5.3 2016-17: Ranked #1, Champions, Nationals, and the 50th Anniversary of the Program



The final Bryn Athyn College enrollment report for the fall term of 2016 tells us that there were 291 full-time undergraduate students at the beginning of the academic year.[754] Two minors were added in 2016-17: dance and communications.[755] The two new freshman residence halls, named Cooper and Goodenough Halls, had been completed and opened at the beginning of the academic year.[756]

In athletics, Matt Kennedy was elevated from Athletic Director to Vice President for Business Development and Athletics in the spring of 2017.[757] Women's soccer was added to the athletics offerings. Women's basketball, women's cross country, men's basketball, men's cross country, men's golf, and men's lacrosse qualified for the NEAC post season. A highlight was when women's basketball became the first BAC team to host an NCAA DIII playoff game. Impressively, Kayla Felty became the *NEAC Coach of the Year* for women's

[754] "2016-17 Fall enrollment," Bryn Athyn College Office, September 2, 2016.
[755] Allen Bedford, "Bryn Athyn College academic report," In The Academy of the New Church, *The Academy Journal 2016-2017* 58 (2017): 9-10.
[756] Kiri Rogers, "BAC student life report," In The Academy of the New Church, *The Academy Journal 2016-2017* 58 (2017): 11.
[757] Brian Blair, e-mail message on March 23, 2017.

basketball. This was the first time a Bryn Athyn College coach for a NCAA DIII team had received this award (hockey coaches Paul Jewell and Andrew Burke had received the coach of the year award from the DVCHC in 1981 and 2015, respectively). A record 17 student athletes made the NEAC All-conference teams.[758]

Benjamin Adams (men's lacrosse, third team)
Christian Blair (men's lacrosse, first team)
Deion Boyer (men's basketball, third team)
Hannah Bracey (women's lacrosse, second team)
John Carr (men's lacrosse, first team)
Gianna Ciacciarelli (women's lacrosse, second team)
Kristina Clark (women's basketball, first team)
Taylor Davis (women's volleyball, third team)
Brad DePasquale (men's lacrosse, third team)
Nolan Frame (men's lacrosse, second team)
Jesse Frazier (men's lacrosse, third team)
Samantha Hicks (women's basketball, third team)
Miranda Hyatt (women's cross country, third team)
Ryan Landels (men's lacrosse, first team)
Shane McCurdy (men's lacrosse, second team)
Matheus Souza (men's soccer, third team)
James Vandegrift (men's lacrosse, third team)



On October 6, before the season started, Brian Blair, President of Bryn Athyn College, informed the faculty at a faculty council meeting that the ice hockey program would join NCAA DIII in 2017-18.[759] There were several reasons for the Lions to transition from ACHA D3 to NCAA DIII. The team had "outgrown our club level"

[758] "NEAC announces 2016 men's soccer all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on November 4, 2016 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2016/11/4/11_4_2016_382.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; NEAC announces 2016 women's volleyball all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on November 3, 2016 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2016/11/3/11_3_2016_1006.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2016-17 men's basketball all-conference team and annual award winners," article posted on February 23, 2017 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2017/2/23/2_23_2016_209.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2016-17 women's basketball all-conference selections and individual award winners," article posted on February 23, 2017 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2017/2/23/2_23_2017_709.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC - 2016 Women's Cross Country Archives" (https://gounitedeast.com/sports/2025/1/24/2016WXC.aspx). Viewed on June 15, 2026; "NEAC announces 2016-17 men's lacrosse all-conference team and annual award winners," article posted on May 3, 2017 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2017/5/3/5_3_2017_314.aspx) Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2016-17 women's lacrosse all-conference team and individual award winners," article posted on May 3, 2017 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2017/5/3/5_3_2017_790.aspx) Viewed on June 30, 2023.

[759] "Faculty Council minutes, regular meeting, 2:20pm – 4:50pm October 6, 2016, Doering Center 119," minutes from Bryn Athyn College's Faculty Council meeting on October 6, 2016.

and it was thought that it would be difficult to continue recruiting top tier players, including those able to do well academically, to an ACHA D3 team since five new NCAA DIII hockey programs had been established not far from Bryn Athyn. It was also hoped that less class time would be missed (for example, the ACHA D3 Nationals meant that the team missed a week of classes). Furthermore, playing at the NCAA DIII level would develop the college's reputation which would help with recruiting in general. Also playing NCAA DIII would enale us to join a new conference in our area.[760] Importantly, there was also a feeling that the NCAA DIII would be more professional and organized than the ACHA D3 level.

Bryn Athyn College Men's Ice Hockey Program to Join NCAA Division III



Bryn Athyn College Hockey announces their long awaited move to NCAA Division III varsity status, to take place in 2017-18. Head coach Andrew Burke leads this successful program to the NCAA as part of a natural progression, coinciding with the celebration of Bryn Athyn's 50th anniversary of hockey this year.

Bryn Athyn College Director of Athletics, Matthew Kennedy, says, "We have been very successful in building our hockey program up over the past few years. Much of that success is directly attributable to our head coach Andrew Burke. He puts in countless hours on the road recruiting in the NAHL, OJHL, EHL USPHL and others. There is no doubt in my mind, as a former NCAA player at UMASS-Boston, that Andrew is the coach to take us to the next level."

Head coach at UMass Boston, Peter Belisle, iterates this support for Burke: "I am so proud and happy for Andrew in taking over his first collegiate program. He was the ultimate hard worker, team player and a great student while at UMass Boston. When he came in we were still very much in the cellar, and his class helped propel us to new heights and played a huge part in where we are now. Throughout his time at UMass Boston Andrew constantly served as a role model for his teammates and it's no surprise that he's had continued success in the hockey world."

And Burke couldn't have found a better home than Bryn Athyn. With its long hockey history and a deeply committed fan base behind them, the lions have shown their mettle time and time again in the ACHA Division 3, advancing to the national tournament for the past two years with Burke at the helm. Matthew Kennedy adds, "The move to varsity hockey is certainly exciting for our college community. A lot of people outside of our campus do not know the pride we have for the story of hockey at Bryn Athyn College. We even have a former student that played in the NHL, and multiple graduates who play professionally abroad."

During the winter months, when you would expect community members and students to be tucked away in their homes or residence halls after a day of work or study, you can find them instead at the hockey rink wearing gloves and puffy coats, cheering on the lions. Coach Burke says, "It's incredibly unique to have our own hockey rink right on campus. Most DIII schools don't have that. In fact, we'll be the only DIII school in Pennsylvania with a rink on campus. It's not only logistically beneficial for us, but it has kept our fan base especially connected to the team, and that creates a really special energy for the hockey program."

The addition of men's hockey to the athletic line-up will fill out a balanced list of seven men's sports and seven women's sports for Bryn Athyn at the NCAA DIII level. The fans are wildly excited about the move to NCAA Division III and look forward to the transition, slated to take place in the 2017-2018 season.

Bryn Athyn College Athletics Department release on October 7, 2016, announcing the transition of the hockey program from ACHA D3 to NCAA DIII.[761]

[760] Matthew Kennedy, e-mail message to Fredrik Bryntesson on September 15, 2016.

[761] "Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey program to join NCAA Division III," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 7, 2016 (https://brynathyn.prestosports.com/athletics/ncaahockeyd3). Viewed on November 17, 2019.



The 2016-17 Bryn Athyn College Men's Hockey Team. Back Row: Kyle Jennings, Julion Lever, Cecil Boyd, Dustin White, Tim Browne, Pat Lynch, Alex Tan, Kenneth Burkhardt, and Camden Cacolice. Middle Row: Joe Deptula (assistant coach), Ray Weissler, Devon Dworsky, Connor Buick, Cullen McNally, Anthony Carbone, DJ Mulhern, Nikita Klinisovs, Thomas Villante, Natalie Manogue (team manager), and Andrew Burke (head coach). Front Row: Isaac Syre, Paul Napierkowski, Anthony Notorfrancesco, Jayson Marbach, Anthony Astorino, Sean Feyler, and Landon Trutt. Missing: Vojtech Luza (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

2016-17 Team Roster[762]

Goalkeepers

#1 Tim Browne
#42 Isaac Syre
#30 Landon Trutt

Defense

#19 Anthony Astorino (A)
#52 Kenneth Burkhardt
#44 Anthony Carbone
#4 Sean Feyler
#27 Aron Jackson
#14 Pat Lynch
#11 Cullen McNally
#2 Paul Napierkowski
#6 Alex Tan

Forwards

#10 Cecil Boyd
#5 Connor Buick
#23 Camden Cacolice
#17 Mike Chester
#13 Ryan Conery
#9 Devyn Dworsky
#22 Kyle Jennings
#16 Nikita Klinisovs
#3 Julion Lever
#26 Vojtech Luza
#21 Jayson Marbach (C)
#12 D.J. Mulhern
#48 Anthony Notorfrancesco (A)
#28 Thomas Villante
#8 Ray Weissler
#29 Dustin White

[762] "Men's ice hockey 2016-17," team rosters published on the BAC Athletics website in 2016-17 (http://www.brynathynathletics.com/sports/cice/2016-17/roster). At least two different versions of the roster were published during the season as players left and joined. One of the rosters was viewed on the Wayback Machine on December 2, 2023.

5.3.1 The best start to a season in program history

The Lions began their last ACHA D3 season on October 8, 2016, the day after the college had announced that the program would transition to NCAA DIII. The DVCHC had structured the National Division conference differently in 2016-17, with two sub-divisions called National East and National West. National East included Bryn Athyn College, Rowan University, and Stockton University. The members of National East were Alvernia University, George Mason University, Loyola University, University of Delaware, and University of Maryland. Each team would play home and away against the other teams in their own sub-division, and then once against each team that belonged to the other sub-division. Bryn Athyn's regular season conference schedule was as follows:

Loyola University	(away)	October 8, 2016
Alvernia University	(away)	October 16, 2016
Rowan University	(away)	November 5, 2016
University of Maryland	(home)	December 3, 2016
Rowan University	(home)	December 9, 2016
Stockton University	(home)	December 11, 2016
George Mason University	(home)	January 22, 2017
University of Delaware	(home)	February 7, 2017
Stockton University	(away)	February 12, 2017

On Saturday October 8, the team traveled to Loyola University for the season opener and first conference game. The Lions won 8-2 (5-1, 2-1, 1-0) after a five-point evening by Anthony Notorfrancesco who scored twice and added three assists. Vojtech Luza tallied two goals in his first game with the Lions. Goalkeeper Isaac Syre recorded the win in his first start with the Lions.[763]



The Lions celebrating the 1-0 goal against Loyola on October 8, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).

[763] "Men's ice hockey rolls past Loyola (Md), 8-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 10, 2016. Viewed on November 13, 2016; Game pictures by Larry Tan.




The Lions celebrating the 3-0 goal against Loyola on October 8, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).




The Lions celebrating the 4-1 goal against Loyola on October 8, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).




The Lions celebrating the 5-1 goal against Loyola on October 8, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).







Above: The Lions celebrating the 7-1 goal against Loyola on October 8, 2016. Below: Celebrating the 8-2 goal and goalkeeper Isaac Syre (photo by Larry Tan).





Groundbreaking of Nelson Field
Sunday, October 15, 4:30 pm
The College is delighted to celebrate the groundbreaking of the newly named General Ronald Nelson Field, formerly the BAC Athletic Field.

Notice about the groundbreaking ceremony at the BAC Athletic Field published in Bryn Athyn Post on October 4, 2016. The ceremony took place on Saturday (not Sunday) October 15.

On Saturday, October 15, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the BAC Athletic field, to rename it the *General Ronald K. Nelson Field*. The grass field, which had been in place for a couple of years, was going to be converted to a turf field. This formal event took place during Charter Day and included speeches by BAC President, Brian Blair, Athletic Director, Matthew Kennedy, Student-Athlete, Shane McCurdy, Board of Trustee Member, Charlie Cole, the Chancellor, the Right Rev. Brian Keith, and General Ronald Nelson.



The groundbreaking ceremony at the General Ronald Nelson Field on October 8, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

On October 16, the Lions destroyed Alvernia 13-1 (3-1, 3-0, 7-0) in a conference matchup at the Body Zone in Reading. There were some high performers in this game according to the Bryn Athyn Athletics department game recap: Anthony Notorfrancesco scored six goals (this is perhaps a program record for goals in a game) and Jayson Marbach and Alex Tan added eight and five assists respectively. Goalkeeper Tim Browne played his first game as a Lion and got the win.[764]

Bryn Athyn Lions
October 16, 2016 ·

Men's Ice Hockey Doubles Up Alvernia, 13-1! #gobrynathyn http://ow.ly/sPQ4305eMrB



Pat Lynch scores his first goal as a Lion: 1-0 to Bryn Athyn against Alvernia on October 16, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan).



Left: Anthony Carbone and DJ Mulhern celebrate Mulhern's 2-0 goal against Alvernia on October 16, 2016.
Right: Anthony Notorfrancesco scores his first goal of the night, the 3-0 goal (photos by Larry Tan).

[764] "Men's ice hockey takes down Alvernia, 13-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 16, 2016. Viewed on November 13, 2016; ACHA Box score from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Alvernia on October 16, 2016; Game pictures by Larry Tan.



Pictures from the game at Alvernia on October 16, 2016. Left: Jayson Marbach and Anthony Notorfrancesco celebrate Notorfrancesco's 4-1 goal. Right: Notorfrancesco completes a hat trick with the 5-1 goal (photos by Larry Tan).



The Lions celebrate the 6-1 goal against Alvernia on October 16, 2016. Associate Athletic Director and Sports Information Director Abe Joseph in the background (photos by Larry Tan).



Nikita Klinisovs scores 7-1 against Alvernia on October 16, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).




Left: Julion Lever and the bench celebrate his 8-1 goal against Alvernia on October 16, 2016. Right: Anthony Notorfrancesco scores 9-1 (photos by Larry Tan).




Left: Anthony Carbone scores 10-1 goal against Alvernia on October 16, 2016. Right: Vojtech Luza scores 11-1 (photos by Larry Tan).




Left: Anthony Notorfrancesco scores 12-1 against Alvernia on October 16, 2016. Right: The 13-1 goal (photos by Larry Tan)



Goalkeeper Tim Browne at the game against Alvernia on October 16, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).

The Lions continued their fine form in late October. D2 Rider was easily defeated 7-0 (4-0, 1-0, 2-0) on October 21 at the Loucks Ice Center, NJ. The shots on net were 41-10 (12-2, 20-6, 9-2) in Bryn Athyn's favor. Anthony Astorino scored twice, and Jayson Marbach tallied two short-handed goals on break aways. Goalkeeper Landon Trutt recorded his first shutout with the Lions.[765]

[765] "Men's ice hockey shutout Rider, 7-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 22, 2016. Viewed on November 13, 2016. ACHA Box score from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Rider on October 21, 2016; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Kyle Jennings scores 1-0 against Rider University on October 21, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Left: Camden Cacolice scores 2-0 against Rider on October 16, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan). Right: celebrations after Anthony Astorino's 3-0 goal (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach's short-handed 4-0 goal in the first period against Rider on October 21, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Left: Julion Lever scores 5-0 in the second period against Rider University on October 21, 2016. Right: Jayson Marbach's shorthanded 6-0 goal in the third period (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Left: Anthony Astorino celebrates his 7-0 goal against Rider on October 21, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan). Right: Landon Trutt celebrates his first career shutout with the Lions (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The scoreboard after the game against D2 Rider University on October 21, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).

Bryn Athyn Lions
October 21, 2016 ·

Men's Ice Hockey shutout Rider, 7-0! Lions outshot the Broncos, 41-10. #gobrynathyn

The team travelled to the Sports Center of Connecticut in Shelton, CT, to play Fairfield University on October 22. The Lions won the game 3-2 (1-0, 1-2, 0-0, 1-0). Tim Browne recorded 27 saves (save percentage: 93.10%) and Jayson Marbach scored the OT winner.[766] The following day, October 23, the Lions played D1 Temple at the Revolution Ice Gardens. The starting lineup for Bryn Athyn was Isaac Syre in goal, Sean Feyler and Pat Lynch on defense, and forwards Cecil Boys, Devyn Dworsky, and Nikita Klinisovs. The Lions outshot Temple 69-15 (22-9, 20-2, 27-4) and won the game with ease, 10-0 (3-0, 5-0, 2-0). Isaac Syre recorded his first shutout with the Lions.[767]

Bryn Athyn Lions
October 22, 2016 ·

Marbach Lifts Men's Ice Hockey Over Fairfield, 3-2 in Overtime! #gobrynathyn
http://ow.ly/WgdJ305rftD

Bryn Athyn Lions
October 23, 2016 ·

Men's Ice Hockey Blanks Temple, 10-0! #gobrynathyn http://ow.ly/k0Oi305shlk



Isaac Syre at the game against Temple University on October 23, 2016, where he recorded his first shutout as a Lion (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[766] "Marbach lifts men's ice hockey over Fairfield, 3-2 in overtime," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 20, 2016. Viewed on November 13, 2016.

[767] "Men's ice hockey blanks Temple, 10-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 23, 2016. Viewed on November 13, 2016; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Celebrations after the 1-0 and 2-0 goals against Temple University on October 23, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach's 3-0 goal against Temple University on October 23, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan and Fredrik Bryntesson).



5-0 and 6-0 against Temple University on October 23, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan and Fredrik Bryntesson).




Left: Jayson Marbach's 7-0 goal against Temple University on October 23, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson). Right: Anthony Notorfrancesco scores 8-0 for the Lions (photo by Larry Tan).





Vojtech Luza passes the puck to Anthony Notorfrancesco who scores 9-0 against Temple University on October 23, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Julion Lever's 10-0 goal against Temple University on October 23, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game at Temple University on October 23, 2016. Top row: Ray Weissler and Pat Lynch. Middle row: Vojtech Luza and Camden Cacolice. Bottom row: Aron Jackson and Dustin White (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game at Temple University on October 23, 2016. Above: Cecil Boyd, Anthony Carbone and Alex Tan (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson). Middle and bottom rows: opportunities for Bryn Athyn (photos by Larry Tan).

The team added another victory on October 29. This time it was an 8-1 (3-0, 2-1, 3-0) win in a non-conference game against Farmingdale State College at the Freeport Recreation Center on Long Island. Jayson Marbach and Camden Cacolice each recorded four points. Landon Trutt stopped 27 shots.[768]

[768] Men's ice hockey takes down Farmingdale State, 8-1 on the road," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 3, 2016. Viewed on November 13, 2016.



After a record-breaking undefeated October campaign (six straight wins), the team continued to roll in November. Bryn Athyn played Rowan University on November 5 in a conference game at the Hollydell Ice Rink. Although Rowan scored the first goal of the game, the win was again an easy one for the Lions who won 8-1 (2-1, 3-0, 3-0). Isaac Syre saved 30 of 31 shots (save percentage: 96.77%).[769]



Left: Anthony Notorfrancesco celebrates his 1-1 goal against Rowan on November 5, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson). Right: celebrations after Nikita Klinisovs' 2-1 goal (photo by Larry Tan).

[769] ""Men's ice hockey defeats Rowan, 8-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 6, 2016. Viewed on November 13, 2016. Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.




Anthony Notorfrancesco's 3-1 goal against Rowan on November 5, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Left: Vojtech Luza's 4-1 goal against Rowan on November 5, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan). Right: celebrations after the 5-1 goal (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Camden Cacolice's 6-1 goal against Rowan on November 5, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan).



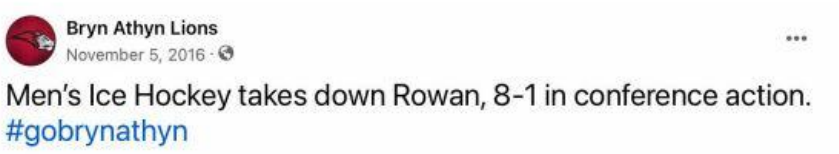
Jayson Marbach's 7-1 goal against Rowan on November 5, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan).



Alex Tan's 8-1 goal against Rowan on November 5, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).



Paul Napierkowski, Ryan Conery, and Cullen McNally against Rowan University on November 5, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The first ACHA D3 rankings were announced in November, with the Lions being #1 in the Atlantic Region. This was the first time that Bryn Athyn College had been #1 in the first ranking of a season.

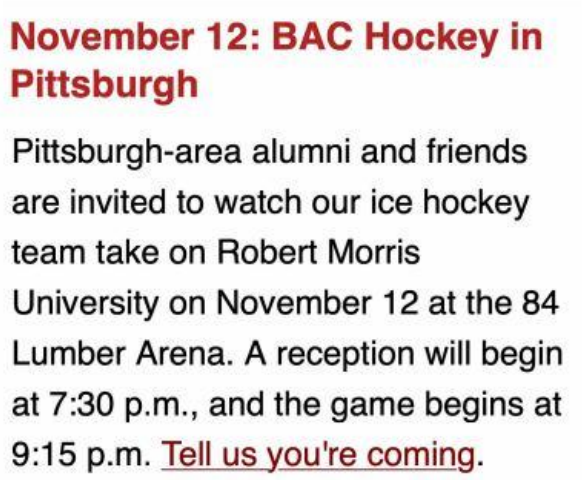
Atlantic Region

Rank	Team	Pts
1	Bryn Athyn	7 (9)
2	California University of PA	19
3	Fairfield Univeristy	20
4	*Farmingdale State	27
5	Rowan	39
6	*Southern Connecticut	41
7	Delaware	57
8	*Fredonia State	60
9	Pitt-Johnstown	69
10	George Mason	75
10	West Virginia	75
12	Ramapo	79
13	*Quinnipiac	91
14	Stockton	99
15	*Albany	104

Also Receiving Votes: IUP, Fordham, Maryland, Loyola, PSU-Altoona, PSU-Harrisburg, RMU, Suffolk

*Currently ineligible for postseason, not in good standing with ACHA
**Ineligible for ACHA postseason due to ACHA violations

The Lions were ranked #1 in the ACHA D3 Atlantic Region when the first ACHA D3 rankings of the 2016-17 season were released on November 11, 2016.[770]

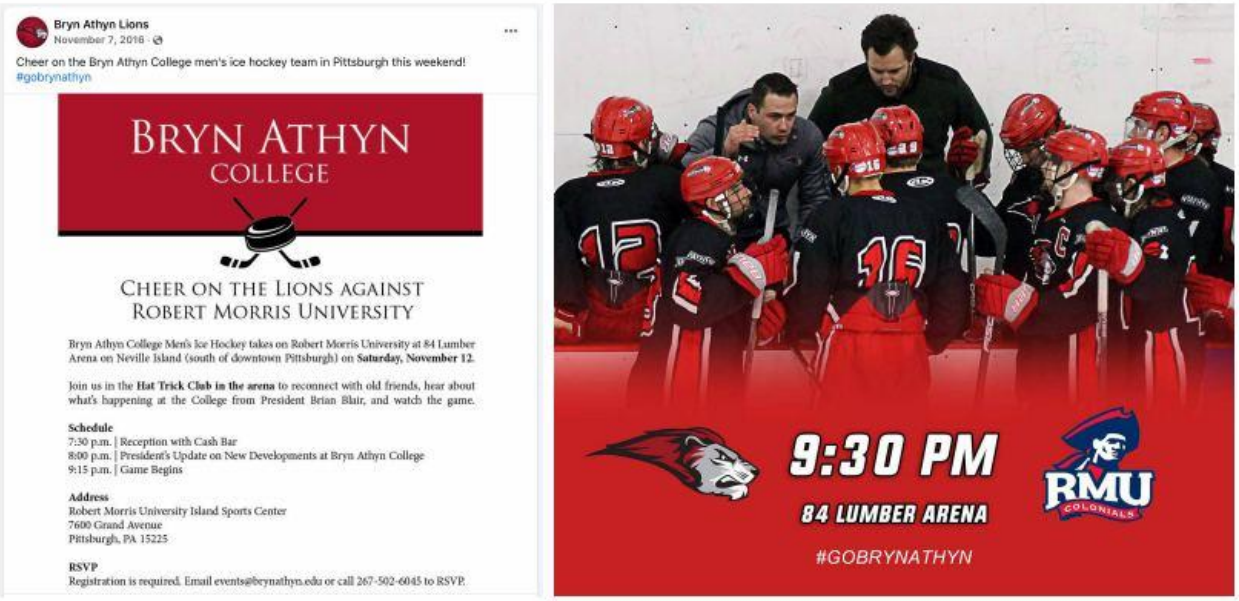


Notice to alumni about the reception at the Robert Morris game on November 12, 2016.[771]

[770] "11/11/16 regional rankings" Games through November 6th (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on November 11, 2016.

[771] "This month at Bryn Athyn College: history of hockey, distinguished speakers series, and more," email to alumni from Bryn Athyn College Alumni Relations, November 2, 2016.

Just after the rankings had been released, the Lions did a road trip to western Pennsylvania where the team played Robert Morris in a non-conference matchup on November 12 at the 84 Lumber Arena in Pittsburgh. The game included a reception hosted by BAC President Brian Blair for local alumni and New Church folks in the Pittsburgh area. Bryn Athyn's starting line-up was Tim Browne in goal, Pat Lynch and Paul Napierkowski on defense and Connor Buick, Camden Cacolice and Julion Lever on the forward line. The Lions won the game comfortably by a score of 8-2 (3-0, 2-2, 3-0).[772]



BAC Athletic Department social media ads for the reception and game against Robert Morris.



Pictures from the game at Robert Morris University on November 12, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan).

[772] "Men's ice hockey rolls past Robert Morris, 8-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 13, 2016. Viewed on November 13, 2016. The period scores are based on pictures of the scoreboard.





Pictures from the game at Robert Morris University on November 12, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan).





Left: Cullen McNally scores 1-0 against Robert Morris University on November 12, 2016. Right: celebrations after Nikita Klinisovs' 2-0 goal (photos by Larry Tan).



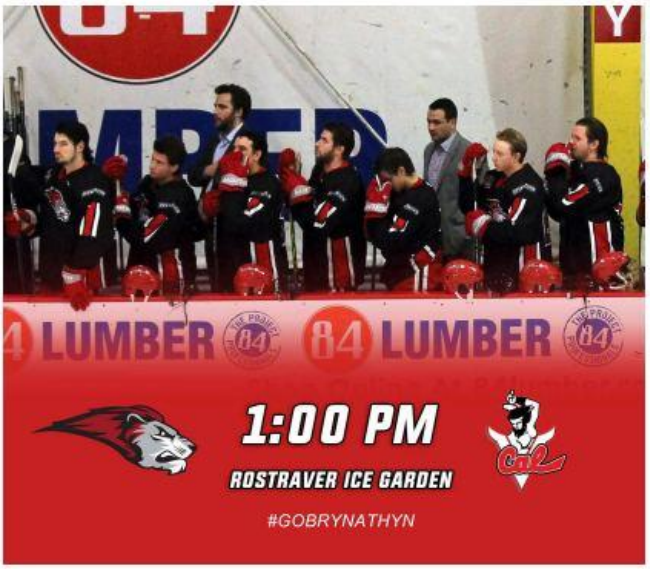


Above: Nikita Klinisovs' 3-0 goal against Robert Morris University on November 12, 2016. Below: the bench after the fifth Bryn Athyn goal (photos by Larry Tan).



Camden Cacolice's 6-2 goal against Robert Morris University on November 12, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).





BAC Athletic Department social media ad for the game against California University of PA.

On November 13, after a relatively easy win against Robert Morris University, the Lions faced a more difficult opponent. It was a non-conference clash between the top two teams in the Atlantic Region: #1 Bryn Athyn College against #2 California University of PA. The game took place at Cal U's home arena, the Rostraver Ice Garden in Belle Vernon, south of Pittsburgh. Bryn Athyn and Cal U traded goals in the first period, and after the

second period the Lions led 2-1. The third period saw the Lions pull away to a 5-1 lead, before Cal U scored twice. The game ended 5-3 in Bryn Athyn's favor. Goalkeeper Landon Trutt stopped 24 shots.[773]



Pictures from the game at California University of PA on November 13, 2016. Left: the starting lineup – Vojtech Luza (forward), Sean Feyler (defense), Anthony Astorino (defense), Anthony Notorfrancesco (forward), and Jayson Marbach (forward). Right: the bench with assistant coach Joe Deptula and trainer Scott Jones (photos by Larry Tan).



Devyn Dworsky scores 1-0 against California University of PA on November 13, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).

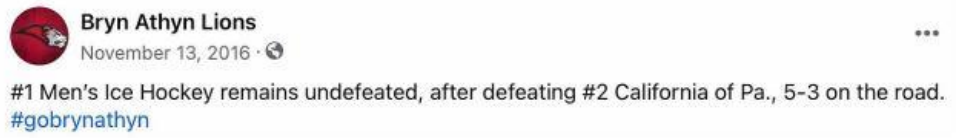
[773] "#1 Men's ice hockey remains undefeated with a 5-3 win, over #2 California University of Penn," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 13, 2016. Viewed on December 8, 2016; Game pictures by Larry Tan.



Pictures from the game at California University of PA on November 13, 2016. Left: celebrations after the 3-1 goal. Right: Goalkeeper Landon Trutt (photos by Larry Tan).



Anthony Notorfrancesco scores 5-1 against California University of PA on November 13, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).



With nine straight wins to start the season, the Lions next participated in the annual Empire Classic tournament at the Revolution Ice Garden in Warwick. The original schedule included games against California University of PA on November 18, Farmingdale State College on November 19, and East Carolina University on

November 20. However, the game against East Carolina was cancelled.[774] Instead the Lions played two games against #2 ranked California University of PA on November 18 and #3 ranked Farmingdale State College on November 20.

The game against Cal U took place on November 18, just five days after the previous meeting between the two teams. Although the Lions dominated the play (the shots on goal were 70-22 to Bryn Athyn), the game was even in terms of goals scored. The Lions led 1-0, after the first period, and increased their lead to 2-0 in the second before Cal U quickly responded with two quick goals within 16 seconds. The Lions regained the lead just after 15 minutes of the second thanks to a goal by Notorfrancesco. Nevertheless, Cal U managed to tie the game in the third, and the score was 3-3 at the end of regulation. Much to the Lions' relief, Jayson Marbach scored in OT to give the Lions the win. The shots per period were 30-5, 27-11, 10-6, and 3-0.[775]



The final score between Bryn Athyn and Cal U at the *Empire Classic* tournament game on November 18, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco scores 1-0 against California University of PA on November 18, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan and Fredrik Bryntesson).

[774] Abraham Joseph, email message to Fredrik Bryntesson on November 14, 2016.
[775] "Marbach lifts #1Men's ice hockey over #2 California of Pa., 4-3 in overtime," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 19, 2016. Viewed on December 8, 2016; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.





The bench celebrates the 1-0 goal against California University of PA on November 18, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).





Anthony Astorino scores 2-0 against California University of PA on November 18, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Isaac Syre and Alex Tan at the game between Bryn Athyn and Cal U at the *Empire Classic* tournament game on November 18, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn and Cal U at the *Empire Classic* tournament game on November 18, 2016. Top row: Nikita Klinisovs and Tom Villante. Second row: Cecil Boyd and Anthony Notorfrancesco. Third row: Sean Feyler and Paul Napierkowski. Bottom row: Connor Buick and the Lions with an opportunity (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco scores 3-2 against California University of PA on November 18, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach's OT winner against California University of PA on November 18, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Celebrations after Jayson Marbach's OT winner against California University of PA on November 18, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).

Bryn Athyn Lions
November 19, 2016 ·

Marbach Lifts #1 Men's Ice Hockey Over #2 California of Pa., 4-3 in Overtime. #gobrynathyn
http://ow.ly/rznV306kuDD

On November 20, Bryn Athyn faced Farmingdale at the *Empire Classic*, a game that the Lions won 5-3 (4-0, 1-2, 0-1). The shots on net were 28-27 in Bryn Athyn's favor (11-4, 11-12, 6-11). Bryn Athyn began the game very well and scored three goals on their first six shots in the first period.[776] The Lions took part in four *Empire Classics* (2013-16) and amassed an impressive record: 10 wins and 1 loss.



The Lions scores 1-0 against Farmingdale on November 20, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn Farmingdale at the *Empire Classic* tournament game on November 20, 2016. Top row: Landon Trutt and breakaway by Connor Buick. Bottom row: Jayson Marbach and Mike Chester (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[776] "2016-17 hockey schedule," Posted on the Bryn Athyn College athletics website; ACHA game sheet for the game against Farmingdale on November 19; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Cecil Boyd with a saucer pass to Anthony Notorfrancesco who scores 2-0 to the Lions against Farmingdale on November 20, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).



Anthony Astorino's 4-0 goal against Farmingdale on November 20, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco's 5-1 goal against Farmingdale on November 20, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn Lions
November 20, 2016 ·

Men's Ice Hockey defeats Farmingdale State, 5-3 in the Empire Classic. #gobrynathyn

The Lions had won the first 11 games of the season, which is a record start to a season by any athletics team in Bryn Athyn College history (as far as we know). The team was now returning home to play at the Jungé Pavilion, a rink where the Lions had not lost a game since January 29, 2014 – thus, almost a three-year unbeaten streak (25 games; 24 wins and 1 tie). Confidence was high when #3 ranked Farmingdale arrived on December 2, 2016, for the Lions' home opener, a non-conference game, at the Pavilion.



BAC Athletic Department social media ad for games at the beginning of December 2016.



BAC Athletic Department social media ad for the 2016-17 home opener against Farmingdale.

The home opener began well for the Lions who led 3-0 in the middle of the second period. However, two goals 86 seconds apart gave Farmingdale a lifeline after 11 minutes and 59 seconds of the second period. Bryn Athyn scored to make it 4-2 at the end of the period. The beginning of the third period was a nightmare for the Lions as Farmingdale scored four straight goals in a time span of less than four minutes, and then added a fifth with less than six minutes to play. Although Mike Chester scored for Bryn Athyn a minute later, the final was a 5-7 loss for the Lions despite outshooting Farmingdale 46-23 (11-4, 17-8, 18-11).[777] Bryn Athyn had suffered its first loss of the season, and the undefeated streak at the Jungé Pavilion had come to an end.

[777] Men's ice hockey falls to Farmingdale State, 7-5 in home opener," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 3, 2016. Viewed on December 8, 2016; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Pictures from the home opener against Farmingdale on December 2, 2016. Top row: celebrations after the 4-2 goal at the end of the second period. Middle row: opportunity for the Lions in the second period. Bottom row: Mike Chester scores 5-7 in the third period and Alex Tan (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco at the game against Farmingdale on December 2, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

5.3.2 The 50th anniversary celebration of Bryn Athyn College's ice hockey program

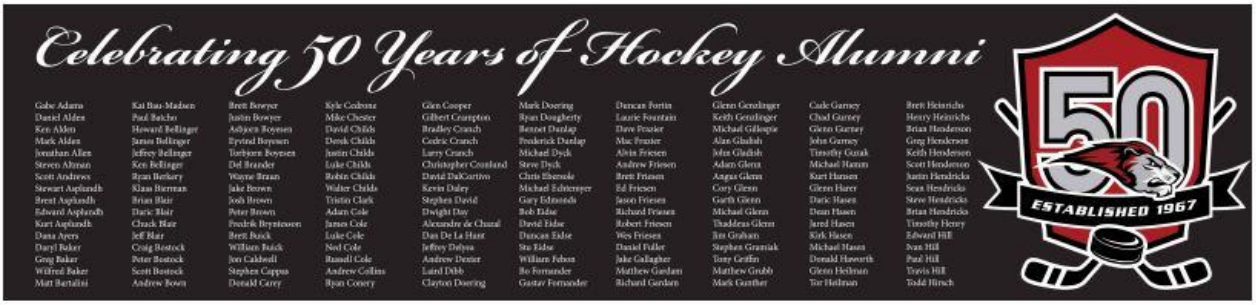
The 2016-17 hockey season was the 50th in program history. To celebrate this milestone, Bryn Athyn College hosted a ceremony at the Jungé Pavilion on December 3, 2016. Alumni and friends were invited to join in the festivities, which took place before the Lions played University of Maryland in a conference game.



50th anniversary logo, designed by Serena Sutton.



The banner with names of BAC hockey alumni that was displayed at the Jungé Pavilion at the ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the BAC hockey program. The banner also included players who played for the team between 1960-67.





The left and right sides of the banner that was displayed at the Jungé Pavilion at the ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the BAC hockey program.

Join us for a special ceremony celebrating the 50th season of men's ice hockey at Bryn Athyn College at 7:30 p.m. on December 3, 2016, at the Jungé Pavilion

Bryn Athyn College's men's ice hockey team has reached an impressive milestone: playing their 50th consecutive season! We could not be more proud of our team's progress and more inspired by the pride and dedication our community holds for this beloved Bryn Athyn tradition. Today, our ice hockey team is on an exciting path to become a NCAA Division III team, playing at a more prestigious level. This team would not stand where they do today without the guidance of a fiercely committed coaching staff, athletic department, and administration.

Many of you, our alumni and friends, may remember a smaller team, one rich with passion and heart for the game. We can assure you that even though our team continues to grow, the values remain the same. Our players are known not only for their athleticism but also for their outstanding sportsmanship. The amount of heart and pride these young men display is the same heart and pride our alumni played with 50 seasons ago!

We hope you'll join us in celebration of this great milestone on December 3!

Celebrate 50 consecutive seasons of BAC Men's Ice Hockey! Join us at 7:30 p.m. on December 3 at the Jungé Pavilion on BAC's campus for a special ceremony followed by BAC vs. Maryland. Refreshments available in BAC's Social Center beginning at 7 p.m.

Left: e-mail to BAC alumni on November 22, 2016, to promote the 50th anniversary celebrations. Right: notice in *Bryn Athyn Post* on November 22, 2016, to promote the 50th anniversary celebrations.



BAC Hockey alumni Ray Norfo (2010-15) and Todd Hirsch (2011-15) by the 50th anniversary banner at the Jungé Pavilion (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson)



BAC Hockey alumni Brian Horigan (1974-76), Duane Hyatt (1979-81), and Glenn Gurney (1984-86 and 1987-88) by the 50th anniversary banner at the Jungé Pavilion (photos by Larry Tan).



BAC Hockey alumni Eric Smith (1980-82 and 1987-88), Jared Jungé (1994-96), and Larry Posey (1970-71) by the 50th anniversary banner at the Jungé Pavilion (photos by Larry Tan).



Hockey alumni at the 50th Anniversary ceremony on December 3, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan [apart from bottom right – Serena Sutton]).



BAC Hockey alumni by the banner at the Jungé Pavilion on December 3, 2016 (photo by Serena Sutton)



The ceremonial puck drop at the 50th Anniversary ceremony on December 3, 2016 (photo by Larry Tan).

Today we are celebrating the 50th season of the ice hockey program at Bryn Athyn College. In 1967 Brian Schnarr joined the faculty at the college, and he founded the hockey program that fall. His work to establish hockey as a formal sport at Bryn Athyn College also led to the formal hockey program at the Secondary Schools, and it played an important role in making hockey a popular sport in our community. He was also responsible for organizing men's hockey in own town. Brian was the Head coach for over 15 seasons and in 1971 he co-founded the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference of which the college is still a member.

Hockey soon became a popular sport at Bryn Athyn College, and the team did very well. In 1972 we became DVCHC champions, and the following year we finished third. Between 1974-76 the team reached the semifinals of the DVCHC playoffs, and in 1977 we won the regular season DVCHC championships.

Another highlight in the history of the hockey program at Bryn Athyn are the teams in the late 1980s that were coached by Bob Eidse. In 1988 the team won the regular season DVCHC championship, and the following year it finished second in the regular season. The college team also won the DVCHC invitational in 2005.

The program has throughout its history benefited enormously from generous donations, and from wonderful support from the fans in the community.

An important feature behind the success of the hockey program at Bryn Athyn is that we have a rink on campus. The first skating rink was built in the 1970s, and in the mid 1980s an outdoor rink with artificial ice was constructed. The Jungé Pavilion was built in the mid 1990s, and, incidentally, today we also celebrating the 21st anniversary of the opening ceremony of the Jungé Pavilion, which was followed by the inaugural game – which was between Bryn Athyn College and Rider University.

In recent times the program has developed rapidly under the guidance of Matt Kennedy and the Bryn Athyn College Athletics Department, and especially Head Coach Andrew Burke. We won the DVCHC championships in 2013, 2015 and 2016. History was made in February 2015 when we became ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) D3. Furthermore, the team qualified for the ACHA D3 National tournaments in 2015 and 2016, and a new milestone will be reached next season when the hockey program at Bryn Athyn College will move to NCAA III.

50 seasons of hockey at Bryn Athyn College brings with it a very rich history, much too rich to adequately cover in this brief presentation. But let me say this: a wonderful aspect of my research has been interviewing many former players, coaches and other people who have been involved with the program. What is truly evident from these interviews with our alumni: the wonderful memories, the strong passion and amazing dedication to the hockey program and the team.

We will conclude this commemoration of the hockey program with a ceremonial puck drop. It is with pleasure that I invite Bryn Athyn Hockey's founding father, Brian Schnarr, to do the puck drop.

The 50th anniversary ceremony address.

5.3.3 First place finish in the regular season standings for the third year in a row

The 50th anniversary celebration was followed by a conference game between Bryn Athyn and University of Maryland. Bryn Athyn's starting lineup was Isaac Syre in goal, Pat Lynch and Paul Napierkowski on defense, and forwards Cecil Boyd, Devyn Dworsky, and DJ Mulhern. The Lions dominated and outshot Maryland 55-14 and won the game 10-1 (2-0, 3-1, 5-0). Julion Lever recorded his first hat trick for the Lions as he scored four goals. Isaac Syre stopped 13 shots.[778]



Pictures from the game against University of Maryland on December 3, 2016. Above left: National Anthem performed by Kathleen Noonan McNally. Above right: the Lions celebrating the 1-0 goal (photos by Larry Tan). Below: the 2-0 goal (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[778] "Men's ice hockey defeats Maryland, 10-1 in DVCHC action," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 4, 2016. Viewed on December 8, 2016. Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Pictures from the game against University of Maryland on December 3, 2016. Top row: Devyn Dworsky and Thomas Villante Second row: the 5-0 goal scored by Dustin White. Third row: Julion Lever, Camden Cacolice, and Kenneth Burkhardt. Bottom row: save by Isaac Syre (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Farmingdale returned to the Jungé Pavilion on December 4 for a non-conference matchup – the fourth meeting between the teams during the season. This time they took an early lead, and after the first period the score was 0-2 to the Rams. The Lions came back in the second and scored three quick unanswered goals at the beginning of the period. However, Farmingdale bounced back with two quick goals, and the score was 3-4 after the second period. Farmingdale added two goals in the final period to win the game 3-6. Vojtech Luza, Anthony Astorino, and Connor Buick scored Bryn Athyn's goals.[779] This was the last time the teams met during the hockey program's ACHA D3 era. It was an even rivalry; the teams played each other 11 times in a three-year span (between November 16, 2013, and December 3, 2016) with Bryn Athyn winning six, and Farmingdale five times.



Bryn Athyn scored three quick goals by Vojtech Luza, Anthony Astorino, and Connor Buick at the beginning of the second period against Farmingdale on December 4 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[779] ""Men's ice hockey drops to the Rams, 6-3," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 5, 2016. Viewed on December 8, 2016. Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.



Pictures from the game against Farmingdale on December 4, 2016. Above: Anthony Notorfrancesco and Tim Browne. Below: Mike Chester, Anthony Carbone, and Julion Lever (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions hosted a skill clinic for Bryn Athyn Youth Hockey on December 5. It was led by team members Anthony Astorino, Jayson Marbach, DJ Mulhern and Landon Trutt.



Anthony Astorino discussing hockey tactics at the Bryn Athyn Youth Hockey skill clinic on December 5, 2016. (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Bryn Athyn Youth Hockey skill clinic on December 5, 2016. Above Jayson Marbach and Landon Trutt. Below: DJ Mulhern (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the game against Rowan University on December 9, 2016.

Bryn Athyn returned to the Jungé Pavilion for a conference game against #5 ranked Rowan University on December 9. The Lions outshot Rowan 54-29 and won the game 10-4 (3-0, 5-2, 2-2). Anthony Notorfrancesco recorded a hat trick and Anthony Astorino and Jayson Marbach scored twice. Isaac Syre stopped 25 shots. The win meant that Bryn Athyn had won the first five conference games, scored 49 goals and only allowed 9.[780]

[780] "Men's ice hockey skates past Rowan, 10-4," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 10, 2016. Viewed on December 10, 2016; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Celebrations after Devyn Dworsky's 1-0 goal against Rowan on December 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).



Anthony Notorfrancesco's 2-0 goal against Rowan on December 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after Anthony Astorino's 3-0 goal (left, photo by Fredrik Bryntesson) and 4-1 goal against Rowan on December 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).



Anthony Notorfrancesco's 5-1 goal (left) and Vojtech Luza's 6-1 goal against Rowan on December 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Nikita Klinisovs' 7-1 goal against Rowan on December 9, 2016 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach's 8-1 goal against Rowan on December 9, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan).



Anthony Notorfrancesco scores 9-4 and completes his hat trick against Rowan on December 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).





Isaac Syre and the scoreboard after the game against Rowan on December 9, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn Lions
December 10, 2016 ·

Men's Ice Hockey Skates Past Rowan, 10-4 http://ow.ly/cEOC306ZFP5

Bryn Athyn Lions
December 11, 2016 ·

Men's Ice Hockey host Stockton today at 3:00 pm! #gobrynathyn LV: http://ow.ly/EMCb3071jhn

The Lions' next game was a conference matchup against Stockton University at the Jungé Pavilion on December 11. The starting lineup for the lions were Isaac Syre in goal, Anthony Carbone and Alex Tan on defense and forwards Vojtech Luza, Jayson Marbach and Anthony Notorfrancesco. Bryn Athyn controlled the game and after two periods, had outshot Stockton 59-10 (the shots on goal was not displayed on the scoreboard in the third period). The Lions won the game 8-1 (2-0, 4-0, 2-1).[781]





Left: the bench before the game against Stockton on December 11, 2016. Right: the walk from the locker room (photos by Larry Tan).





Connor Buick and Paul Napierkowski at the game against Stockton on December 11, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[781] "Men's ice hockey overpowers Stockton, 8-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 10, 2016. Viewed on December 10, 2016; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



DJ Mulhern and Dustin White at the game against Stockton on December 11, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach's 2-0 goal (left) and Anthony Notorfrancesco's 7-0 goal against Stockton University on December 11, 2016 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations at the game against Stockton University on December 11, 2016 (photos by Larry Tan [left and middle] and Fredrik Bryntesson [right]).



On December 16, 2016, the second ACHA D3 rankings of the season was announced. The Lions were still ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region.

12/16/16 M3 Rankings

Atlantic Region

Rank	Team	Pts
1	Bryn Athyn	7 (9)
2	Farmingdale State	14
3	California University of PA	22
4	Rowan	32
5	Southern Connecticut	35
6	Fairfield University	38
7	George Mason	52
8	Quinnipiac	60
9	Fredonia State	61
10	West Virginia	81
10	Pitt-Johnstown	81
12	PSU-Behrend	82
13	Ramapo	84
14	*Albany	102
15	Loyola	104

Also Receiving Votes: Stockton, Fordham, Suffolk

*Currently ineligible for postseason, not in good standing with ACHA
**Ineligible for ACHA postseason due to ACHA violations

The second ACHA D3 Atlantic Region rankings of the 2016-17 season.[782]

The Lions had a 6-0 conference record and a 13-2 overall record when Christmas break began. Moreover, during the calendar year of 2016, the team had played 30 games, won 26, tied one, and lost only 3. The Lions had scored 211 goals and allowed 69. Thus, an average of 7.03 goals scored and 2.3 goals allowed per game.

The team was back at the Pavilion in early January. On Saturday January 14, the team held a three-on-three tournament with teams composed of current players, head coach Burke, BAC hockey alumni goalkeeper Matthew Bartalini (2011-14), and forwards Terrence Johnson (2011-15) and Travis McCurdy (2012-16).

[782] "12/16/16 M3 rankings," Regional Rankings, games through December 11th (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on December 16, 2016.



The participants of the three-on-three tournament on January 14, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Left: the three-on-three tournament trophy. Right: the champions of the three-on-three tournament. Travis McCurdy, Camden Cacolice, Isaac Syre, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Matthew Bartalini (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Goalkeepers Tim Browne, Landon Trutt, and Isaac Syre at the 3-on-3 tournament (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the three-on-three tournament on January 14, 2017. Top Paul Napierkowski, Julion Lever, and Connor Buick. Second row: Sean Feyler, Alex Tan, and Ray Weissler. Third row: Devyn Dworsky, Cecil Boyd, and Cullen McNally. Bottom row: DJ Mulhern, Pat lynch, and Nikita Klinisovs (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the three-on-three tournament on January 14, 2017. Top row: Mike Chester, Jayson Marbach, and Camden Cacolice. Second row: Vojtech Luza, Tom Villante, and Dustin White. Third row: Anthony Carbone, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Kenneth Burkhardt. Bottom row: Head Coach Andrew Burke and BAC hockey alumni Matthew Bartalini, Terrence Johnson, and Travis McCurdy (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the game against D1 Temple University on January 18, 2017.

Bryn Athyn College returned to the ice in 2017 for a four-game home stand in January. On January 18 the Lions outshot D1 Temple 46-20 and won 9-2 (1-0, 7-2, 1-0) in a non-conference game. Landon Trutt stopped 18 shots.[783]



Pictures from the against Temple University on January 18, 2017. Above: Anthony Notorfrancesco's 3-2 and 6-2 goals. Below: celebrations after the 1-0 and 4-2 goals (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[783] Men's ice hockey defeats Temple, 9-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 19, 2017. Viewed on March 1, 2017. Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



DJ Mulhern's 5-2 goal against Temple University on January 18, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).



Julion Lever's 7-2 goal against Temple University on January 18, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



BAC Athletics Department social media ad to promote the games against West Virginia and George Mason.

On January 20, Bryn Athyn defeated #10 ranked West Virginia University 12-0 (4-0, 4-0, 4-0). This game was a significant milestone for three reasons: goalkeeper Tim Browne earned his first shutout as a Lion, forward Vojtech Luza recorded his first hat trick for the team, and Andrew Burke captured his 100th win as head coach for the Lions (this number includes 30 wins during the two seasons, 2012-13 and 2013-14, when he co-coached with Matt Kennedy).[784]



Tim Browne in action at the game against West Virginia on January 20, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson)



The team after the win against West Virginia University on January 20, 2017, celebrating head coach Andrew Burke's 100th win in charge of the Lions (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[784] "Men's ice hockey head coach Burke captures 100th career win," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 21, 2017. Viewed on March 1, 2017. Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Vojtech Luza's first hat trick with the Lions against West Virginia University on January 20, 2017. Above: the 3-0 goal (photo by Larry Tan). Below the 7-0 and 12-0 goals (photos by Larry Tan and Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after the 5-0 and 6-0 goals against West Virginia University on January 20, 2017 (photos by Larry Tan and Fredrik Bryntesson).



Three goals against West Virginia University on January 20, 2017. Above: the 8-0 goal. Below: Anthony Notorfrancesco's 10-0 goal and Jayson Marbach's 11-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Camden Cacolice and Mike Chester at the game against West Virginia University on January 20, 2017. (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against West Virginia University on January 20, 2017. Top row: Cecil Boyd and Sean Feyler. Middle row: Connor Buick and Tom Villante. Bottom row: Dustin White, Anthony Notorfrancesco and one of the goals (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn Lions
January 21, 2017 ·

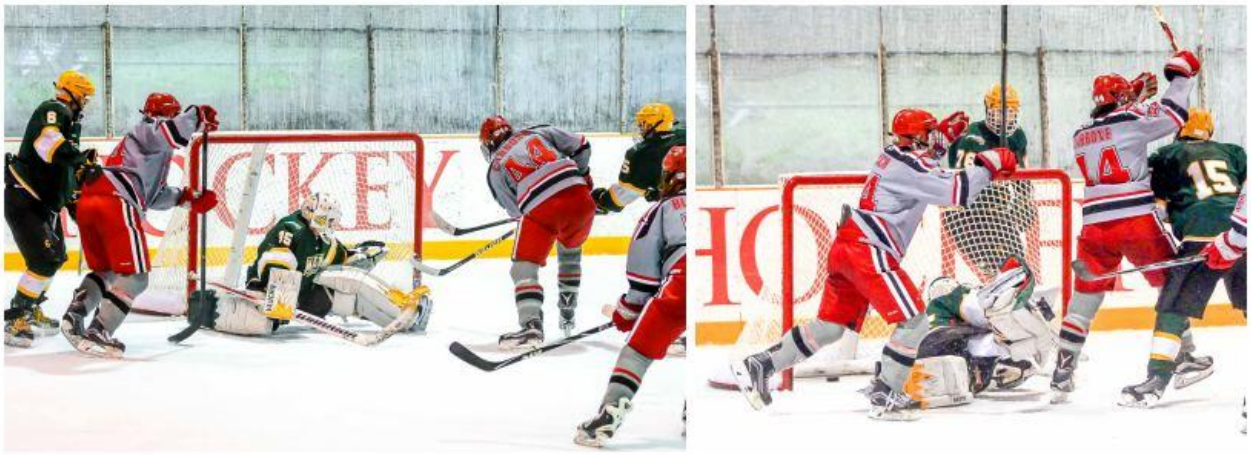
Men's Ice Hockey Head Coach Burke Captures 100th Career Win! #gobrynathyn
http://ow.ly/ZnWK308dfAh



On January 22, the Lions played #7 ranked George Mason in a conference game. It was an easy win for the Lions who won 9-1 (2-0, 5-1, 2-0). Anthony Carbone scored two goals and Isaac Syre had a quiet day in the office as he only faced 10 shots. Bryn Athyn, on the other hand, kept George Mason's goalkeeper busy as the team recorded an impressive 81 shots on net.[785] The win meant that Lions had a perfect 7-0 conference record, with only two more games to go before the playoffs.



Nikita Klinisovs' 1-0 goal against George Mason on January 22, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).



Anthony Carbone's 2-0 goal against George Mason on January 22, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).

[785] "Men's ice hockey skates past George Mason, 9-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 22, 2017. Viewed on March 1, 2017. Score sheet from the game; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Tom Villante's 3-0 goal against George Mason on January 22, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 4-0 and 6-0 goals against George Mason on January 22, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Sean Feyler's 7-1 goal against George Mason on January 22, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach's 9-1 goal against George Mason on January 22, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



At the game against George Mason on January 22, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The scoreboard after the game against George Mason University on January 22, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn Lions
January 22, 2017 ·

Men's Ice Hockey Skates Past George Mason, 9-1! #gobrynathyn http://ow.ly/M1gD308fk8g

The third ACHA D3 rankings of the 2016-17 season were released on January 27, 2017. Bryn Athyn was still ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region.

1/27/17

Atlantic Region

Rank	Team	Pts
1	Bryn Athyn	7 (8)
2	Farmingdale State	14 (1)
3	California University of PA	22
4	Rowan	28
5	Southern Connecticut	33
6	Fairfield University	43
7	Quinnipiac	52
8	George Mason	56
9	Fredonia State	61
10	PSU-Behrend	72
11	West Virginia	77
12	Pitt-Johnstown	85
13	Ramapo	89
14	*Albany	103
15	PSU-Altoona	105

Also Receiving Votes: Loyola, Stockton, Fordham

*Currently ineligible for postseason, not in good standing with ACHA
**Ineligible for ACHA postseason due to ACHA violations

The third ACHA D3 Atlantic Region rankings of the 2016-17 season.[786]



BAC Athletics Department social media ad to promote the game against University of PA.

Bryn Athyn College faced old foe, #3 ranked California University of PA in a non-conference matchup at the Jungé Pavilion on Swedenborg's Birthday, January 29, 2017. Cal U took the lead 0-1 at the beginning of the

[786] "1/27/17 M3 rankings," Regional Rankings, games through January 22nd (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on January 27, 2017.

second period. But the Lions went into the locker room between the second and the third periods with a 3-1 lead thanks to three goals in the last six minutes of the period. The Lions added three goals in the final period to win the game the game 6-1 (0-0, 3-1, 3-0). The shots on net were 57-28 in the Lions' favor. Julion Lever scored his second hat trick with the Lions and Isaac Syre stopped 27 shots (save percentage: 96.43%).[787] This was the seventh, and last time, that these two dominant ACHA D3 Atlantic Region powerhouses had faced each other, and the Lions had not lost any of these games (six wins and one tie).



Pictures form the game against California University of PA on January 29, 2017. Above: Anthony Notorfrancesco's 1-1 goal. Below: Julion Lever's 2-1 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[787] "#1 Men's ice hockey defeats #3 Cal. Of PA., 6-1 in key regional action," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 29, 2017. Viewed on March 1, 2017. Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Jason Marbach's 3-1 goal against California University of PA on January 29, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



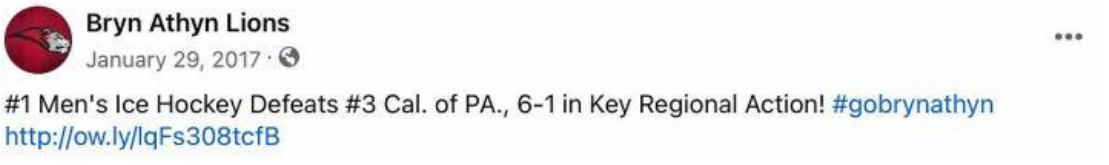
Julion Lever's 4-1 goal against California University of PA on January 29, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against California University of PA on January 29, 2017. Left: Head Coach Andrew Burke. Right: the starting lineup for the Lions (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The scoreboard after the game against California University of PA on January 29, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).







BAC Athletics Department social media ad to promote the senior night game against Fairfield University.

The Lions celebrated the seniors Sean Feyler, Kyle Jennings, Jayson Marbach, and DJ Mulhern on February 5 at the Jungé Pavilion.



2017 senior night: Jayson Marbach, Sean Feyler, Natalie Manogue (team manager), Kyle Jennings, head coach Andrew Burke, DJ Mulhern, and assistant coach Joe Deptula (photo from BAC Athletics).

The senior celebrations were followed by a non-conference game against #6 ranked Fairfield University. Bryn Athyn took the lead at 6:47 in the first period when Vojtech Luza passed the puck to Jayson Marbach who found the net. Connor Buick, assisted by Julion Lever and Camden Cacolice, added a powerplay goal for the Lions at 17:07 to give the Lions a 2-0 lead after the first period. Buick scored the lone goal of the second period on a powerplay at 14:13. The goal was assisted by Cacolice. Bryn Athyn added two more goals in the third period. The first was a shorthanded tally at 3:19 by Jayson Marbach, assisted by Buick. The second was an unassisted goal by Nikita Klinisovs at 17:59. Bryn Athyn won the game 5-0 (2-0, 1-0, 2-0). The Lions outshot Fairfield 39-26 (15-10, 10-7, 14-9) and goalkeeper Landon Trutt recorded his second shutout for the Lions after saving 26 shots.[788] The game against Fairfield was the fifth and last matchup between the two teams in the ACHA D3 era. The Lions won all five games.

[788] "Men's ice hockey blanks Fairfield, 5-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 5, 2017. Viewed on March 1, 2017. Score sheet from the game; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson.



Landon Trutt after his shutout against Fairfield on February 5, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Jayson Marbach's 1-0 goal against Fairfield on February 5, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Connor Buick's 2-0 goal against Fairfield on February 5, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Celebrations after Connor Buick's 3-0 goal against Fairfield on February 5, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach's 4-0 goal against Fairfield on February 5, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Nikita Klinisovs' 5-0 goal against Fairfield on February 5, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Fairfield on February 5, 2017. Above: Sean Feyler and Alex Tan. Below: DJ Mulhern and Anthony Astorino (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Fairfield on February 5, 2017. Top row: Jayson Marbach and Anthony Carbone. Middle row: Landon Trutt. Bottom row: Anthony Notorfrancesco and the scoreboard after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

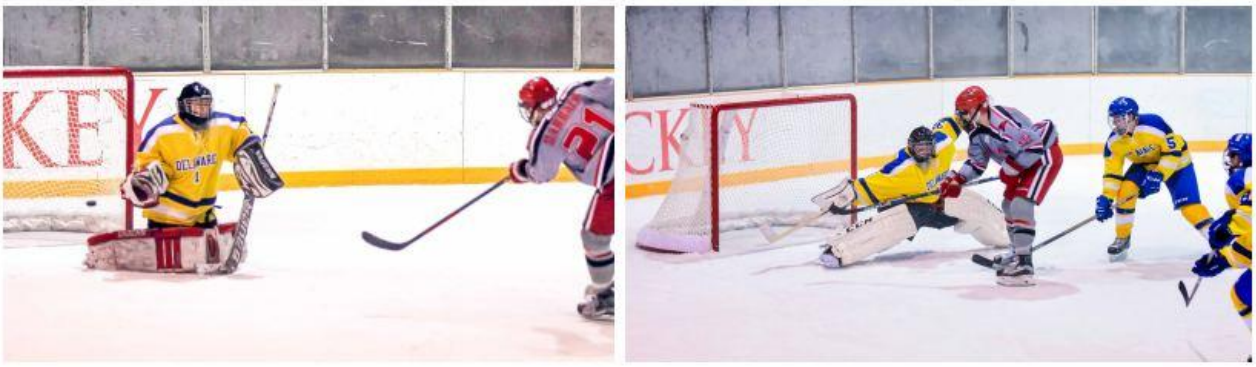
Bryn Athyn Lions
February 5, 2017 ·

Men's Ice Hockey defeats Fairfield, 5-0 in key Atlantic Region match up. #gobrynathyn



BAC Athletics Department social media ad to promote the last home game of the season, against Delaware University.

The Lions played the last home game of the season on February 7, 2017, a conference game against University of Delaware. This game is remarkable in program history. First, the Lions won 19-0 (9-0, 6-0, 4-0), which might be the highest winning margin for a Bryn Athyn team. Second, the Lions outshot Delaware 36-0 in the first period, which perhaps is a program record for shots on net in a single period. Isaac Syre recorded his second shutout and Vojtech Luza scored his second hat trick with the Lions. Three Lions players recorded five points: Vojtech Luza (3 goals and 2 assists), Camden Cacolice (2 goals and 3 assists), and Jayson Marbach (2 goals and 3 assists). Connor Buick had a four-point night (1 goal and 3 assists). Julion Lever (2 goals and 1 assist), Anthony Notorfrancesco (2 goals and 1 assist), and Pat Lynch (1 goal and 2 assists) each recorded three points. This was the last game that the successful ACHA D3 team played at the Jungé Pavilion.[789]



Pictures from the game against Delaware on February 7, 2017. Left: Jayson Marbach scores 5-0 at 7:32 of the first period (photo by Larry Tan). Right: Nikita Klinisovs scores 9-0 at 19:01 of the first period (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[789] Score sheet from the game; Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Pictures from the game against Delaware on February 7, 2017. Left: Camden Cacolice scores 11-0 at 8:26 of the second period. Right: Anthony Notorfrancesco scores 15-0 at 19:46 of the second period (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The scoreboard on February 7, 2017. Left: after the first period. Right: after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The Lions after the game against Delaware on February 7, 2017. Athletic Director Matt Kennedy stands by the boards (photo by Larry Tan).

Bryn Athyn Lions
February 7, 2017 ·

Men's Ice Hockey defeated Delaware in their last home game of the season! #gobrynathyn

Bryn Athyn finished the regular season on February 12, when the team defeated Stockton University 4-0 (0-0, 2-0, 2-0) at the Winding River Skating Center in New Jersey.[790] The Lions outshot Stockton 61-15 and Landon Trutt got the shutout, his third with the Lions.



Landon Trutt celebrates the shutout against Stockton on February 12, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the game at Stockton University on February 12, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[790] "Men's ice hockey defeats Stockton 4-0 to finish the regular season," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 12, 2017. Viewed on March 1, 2017. Game pictures by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan.



Julion Lever scores 2-0 against Stockton on February 12, 2017 (photo by Larry Tan).



The 4-0 goal against Stockton on February 12, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco and Pat Lynch at the game at Stockton University on February 12, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the game at Stockton University on February 12, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The scoreboard after the game at Stockton University on February 12, 2017 (photo by Larry Tan).

The fourth and final ACHA D3 rankings of the 2016-17 season were released on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2017. Bryn Athyn College was again ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region. The team had been ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region all four rankings in 2016-17 and the last two rankings in 2015-16, thus six times in a row. As a result, the team received an automatic bid to the 2017 ACHA D3 National Tournament in Columbus, OH.

2/14/17 (Final) M3 Regional Rankings

Atlantic Region

Rank	Team	Pts
1	Bryn Athyn	7 (9)
2	Farmingdale State	14
3	California University of PA	25
4	Southern Connecticut	28
5	Rowan	33
6	Fairfield University	41
7	Quinnipiac#	47
8	George Mason	59
9	Fredonia State	61
10	PSU-Behrend	70
11	West Virginia	77
12	Pitt-Johnstown	85
13	Ramapo	91
14	PSU-Altoona	102
15	Stockton	106

Also Receiving Votes: Albany, Fordham

*Currently ineligible for postseason, not in good standing with ACHA
**Ineligible for ACHA postseason due to ACHA violations
Declined Regional Bid

The fourth ACHA D3 Atlantic Region rankings of the 2016-17 season.[791]

[791] "2/4/17 M3 rankings," Regional Rankings, games through February 12th (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/men-s-d3/men-s-division-3-acha-rankings). Viewed on February 14, 2017.

For the second time in program history, the team won every conference game during regular season play (the other time was in 2014-15).

National Divison Standings

- **National West - 2016-2017 Regular Season**

Team	Team	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Division
Bryn Athyn	BA	9	9	0	0	0	18	89	11	4-0-0-0
Rowan University	ROWAN	9	7	2	0	0	14	41	31	2-2-0-0
Stockton	STOC	9	5	4	0	0	10	21	30	0-4-0-0

- **National East - 2016-2017 Regular Season**

Team	Team	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Division
George Mason	GM	11	6	5	0	0	12	37	44	6-2-0-0
University of Maryland	U.M	11	5	5	0	1	11	48	52	4-3-0-0
Delaware	UD	11	4	4	0	3	11	33	50	3-3-0-0
Loyola	L U	11	4	7	0	0	8	31	36	4-2-0-0
Alvernia	ALVRN	11	1	10	0	0	2	21	67	0-7-0-0

DVCHC National Division final regular season standings.[792]

5.3.4 Champions

The Lions played the conference semifinal against University of Delaware on February 19 at the Haverford Skatium. It was a busy time for Bryn Athyn College athletics: for the first time in Bryn Athyn College history, three different athletic teams played postseason games the same weekend: men's hockey, men's basketball and women's basketball.



The DVCHC National Division semifinal against University of Delaware was dominated by Bryn Athyn, who, according to the game stats published on the ACHA website, outshot Delaware 72-6.[793] The Lions won the game 6-

[792] "Delaware Valley men's collegiate hockey conference," (http://mens.dvchchockey.org/page/show/2779877-standings-2016-2017-). Viewed on March 29, 2017.

[793] "Gamesheet: M3 Delaware University of at M3 Bryn Athyn College - Sun, Mar 19, 2017," (http://pointstreak.com/prostats/gamesheet_full.html?gameid=2930146). Viewed on March 11, 2017.

0 after goals by Anthony Astorino, Connor Buick, Anthony Carbone, Vojtech Luza, Jayson Marbach, and Anthony Notorfrancesco. Goalkeeper Isaac Syre recorded his third shutout as a Lion.[794]

Conference semifinal, Feb 19	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
University of Delaware	0	0	0	0
Bryn Athyn College	2	1	3	6



#11 Cullen's mother, Kathleen Noonan McNally performed the National Anthem before the semifinal (photo by Larry Tan).



Isaac Syre celebrates the shutout in the semifinal against Delaware (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson)

[794] "Men's ice hockey takes down Delaware in the DVCHC semifinals," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 19, 2017. Viewed on March 1, 2017.



The first goal of the semifinal, scored by Anthony Notorfrancesco (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





The second (above) and third (below) goals of the semifinal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The fourth goal of the semifinal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).



The sixth goal of the semifinal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The scoreboard after the semifinal (photo by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the semifinal against Delaware University on February 19, 2017. Top row: Isaac Syre, Paul Napierkowski and Sean Feyler at the semifinal Middle row: Anthony Carbone, Vojtech Luza and Cecil Boyd. (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Jayson Marbach and Alex Tan at the semifinal against Delaware University on February 19, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Tom Villante, Anthony Carbone, and Anthony Notorfrancesco at the semifinal against Delaware University on February 19, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



On February 22, the Lions did a photo shoot to take team pictures and photos of captains and seniors.



Coaches and team captains 2016-17. Left to right: head coach Andrew Burke, Anthony Astorino, Jayson Marbach, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and assistant coach Joe Deptula (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Coaches and seniors 2016-17. Left to right: head coach Andrew Burke, Kyle Jennings, Sean Feyler, Jayson Marbach, DJ Mulhern, team manager Natalie Manogue, and assistant coach Joe Deptula (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The DVCHC National Division championship game was played on March 4 at the Haverford Skatium. It was the third time in five years that the Lions faced Rowan University in a championship game (the previous times were in 2013 and 2016). Tom Villante, assisted by Nikita Klinisovs and Connor Buick, scored 1-0 after 2:09. This goal turned out to be the game and championship winner. Anthony Astorino added a second goal for the Lions at 12:04. His goal was assisted by Jayson Marbach and Paul Napierkowski. Cecil Boyd, assisted by Marbach and Anthony Notorfrancesco, scored 3-0 for Bryn Athyn at 15:01. The Lions outshot Rowan 16-7 in the first period.[795]



Tom Villante's 1-0 goal in the championship game (photos by Larry Tan).

[795] The information about the championship game is based on the box score posted on the DVCHC website (http://mens.dvchchockey.org/game/show/17010301 viewed on the Wayback Machine on December 27, 2023) and game pictures by Larry Tan.









The Lions celebrate Anthony Astorino's 2-0 (above) and Cecil Boyd's 3-0 (below) goal in the championship game (photos by Larry Tan).

Bryn Athyn continued to dominate the game in the second period and outshot their opponents 20-3. Cullen McNally, assisted by Napierkowski, scored 4-0 at 5:28. Some eight minutes later Notorfrancesco and Vojtech Luza assisted Marbach who tallied the 5-0 goal at 13:17.





Celebrations after Cullen McNally's 4-0 goal in the championship game (photos by Larry Tan).



Celebrations after Jayson Marbach's 5-0 goal in the championship game (photos by Larry Tan).

The third period began with a goal by Vojtech Luza, assisted by Marbach and Notorfrancesco, after 41 seconds of play. Luza added his second of the night at 16:21 to seal the win 7-0. His goal was assisted by Notorfrancesco and McNally. The Lions outshot Rowan 17-12 in the third period, and 53-22 in the game. Landon Trutt got his fourth shutout with Bryn Athyn. Bryn Athyn College had won its third consecutive conference championship and its fourth in five years.



Vojtech Luza's 6-0 goal (above) and celebrations after his 7-0 goal (below) at the championship game (photos by Larry Tan).

Conference final, Mar 4	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Rowan University	0	0	0	0
Bryn Athyn College	3	2	2	7



DVCHC National Division Championship game on March 4, 2017: Before the game and the starting lineup: Landon Trutt, Cullen McNally, Paul Napierkowski, Jayson Marbach, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Vojtech Luza (photos by Larry Tan).



DVCHC National Division Championship game on March 4, 2017 (photos by Larry Tan).



DVCHC National Division Championship game on March 4, 2017 (photos by Larry Tan).



Celebrations after winning the 2017 DVCHC National Division Championship on March 4, 2017 (photos by Larry Tan).

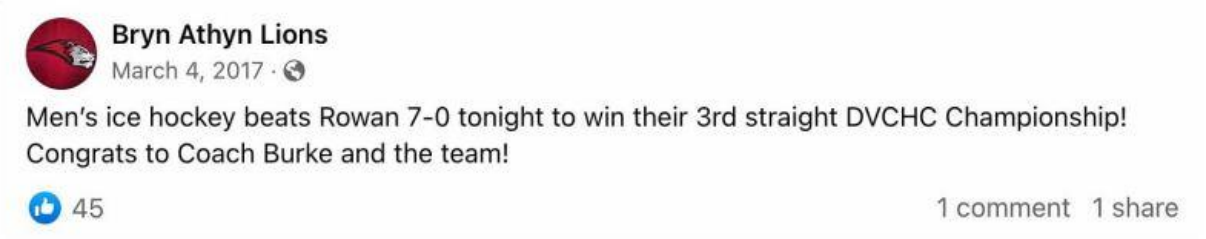




The DVCHC National Division Champions 2017 (photos by Larry Tan).



The DVCHC National Division Champions 2017 with Team Chaplain Rev. Chuck Blair (photo by Larry Tan).



The rivalry between Rowan and Bryn Athyn College had been a constant factor throughout our hockey program's tenure in ACHA D3 (2011-17). Both teams were members of DVCHC, and, apart from 2013-14, the teams played in the same division of the conference each season. The teams met 18 times during this time (six of these games were playoff games). The Lions won 13, and Rowan 5 times, but Bryn Athyn won the last ten meetings.

Date	Opponent	Win	Loss	OT/SO Loss	Tie	GS	GA	Location	
5-Nov-11	Rowan		1			4	6	Away	DVCHC American Division Regular Season Game
20-Jan-12	Rowan		1			4	6	Home	DVCHC American Division Regular Season Game
3-Nov-12	Rowan		1			2	4	Away	DVCHC American Division Regular Season Game
25-Jan-13	Rowan	1				7	3	Home	DVCHC American Division Regular Season Game
22-Feb-13	Rowan	1				6	2	DVCHC Playoffs	DVCHC American Division Championship Game
23-Feb-13	Rowan		1			7	9	DVCHC Playoffs	DVCHC American Division Championship Game
24-Feb-13	Rowan	1				9	3	DVCHC Playoffs	DVCHC American Division Championship Game
26-Oct-13	Rowan			1		6	7	Away	
24-Jan-14	Rowan	1				6	3	Home	
8-Nov-14	Rowan	1				5	2	Away	DVCHC National Division Regular Season Game
12-Dec-14	Rowan	1				10	2	Home	DVCHC National Division Regular Season Game
15-Feb-15	Rowan	1				11	4	DVCHC Playoffs	DVCHC National Division Semifinal
7-Nov-15	Rowan	1				6	1	Away	DVCHC National Division Regular Season Game
11-Dec-15	Rowan	1				7	3	Home	DVCHC National Division Regular Season Game
14-Feb-16	Rowan	1				7	2	DVCHC Playoffs	DVCHC National Division Championship Game
5-Nov-16	Rowan	1				8	1	Away	DVCHC National Division Regular Season Game
9-Dec-16	Rowan	1				10	4	Home	DVCHC National Division Regular Season Game
4-Mar-17	Rowan	1				7	0	DVCHC Playoffs	DVCHC National Division Championship Game
	Sum	**13**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**122**	**62**		

5.3.5 The 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships

Bryn Athyn College had started the 2017 calendar year in a spectacular fashion. The team had won all nine games it had played since returning from Christmas break. In the process, BAC had scored 77 times and only allowed 4 goals against. Impressively, when the Lions left Bryn Athyn to travel to the National Championships on March 12, the team had a record streak of five straight shutouts. Confidence was high.



The team leaving for the 2017 National Championships on March 12, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The official logos for the 2017 ACHA National Championships.

The ACHA D3 2017 National Championships in took Columbus, OH, between March 14 and 18. Bryn Athyn College was the #1 ranked team in the Atlantic Region and was in Pool B together with 2016 ACHA D3 National Champions Oakland University (ranked #2 in the North Region), University of Georgia (ranked #3 in the South region), and Missouri State University (ranked #4 in the Pacific region).

2017 ACHA D3 National Tournament Pools

Pool A
Florida Gulf Coast University (S1)
Marquette University (P2)
Southern Connecticut State University (A3)
Adrian College (N4)

Pool B
Bryn Athyn College (A1)
Oakland University (N2)
University of Georgia (S3)
Missouri State University (P4)

Pool C
Calvin College (N1)
Farmingdale State College (A2)
Colorado State University (P3)
University of Florida (S4)

Pool D
Iowa State University (P1)
University of Tampa (S2)
Aquinas College (N3)
Fairfield University (A4)

A = Atlantic Region N = North Region P = Pacific Region S = South Region

Numbers (1-4) denote rankings in respective regions



The OhioHealth Chiller North Ice Rinks in Lewis Center, north of Columbus, were the ACHA D3 2017 National Championships Pool play games took place (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

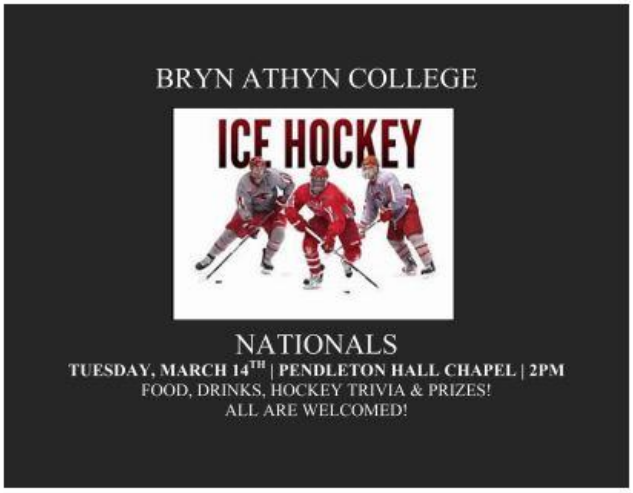


The banner that was displayed behind our bench during the 2017 National Championships (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Join us in viewing our Men's Ice Hockey bid for the National title! We will host viewing parties in the Pendleton Hall Chapel at the following times:

- Tuesday, March 14, at 1:00 pm (weather permitting)
- Wednesday, March 15, at 1:45 pm
- Thursday, March 16, at 5:00 pm

Bryn Athyn Post notice on March 14, 2017, about the Bryn Athyn College campus National Championships watch parties.



Ad for the Bryn Athyn College campus watch party for game 1 of the 2017 National Championships.

Bryn Athyn College faced Missouri State University at 2 pm on March 14 in the first game of the 2017 National Championships. The starting lineup for the Lions was: Isaac Syre in goal, Pat Lynch and Anthony Astorino on defense, and forwards Vojtech Luza, Jayson Marbach, and Anthony Notorfrancesco. The Lions dominated the game from the start; the shots on net were 14-5 in favor of Bryn Athyn after the scoreless first period. Bryn Athyn scored three goals in a time span of seven minutes and 28 seconds in the second period to take a 3-0 lead after the second period. It is noteworthy that the second period was the 18th consecutive period that the Lions had played without allowing a goal. However, that streak came to an end in the middle of the final period when Missouri found the net. The Lions added one more at the end of the game and the final score was 4-1 to Bryn Athyn, the shots on net 43-20 in favor of the Lions. Isaac Syre made 19 saves in net (save percentage: 95.00%).[796] In the other game in Pool B, Oakland University defeated University of Georgia 7-5.[797]

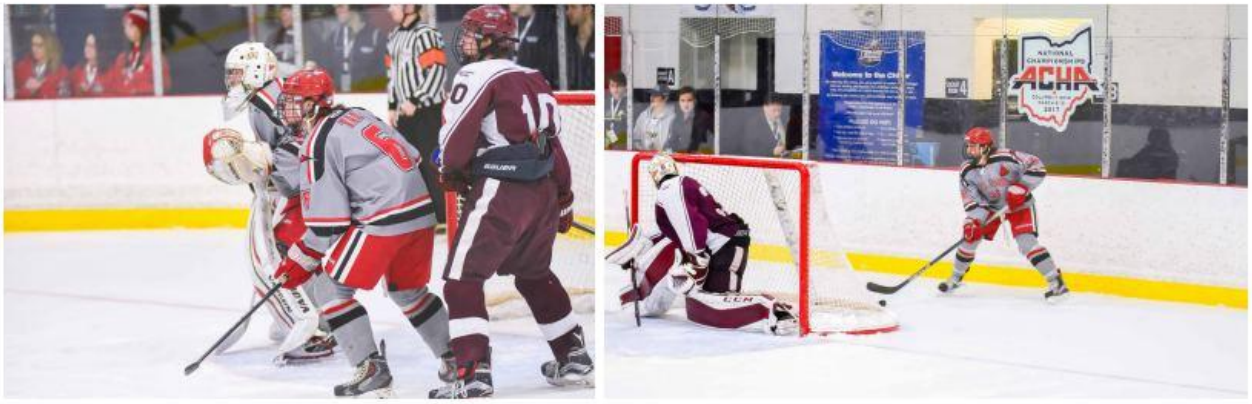




Pictures from the Lion's first game of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships against Missouri State University on March 14. Above: the starting lineup for Bryn Athyn College. Below left: Sean Feyler and Isaac Syre defending the Lions' goal. Below right: the first goal of the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[796] "Men's ice hockey defeats Missouri State, 4-1 in game one of the ACHCA D3 National Tournament," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on December 2, 2019; "Gamesheet: Missouri State Univ. (P4) at Bryn Athyn College (A1) - Tue, Mar 14, 2017," (http://achanationals.stats.pointstreak.com/gamesheet_full.html?gameid=3018688). Viewed on March 15, 2017.

[797] "ACHA National Championships Columbus, Ohio March 9-19. League schedule," (http://achanationals.stats.pointstreak.com/leagueschedule.html?leagueid=1800&seasonid=16486). Viewed on March 20, 2017.



Pictures from the Lion's first game of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships against Missouri State University on March 14. Left: Isaac Syre and Alex Tan. Right: Anthony Notorfrancesco (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Lion's first game of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships against Missouri State University on March 14. Above: Vojtech Luza and DJ Mulhern. Below: Devyn Dworsky and Julion Lever (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).





Pictures from the Lion's first game of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships against Missouri State University on March 14. Connor Buick and Pat Lynch (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







Pictures from the Lion's first game of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships against Missouri State University on March 14. Isaac Syre, Jayson Marbach, and Dustin White (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

National Championships Game 1	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	0	3	1	4
Missouri State University	0	0	1	1

Standings in POOL B after day 1 of the 2017 ACHA D3 Nationals:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GS	GA	Points
1. Bryn Athyn College	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
2. Oakland University	1	1	0	0	7	5	2
3. University of Georgia	1	0	1	0	5	7	0
4. Missouri State University	1	0	1	0	1	4	0



Left: Ad for the Bryn Athyn College campus watch party for game 2 of the 2017 National Championships. Right: the watch party in the Pendleton Hall Chapel (photo by Bryn Athyn College Marketing).

The following day, on March 15, Pool B began with Oakland University soundly defeating Missouri State 11-3 in the morning game.[798] Bryn Athyn College then played University of Georgia. The starting lineup for the Lions was Landon Trutt in goal, defenders Pat Lynch and Anthony Astorino, and forwards Vojtech Luza, Jayson Marbach, and Anthony Astorino. The shots on net suggest an even game: 31-27 in Bryn Athyn's favor. Nevertheless, the Lions won the game with ease. The final score was 7-1 to Bryn Athyn.[799]



Pictures of the scorekeeper's stats sheets from the game against University of Georgia. Above: shots on net. Below: the goal scorers. Connor Buick (2), Anthony Notorfrancesco (2), Camden Cacolice, Anthony Carbone, and Vojtech Luza. Assists by Jayson Marbach (2), Tom Villante (2), Nikita Klinisovs, and Alex Tan. Apart from who scored the first goal, this list agrees with the official score sheet that ACHA published online after the game. Officially, the first goal was scored by Anthony Carbone (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

National Championships Game 2	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	1	3	3	7
University of Georgia	1	0	0	1

[798] "ACHA National Championships Columbus, Ohio March 9-19. League schedule," (http://achanationals.stats.pointstreak.com/leagueschedule.html?leagueid=1800&seasonid=16486). Viewed on March 20, 2017.

[799] "Men's ice hockey skates past Georgia, 7-1 in game two of the ACHA D3 National Tournament," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on December 2, 2019.

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March 15, 2017 ·

Men's Ice Hockey takes down Georgia, 7-1 in game two of the ACHA D3 National Tournament. #gobrynathyn

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Pictures from the Lion's second game of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships against University of Georgia on March 15. Top row: Anthony Notorfrancesco scores 6-1 for the Lions and goalkeeper Landon Trutt. Middle row: Jayson Marbach and Connor Buick celebrating Camden Cacolice's game winning 2-1 goal. Bottom row: Paul Napierkowski, and Camden Cacolice (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







Pictures from the Lion's second game of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships against University of Georgia on March 15. Above: Tom Villante and Anthony Astorino. Below: Connor Buick celebrating his 5-1 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Lion's second game of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships against University of Georgia on March 15. Top row: Anthony Notorfrancesco and Nikita Klinisovs. Middle row: Sean Feyler and Alex Tan. Bottom row: Landon Trutt during and after the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

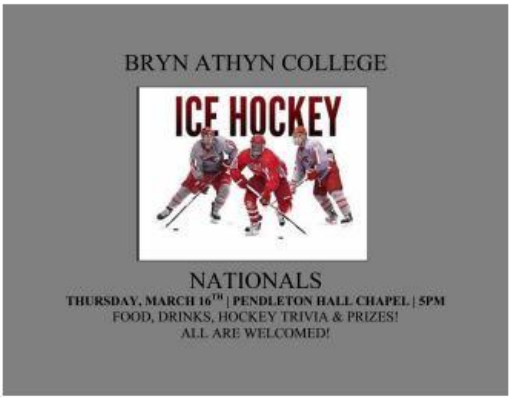


Pictures from the Lion's second game of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships against University of Georgia on March 15. Goal celebrations (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Standings in POOL B after day 2 of the 2017 ACHA D3 Nationals:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GS	GA	Points
1. Oakland University	2	2	0	0	18	8	4
2. Bryn Athyn College	2	2	0	0	11	2	4
3. University of Georgia	2	0	2	0	6	14	0
4. Missouri State University	2	0	2	0	4	15	0





Ad for the Bryn Athyn College campus watch party for game 3 of the 2017 National Championships.

The Lions next opponent was Oakland University from Michigan. The two teams faced each other on March 16, in a game that would decide the winner of Pool B. Thus, the teams played for a place in the semifinals (Frozen Fours). On the one hand, the Lions were in great form with 13 straight wins; with 106 goals scored and only 11 goals allowed in these games. On the other hand, Bryn Athyn College had never won a game against an opponent from the North Region of ACHA D3. Add to this that Oakland was the defending ACHA D3 National Champions. Oakland had some very good players. Forward Zac Massa was later awarded the ACHA D3 player of the year and the team had three members who were selected to the first or second 2016-2017 ACHA D3 All-American teams.[800]

The starting lineup for the Lions was Landon Trutt in goal, Pat Lynch and Paul Napierkowski on defense, and the same forwards as in the previous two games: Vojtech Luza, Jayson Marbach and Anthony Notorfrancesco. Bryn Athyn was ready for Oakland and started very strongly. Jayson Marbach, assisted by Notorfrancesco, scored 1-0 for the Lions after 12 minutes and 41 seconds. One minute and 25 seconds later Vojtech Luza, assisted by Marbach and Notorfrancesco, found the net, and Cecil Boyd added a third goal for the Lions after 17 minutes and 17 seconds. The Lions played an excellent first period, won the shots 27-9 and headed into the intermission with a 3-0 lead.



Jayson Marbach's 1-0 goal against Oakland University on March 16, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[800] "2016-2017 awards | ACHA," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/divisions/men-s-d3/2016-2017-awards). Viewed on March 27, 2017.




Vojtech Luza's 2-0 goal against Oakland University on March 16, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Cecil Boyd's 3-0 goal against Oakland University on March 16, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn College added a fourth goal by Cullen McNally in the middle of the second period. His goal was assisted by Julion Lever and Connor Buick. Oakland responded with a goal at 16 minutes and 34 seconds, to make the score 4-1 to the Lions after two periods. The shots on net in the second period were 14-11 in favor of Bryn Athyn.

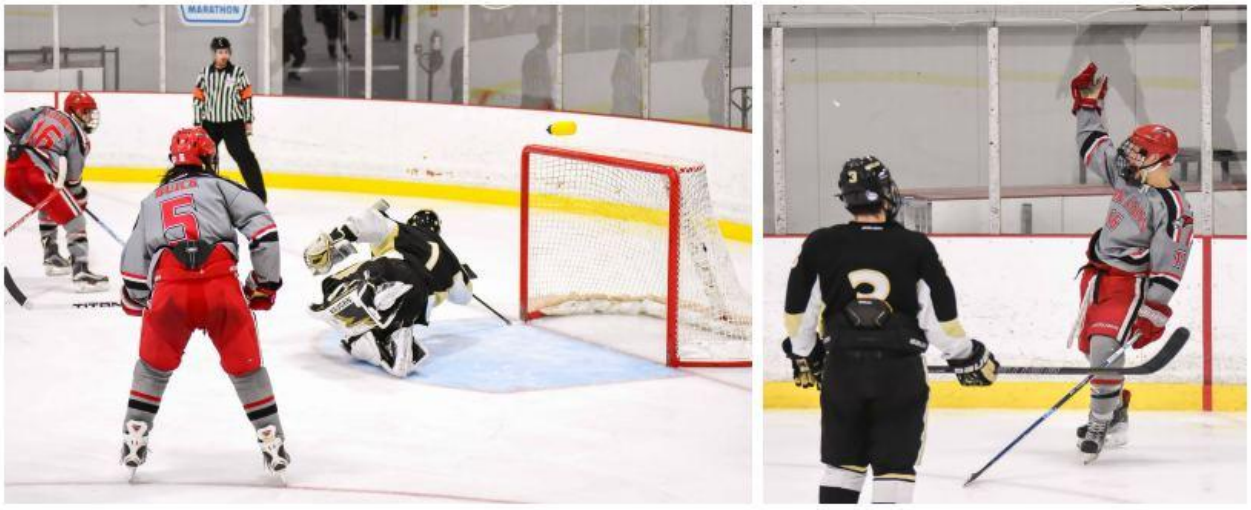


Cullen McNally's 4-0 goal against Oakland University on March 16, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Oakland scored after one minute and 8 seconds in the third period to make it a two-goal game. But they would not get closer than that. Luza, assisted by Notorfrancesco scored 5-2 after six minutes and 37 seconds. And less than a minute later, Nikita Klinisovs, assisted by Connor Buick, scored 6-2, which was the final score. The overall shots on net were 56-35 in Bryn Athyn's favor. Landon Trutt made 33 saves (save percentage: 94.29%).

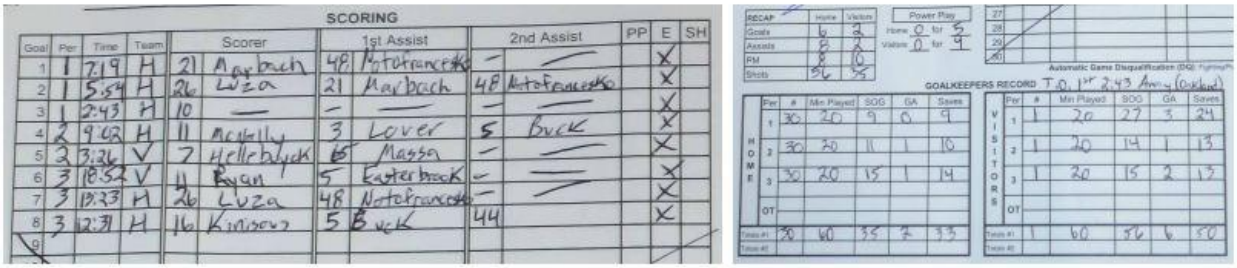


Vojtech Luza's 5-2 goal against Oakland University on March 16, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



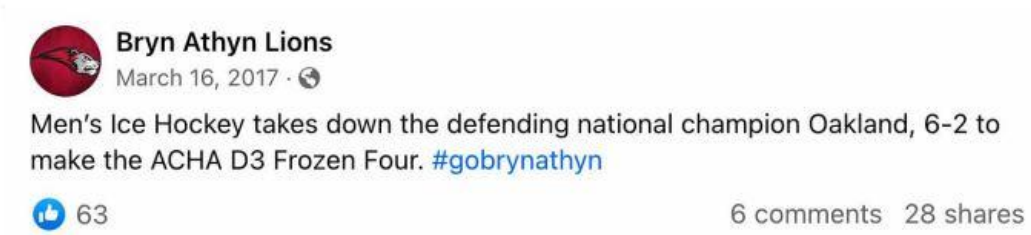
Nikita Klinisovs' 6-2 goal against Oakland University on March 16, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

National Championships Game 3	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Final**
Bryn Athyn College	3	1	2	6
Oakland University	0	1	1	2



Pictures of the scorekeeper's stats sheet from the game against Oakland University on March 16, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The win over Oakland University was well deserved and is historic for several reasons. Bryn Athyn College had for the first time defeated a team from the North region of ACHA D3 and the Lions had for the first time faced, and beaten, the defending National Champions. The team had also for the first time in program history won all three Pool games at a National Championships. With the win, the Lions had for the second time won its Pool at a National Championships and qualified for the Frozen Four. In the other Pool B game on March 16, University of Georgia won 7-3 against Missouri State University.[801]



Final Standings in POOL B after day 3 of the 2017 ACHA D3 Nationals:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GS	GA	Points
1. Bryn Athyn College	3	3	0	0	17	4	6
2. Oakland University	3	2	1	0	20	14	4
3. University of Georgia	3	1	2	0	13	17	2
4. Missouri State University	3	0	3	0	7	22	0

[801] "ACHA National Championships Columbus, Ohio March 9-19. League schedule," (http://achanationals.stats.pointstreak.com/leagueschedule.html?leagueid=1800&seasonid=16486). Viewed on March 20, 2017.



Pictures from the game against Oakland University on March 16, 2017. Top row: Team Chaplain Rev. Chuck Blair and the bench during the game. Middle row: Jayson Marbach and Landon Trutt. Bottom row: Paul Napierkowski, and Sean Feyler (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Oakland University on March 16, 2017. Top row: Alex Tan and Cullen McNally. Middle row: Pat Lynch and Anthony Astorino. Bottom row: Anthony Carbone and Julion Lever (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Oakland University on March 16, 2017. Top row: DJ Mulhern and Nikita Klinisovs. Middle row: Connor Buick and Devyn Dworsky. Bottom row: Cecil Boyd and Jayson Marbach (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Oakland University on March 16, 2017. Top row: Camden Cacolice and Vojtech Luza. Middle row: Tom Villante and Dustin White. Bottom row: Anthony Notorfrancesco and the team celebrating the win (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

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Men's Division 3 Championship Semifinal Preview -- March 17, 2017

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – (March 14, 2017) – Tonight's ACHA Men's Division 3 2017 National Championship Semifinal Games feature matchups between the four schools that went an undefeated 3-0 in their respective pools. Pool play concluded yesterday with Florida Gulf Coast University, Bryn Athyn College, Calvin College, and Aquinas College all defeating each of their opponents over a three-day period.

The first semifinal game pits teams from Aquinas College of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Bryn Athyn College of Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania. It starts at 5:00 P.M. at the OhioHealth Ice Haus in downtown Columbus.

Aquinas, of the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference, is the only semifinalist that was not the first-seeded team in its pool. The third seed from Pool D are led in scoring by forward Calvin Wojtaszak (3 GP, 3-3-6) of Comstock Park, Mich., and by goaler Sean Schmeiser (3-0, 1.94 GAA) of Grandville, Mich., who boasts a .940 save percentage thus far.

Bryn Athyn, of the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference, the first-seeded team from Pool B, are led in scoring by forward Connor Buick (3 GP, 3-3-6) of Kitimat, British Columbia. They are represented in net by sophomore goaltender Landon Trutt (2-0, 1.50 GAA), of Robesonia, Penn., and Issac Syre (1-0, 1.00 GAA), a freshman from Lackawaxen, Penn. Bryn Athyn are the best defensive team (tied with Florida Gulf Coast University) to date, allowing only 4 goals in their 3 pool play games.

The late game (8:00 P.M., OhioHealth Ice Haus) features a matchup between Calvin College of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Florida Gulf Coast University of Naples, Fla.

Calvin, of the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference, lead the tournament in goals scored (22) during pool play. Behind defenceman Nickolas Hirst (4-5-9) of Waterloo, Ont., the tournament's leading scorer to date, and goaltender Alex Gross of Fort Worth, Tex. (3-0, 0.92 GAA, .975 SV%), Calvin also boasts a tournament-high +16 goal differential.

Florida Gulf Coast of Naples, Fla, have the best defensive showing in the tournament so far (tied with Bryn Athyn), allowing only 4 goals against in their 3 pool play matches. They are led in scoring by Daniel Fritz (1-4-5), a third-year forward from Tampa. In the net, FGCU's Jared Burch (3-0, 1.33 GAA) of Hatboro, Penn. leads the way with a .951 save percentage.

Tonight's National Championship semifinal games will start at 5 p.m and 8 p.m. at the OhioHealth Ice Haus. Currently in its 26th season of action, Calvin College is the only remaining team to have won a national championship previously, in 2004.

Presented by the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, Columbus Blue Jackets, and OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks at the OhioHealth Ice Haus, the ACHA National Championships will feature more than 1,600 players from 80 of the nation's best men's and women's college hockey club teams. More than 100 games will be played across Columbus at the OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks (Dublin, Easton and North) and the OhioHealth Ice Haus at Nationwide Arena, home of the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets.

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Watch the men's ice hockey team take on Aquinas in the semi-finals of the national championships today at 5pm in the Pendleton Hall Chapel. Enjoy pizza and refreshments and win prizes through hockey trivia while cheering on our lions! First 20 students receive a door prize.

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15 minutes till, Men's Ice Hockey takes on Aquinas in the Frozen Four! LV: http://ow.ly/WSm330a19LH #gobrynathyn





The OhioHealth Ice Haus in Columbus (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The semifinals and final of the 2017 ACHA D3 National Championships took place on March 17 and 18 at the Columbus Blue Jackets' training facility *Ice Haus* in downtown Columbus. The four teams that had qualified for the Frozen Four were: Florida Gulf Coast University (ranked #1 in the South region and winner of Pool A), Bryn Athyn College (ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region and winner of Pool B), Calvin College (ranked #1 in the North region and winner of Pool C) and Aquinas College (ranked #3 in the North region and winner of Pool D).[802]



Bryn Athyn College fans at the semifinal of the 2017 National Championships. Left: group picture. Right: BAC hockey alumni Billy Martin (2014-16) and Patrick Linehan (2011-15) attended the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn College played in the first semifinal, at 5 pm on March 17, against Aquinas College, who had been the runner up at the 2016 National Championships. The Lions' starting lineup was Landon Trutt in goal, Anthony Carbone and Sean Feyler on defense, and forwards Vojtech Luza, Jayson Marbach and Anthony

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Notorfrancesco. Kathleen Noonan McNally (mother of Lions defender Cullen McNally) sang the National Anthem before the game.



Above: the starting lineup at the semifinal on March 17 (photo by Larry Tan), and Kathleen Noonan McNally singing the National Anthem (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson). Below: the starting lineup for the Lions during the National Anthem. Team Chaplain Rev. Chuck Blair is behind the glass in the upper left corner of the picture (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017. Left: the team before the game. Right: the opening faceoff (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn College outshot Aquinas 12-9 in the first period and took the lead after 12 minutes and 3 seconds thanks to a goal scored by Notorfrancesco, assisted by McNally and Luza.[803]



Pictures from the first period of the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Anthony Notorfrancesco's 1-0 goal. Top row: Notorfrancesco deflects McNally's shot to score 1-0 for the Lions. The puck is visible in the right picture just above Notorfrancesco's left shoulder (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson). Bottom row: celebrations after the goal (photos by Larry Tan and Fredrik Bryntesson).

[803] "Men's ice hockey falls in the ACHA D3 Frozen Four," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on December 2, 2019; "Gamesheet: Aquinas College (N3) at Bryn Athyn College (A1) - Fri, Mar 17, 2017," (http://achanationals.stats.pointstreak.com/gamesheet_full.html?gameid=3018710). Viewed on March 15, 2017.

The Lions held the 1-0 lead for 20 minutes and 32 seconds, but Aquinas bounced back in the second period, won the shots 17-11, and tied the game at 12 minutes and 35 seconds. The score was 1-1 as the at the end of the period.[804]



Pictures from the second period of the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

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The team before the start of the third period of the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson and Larry Tan).

The final 20 minutes saw Aquinas score two goals to take a 3-1 lead. The first came after one minute and one second, and the second just after 10 minutes. The Lions rallied, outshot Aquinas 16-9 in the third period, and Astorino, assisted by Marbach, gave the team hope when he scored 2-3 on a powerplay with just over three minutes left of the game. However, the Lions could not tie the game, and when Aquinas scored an empty netter with 63 seconds remaining the game was over. The Lions won the shots 39-35, but lost the game 2-4, which ended the National Championships tournament.[805]



Pictures from the third period of the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

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Anthony Astorino's 2-3 goal after 16 minutes and 57 seconds of the third period of the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson apart from left in middle row which is by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the end of the third period of the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Timeout at the very end of the third period of the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017 (photos by Larry Tan and Fredrik Bryntesson).



The scoreboard after the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017 (photo Fredrik Bryntesson).



The team after the Frozen Four game between Bryn Athyn College and Aquinas College on March 17, 2017 (photos by Larry Tan and Fredrik Bryntesson).

In the other semifinal, Calvin College defeated Florida Gulf Coast University 3-2. The final between Aquinas College and Calvin College on March 18 was won by Aquinas 4-3, who thus became the 2017 ACHA D3 National Champions.[806]

Bryn Athyn College finished the 2017 National Championships in fourth place. Forward Connor Buick (3 goals and 3 assists in four games) was selected to the second All-tournament team.

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2017 M3 National Tournament Final Rankings

1. Aquinas College
2. Calvin College
3. Florida Gulf Coast University
4. Bryn Athyn College
5. Adrian College Gold
6. Colorado State University
7. Oakland University
8. Iowa State University
9. University of Tampa
10. Farmingdale State University
11. Fairfield University
12. University of Georgia
13. Marquette University
14. Southern Connecticut State University
15. Missouri State University
16. University of South Florida

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2017 M3 National Tournament Player Awards

Tournament MVP:
Sean Schmeiser - G, Aquinas College

Tournament 1st Team:
Calvin Wojtaszak - F, Aquinas College
Cameron Bell - F, Calvin College
William Warren - F, Aquinas College
Nick Hirst - D, Calvin College
Levi Rowan - D, Aquinas College
Alex Gross - G, Calvin College

Tournament 2nd Team
Brett Sutton - F, Florida Gulf Coast
Connor Buick - F, Bryn Athyn
Keegan Weckesser - F, Calvin College
George Zack Lloyd - D, Aquinas College
Austin Kath - D, Calvin College
Jared Burch - G, Florida Gulf Coast

[806] "ACHA National Championships Columbus, Ohio March 9-19. League schedule," (http://achanationals.stats.pointstreak.com/leagueschedule.html?leagueid=1800&seasonid=16486). Viewed on March 20, 2017.

5.3.6 Season summary and awards

The 2016-17 season was yet another very strong season for the BAC men's ice hockey team. The Lions had an outstanding conference season in the DVCHC National Division. For the second time in program history the team won every regular season conference game. For the first time, the Lions did not allow a single goal in the playoffs, as the team claimed its third straight conference championship (and the fourth in five years). Another first, was that the team for the entire season was ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region of ACHA D3 (in 2014-15 and 2015-16 the team became ranked #1 at the end of the season). The Lions qualified for the 2017 ACHA D3 National Tournament (Columbus, OH) where it won its group and reached the semifinals (Frozen Four). A remarkable feat at the National Championships is that the Lions won all three of its group games, including a convincing win against the 2016 National Champions, Oakland University. This win was the first in program history against a team from the North Region of ACHA D3. The Lions won 26 of the 29 games it played during in 2016-17, scored 211 and allowed only 49 goals.

The records from many seasons are missing, but most likely the 2016-17 team accomplished at least four program records. First, the Lions started the season with 11 straight wins, which probably is a record for any Bryn Athyn College athletic team. Second: the win percentage for the season was 89.67%. Third, the team recorded an impressive eight shutouts during the season. In fact, the Lions did not allow a goal for 385 minutes and 19 seconds (i.e. 6 hours, 25 minutes and 19 seconds of game time) during a stretch that started at 3 minutes and 39 seconds into the second period against California University of Pennsylvania on January 29 and ended when Missouri State University scored after 8 minutes and 58 seconds in the third period on March 14. This impressive stretch included five straight shutouts between February 5 and March 4. Fourth, on February 7, 2017, the Lions defeated University of Delaware 19-0. During the first period of this game the team outshot Delaware 36-0. This is probably the largest shot on net margin for a period in program history, and the 19-0 may also be a program record. Another possible program record is Anthony Notorfrancesco's six goals in a game against Alvernia on October 16, 2016.



2016-2017 Season

Opponent	Date	Result
@Loyola University*	10/8/2016	Win 8-2
@Alvernia University*	10/16/2016	Win 13-1
@ Rider University (D2)	10/21/2016	Win 7-0
@Fairfield University	10/22/2016	Win 3-2 (OT)
@Temple University (D1)	10/23/2016	Win 10-0
@Farmingale State College	10/29/2016	Win 8-1
@Rowan University*	11/5/2016	Win 8-1
@Robert Morris University	11/12/2016	Win 8-2
@California University of PA	11/13/2016	Win 5-3
California University of PA EMPIRE CLASSIC	11/18/2016	Win 4-3 (OT)
Farmingdale State College EMPIRE CLASSIC	11/20/2016	Win 5-3
Farmingdale State College	12/2/2016	Loss 5-7
University of Maryland*	12/3/2016	Win 10-1
Farmingdale State College	12/4/2016	Loss 3-6
Rowan University*	12/9/2016	Win 10-4
Stockton University*	12/11/2016	Win 8-1
Temple University (D1)	1/18/2017	Win 9-2
West Virginia University	1/20/2017	Win 12-0
George Mason University*	1/22/2017	Win 9-1
California University of PA	1/29/2017	Win 6-1
Fairfield University	2/5/2017	Win 5-0
University of Delaware*	2/7/2017	Win 19-0
Stockton Stockton*	2/12/2017	Win 4-0
University of Delaware DVCHC SEMIFINAL	2/19/2017	Win 6-0
Rowan University DVCHC FINAL	3/4/2017	Win 7-0
Missouri State University NT	3/14/2017	Win 4-1
University of Georgia NT	3/15/2017	Win 7-1
Oakland University NT	3/16/2017	Win 6-2
Aquinas College NT	3/17/2017	Loss 2-4

* Conference game NT = ACHA D3 National Tournament



Conference record

GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
9	9	0	0	18	89	11

Overall season record

GP	W	L	T	GF	GA
29	26	3	0	211	49



Jayson Marbach and Anthony Notorfrancesco took part in the 2016-17 DVCHC all-star game. Jayson Marbach was the 2016-17 *Player of the Year* in the ACHA D3 Atlantic Region. Six Lions were selected to the All-Region teams: First team: Anthony Carbone and Jayson Marbach. Second team: Anthony Notorfrancesco and Isaac Syre. Third team: Vojtech Luza and Anthony Astorino.[807] Astorino had also been selected on the All-Region team the previous year. Impressively, for the second consecutive year Jayson Marbach was the MVP of the Atlantic Region, was selected on the first All-region team, received the DVCHC conference's Offensive Player of the Year award and was the MVP for the Lions.[808]

2016-2017 Men's Division 3 All-Region Teams

Atlantic Region

1st Team

F	Jayson Marbach	Bryn Athyn College
F	Matthew O'Shaughnessy	Farmingdale State
F	Anthony Tonkovich	Cal. University of PA.
D	Anthony Carbone	Bryn Athyn College
D	Joseph Petrizzo	Farmingdale State
G	Tre Lowe	Cal. University of PA.

2nd Team

F	Anthony Notorfranesco	Bryn Athyn College
F	Eric Bell	Rowan University
F	Albert Markopolous	Farmingdale State
D	Brandon Mead	Rowan University
D	Kyle Welsh	Rowan University
G	Isaac Syre	Bryn Athyn College

3rd Team

F	Tom Brunski	Southern Connecticut
F	Vojtech Luza	Bryn Athyn College
F	Tyler Martin	Stockton University
D	Kyle Cunningham	Cal. University of PA.
D	Anthony Astorino	Bryn Athyn College
G	Steve Montgomery	Farmingdale State

Player of the Year

F	Jayson Marbach	Bryn Athyn College

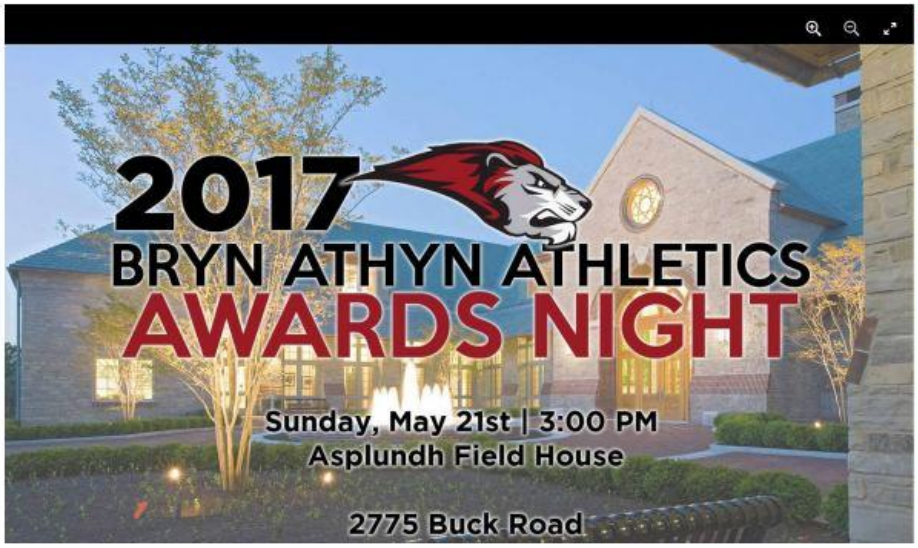
Coach of the Year

Joseph Mazzie	Farmingdale State



Team Captain Jayson Marbach's awards in 2016-17: DVCHC Offensive Player of the Year, Atlantic Region First team, 100-point club, MVP Atlantic Region, and MVP BAC Men's Ice Hockey.

[807] "2016-2017 awards | ACHA," (http://achahockey.org/view/achahockey/divisions/men-s-d3/2016-2017-awards). Viewed on March 27, 2017.
[808] Jayson Marbach, personal communication on June 11, 2023.





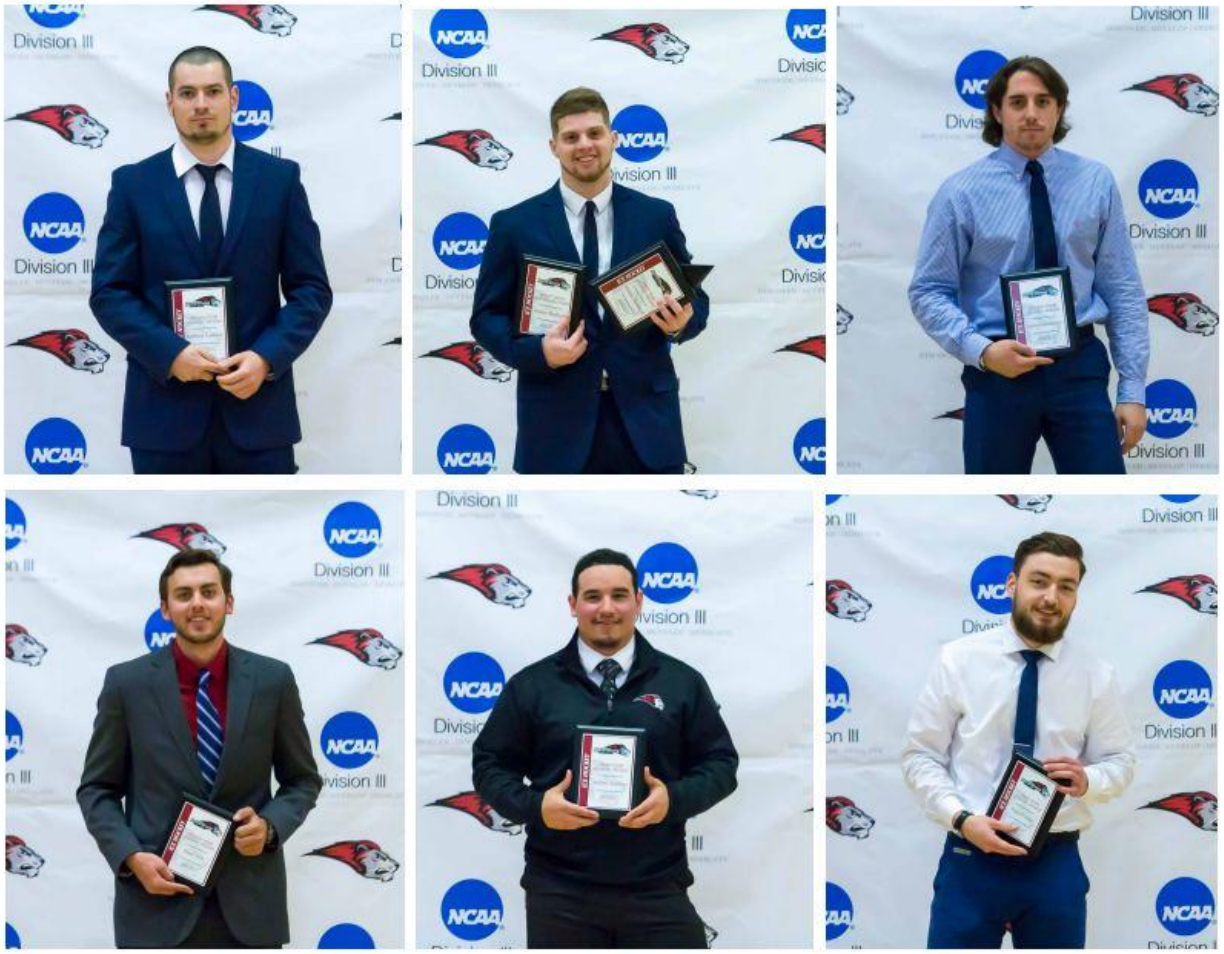


Athletic Director Matthew Kennedy at the 2017 Bryn Athyn College Athletic Awards ceremony. The banners in the background provide strong evidence of the importance of the hockey program had for the athletics department during this time (photos by BAC Athletics).

On Sunday May 21, 2017, the Bryn Athyn Athletics department hosted the annual Bryn Athyn College Athletics Awards ceremony at the Asplundh Field House. At the ceremony the Men's Ice Hockey team announced the 2016-17 awards: Jayson Marbach (MVP), Kyle Jennings (Lions Award), and DJ Mulhern (Coach's Award). At the ceremony the players who were selected to the Atlantic Region teams were also recognized.



Bryn Athyn College Men's Ice Hockey Awards at the 2017 Bryn Athyn College Athletic Awards ceremony: Jayson Marbach, Kyle Jennings, and DJ Mulhern (photos by BAC Athletics).



Bryn Athyn College Men's Ice Hockey Atlantic Region Teams award recognized at the 2017 Bryn Athyn College Athletic Awards ceremony: Above: Anthony Carbone (First Team), Jayson Marbach (First Team), Anthony Notorfrancesco (Second Team), Isaac Syre (Second Team), Anthony Astorino (Third Team), and Vojtech Luza (Third Team) (photos by BAC Athletics).

Shutouts during the 2016-17 season	
October 21, 2016	Landon Trutt[809]
October 23, 2016	Isaac Syre[810]
January 17, 2017	Tim Browne[811]
February 5, 2017	Landon Trutt[812]
February 7, 2017	Isaac Syre[813]
February 12, 2017	Landon Trutt[814]
February 19, 2017	Isaac Syre[815]
March 3, 2017	Landon Trutt[816]

Hat tricks during the 2016-17 season	
October 16, 2016	Anthony Notorfrancesco (6 goals)[817]
October 23, 2016	Anthony Notorfrancesco (4 goals) and Jayson Marbach (3 goals)[818]
December 3, 2016	Julion Lever (4 goals)[819]
December 9, 2016	Anthony Notorfrancesco (3 goals)[820]
January 20, 2017	Vojtech Luza (3 goals)[821]
January 29, 2017	Julion Lever (3 goals)[822]
February 7, 2017	Vojtech Luza (3 goals) [based on the score sheet from the game]

[809] "Men's ice hockey shutout Rider, 7-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on November 13, 2016.
[810] "Men's ice hockey blanks Temple, 10-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on November 13, 2016.
[811] "Men's ice hockey head coach Burke captures 100th Career Win," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 1, 2017.
[812] "Men's ice hockey blanks Fairfield, 5-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 1, 2017.
[813] "Gamesheet: M3 Delaware University of at M3 Bryn Athyn College - Tue, Feb 07, 2017," (http://pointstreak.com/prostats/gamesheet_full.html?gameid=2930144). Viewed on February 7, 2017.
[814] "Men's ice hockey defeats Stockton 4-0 to finish the regular season," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 1, 2017.
[815] "Men's ice hockey take down Delaware in the DVCHC semifinals," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 1, 2017.
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[817] "Men's ice hockey takes down Alvernia, 13-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on November 13, 2016.
[818] "Men's ice hockey blanks Temple, 10-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on November 13, 2016.
[819] "Men's ice hockey defeats Maryland, 10-1 in DVCHC Action," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on December 8, 2016.
[820] "Men's ice hockey skates past Rowan, 10-4," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on December 10, 2016.
[821] "Men's ice hockey head coach Burke captures 100th Career Win," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 1, 2017.
[822] "#1 Men's ice hockey defeats #3 Cal. Of PA., 6-1 in key regional action," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website. Viewed on March 1, 2017.

One more member was added to the 100-point club in 2016-17: Anthony Astorino.



5.3.7 BAC hockey alumni playing in Sweden

Three Bryn Athyn College hockey alumni played in Sweden during the 2016-17 season. Danny Triesler (BAC Hockey 2011-14) played in Sweden for the second year, this time with Åsele IK in the second division. Goalkeeper Steven Altman (BAC Hockey 2012-16) spent the season with Orsa IK in the third division and goalkeeper Graham Lermitte (BAC Hockey 2011-16) played with Östervåla IF in division 3. In addition, Scott Witmyer (BAC Hockey 2013-15) played with (Port Huron and Knoxville Ice Bears).[823]

[823] Elite Prospects (https://www.eliteprospects.com/player/295261/daniel-triesler; https://www.eliteprospects.com/player/138110/steven-altman; https://www.eliteprospects.com/player/296588/graham-lermitte; https://www.eliteprospects.com/player/60195/scott-witmyer). Viewed on January 1, 2024.

5.4 Summary of the ACHA D3 era

The Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey program was a member of ACHA D3 for six seasons (2011-17). During this time the Lions played 166 games with a record of 120 wins, 44 losses, and 2 ties, which means an overall win percentage of 72.89%. The team scored 1,009 and allowed 570 goals (average 6.08 goals scored, and 3.43 goals allowed per game). Bryn Athyn recorded 20+ win seasons three times (2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17) and win percentages these seasons were 87.93%, 89.39%, and 89.66% respectively.

SEASON RECORDS DURING THE ACHA D3 ERA 2011-17:

Season	Games played	Wins	Losses	OT/SO losses	Ties	Goals scored	Goals allowed	Win %
2011-12	19	8	11	-	-	98	111	42.11%
2012-13	28	16	12	-	-	160	127	57.14%
2013-14	28	16	10	2	-	136	115	57.14%
2014-15	29	25	2	1	1	193	91	87.93%
2015-16	33	29	3	-	1	211	77	89.39%
2016-17	29	26	3	-	-	211	49	89.66%
Sum	**166**	**120**	**41**	**3**	**2**	**1,009**	**570**	**72.89%**

The Lions played 64 home games at the Jungé Pavilion between 2011-17. The record was 50 wins, 13 losses, and one tie, and the team scored 397 goals and allowed 204 goals (average 6.20 goals scored, and 3.19 goals allowed per game). The team was undefeated at the Pavilion for over two years between January 31, 2014, and February 6, 2016, a stretch that included 25 games (24 wins and one tie). In 2014-15 the team won every home game, and in 2015-16 the team record was 12 wins and one tie.

SEASON RECORDS AT THE JUNGÉ PAVILION DURING THE ACHA D3 ERA 2011-17:

Season	Games played	Wins	Losses	OT/SO losses	Ties	Goals scored	Goals allowed	Win %
2011-12	9	5	4	-	-	46	47	55.56%
2012-13	11	7	4	-	-	62	40	63.64%
2013-14	10	7	3	-	-	54	36	70.00%
2014-15	10	10	-	-	-	64	30	100.00%
2015-16	13	12	-	-	1	75	28	96.15%
2016-17	11	9	2	-	-	96	23	81.82%
Sum	**64**	**50**	**13**	**-**	**1**	**397**	**204**	**78.91%**

The Lions were members of the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference (DVCHC) between 2011 and 2017 (American Division 2011-13 and National Division 2013-17). The team played 67 regular season conference games during this time with an overall record of 53 wins and 14 losses, which means an overall win percentage of 79.10%. The team scored 441 and allowed 196 goals (average 6.58 goals scored, and 2.93 goals allowed per game). Bryn Athyn finished the regular conference season in first place three times (2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17) and twice (2014-15 and 2016-17) the team won every game during the regular season.

REGULAR SEASON CONFERENCE RECORDS DURING THE ACHA D3 ERA 2011-17:

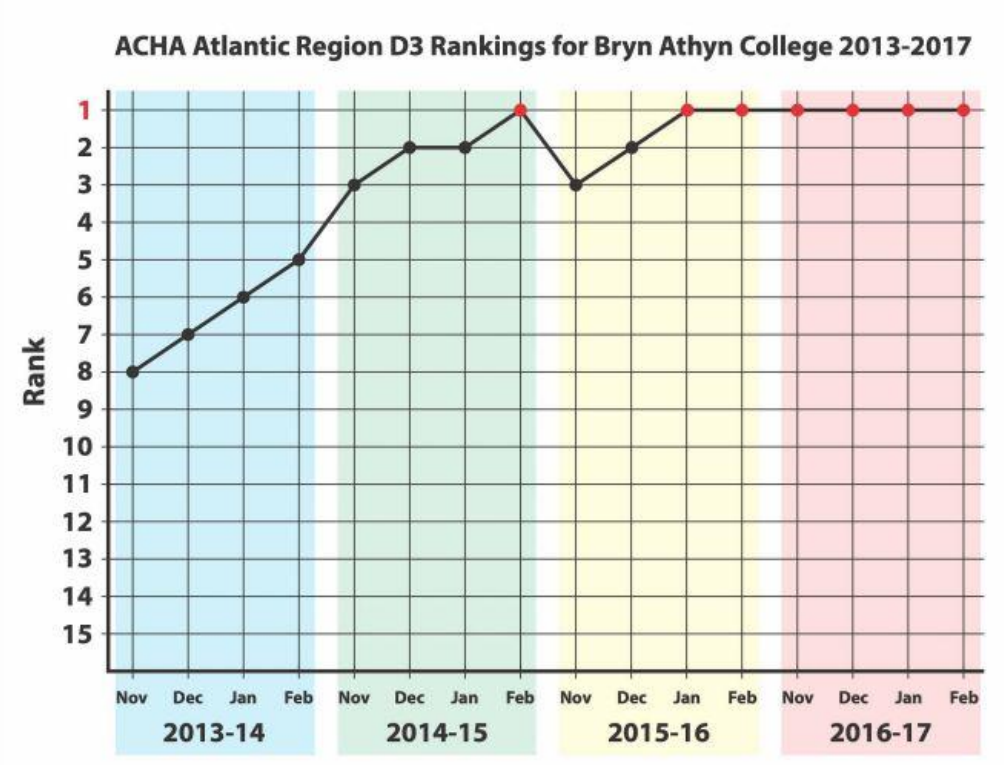
Season	Games played	Wins	Losses	OT/SO losses	Ties	Goals scored	Goals allowed	Placement	Win %
2011-12	12	5	7	-	-	67	67	6	41.67%
2012-13	10	6	4	-	-	53	29	3	60.00%
2013-14	10	8	2	-	-	55	31	2	80.00%
2014-15	12	12	-	-	-	84	35	**1**	100.00%
2015-16	14	13	1	-	-	93	23	**1**	92.86%
2016-17	9	9	-	-	-	89	11	**1**	100.00%
Sum	**67**	**53**	**14**	**-**	**-**	**441**	**196**		**79.10%**

The Lions qualified for the conference playoffs every season between 2011-17. The team made it to the final five years in a row, and four times the Lions won the Championship (2013, 2015, 2016, and 2017). In 2013 and 2014 the Championship was a best-of-three games series. Between 2015-17, the Championship was decided in a single game. The Lions recorded four playoff shutouts (once in 2013, once in 2016, and twice in 2017). In 2017 the Lions did not allow a single goal during the playoffs.

CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS RECORDS DURING THE ACHA D3 ERA 2011-17:

Season	Games played	Wins	Losses	OT/SO losses	Goals scored	Goals allowed	Notes
2011-12	1	-	1	-	3	6	Quarterfinal
2012-13	5	4	1	-	34	15	**Champions**
2013-14	3	1	2	-	10	18	Runner up
2014-15	2	2	-	-	23	6	**Champions**
2015-16	2	2	-	-	14	2	**Champions**
2016-17	2	2	-	-	13	0	**Champions**
Sum	15	11	4	-	97	47	

Bryn Athyn College was ranked in the Atlantic Region of ACHA D3 for four seasons (2013-17). The team finished the regular season as the #1 ranked team three times (2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17) and was ranked #1 the entire 2016-17 season.



Bryn Athyn College's ACHA D3 Atlantic Region ranking history. ACHA released rankings four times each season.

The Lions took part in three ACHA D3 National Championships (2015 in Pelham, AL; 2016 in Grand Rapids, MI, and 2017 in Columbus, OH). The team finished 2015 ranked fourth, 2016 ranked fifth, and 2017 ranked fourth in the country. In 2015 and 2017 the team finished first in Pool play and therefore qualified for the semifinals, where the team lost to the teams that went on to become National Champions (Michigan State in 2015 and Aquinas College in 2017). Twice, in 2015 and 2017, the Lions faced the previous year's National Championships runner up (Hope College in 2015 and Aquinas College in 2017), and once Bryn Athyn College played against the defending National Champions (Oakland University in 2017).

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RECORDS DURING THE ACHA D3 ERA 2011-17:

Season	Games played	Wins	Losses	OT/SO losses	Ties	Goals scored	Goals allowed	Notes
2014-15	4	2	-	1	1	19	13	Finished in fourth place
2015-16	3	2	1	-	-	19	12	Finished in fifth place
2016-17	4	3	1	-	-	19	8	Finished in fourth place
Sum	**11**	**7**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**57**	**33**	**Win % = 68.18%**

Individual Lions players were recognized at the National Championships tournaments and by the ACHA D3 Atlantic Region:

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Year	**Name**	**Position**	**All-Tournament Team**
2015	Scott Witmyer	Forward	First
2015	Kyle Watters	Goalkeeper	Second
2016	Jayson Marbach	Forward	Second
2017	Connor Buick	Forward	Second

Note: Scott Witmyer (11 points; 8 goals and 3 assists) finished in first, and Terrence Johnson (10 points; 1 goal and 9 assists) in fourth place in scoring at the 2015 National Championships.

ALL-ATLANTIC REGION TEAMS			
Year	**Name**	**Position**	**All-Atlantic Region Team**
2014	Scott Witmyer	Forward	First
2014	Terrence Johnson	Forward	Second
2016	Anthony Astorino	Defense	First
2016	Jayson Marbach	Forward	First
2016	Steven Altman	Goalkeeper	Second
2016	Kyle Jennings	Forward	Second
2016	Travis McCurdy	Forward	Second
2016	Paul Napierkowski	Defense	Second
2017	Anthony Carbone	Defense	First
2017	Jayson Marbach	Forward	First
2017	Anthony Notorfrancesco	Forward	Second
2017	Isaac Syre	Goalkeeper	Second
2017	Anthony Astorino	Defense	Third
2017	Vojtech Luza	Forward	Third

Note: no Bryn Athyn College players were selected to the 2015 All-Atlantic Region teams or given national or regional awards. This is surprising since the Lions officially had four players amongst the 34 top national scoring leaders in ACHA D3 during the regular season (Terrence Johnson finished 1st, Jayson Marbach 12th, Kyle Jennings 27th, and Scott Witmyer 34th)[824] and the overall successes of the team (DVCHC Championship, ranked #1 in the Atlantic Region at the end of the season, and finishing fourth at the National Championships).

ALL-ATLANTIC REGION MVPS	
Year	**Name**
2016	Jayson Marbach
2017	Jayson Marbach

[824] "ACHA men's stats, ACHA 2014-2015 regular season, men's division 3, scoring leaders," posted on the ACHA website. Viewed on December 3, 2019.

DVCHC CONFERENCE AWARDS IN THE ACHA D3 ERA (2011-17)		
Year	**Name**	**Award**
2013-14	Scott Witmyer	National Division Offensive Player of the Year
2014-15	Terrence Johnson	DVCHC Commissioner's Award
2015-16	Jayson Marbach	National Division Offensive Player of the Year
2016-17	Jayson Marbach	National Division Offensive Player of the Year

DVCHC ALL-STAR GAMES IN THE ACHA D3 ERA (2011-17)		
Year	**Name**	**Position**
2011-12	Blake McCurdy	Forward
2011-12	Ray Norfo	Forward
2011-12	Nick Tate	Defense
2011-12	Daniel Triesler	Forward
2012-13	Steven Altman	Goalkeeper
2012-13	David DalCortivo	Forward
2012-13	Terrence Johnson	Forward
2012-13	Travis McCurdy	Forward
2013-14	Graham Lermitte	Goalkeeper
2013-14	Terrence Johnson	Forward
2013-14	Benjamin Silvers	Defense
2013-14	Scott Witmyer	Forward
2014-15	Terrence Johnson	Forward
2014-15	Jayson Marbach	Forward
2014-15	Anthony Notorfrancesco	Forward
2014-15	Kyle Watters	Goalkeeper
2015-16	Steven Altman	Goalkeeper
2015-16	Chris Ebersole	Forward
2015-16	Cullen McNally	Defense
2016-17	Jayson Marbach	Forward
2016-17	Anthony Notorfrancesco	Forward

Eight Bryn Athyn College players became members of the 100-point club during the ACHA D3 era.

BAC MEN'S HOCKEY 100-POINT CLUB IN THE ACHA D3 ERA			
Year	**Name**	**Position**	**Years playing for BAC**
2013-14	Terrence Johnson	Forward	2011-15
2014-15	Raymond Norfo	Forward	2010-15
2014-15	Scott Witmyer	Forward	2013-15
2015-16	Kyle Jennings	Forward	2014-17
2015-16	Jayson Marbach	Forward	2013-17
2015-16	Travis McCurdy	Forward	2012-16
2015-16	Anthony Notorfrancesco	Forward	2014-18
2016-17	Anthony Astorino	Defense	2014-17

Some other facts and events from the ACHA D3 era

- Longest win streak: 17 games (2015-16)
- Second longest win streak: 14 games (2016-17)
- Longest win streak to start a season: 11 games (2016-17)
- Longest streak without losing: 27 games (2015-16)
- Number of hat tricks: 56
- Most goals in a game: 6 (Anthony Notorfrancesco, at Alvernia on October 16, 2016)
- Biggest score: 19-0 against University of Delaware (February 7, 2017)
- Number of shutouts: 17
- Number of shutouts in a row: 5 (February 6, 2017 – March 4, 2017)
- First BAC athletic team to play in a Regional Tournament (2013-14)
- First BAC athletic team to play in National Championships (2015, 2016, and 2017)
- The three seasons when Bryn Athyn qualified for the National Championships (2014-17)
    - Played 91 games with an overall record of 80 wins, 8 losses, 1 OT loss, and 2 ties, scoring 615 and allowing only 217 goals (average 6.76 goals scored, and 2.38 goals allowed per game).
    - The season win percentages were 87.93% (2014-15), 89.39% (2015-16), and 89.66% (2016-17).
    - The team played 36 games at the Jungé Pavilion, won 33, tied one, and only lost twice.
- *Larry E. Spaulding* recipients who played hockey: Terrence Johnson (2013), Scott Witmyer (2014), Terrence Johnson (2015), and Travis McCurdy (2016).
- Move to the new hockey locker room in the apartment by the Jungé Pavilion & construction of the locker room led by Dustin Synnestvedt (2012).
- Public events hosted by the BAC Athletics Department to celebrate and promote the hockey and athletics programs (senior night events not included):
    - 2013: Championship Banner Night (December 6)
    - 2014: Commemorating the 1972 Championship team (December 12)
    - 2015: Retiring Bob Eidse's #18 jersey (December 11)
    - 2016: Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the hockey program (December 3)
- The BAC Athletics Department published game recaps for 154 of the 166 games
- Some memorable wins
    - Shippensburg and Rowan (2013 Conference playoffs)
    - Robert Morris (2014 Regional Tournament)
    - California University of PA (2014 Empire Classic and on January 31, 2015)
    - Villanova University (February 6, 2015)
    - The win over Oakland University at the National Championships on March 16, 2017, is arguably one of the biggest wins in program history. Ironically it was also the last win for the team as a member of ACHA D3.





Lawrence 'Larry' Tan, father of Alex Tan, volunteer photographer, who took pictures at more than 70 Bryn Athyn College home and away hockey games and other hockey related events between 2016-2020. Many of his pictures were used by Bryn Athyn College's Athletics department for game recaps and news features, and many are included in this hockey history (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).