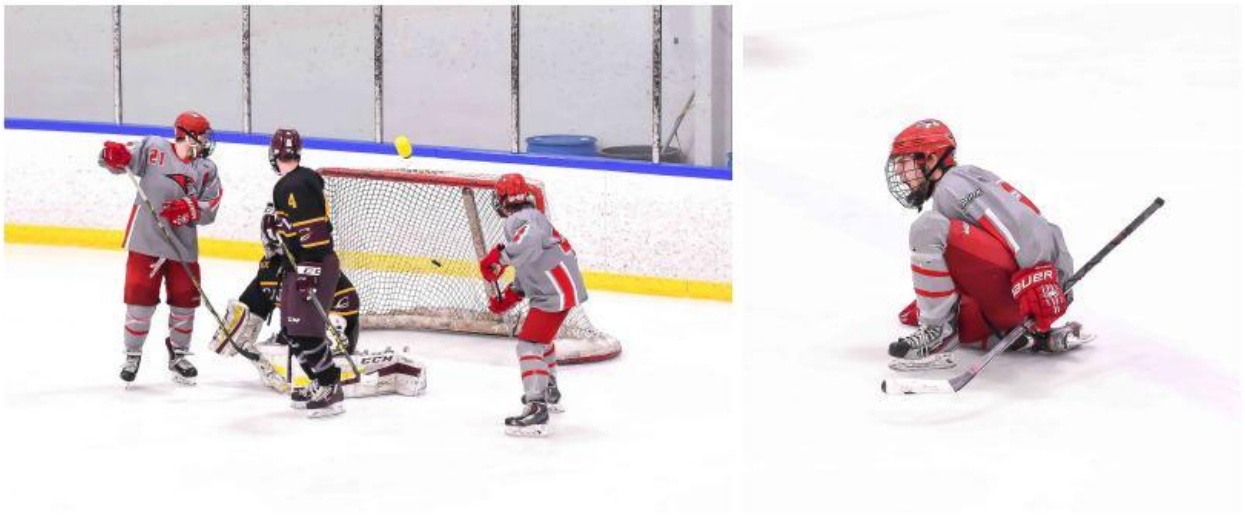




Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. First period action (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. Second period action (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. The 1-5 goal by Ryan Hollingshead (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. Anthony Notorfrancesco's 2-5 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. Kyle Jennings' 3-5 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. Kyle Jennings' 4-5 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. Third period action (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Picture from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. Top row: Sean Feyler and Anthony Astorino. Middle row: Cullen McNally and Anthony Notorfrancesco. Bottom row: Ryan Hollingshead and Steven Altman (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Lions' third game of the 2016 National Championship against Calvin College on March 10, 2016. Top row: Justin Nugent and Aron Jackson. Bottom row: Travis McCurdy and Paul Napierkowski (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The semifinals were an all-North Region affair. Oakland University defeated Central Michigan 4-0, and Aquinas College won against Calvin College by a score of 5-1. In the championship game Oakland University defeated Aquinas College 5-3 to become the 2016 ACHA D3 National Champions.[737] Bryn Athyn College finished the tournament in fifth place, ahead of all teams from the Atlantic, Pacific, and South Regions of ACHA D3. But all

[737] "Schedule," 2016 National Championships schedule and results (http://www.westmisports.com/acha/schedule). Viewed on the Wayback Machine on November 19, 2023.

four of the North Region teams finished ahead, and the Lions had yet to win a game against a team from the North. Lions forward Jayson Marbach was selected to the second All-Tournament Team.

M3 National Tournament

2016 Final Rankings/ All Tournament Teams

2016 Final Rankings:

1	Oakland University
2	Aquinas College
3	Calvin College
4	Central Michigan University
5	Bryn Athyn
6	Metro State University
7	Fairfield University
8	Farmingdale State University
9	University of Tampa
10	Florida Gulf Coast University
11	McKendree University
12	Aurora University
13	California University of PA
14	Colorado State University
15	Kennesaw State University
16	Liberty University

The official final rankings at the 2016 ACHA D3 National Tournament.[738]

M3 National Tournament

2016 Final Rankings/ All Tournament Teams

1st Team All-Tournament

F - Oakland University - #65 Zac Massa
F - Aquinas College - #11 Corey Giffel
F - Oakland University - #27 AJ Rosales
D - Aquinas College - #23 Brenden Giffel
D - Oakland University - #6 Dalton Genat
G - Oakland University - #1 Kyle Gagnon

2nd Team All-Tournament

F - Metro State University - #14 Travis Battista
F - Calvin College - #10 Ryan Racanelli
F - Bryn Athyn - #21 Jayson Marbach
D - Central Michigan University - #23 James Gleason
D - Aquinas College - #6 Tyler Layle
G - Aquinas College - #1 Sean Schmeiser

The All-Tournament teams at the 2016 ACHA D3 National Tournament.[739]

[738] "M3 National Tournament," article posted on the ACHA website (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/divisions/men-s-d3/m3-national-tournament). Viewed on March 14, 2016.
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5.2.9 Season summary and awards

At the end of the season Jayson Marbach was selected the Most Valuable Player in the Atlantic Region of ACHA D3. He also received the DVCHC Offensive Player of the Year award. Steven Altman, Chris Ebersole and Cullen McNally took part in the DVCHC all-star game on March 19, 2016. Six Lions were selected to the All-Region Teams. First team: Anthony Astorino and Jayson Marbach. Second team: Steven Altman, Kyle Jennings, Travis McCurdy, and Paul Napierkowski.[740] Furthermore, Marbach also received the DVCHC conference's Offensive Player of the Year award and was the Lions Most Valuable Player in 2015-16.[741] Travis McCurdy received the *Larry E. Spaulding* award 2016, given each year to the most outstanding male athlete at Bryn Athyn College.



The 2016 DVCHC all-star game (photo from the DVCHC Facebook page).



2015-2016 STAT LEADERS

NATIONAL DIVISION
2015-2016 Regular season

NATIONAL GOAL LEADERS LEADERS



30
Jayson Marbach

R	PLAYER	G
1.	Jayson Marbach	30
2.	Travis McCurdy	23
3.	Nico Delgiorno	18
4.	Eric Bell	17
4.	Kyle Jennings	17

Left: Jayson Marbach receives the DVCHC Offensive Player of the Year award (photo from the DVCHC Facebook page). Right: The DVCHC National Division goal leaders in 2015-16 (https://mens.dvchchockey.org/archive] viewed on August 31, 2024)

[740] "D3 all Americans, Atlantic Region awards," 2015-16 (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/divisions/men-s-d3/d3-all-americans). Viewed on March 20, 2016.

[741] Jayson Marbach, personal communication on June 11, 2023.

Atlantic Region Awards

MVP	**Jayson Marbach**	Bryn Athyn College
Coach	**Bruce Kocenski**	Rowan University

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
Forward	Jayson Marbach Bryn Athyn College	Travis McCurdy Bryn Athyn College	Scott Kohlhepp Fairfield University
Forward	Albert Markopoulos Farmingdale State	Anthony Tonkovich California U. of PA	Mike Warner California U. of PA
Forward	Michael Tardino Farmingdale State	Kyle Jennings Bryn Athyn College	Marty Bell Rowan University
Defense	Anthony Astorino Bryn Athyn College	Brandon Mead Rowan University	Brendan O'Malley Fairfield University
Defense	Brad Mitchell California U. of PA	Paul Napierkowski Bryn Athyn College	Joeph Petrizzo Farmingdale State
Goalie	Tim Browne Penn State Brandywine	Steve Altman Bryn Athyn College	Ryan McCusker Rown University



Banner at the Jungé Pavilion (photo by Larry Tan).

Head coach Andrew Burke, and the eight Bryn Athyn players Steven Altman, Anthony Astorino, Chris Ebersole, Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, Travis McCurdy, Paul Napierkowski, and Anthony Notorfrancesco, were selected to represent the 2016 DVCHC Select Team for the 2016 ACHA DIII all-star challenge.

2016 Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference Select Team Roster

NUMBER	POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL
#1	G	Steve Altman	Bryn Athyn
#35	G	Tim Browne	PSU Brandywine
#32	G	Ryan McCusker	Rowan
#2	D	Paul Napierkowski	Bryn Athyn
#19	D	Anthony Astorino	Bryn Athyn
#44	D	Frank Leonardo	PSU Brandywine
#47	D	Reid Hlavka	Rutgers/Camden
#18	D	Brian Murphy	Neumann
#15	D	Kyle Connely	Neumann
#92	D	Kyle Welsh	Rowan
#13	D	Brandon Mead	Rowan
#48	F	Anthony Notorfranesco	Bryn Athyn
#91	F	Nico Delgiorno	Alvernia
#21	F	Jayson Marbach	Bryn Athyn
#22	F	Kyle Jennings	Bryn Athyn
#9	F	Tyler Martin	Stockton
#91	F	Chris Ebersole	Bryn Athyn
#21	F	Janko Mamrilla	Neumann
#19	F	Michael Basileo	Neumann
#23	F	Connor McCanney	Neumann
#14	F	Jeff Steinmann	Brandywine
#68	F	Marty Bell	Rowan
#2	F	Eric Bell	Rowan
n/a	F	Matt Sharkey	Neumann
#28	F	Travis McCurdy	Bryn Athyn

Schedule

Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Result
4/1	9:30AM	MCHC - Blue	DVCHC	10-5 MCHC-Blue
4/1	6:15PM	CHE	DVCHC	7-2 DVCHC
4/2	1:30PM	Blue Ridge	DVCHC	3 --1 Blue Ridge
4/2	8:30PM	DVCHC	Southern All Stars	5-2 Dvchc
4/3	9:00am	DVCHC	BLUE RIDGE	

Staff

POSITION	NAME
Coach	Paul Gilligan
Coach	Andrew Burke
Game Manager	Lenny Furia
DVCHC President	John Rinck
DVCHC Commissioner	Tom Galambos

2015-2016 Season

Opponent	Date	Result
@PSU Brandywine*	10/9/2015	Win 7-0
@Farmingdale State College	10/16/2015	Loss 4-7
@University of Central Florida	10/17/2015	Win 11-2
@Fairfield University	10/18/2015	Win 3-1
@Neumann University*	10/24/2015	Loss 3-4
@East Stroudsburg University*	10/31/2015	Win 5-2
@Alvernia University*	11/1/2015	Win 7-3
@Rowan University*	11/7/2015	Win 6-1
Fairfield University EMPIRE CLASSIC	11/20/2015	Win 5-2
California University of PA EMPIRE CLASSIC	11/21/2015	Win 4-2
U of Pittsburgh at Johnstown EMPIRE CLASSIC	11/22/2015	Win 13-6
PSU Brandywine*	12/4/2015	Win 4-1
Farmingdale State College	12/5/2015	Win 3-1
Farmingdale State College	12/6/2015	Win 5-4
University of Delaware*	12/8/2015	Win 6-2
Rowan University*	12/11/2015	Win 7-3
Stockton University*	12/12/2015	Win 9-1
Post University (NCAA DII)	12/18/2015	Win 6-1
Post University (NCAA DII)	12/19/2015	Win 7-2
@University of Delaware*	1/16/2016	Win 11-2
Neumann University*	1/17/2016	Win 7-2
University of South Florida	1/22/2016	Win 9-2
California University of PA	1/29/2016	Tie 5-5
Southern Connecticut State	1/31/2016	Win 6-2
Alvernia University*	2/3/2016	Win 4-0
East Stroudsburg University*	2/5/2016	Win 6-0
Fairfield University	2/6/2016	Win 4-3 (OT)
@Stockton University*	2/7/2016	Win 11-2
Stockton University DVCHC SEMIFINAL	2/13/2016	Win 7-0
Rowan University DVCHC FINAL	2/14/2016	Win 7-2
McKendree University NT	3/8/2016	Win 7-2
Kennesaw State University NT	3/9/2016	Win 8-5
Calvin College NT	3/10/2016	Loss 4-5

* Conference game NT = ACHA D3 National Tournament



Conference record

GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
14	13	1	0	26	93	23

Overall season record

GP	W	L	T	GF	GA
33	29	3	1	211	77

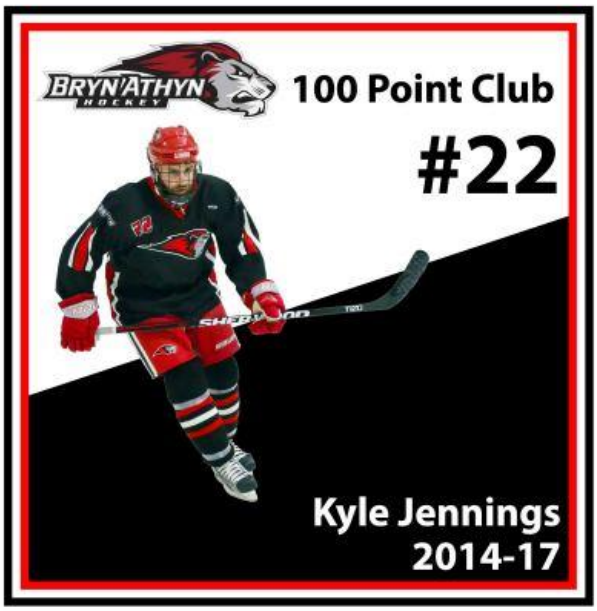


Shutouts during the 2015-16 season	
October 9, 2015	Steven Altman[742]
February 3, 2016	Graham Lermitte[743]
February 5, 2016	Graham Lermitte[744]
February 13, 2016	Steven Altman[745]

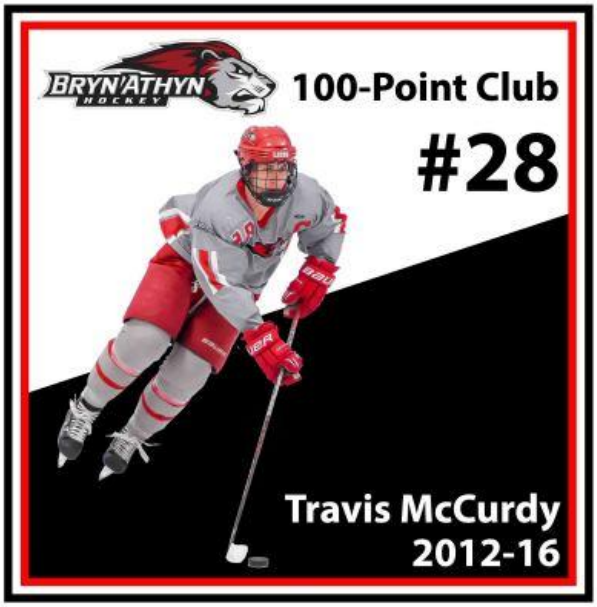
Hat tricks during the 2015-16 season	
October 16, 2015	Travis McCurdy (4 goals)[746]
October 17, 2015	Chris Ebersole (3 goals) and Jayson Marbach (3 goals)[747]
November 22, 2015	Scott Witmyer (3 goals)[748]
December 11, 2015	Scott Witmyer (3 goals)[749]
February 7, 2016	Justin Nugent (4 goals) and Jayson Marbach (3 goals)[750]
February 14, 2016	Kyle Jennings (3 goals)[751]

[742] "Men's ice hockey shuts out PSU Brandywine, 7-0" article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 9, 2015. Viewed on December 2, 2019.
[743] "Men's ice hockey blanks Alvernia, 4-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 14, 2016.
[744] "Men's ice hockey earn their second shutout against East Stroudsburg, 6-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 14, 2016.
[745] "Men's ice hockey blank Stockton, 7-0 in the DVCHC semifinals," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 14, 2016.
[746] "Men's ice hockey falls on the road to Farmingdale State," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 17, 2015. Viewed on October 29, 2015.
[747] "Men's ice hockey defeats Central Florida, 11-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 17, 2015. Viewed on October 29, 2015.
[748] "#3 Men's ice hockey down #5 Univ. of Pitts-Johnstown," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 21, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015.
[749] "#2 Men's ice hockey cruise past Rowan, 7-3," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 12, 2015. Viewed on December 16, 2015.
[750] "Jennings lifts Lions over Fairfield in OT," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 6, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.
[751] "Men's ice hockey win their second DVCHC National conference title," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 14, 2016. Viewed on March 14, 2016.

Four more members were added to the 100-point club in 2015-16: Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, Travis McCurdy, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.







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5.2.10 BAC Hockey alumni playing in Sweden

An exciting development in 2015-16 was that BAC ice hockey alumni Terrence Johnson and Danny Triesler signed contracts to play hockey in Sweden. Terrence (BAC hockey 2011-15) helped the Lions to win the conference championships in 2013 and 2015, and the same years he received the *Larry E. Spaulding* award, which is given to the male student-athlete of the year at Bryn Athyn College. Johnson signed for Swedish Division 1 club Vallentuna, where he recorded eight points, including a hat trick, in his first three games. He finished the 2015-16 season second in points on the team with 20 goals and 10 assists in 32 games.[752]

Danny (BAC hockey 2011-14) was one of the captains for the Bryn Athyn College team that won the 2012-13 championship. He signed for Swedish D3 team Sala HK. Highlights from that year included scoring in his first game for Sala on October 9, 2015, and recording a hat trick and an assist on November 13, 2015. He recorded 21 points in 21 games with Sala in 2014-15.[753]

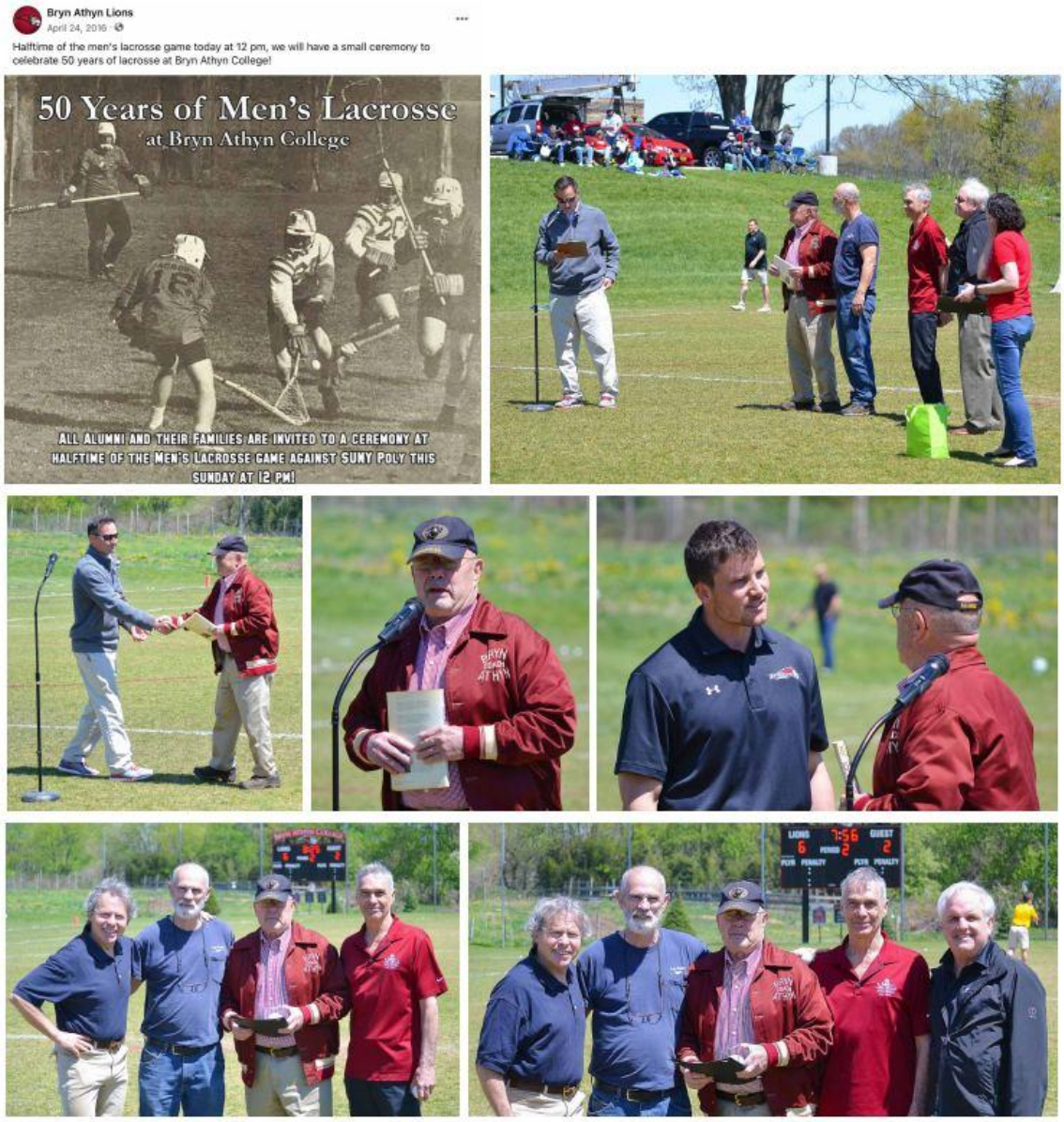


[752] Svenska Ishockeyförbundet, Official game report, IF Vallentuna BK Ishockey – Visby/Roma HK on October 4, 2015; Svenska Ishockeyförbundet, Official game report, Wings HC Arlanda – IF Vallentuna BK Ishockey on October 7, 2015; Svenska Ishockeyförbundet, Official game report, IF Vallentuna BK Ishockey – Åker Strängnäs HC on October 11, 2015; "2015-2016 Vallentuna BK player stats," on Elite Prospects (https://www.eliteprospects.com/team/291/vallentuna-bk/2015-2016?tab=stats). Viewed on November 20, 2023.

[753] "Vretstorps IF - Sala HK ," Game statistics from Svenska Ishockeyförbundet (http://stats.swehockey.se/Game/Events/271051). Viewed on October 9, 2015; Svenska Ishockeyförbundet, Official Game Report, Sala HK-Vretstorps IF on November 13, 2015; "Daniel Triesler statistics," on Elite Prospects (https://www.eliteprospects.com/player/295261/daniel-triesler). Viewed on November 20, 2023.

5.2.11 Celebrating 50 years of BAC men's lacrosse

On April 24, 2016, the Bryn Athyn College athletics department celebrated 50 years of Bryn Athyn College men's lacrosse at a ceremony on the BAC athletics field. The event took place during halftime at the game between the BAC men's lacrosse team and SUNY Poly. The BAC men's lacrosse program was started in 1966-67 by the Academy Athletic Director Ronald K. Nelson (see pp. 55-56). The ceremony included three members of the first team in 1966-67 (Chris Simmons, Larry Posey, and Michael Poesy) and coach Ronald K. Nelson.



The celebration of 50 years of men's lacrosse at Bryn Athyn College on April 24, 2016. Top row: BAC athletics social media post and Athletic Director Matt Kennedy giving a speech. Middle row: Matt Kennedy and Ronald K. Nelson, Ronald K. Nelson's speech, and BAC men's lacrosse head coach Tucker Durkin with Ronald K. Nelson. Bottom row left: Chris Simmons, Larry Posey, Ronald K. Nelson, and Michael Posey who were part of the first team in 1966-67. Bottom row right: Chris Simmons, Larry Posey, Ronald K. Nelson, Michael Posey, and BAC President Brian Blair (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).