6. 2017-21: NCAA DIII; a season cancelled due to Covid; and transition back to ACHA



6.1 The 2017-18 season

Bryn Athyn College began the 2017-18 academic year with 320 full-time students.[825] Kiri Rogers stepped down as Dean of Students on June 30, and Dr. Suzanne Nelson took over this job. Rev. Dr. Thane Glenn succeeded as the new Chief Academic Officer after Dr. Allen Bedford, who had served in this role between 2010-17. 2017-18 saw several academic initiatives for future programs at Bryn Athyn College. A proposal was completed for the Institute of Swedenborg Studies which would be established in 2018. The faculty developed the MS program in special education, which would be launched a couple of years later, and two new four-year degrees: a Building Arts B.F.A. and new B.A. in Mathematics, both to be introduced the following year. Another initiative was the dual-enrollment program which enabled ANC Secondary School student to take some college courses at Bryn Athyn College.[826]

[825] "2017-18 fall enrollment," Bryn Athyn College Office, September 1, 2017.
[826] Thane Glenn, "Bryn Athyn College academic report," In The Academy of the New Church, *The Academy Journal 2017-2018* 59 (2018): 9-10.

On June 26, 2017, President Brian Blair announced to the College Community that Bryn Athyn College had become full members of NCAA DIII.[827] The same day the news was announced on BAC Athletics Department social media. Four days later, Bryn Athyn College received a formal confirmation letter from NCAA.



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June 30, 2017

President Brian Blair
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Dear President Blair,

I am delighted to inform you that during its June meeting, the NCAA Division III Membership Committee voted to grant Bryn Athyn College active Division III membership status effective September 1, 2017.

Beginning in the 2017-18 academic year, Bryn Athyn College will be eligible to participate in NCAA championships. Your institution also will have the benefit of a vote at the NCAA Convention and will be covered under the NCAA catastrophic athletics injury insurance plan.

The committee anticipates your institution will continue to demonstrate its ability to maintain integrity in its athletics program that is consistent with the NCAA Division III philosophy.

Please be aware your institution must complete the NCAA Division III Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) during its first year of active membership. Therefore, Bryn Athyn College will submit its ISSG online not later than **June 1, 2018**. Please also note that the ISSG instrument has recently been revamped and so this is not the same document you completed during your provisional process.

I have enclosed an exit survey and request your institution complete and return it to me at your earliest convenience. The information you provide will ensure our education and process are as efficient and effective as they can be.

Further, to recognize your efforts throughout the provisional process and your acceptance into the division, the Membership Committee would like to provide you with a welcome package, which you will receive not later than September 1, 2017. The package includes:

1. An active member plaque;
2. A Division III banner; and
3. Luggage tags.

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The committee hopes you will proudly display the plaque acknowledging your active member status and promote your affiliation with Division III.

Please contact me at the NCAA national office if you have questions about any information in this letter.

Again, congratulations on your admission to Division III and we wish you all the best. We are all excited to have you as our newest member institution.

Welcome to Division III,

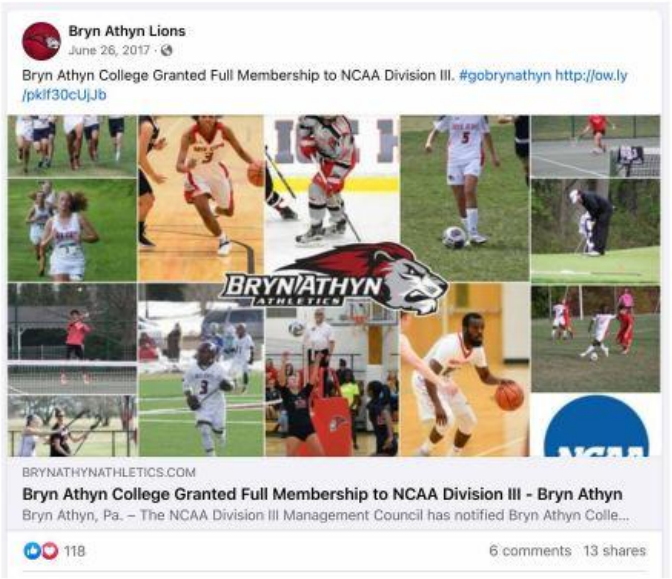
Jay Jones
Associate Director of Division III
Primary staff liaison to the Division III Membership Committee

JJ:dfb

Attachment

cc: Mr. Fredrik Bryntesson
Ms. Kayla Felty
Mr. Matthew Kennedy
Mr. Kiri Rogers
Selected NCAA Staff Members

[827] Brian Blair, e-mail to faculty, staff, and administration on June 26, 2017.



The athletic department hired Paul Gornowski to be the new Sports Information Director in June 2017.[828] He took over from Abraham Joseph who had been the Sports Information Director since 2010. Gornowski continued the tradition of documenting games and provided excellent game recaps for all sports until he left in January 2021. Women's field hockey was added to the athletic offerings in 2017-18. In addition, the men's ice hockey program transitioned from ACHA D3 to NCAA DIII. President Blair explained the transition in his annual report for 2017-18:

> The decision to move a very successful ice hockey club team to the NCAA was based on evidence of safer play due to stronger-enforced regulations and officiated games, school accountability and overall sound governance.[829]

2017-18 was the last academic year that Bryn Athyn College was affiliated with NEAC. The following year, the college competed in the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC). Both cross country teams participated in the NEAC post season in 2017-18 as did women's soccer, lacrosse, and tennis, men's golf and lacrosse. The men's lacrosse team reached the championship game where we lost to Morrisville State by one goal 10-11.[830] Two Bryn Athyn College lacrosse students received top NEAC honors: Cameron Leach was the men's NEAC offensive player of the year, and Brianna Lennox was the women's NEAC rookie of the year.[831] A record 19 student athletes made the NEAC All-conference teams (one twice in different sports).[832]

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[828] Matthew Kennedy, e-mail message on June 13, 2017. Gornowski's job title was "Director of Athletic Communications."

[829] Brian Blair, "Bryn Athyn College president's report," In The Academy of the New Church, *The Academy Journal 2017-2018* 59 (2018): 9.

[830] "Men's lacrosse falls to Morrisville State in NEAC final 11-10," article published on the BAC Athletics website on May 5, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/5/5/5_5_2018_614.aspx). Viewed on January 2, 2024.

[831] "NEAC announces 2018 men's lacrosse all-Conference team and awards," article posted on May 2, 2018 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2018/5/2/5_2_2018_320.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC selects 2018 women's lacrosse all-conference team and annual awards," article posted on May 2, 2018 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2018/5/2/5_2_2018_798.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023.

[832] "NEAC announces field hockey all-conference team, Morrisville State College sweeps individual honors," article posted on October 25, 2017 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2017/10/25/10_25_2017_97.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC selects 2017 men's soccer all-

Payton Boler (women's field hockey, all-conference team)
David Camara (men's soccer, third team)
Jon Carr (men's lacrosse, first team)
Gianna Ciacciarelli (women's lacrosse, second team)
Gianna Ciacciarelli (women's soccer, third team)
Andrew Coyle (men's lacrosse, third team)
Marie Daum (women's tennis, third team)
Brad DePasquale (men's lacrosse, first team)
Dillon Fields (men's lacrosse, second team)
Nolan Frame (men's lacrosse, second team)
Alex Hyatt (men's lacrosse, first team)
Cameron Leach (men's lacrosse, first team)
Brianna Lennox (women's lacrosse, first team)
Shane McCurdy (men's lacrosse, third team)
Eddie Paredes (men's lacrosse, second team)
Shelby Puccio (women's soccer, second team)
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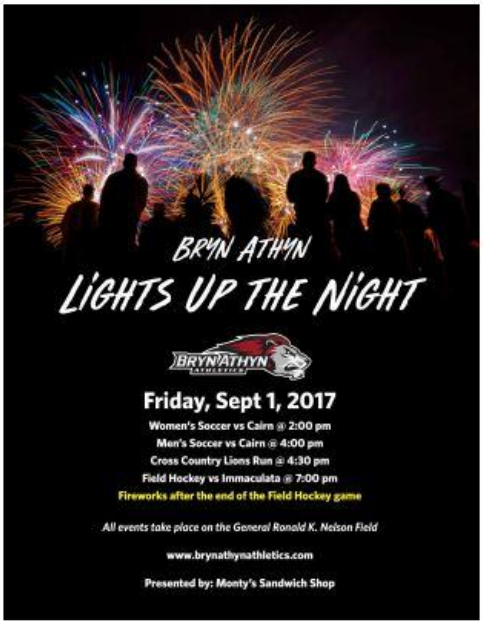
Anja Weisser (women's lacrosse, first team)
Kristen White (women's soccer, third team)





Special Announcement: Approval for New Student Union and Conference Center

Blair, Brian <Brian.Blair@brynathyn.edu>
Wed 9/20/2017 9:56 AM

I am pleased to announce the Board of Trustees approved last week Bryn Athyn College plans to build a new student union and conference center. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of several donors, the plans to design and build this new facility will begin immediately. The building is expected to open by the fall of 2019. Shown below is a preliminary architectural picture of the building which will be located between Pendleton Hall and the residence halls.

Posters will be on display in Brickman Center depicting preliminary drawings of the facility. President Blair will be holding a special information session for students, faculty and staff tomorrow (Thursday, September 21 @ 12:30pm) in Pendleton Auditorium where he will cover plans for this new facility in further detail as well as answer questions.

This new addition to our beautiful campus will serve a multitude of uses beginning with programs and services for our students. We are truly blessed to have the support of donors and community who wish to see Bryn Athyn College expand and build on the mission we all share in.

Warm regards,

President Blair

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Left: one of the first events during fall term was the Bryn Athyn College Athletics department hosted Bryn Athyn Lights Up the Night. Right: on September 20, 2017, Brian Blair announced that a student union and conference center building would be built and opened in 2019. This building is now called the College Center, and the opening ceremony and dedication was held on October 4, 2019.

Following the transition of the hockey program to NCAA DIII, the seasons between 2011-17 (ACHA D3) era were removed from the main men's ice hockey page on the BAC athletics website. The recaps between 2011-16 (but not 2016-17) are still available (September 2024) on the website, though they are not linked to the main men's hockey page. However, the pages with the season schedules that listed the results are no longer there. For

conference team and individual awards winners," article posted on November 1, 2017 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2017/11/1/11_1_2017_385.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC recognizes 2017 women's soccer all-conference team, Penn State Berks sweeps individual awards," article posted on November 1, 2017 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2017/11/1/11_1_2017_860.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2017-18 men's basketball all-conference team & individual awards," article posted on February 22, 2018 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2018/2/22/2_22_2018_213.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2017-18 women's tennis all-conference team and annual awards," article posted on April 27, 2018 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2018/4/27/4_27_2018_958.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC announces 2018 men's lacrosse all-conference team and awards," article posted on May 2, 2018 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2018/5/2/5_2_2018_320.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC selects 2018 women's lacrosse all-conference team and annual awards," article posted on May 2, 2018 (https://gounitedeast.com/news/2018/5/2/5_2_2018_798.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023.

some time, the 2011-17 seasons (schedules, rosters, recaps) remained as a separate entity on the website, but they disappeared a couple of years after the transition to NCAA DIII.[833]

The ice hockey program had originally planned to have two teams beginning in 2017-18: a varsity team competing in NCAA DIII, and a JV team. However, The JV team was short lived and only played one game (see pp. 648-653). The hockey program was unable to join a conference during the NCAA DIII era (2017-20), so the team therefore played independent schedules during these seasons. The 2017-18 NCAA DIII team was composed of new recruits and players from the previous year's ACHA D3 program.



The 2017-2018 Bryn Athyn College Men's Hockey Team. Back Row: Jimmy Lockamyeir, Riley Flynn, Tanner Congdon, Zach Pamaylaon, Nick Malvasi, Camden Cacolice, Anthony DePetres, Alex Tan, and Cecil Boyd. Middle Row: Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Joe Deptula (assistant coach), Isaac Syre, Dakota Ulmer, Connor Devereux, Brycon Johnson, Vojtech Luza, Trevor Kleckner, Alex Radcliffe, Kenneth Miller, Dan Condon, Mike Perkett, Alec Grollman, Landon Trutt, Anthony Astorino (director of hockey operations), Danielle Hunt (trainer), and Andrew Burke (head coach). Front Row: McKenzie Chalmers, Connor Buick, Alex Doyle, Nikita Smirnov, Anthony Notorfrancesco, Paul Napierkowski, Pat Lynch, Julion Lever, and Tim Browne (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Left: Freshmen 2017-18. Back row: Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Joe Deptula (assistant coach), Alec Grollman, Alex Radcliffe, Alex Doyle, Riley Flynn, Trevor Kleckner, Brycon Johnson, Dan Condon, Connor Devereux, Anthony Astorino (director of hockey operations), and Andrew Burke (head coach). Front row: Tanner Congdon, Nick Malvasi, Dakota Ulmer, Jimmy Lockamyeir, Zach Pamaylaon, Mike Perkett, and McKenzie Chalmers. **Right: Sophomores 2017-18.** Back row: Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Joe Deptula (assistant coach), Isaac Syre, Kenneth Miller, Vojtech Luza, Nikita Smirnov, Anthony Astorino (director of hockey operations), and Andrew Burke (head coach). Front row: Camden Cacolice, Julion Lever, Anthony DePetres, and Alex Tan (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[833] It is difficult to say exactly when the ACHA D3 pages were removed from the athletics website. They appear to have been live at the end of 2018 and perhaps even later. The removed pages included a significant portion of the college's ice hockey history.




Left: Juniors 2017-18. Left to right: Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Joe Deptula (assistant coach), Tim Browne, Landon Trutt, Cecil Boyd, Anthony Astorino (director of hockey operations), and Andrew Burke (head coach). **Right: Seniors 2017-18.** Left to right: Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Joe Deptula (assistant coach), Pat Lynch, Connor Buick, Anthony Notorfrancesco, Paul Napierkowski, Anthony Astorino (senior and director of hockey operations), and Andrew Burke (head coach) (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

2017-18 Team Roster[834]

Goalkeepers

#1 Tim Browne*
#33 McKenzie Chalmers
#30 Landon Trutt*
#42 Isaac Syre*

Defense

#71 Dan Condon
#6 Connor Devereux
#44 Pat Lynch*
#55 Kenny Miller
#2 Paul Napierkowski (A)*
#8 Mike Perkett
#11 Alex Radcliffe
#10 Alex Tan*
#21 Tom Villante*§
#7 Travis Volmert§

Forwards

#10 Cecil Boyd*
#5 Connor Buick*
#22 Tanner Congdon
#23 Camden Cacolice*
#28 Anthony DePetres
#12 Alex Doyle (A)
#9 Riley Flynn
#27 Alex Grollman
#17 Brycon Johnson
#19 Trevor Kleckner
#3 Julion Lever*
#91 Jimmy Lockamyeir
#26 Vojtech Luza*
#24 Nick Malvasi
#48 Anthony Notorfrancesco (C)*
#13 Zach Pamaylaon
#16 Guy Roby
#20 Nikita Smirnov (A)
#14 Tanner Todd§
#29 Dakota Ulmer

* = team member that was also part of the team when the hockey program was a member of ACHA D3
§ = left the team before winter term

[834] "Men's ice hockey 2017-18," team rosters published on the BAC Athletics website in 2017-18 (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/roster/2017-18). Viewed on the Wayback Machine on November 14, 2023.

6.1.1 The scrimmage against SUNY Morrisville and the season schedule

On October 21, 2017, the Lions played an unofficial scrimmage (i.e. the game did not count towards the official season record) against SUNY Morrisville at the Revolution Ice Gardens in Warwick. This was the first test for the new NCAA DIII team. The starting lineup for Bryn Athyn was McKenzie Chalmers in goal, Connor Devereux and Paul Napierkowski on defense and forwards Tanner Congdon, Alex Doyle, and Alex Grollman. Most players on the roster, including all goalkeepers, got ice time. The Lions lost 1-2, and Nikita Smirnov scored the goal for Bryn Athyn.



Nikita Smirnov's goal against SUNY Morrisville on October 21, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Men's Ice Hockey | 10/5/2017 12:00:00 AM

Men's ice hockey unveils 2017-18 schedule

2017-18 Bryn Athyn College Men's Ice Hockey Schedule

BRYN ATHYN, Pa. – The 50th season of ice hockey at Bryn Athyn College, and the first as a NCAA Division III program, will get underway on Friday, Oct. 27 at Division II Saint Anselm College. It will be the first of 24 games on the 2017-18 schedule that head coach Andrew Burke released on Thursday.

The Lions are slated to play 13 away contests, including eight straight to open the season, and 11 at home.

After the season opener at Saint Anselm, the Lions head to New England College for a showdown with the New England Hockey Conference runner-up on Oct. 28. Then, Bryn Athyn travels to Shelton, Conn. the weekend of Nov. 4-5 to square off against Division II Post.

Bryn Athyn closes out the month with the Steve Hoar Memorial Invitational at Becker College on Nov. 25-26. The Lions play the host Hawks on the 25th and either Fitchburg State or Division II Stonehill one day later.

December is a light month for the Lions as they have only two games lined up. Bryn Athyn will play its first home game of the season on Dec. 1 against Lebanon Valley College at the Revolution Ice Gardens in Warwick, Pa. The final game of 2017 is Dec. 5 at Elmira.

After a month layoff, Bryn Athyn returns to action on Jan. 5-6 against visiting Curry College. They are the first two of seven straight home games at Junge Pavilion on the Bryn Athyn campus. The Lions will play three games in a busy five-day span when they welcome Western New England (Jan. 10), Chatham (Jan. 13), and Cortland State (Jan. 14) to the Pavilion.

The string of home games comes to an end on Jan. 19-20 against a familiar opponent in Aquinas College. Aquinas won the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) championship, eliminating Bryn Athyn in the semifinals on its way to the title.

Bryn Athyn goes back on the road to face Utica on Jan. 26.

The Lions open February with their second meeting of the season with King's (Pa.), this one coming on Feb. 2 in Junge Pavilion. Twenty-four hours later, Bryn Athyn is back on the road with a trip to Neumann University.

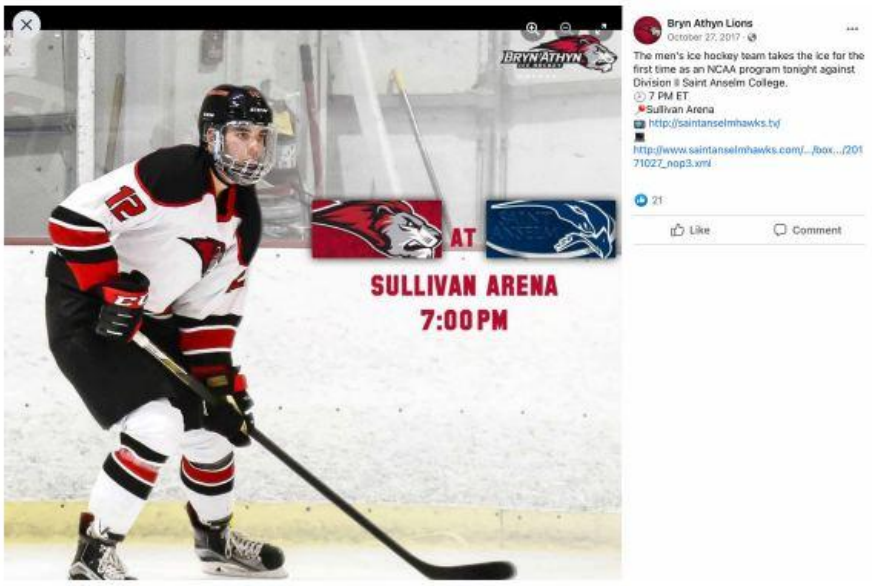
Bryn Athyn's final two home games of the season are slated for the weekend of Feb. 9-10 against SUNY Canton. The regular season ends with return trips on Lebanon Valley and Chatham on Feb. 16 and 17, respectively.

Last season, Bryn Athyn went 23-2 overall, won the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference National Conference, and reached the semifinals of the ACHA Tournament.

The official season schedule was released on October 5. It was the 51st season for the hockey program and the statement in the last sentence about the 2016-17 record is incorrect (it was 26-3 overall).[835]

[835] "Men's hockey unveils 2017-18 schedule," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 5, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/10/5/10_5_2017_440.aspx). Viewed on January 6, 2024.

6.1.2 A winning start to the season and the JV team



Bryn Athyn College played the historic first game as an NCAA DIII program against St Anselm College (NCAA DII) at the Thomas F. Sullivan Arena in Manchester, New Hampshire, on October 27, 2017. Saint Anselm was a very good opponent who played in the NE10 conference. St Anselm finished first in the 2017-18 regular season standings, and then became conference champions.[836] Anthony Notorfrancesco, assisted by Jimmy Lockamyeir and Mike Perkett, scored the historic first goal for the Lions in the NCAA DIII era after 9 minutes and 17 seconds of the first period to give Bryn Athyn a 1-0 lead. Nevertheless, the Lions lost the game 2-4 (1-1, 1-2, 0-1).[837]



Pictures from the game against Saint Anselm on October 27, 2017. Left: celebrations after Anthony Notorfrancesco scored 1-0 for the lions on a powerplay. Right: the bench (photos by Larry Tan).

[836] "Men's ice hockey clinches NE10 regular-season title with Senior Night win," article posted on the Saint Anselm Athletics website on February 16, 2018. (https://saintanselmhawks.com/news/2018/2/16/2_16_2018_2753.aspx). Viewed on January 6, 2024. "Carignan's overtime tally nets NE10 Championship for men's ice hockey," article posted on the Saint Anselm men's ice hockey website on March 3, 2018 (https://saintanselmhawks.com/news/2018/3/3/3_3_2018_2760.aspx). Viewed on January 6, 2024.

[837] "Ice hockey makes NCAA debut with 4-2 loss at St. Anselm," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 27, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/10/27/10_27_2017_442.aspx). Viewed on January 6, 2024.

Bryn Athyn (0-1-0) vs Saint Anselm (1-0-0)
Date: 10/27/2017 · Location: Manchester, N.H.
Attendance: 304 · Start time: 6:00 PM · End time: 7:58 PM · Total time: 1:58

	Prd	Time	Team		Scored by	Assists	Vis. on ice	Home on ice
1	1	09:17	BAC	PP	A. Notorfrancesco/1	Mike Perkett /1 Jimmy Lockamyeir /1	21,23,2,10	48,8,91,26,29
2	1	13:41	STA	EV	John Femia/1	Alec Andreucci /1	22,7,4,3,8	24,12,16,26,28
3	2	08:39	BAC	EV	Julion Lever/1	Tanner Congdon /1 Alex Doyle /1	26,12,24,8	3,22,4,2,6
4	2	10:04	STA	PP	Matt Chisholm/1	Mike Ferraro /1	2,29,28,55	14,7,28,18,11
5	2	14:56	STA	EV	Mike Ferraro/1	/	3,4,10,22,2	11,14,16,5,21
6	3	19:55	STA	EV	Jeremy Carignan/1	Sean Verrier /1 Jake Grade /1	20,8,4,91,3,29	22,20,10,8,12

Goals by Period

Team	1	2	3	TOT
BAC	1	1	0	2
STA	1	2	1	4

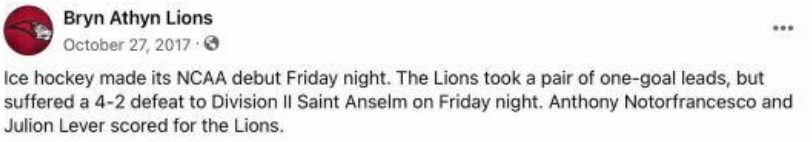
Shots by Period

Team	1	2	3	TOT
BAC	11	2	9	22
STA	6	13	9	28

#	Bryn Athyn	G	A	Pim	Sh	+/-
2	Paul Napierkowski	0	0	0	0	0
3	Julion Lever	1	0	0	1	-2
4	Alex Doyle	0	1	2	1	-2
5	Connor Buick	0	0	0	3	0
6	Connor Devereux	0	0	0	0	+1
7	Travis Volmert	0	0	0	0	-1
8	Mike Perkett	0	1	0	1	-2
10	Alex Tan	0	0	0	1	-1
14	Tanner Todd	0	0	0	0	0
20	Nikita Smirnov	0	0	0	5	-1
22	Tanner Congdon	0	1	0	2	-1
24	Nick Malvasi	0	0	0	1	0
26	Vojtech Luza	0	0	0	0	0
28	Anthony DePetres	0	0	0	2	0
29	Dakota Ulmer	0	0	0	1	-1
33	McKenzie Chalmers	0	0	0	0	0
48	Anthony Notorfrancesco	1	0	0	3	0
55	Kenny Miller	0	0	0	0	0
91	Jimmy Lockamyeir	0	1	2	1	-1
TM	TEAM	0	0	0	0	0

##	Bryn Athyn	Dec	Min	GA	1	2	3	Saves
33	McKenzie Chalmers	L	58:51	3	5	11	8	24
TM	EMPTY NET		01:09	0	0	0	0	0

Portions of the Box score for the game against Saint Anselm on October 27, 2017.[838]



The next day, on October 28, the Lions played and lost 0-2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1) to New England College in Henniker, New Hampshire. The second goal was an empty netter. Goalkeeper McKenzie Chalmers saved 38 of the 39 shots he faced (save percentage: 97.44%).[839] It was the first time since the 2010-11 season (i.e. more than 169 games) that the Lions did not score a goal in a game.



Pictures from the game against New England College on October 28, 2017. Left: the starting lineup (McKenzie Chalmers in goal, Paul Napierkowski and Mike Perkett on defense and forwards Connor Buick, Anthony DePetres, and Nick Malvasi). Right: defender Dan Condon and goalkeeper McKenzie Chalmers (photos by Larry Tan).

[838] "Bryn Athyn at. Saint Anselm | Box Score | 10/27/2017 - Bryn Athyn," (http://www.brynathynathletics.com/sports/mice/2017-18/boxscores/20171027_nop3.xml) Viewed on November 27, 2017.

[839] "Ice hockey shutout at New England College 2-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 28, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/10/28/10_28_2017_443.aspx). Viewed on January 6, 2024.

The four team captains were announced on November 1: Anthony Notorfrancesco was the captain and Alex Doyle, Paul Napierkowski, and Nikita Smirnov the assistants. Notorfrancesco and Napierkowski had been assistant captains for the Lions when the team played in ACHA D3.[840]





Left: The men's Ice Hockey team captains 2017-18 (photo by BAC Athletics). Right: Coaches and captains 2017-18. Left to right: Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Joe Deptula (assistant coach), Alex Doyle, Nikita Smirnov, Anthony Notorfrancesco, Paul Napierkowski, Anthony Astorino (director of hockey operations), and Andrew Burke (head coach) (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Men's Ice Hockey | 11/1/2017 12:00:00 AM

Ice hockey names leadership group for 2017-18 season

BRYN ATHYN, Pa. – The Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey team and head coach Andrew Burke have announced the Lions' leadership group for the 2017-18 season Wednesday. Anthony Notorfrancesco has been tabbed as the team's first captain in the NCAA era, while Paul Napierkowski, Alex Doyle, and Nikita Smirnov were selected as assistant captains.

Notorfrancesco is going into his fourth season as a forward with the Lions. In 80 games in a Bryn Athyn uniform, Notorfrancesco has racked up 75 goals and 97 assists for 172 total points. He is coming off of a career year as a junior when he posted a team- and career-high 35 goals in 24 games and was second on the team with 75 points.

Before coming to Bryn Athyn, Notorfrancesco recorded 23 goals and 31 assists during the 2013-14 season with the Philadelphia Little Flyers of the Metropolitan Junior Hockey League.

As he heads into his senior season, Napierkowski has 9 goals and 59 points in his first three seasons with Bryn Athyn. Last season, Napierkowski dished out 15 assists. He set career highs in goals (7) and points (29) as a freshman. Napierkowski was teammates with Notorfrancesco on the Philadelphia Little Flyers in 2013-14.

Smirnov is in his first season with the Lions after transferring from Aurora University in Illinois. He appeared in 22 games for the Spartans last season, scoring twice and adding a pair of assists. In 2015-16, Smirnov served as the captain of the Charlotte Rush of the U.S. Premier Hockey League Elite, leading the team with 26 assists and 45 points.

Doyle, a freshman, spent the last two seasons in the Eastern Hockey League playing for the Connecticut Nighthawks in 2015-16 and the Philadelphia Revolution in 2016-17. He had 4 goals and 10 assists in 33 games with the Nighthawks and 3 goals and 24 assists in 30 contests with the Revolution.

Bryn Athyn (0-2-0) travels to Post University to take on the Division II Eagles on Nov. 4-5 at the Sports Center of Connecticut in Shelton, Conn.

[840] "Ice hockey names leadership group for 2017-18 season," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 1, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/11/1/11_1_2017_444.aspx). Viewed on January 6, 2024.

New Lions focused on getting better — day by day and minute by minute
Way down the road in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, another independent team, Bryn Athyn College, has joined the ranks of D-III for their first season as an NCAA program. Coach Andrew Burke leads a team new from the Frozen Four at the AHCA club level into their first season of play with a solid recipe for advancing the program and building the culture for success.

"We have a great situation here at the school for our program," noted Burke. "Everyone from the student body to the faculty is so engaged with the hockey program, and it is great for our team. The class sizes here are small, and that same English teacher you just had earlier in the day in a small discussion class is probably the same one at the rink wearing the school colors and cheering from behind the glass or complimenting the kids on the actions from the past weekend. It really is a community environment as well as a teaching one for me and my staff."

When you have a roster largely made up of incoming freshmen, 23 to be exact, teaching is an ongoing process and fundamental to the way that coach Burke and his staff keep the hockey learning consistent for their student-athletes.

"We have a motto and focus: 'to be better every day,'" said Burke. "We do a lot of film sessions and skill development with the kids, in addition to our practices and systems work. The goalies have individualized sessions to focus on skill improvement and fundamentals. If all our kids individually can get a little bit better every day, then the whole level of the team improves, and that is the progression we want to see. In games, we break the 60 minutes down into five-minute segments. We want the kids to focus on just that amount of time and win their shift and that segment. It keeps the focus on the now and breaks down the game into manageable sections."

This past weekend, the Lions opened their regular season with a road trip to New Hampshire, where they dropped a pair of close games at St. Anselm and New England College by 4-2 and 2-0 scores respectively. The games were close and hard-fought, and the coach found a lot of positives in the first real action for his young Lions.

"We did a lot of good things in the games this weekend, and there are a lot of positives for the team coming out of playing two strong and established programs like St. A's and NEC," stated Burke. "We were able to check a lot of first-time boxes as a group last weekend: first road trip; first bad movies on the bus; first two team meals featuring chicken parm; scoring our first goal; playing with the lead; playing on the power play; and so many more. These things are just building our depth of experience and familiarity for the team of playing at the collegiate level. The next big thing will be to get a win, and that will certainly get everyone excited, not only all the players and staff who have been working so hard, but the school as well that supports us so well. We aren't putting pressure on getting the wins or focused on the results right now — we are focused on getting better every day and each five-minute segment of our games. Doing that we will see the results come."

This weekend, Bryn Athyn hits the road again with two games against fellow independent Post in Connecticut, where they will be looking for that first win.

Portions of an article about the two independent NCAA DIII men's ice hockey teams in 2017-18: Bryn Athyn College and SUNY Canton.[841]

[841] Tim Costello, "Life as an independent – always moving forward," article posted on the USCHO website on November 2, 2017 (http://www.uscho.com/2017/11/02/life-as-an-independent-always-moving-forward/) Viewed on November 11, 2017.

As mentioned above, the Bryn Athyn College hockey program had two hockey teams in 2017-18: a varsity team competing in NCAA DIII and a JV team. The JV team was essentially composed of recruits that did not make the varsity team, walk-ons, and some varsity members to fill out the roster. The JV team would also function as a team for students that had been part of the ACHA D3 teams but did not play for the varsity team. However, the JV team was not long lived. It started practices in the fall of 2017 and then played a game against Philadelphia Revolution on November 3. Not long after the game the JV team was canceled. The reason for this is unclear. The lineup against Philadelphia Revolution on November 3 at the Revolution Ice Garden in Warwick was as follows:

#1 Tim Browne*
#3 Richard Doherty
#4 Michael Crowley
#5 Kenneth Burkhardt
#6 Nikita Klinisovs
#8 Ray Weissler
#9 Devyn Dworsky
#10 Cecil Boyd*
#11 Cullen McNally
#12 Austin Lechtanski
#13 Austin Hibbs
#17 Billy Martin
#26 Jason Demczack
#29 Dustin White

Head Coach: Thomas Seravalli
Assistant Coach: Jayson Marbach

* also was on the roster for the NCAA DIII team

The teams scored one goal per period so when the final horn sounded the teams were tied 3-3. The first Bryn Athyn goal was scored by Austin Hibbs (assisted by Cullen McNally). Nikita Klinisovs scored the second (assisted by Richard Doherty and Austin Lechtanski) and third goal. The game was decided in a shootout where Tim Browne made the game winning save to give the Lions the win.



Pictures from the JV game against Philadelphia Revolution on November 3, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).









Pictures from the shootout that decided the JV game against Philadelphia Revolution on November 3, 2017. Top row: goals by Austin Hibbs and Michael Crowley. Middle row: the game-winning save by Tim Browne. Bottom row: fans at the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the JV game against Philadelphia Revolution on November 3, 2017. Top row: Tim Browne and Richard Doherty. Middle row: Michael Crowley, and Kenneth Burkhardt. Bottom row: Nikita Klinisovs and Devyn Dworsky (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the JV game against Philadelphia Revolution on November 3, 2017. Top row: Ray Weissler, and Cecil Boyd. Middle row: Cullen McNally and Austin Lechtanski. Bottom row: Austin Hibbs and Billy Martin (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).






Pictures from the JV game against Philadelphia Revolution on November 3, 2017. Above: Jason Demczack, and Dustin White. Below: Coaches Seravalli and Marbach, and the team after the win (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Pictures from the JV game against Philadelphia Revolution on November 3, 2017. The team celebrates Austin Hibbs' 1-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the JV game against Philadelphia Revolution on November 3, 2017. Left: celebrating Nikita Klinisovs' 2-1 goal. Middle and Right: Klinisovs' 3-3 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The NCAA team was back in action in early November when the Lions traveled to Shelton, Connecticut, to play Post University (NCAA DII). Bryn Athyn College had as a member of ACHA D3 previously played Post's NCAA DII team twice in December 2015 at the Jungé Pavilion (see pp. 412-418). The Lions had won both games. Now, almost two years later, Bryn Athyn faced Post at their home rink for a pair of games on November 4 and 5.



BAC Athletics Department social media gameday ads for the two games at Post University on November 4 and 5, 2017.

The first game against Post on November 4 is historic because it was Bryn Athyn's first win in the NCAA era. The Lions won 6-5 (0-1, 2-1, 3-3, 1-0) in OT after a game winner by freshman Dakota Ulmer. Another freshman, Zach Pamaylaon, scored twice in his first game as a Lion. The other goal scorers were Brycon Johnson, Julion Lever, and Vojtech Luza.[842] The following day the Lions had an easier time and won 7-1 (1-0, 4-0, 2-1) after

[842] "Ulmer's OT goal gives ice hockey first win of NCAA era," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 4, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/11/4/11_4_2017_445.aspx). Viewed on January 6, 2024.

goals by Alec Grollman (2), Tanner Congdon, Alex Doyle, Julion Lever, Jimmy Lockamyeir, and Mike Perkett. The Lions outshot Post 53-27.[843]

Bryn Athyn (1-2) vs Post (0-1)
Date: 11/4/2017 · Location: Shelton, Conn.
Attendance: 256 · Start time: 5 p.m. · End time: 7:15 pm · Total time: 2:15

	Prd	Time	Team		Scored by	Assists	Vis. on ice	Home on ice
1	1	04:03	POSTMH	EV	Tyler Hackett/	Matt Moreschi / Lucas Smith /	26,24,55,6,3	4,18,27,15,28
2	2	11:24	BAC	EV	Vojtech Luza/	Mike Perkett / Dakota Ulmer /	7,27,37,23,19	26,8,29,9,20
3	2	14:57	BAC	PP	Brycon Johnson/	Dakota Ulmer / Alex Tan /	11,23,27,12	17,29,10,91,48
4	2	17:13	POSTMH	EV	Evan Lugo/	Tyler Hackett / Lucas Smith /	27,22,55,6,29	26,4,27,19,23
5	3	08:07	BAC	PP	Zach Pamaylaon/	Alex Doyle / Brycon Johnson /	14,27,12	13,12,17,20
6	3	09:29	BAC	EV	Zach Pamaylaon/	Alex Tan /	28,12,14,19,26	13,10,91,55,48
7	3	10:10	BAC	EV	Julion Lever/	Mike Perkett / Nikita Smirnov /	33,27,7,20,37	3,8,20,12,9
8	3	12:01	POSTMH	EV	Lucas Smith/	Christopher Harris / Tyler Hackett /	10,28,24,55,91	27,15,4,18,23
9	3	13:25	POSTMH	EV	Christopher Harris/	/	12,17,6,20,3	15,23,4,18,27
10	3	19:58	POSTMH	EV	Tyler Hackett/	Anthony Giacomin /	6,17,27,26,12	4,7,5,28,3,11
11	4	00:50	BAC	EV	Dakota Ulmer/	/	18,4,28,15	29,27,22,55

#	Bryn Athyn	G	A	Pim	Sh	+/-
3	Julion Lever	1	0	0	4	-1
6	Connor Devereux	0	0	0	2	-4
8	Mike Perkett	0	2	0	2	+2
9	Riley Flynn	0	0	0	2	+2
10	Alex Tan	0	2	0	3	0
12	Alex Doyle	0	1	2	4	-1
13	Zach Pamaylaon	2	0	0	7	+1
17	Brycon Johnson	1	1	2	4	-2
20	Nikita Smirnov	0	1	0	1	+1
21	Thomas Villante	0	0	0	0	0
22	Tanner Congdon	0	0	0	3	0
24	Nick Malvasi	0	0	0	3	-2
26	Vojtech Luza	1	0	0	1	-1
27	Alec Grollman	0	0	2	4	-1
28	Anthony DePetres	0	0	0	3	-1
29	Dakota Ulmer	1	2	0	1	+1
33	McKenzie Chalmers	0	0	0	0	0
48	Anthony Notorfrancesco	0	0	0	4	+1
55	Kenny Miller	0	0	0	0	-1
91	Jimmy Lockamyeir	0	0	0	5	0
TM	TEAM	0	0	0	0	0

Goals by Period

Team	1	2	3	OT	TOT
BAC	0	2	3	1	6
POSTMH	1	1	3	0	5

Shots by Period

Team	1	2	3	OT	TOT
BAC	15	18	18	2	53
POSTMH	6	12	11	0	29

#	Bryn Athyn	Dec	Min	GA	1	2	3	OT	Saves
33	McKenzie Chalmers	W	60:31	5	5	11	8	0	24
TM	EMPTY NET		00:19	0	0	0	0	0	0

Portions of the Box score for the game against Post University on November 4, 2017.[844]



The starting lineup against Post University on November 4, 2017, the first win for the Lions in the NCAA era: McKenzie Chalmers in goal, Mike Perkett and Alex Tan on defense, and forwards Jimmy Lockamyeir, Anthony Notorfrancesco, and Zach Pamaylaon (photo by Larry Tan).

[843] "Ice hockey cruises to 7-1 win at Post," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 5, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/11/5/11_5_2017_446.aspx). Viewed on January 6, 2024.

[844] "Bryn Athyn at Post | Box Score | 11/4/2017 - Bryn Athyn," (http://www.brynathynathletics.com/sports/mice/2017-18/boxscores/20171104_3kvf.xml) Viewed on January 8, 2018.

Bryn Athyn Lions
November 5, 2017 ·

Thanks to Dakota Ulmer's overtime heroics, men's ice hockey defeated Post 6-5 to record its first win in the NCAA era. Ulmer's first goal of the season came 50 seconds into the overtime period.



Pictures from the game against Post University on November 4, 2017, the first win for the Lions in the NCAA era. Top row: Vojtech Luza's 1-1 goal. Middle row: Brycon Johnson's 2-1 goal. Bottom row: Zach Pamaylaon celebrating his 3-2 and 4-2 goals (photos by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game against Post University on November 4, 2017, the first win for the Lions in the NCAA era. Above: Julion Lever celebrating his 5-2 goal and celebrations of Dakota Ulmer's OT winner. Below: The team celebrating the win and the scoreboard after the game (photos by Larry Tan).



Alex Doyle and Anthony Notorfrancesco at the game against Post University on November 4, 2017 (photos by Larry Tan).



Kenny Miller and Tanner Congdon at the game against Post University on November 4, 2017 (photos by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game against Post University on November 4, 2017, the first win for the Lions in the NCAA era (photos by Larry Tan).

Bryn Athyn Lions
November 5, 2017 ·

Ice hockey scores 7 times, 3 on the power play, to get to .500 with a 7-1 win at Post on Sunday. The Lions are now 2-2 after scoring 13 times in the weekend sweep of the Eagles. Alec Grollman had two of the Bryn Athyn goals.



Pictures from the game against Post University on November 5, 2017. Top row: Alex Tan and Connor Devereux. Middle row: Zach Pamaylaon and Tanner Congdon. Bottom row: Alec Grollman and a save by McKenzie Chalmers (photos by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game against Post University on November 5, 2017: Alex Doyle's 2-0 goal and Jimmy Lockamyeir's 5-0 goal (photos by Larry Tan).

> New program Bryn Athyn traveled to Post for a two-game weekend series and came away with a sweep for their first ever NCAA program wins. The Saturday game was as thrilling as they come, with Post rallying from a three-goal deficit in the final eight minutes of the third period, including an extra-attacker goal with just two seconds remaining in regulation. The 5-5 tie was erased in overtime when Dakota Ullmer scored his first collegiate goal at the 50-second mark to give the Lions their first ever win. On Sunday, Alec Grollman scored a pair to help Bryn Athyn to a 7-1 win and the road sweep at Post.

Portions of an article by Tim Costello that describes the games between the Lions and Post University.[845]



[845] "Men's D-III blog, east wrap: Nov. 5," posted on the USCHO website on November 6, 2017 (http://www.uscho.com/mens-d3-blog/2017/11/06/east-wrap-nov-5/). Viewed on November 11, 2017.



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the game at Nazareth College on November 11, 2017.

On November 11, the Lions played at Nazareth College in Rochester, NY. The Lions won 3-2 (2-0, 0-2, 1-0) after goals by Alec Grollman, Zach Pamaylaon, and Julion Lever.[846]



[846] "Lever leads ice hockey to 3-2 victory at Nazareth," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 11, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/11/11/11_11_2017_447.aspx). Viewed on January 7, 2024.



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the game at King's College on November 17, 2017.

On November 17, the Lions won its fourth straight game when it defeated King's College 4-2 (0-0, 2-0, 2-2). Bryn Athyn's goals were scored by Julion Lever, Alex Doyle, Alec Grollman, and Zach Pamaylaon. The shots were 36-30 in favor of the Lions and goalkeeper McKenzie Chalmers made 28 saves (save percentage: 93.33%).[847]

Bryn Athyn Lions
November 17, 2017 ·

Julion Lever, Alex Doyle, Alec Grollman, and Zach Pamaylaon, all found back the of the net for the ice hockey team as the Lions knocked off King's (Pa.) 4-2 for their fourth straight win. McKenzie Chalmers stopped 28 shots in goal



Pictures from the game against King's College on November 17, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

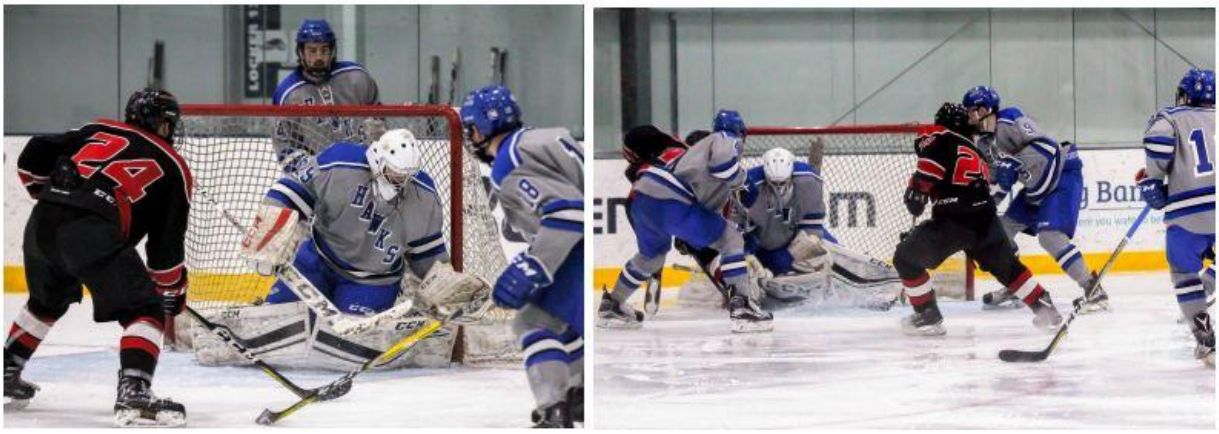
[847] "Winning streak reaches four as ice hockey downs King's (Pa.) 4-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 17, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/11/17/11_17_2017_448.aspx). Viewed on January 7, 2024.

6.1.3 The Steve Hoar Memorial Invitational



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the game at Becker College on November 25, 2017.

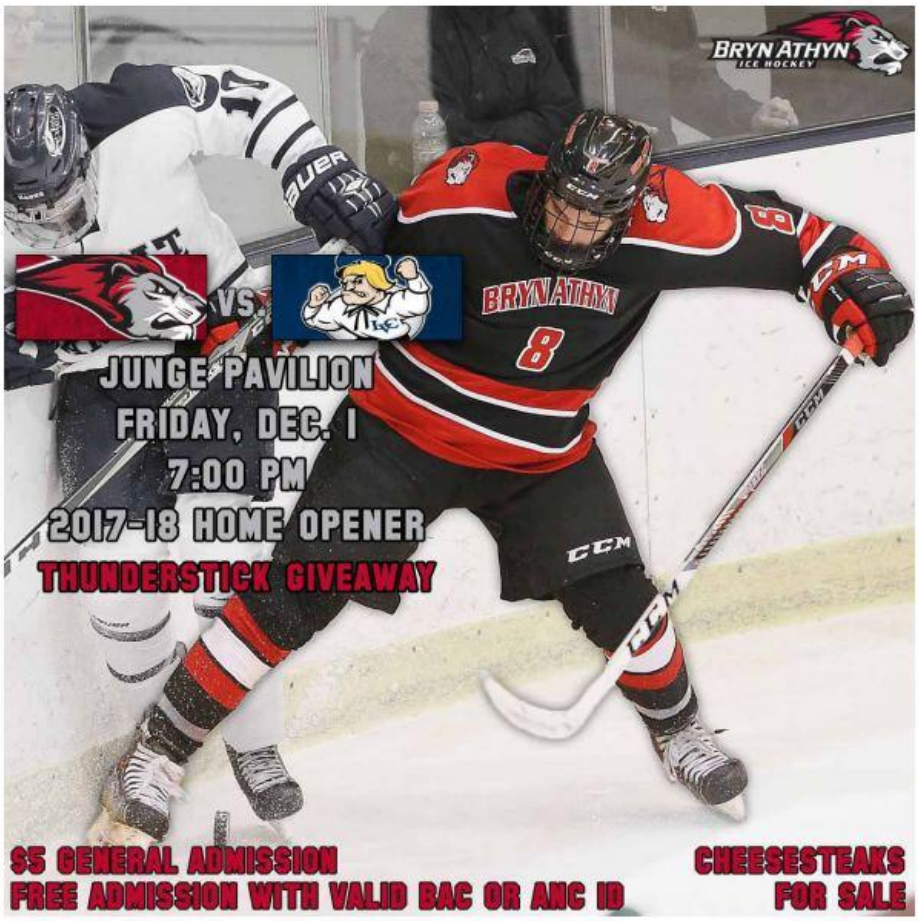
The following weekend the Lions traveled to Worchester, Massachusetts, for the Steve Hoar Memorial Invitational and played Becker College on Saturday November 25. The shots on net were 35-33 in favor of Becker who won the game 5-1 (1-2, 0-1, 0-2). Mike Perkett scored the lone goal for the Lions, and goaltender Landon Trutt made his NCAA debut as he took over in the net with 5 minutes to play. He did not let in a goal. The following day the team played D2 team Stonehill College in the consolation round and, despite outshooting Stonehill 41-39, lost 1-4 (0-2, 0-1, 1-1). Landon Trutt started the game and made 35 saves (save percentage: 89.75%) and Tanner Congdon scored Bryn Athyn's goal.[848]



Pictures from the game against Becker College on November 25, 2017 (photos by Larry Tan).

[848] "Ice hockey tripped up by Becker, 5-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 25, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/11/25/11_25_2017_449.aspx). Viewed on January 7, 2024; "Men's ice hockey falls to Stonehill, 4-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 26, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/11/26/11_26_2017_450.aspx). Viewed on January 7, 2024.

6.1.4 The home opener against Lebanon Valley College



BAC Athletics Department social media ad for the Home Opener against Lebanon Valley College on December 1, 2017. This might have been the first home hockey game in Bryn Athyn College history where non-students had to pay an admission fee to watch a game.

The Lions had so far played eight away games (four wins and four losses). On December 1, it was time for the long-awaited home opener against Lebanon Valley College in front of a full house. The first ever NCAA game at the Jungé Pavilion, which had been fitted with new plexiglass along the boards to comply with NCAA standards. The starting lineup for the Lions was McKenzie Chalmers in goal, Connor Devereux and Riley Flynn on defense, and forwards Alex Doyle, Julion Lever, and Nikita Smirnov. Bryn Athyn College won the game 8-3 (3-1, 3-0, 2-2), despite being outshot 39-29. Tanner Congdon scored twice, including the historic first goal for the Lions at the Jungé Pavilion during the NCAA era. The other goals were scored by Nikita Smirnov (2), Connor Buick, Brycon Johnson, Vojtech Luza, and Nick Malvasi. McKenzie Chalmers recorded 35 saves (save percentage: 92.11%).[849]

[849] "Men's ice hockey cruises to 8-3 win over Lebanon Valley in home opener," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 1, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/12/1/12_1_2017_452.aspx). Viewed on January 7, 2024.

Men's Ice Hockey | 12/1/2017 12:00:00 AM

Men's ice hockey cruises to 8-3 win over Lebanon Valley in home opener

The headline of the BAC athletics department game recap.

 # Bryn Athyn 8

					Shots By Period							
Pos	#	Player	G	A	1	2	3	Totals	+/-	FO	Pen	BLK
LW	3	Lever, Julion	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	-	-	1
	5	Buick, Connor	1	0	1	0	0	1	+2	3-9	-	0
D	6	Devereux, Connor	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-	2-4	0
	8	Perkett, Mike	0	2	1	2	0	3	+3	-	1-2	0
D	9	Flynn, Riley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
	10	Tan, Alex	0	1	0	0	0	0	+1	-	-	1
C	12	Doyle, Alex	0	0	0	1	0	1	+1	14-34	4-16	0
	13	Pamaylaon, Zach	0	0	1	1	0	2	+1	-	1-2	0
	17	Johnson, Brycon	1	2	0	1	1	2	+2	-	1-2	0
RW	20	Smirnov, Nikita	2	1	0	3	3	6	+1	0-1	1-2	0
	22	Congdon, Tanner	2	1	2	2	0	4	+1	0-1	1-2	0
	23	Cacolice, Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	-	-	0
	24	Malvasi, Nick	1	1	0	0	1	1	+2	0-1	3-14	0
	26	Luza, Vojtech	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	-	0
	27	Grollman, Alec	0	2	3	2	0	5	+1	5-12	-	1
	28	DePetres, Anthony	0	2	1	0	0	1	+2	3-9	1-10	0
G	33	Chalmers, McKenzie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
	71	Condon, Dan	0	0	0	0	0	0	+3	-	-	0
	91	Lockamyeir, Jimmy	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	8-18	-	0
	TM	TEAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	3
		Totals	8	13	9	13	6	28	19	35-87	15-54	6

Bryn Athyn - Goalkeeping									
#	Player	Dec	Minutes	GA	EN	1	2	3	Totals
33	Chalmers, McKenzie	W	60:00	3	0	12	9	14	35
	Totals			3	0	12	9	14	35

Bryn Athyn - Faceoffs			
#	Player	W	L
12	Doyle, Alex	14	20
91	Lockamyeir, Jimmy	8	10
27	Grollman, Alec	5	7
5	Buick, Connor	3	6
28	DePetres, Anthony	3	6
26	Luza, Vojtech	2	0
20	Smirnov, Nikita	0	1
22	Congdon, Tanner	0	1
24	Malvasi, Nick	0	1
	Totals	35	52

Portions of the Box score for the Home Opener against Lebanon Valley College on December 1, 2017.[850]



The Lions before the home opener against Lebanon Valley College on December 1, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[850] Box score from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Lebanon Valley College at the Jungé Pavilion on December 1, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/stats/2017-18/lebanon-valley/boxscore/389). Viewed on January 7, 2024.



Pictures from the Home Opener against Lebanon Valley College on December 1, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Home Opener against Lebanon Valley College on December 1, 2017. Above: Connor Devereux and Mike Perkett. Below: Riley Flynn and Alex Tan (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the Home Opener against Lebanon Valley College on December 1, 2017. Top row: McKenzie Chalmers and Alex Doyle. Middle row: Zach Pamaylaon and Brycon Johnson. Bottom row: Dan Condon, and Jimmy Lockamyeir (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).




Pictures from the Home Opener against Lebanon Valley College on December 1, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



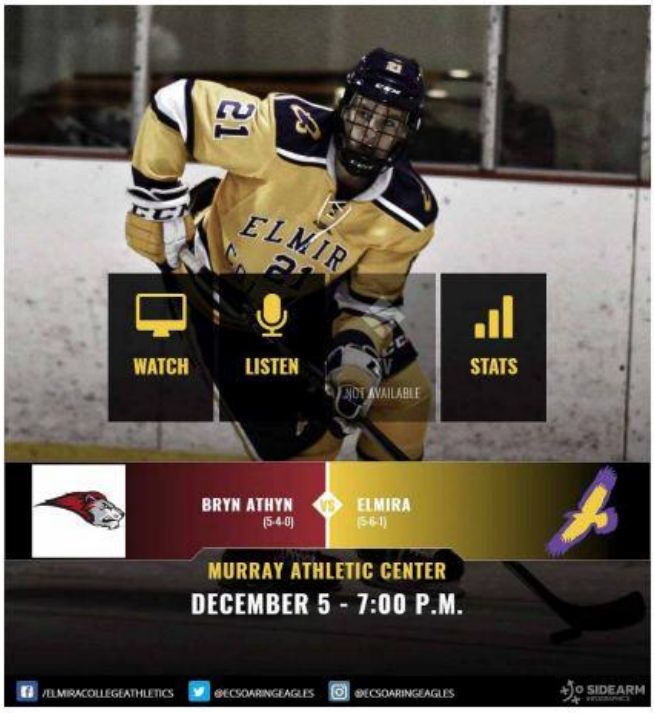



Goal Celebrations at the Home Opener against Lebanon Valley College on December 1, 2017. Above: Nikita Smirnov after his 4-1 goal and celebrations after Nikita Smirnov's 5-1 goal. Below: celebrations after Vojtech Luza's shorthanded 6-1 goal and the scoreboard at the end of the game (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The team celebrating after the win against Lebanon Valley College on December 1, 2017 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

6.1.5 The game at Elmira College with a Presidential puck drop



Elmira Athletics Department social media ad for the game between Bryn Athyn College and Elmira College on December 5, 2017.

Bryn Athyn College played the last game before Christmas break at Elmira College on December 5. Dr. Charles "Chuck" Lindsay, President of Elmira College, had previously worked at Bryn Athyn College for many years and had served as the Dean of Bryn Athyn College between 1996 and 2010. An event was planned, in which the Bryn Athyn College alumni and the local community was invited to a reception at the rink, the Murray Athletic Center in Horseheads, NY. The reception was hosted by President Lindsay, and it was followed by a ceremonial puck drop by Presidents Lindsay and Blair.

Bryn Athyn College vs. Elmira College

Cheer on the BAC men's ice hockey team as they take on Elmira College in Horseheads, N.Y.

Before the game, attend a reception hosted by long-time BAC administrator Chuck Lindsay, now president of Elmira College. Then take to the stands as both Dr. Lindsay and BAC's president, Brian Blair, drop the first puck and begin a great rivalry between BAC and Elmira!

Murray Athletic Center
Horseheads, N.Y.

December 5, 2017
5:30 p.m. Reception
7 p.m. Game

A reply is required before November 26.

RSVP Here

On December 5, **take a trip up to Horseheads, NY** to help BAC launch a rivalry! Cheer on the Lions ice hockey team as they take on Elmira College. A reception, hosted by long-time BAC administrator Dr. Chuck Lindsay will begin at 5:30 pm; Dr. Lindsay and BAC President Brian Blair will drop the ceremonial first puck at 7 pm. **Register before November 26 at https://brynathyn.edu/events/bac-ice-hockey-vs-elmira-college/**.

Advertisements for the hockey event at Elmira College on December 5, 2017. Left: portion of an e-mail sent on November 24 by BAC Alumni Relations. Right: *Bryn Athyn Post* notice on November 20.



Participants of the trip to Elmira on December 5, 2017. Left to right: Brian Schnarr, Emily Schnarr, Gillian Bedford, Allen Bedford, Brian Keith, Chris Carter, Janna Lindsay, Chuck Lindsay, Jenny Lindsay, Fredrik Bryntesson, Laura Nash, Abe Joseph (BAC Associate Athletic Director), Matt Kennedy (BAC Athletic Director and Vice President for Business Development), and Nina Phillips.



Chuck Lindsay, Brian Schnarr, and Brian Blair before the game between Bryn Athyn College and Elmira College. Chuck used to work at Bryn Athyn College as a faculty member and administrator. He was the Dean of the College between 1996-2010. Brian Schnarr joined the Bryn Athyn College faculty in 1967, founded the modern hockey program, and served as the Dean of the College between 1989-1996. Brian Blair was the President of Bryn Athyn College between 2015-2023 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The ceremonial puck drop at the game between The Lions and Elmira; was carried out by Bryn Athyn College President Brian Blair and Elmira College President Dr. Charles "Chuck" Lindsay. Elmira team captain Blake O'Neill and Bryn Athyn assistant captain Alex Doyle took part in the ceremonial faceoff (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions got on the board first thanks to a Vojtech Luza goal halfway through the first period. Elmira tied the game a few minutes later and then added another in the second period, and one more in the third. Bryn Athyn got a lifeline with 8 minutes and 10 seconds left in the game when Connor Buick scored to make it 2-3. However, two quick Elmira goals 16 seconds apart at the end of the game meant a 5-2 win for the Soaring Eagles. Elmira outshot Bryn Athyn 48-20.[851] The game recap published by Elmira College described the two goals scored by the Lions.

> "Bryn Athyn's Vojtech Luza scored the game-opening goal at the 10:32 mark on a rush. After a pair of touch passes from Connor Devereux and Jimmy Lockamyeir, Luza carried the puck into the slot before beating a screened *Gennaro Anzevino* '21 glove-side for the score…
>
> …EC's two-goal lead stood for four minutes until Bryn Athyn's Connor Buick trimmed his team's deficit to just one goal at the 11:50 mark. The tally was his second of the season and was assisted by Anthony DePetres and Connor Devereux…
>
> …[Elmira College] Head Coach Aaron Saul '98 shares his thoughts on Elmira's win tonight… *'We knew coming in that they [Bryn Athyn] were going to be up for this game. They were 3-0 against teams in our conference. They are an independent team, so they do not have much to play for in terms of playoffs. I think that they circled this game and said that this could be a big one for them. I loved our pace. I thought we controlled play for a majority of the night. It's good to finish with a win.'"*[852]





Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Elmira College on December 5, 2017. Vojtech Luza's 1-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).







Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Elmira College on December 5, 2017. Connor Buick's 2-3 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[851] "Men's ice hockey ends 2017 with 5-2 loss to Elmira," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 5, 2017 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2017/12/5/12_5_2017_454.aspx). Viewed on January 7, 2024.

[852] "Three-point efforts from Cuce, Ford and Powell pace Elmira to 5-2 win over Bryn Athyn," article posted on the Elmira College Athletics website on December 5, 2017 (https://athletics.elmira.edu/news/2017/12/5/mens-ice-hockey-three-point-efforts-from-cuce-ford-and-powell-pace-elmira-to-5-2-win-over-bryn-athyn.aspx). Viewed on January 7, 2024.



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Elmira College on December 5, 2017 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

6.1.6 Five home games

The Bryn Athyn College hockey program planned to have two BAC hockey alumni games on January 13, 2018. BAC alumni received the following e-mail on December 18 from Alumni Relations Manager Amanda Lichtenstein:

Bryn Athyn College is proud to host two upcoming ice hockey alumni games!

We hope you'll play in one of two alumni games on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at the Jungé Pavilion:
30 and Older Game: 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
30 and Younger Game: 4 – 5:15 p.m.

A reception will follow at 6 p.m. before BAC ice hockey takes on Chatham University at 7 p.m.

Please **RSVP on or before Monday, January 8 to Andrew Burke** (Andrew.burke@brynathyn.edu) to participate in the alumni games.

We look forward to seeing you in January.

Warm regards,
Amanda

--
Amanda Lichtenstein
Alumni Relations Manager

The alumni also received the following messages:

January 13: Alumni Ice Hockey Games

Play in one of two alumni ice hockey games at the Jungé Pavilion:
30 and Older: 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
30 and Younger: 4 – 5:15 p.m.
A reception will follow at 6 p.m. before BAC takes on Chatham at 7 p.m. To play in one of the alumni games, RSVP on or before January 8 to Andrew Burke.

Last Chance to Register for Alumni Hockey Games

Today is the last day to register for this week's alumni hockey games. Join us this Saturday, January 13, at the Jungé Pavilion for one of two games:

30 and Older Game: 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
30 and Younger Game: 4 – 5:15 p.m.

A reception will follow at 6 p.m. before BAC ice hockey takes on Chatham University at 7 p.m.

Please **RSVP today to Andrew Burke** (Andrew.burke@brynathyn.edu) to participate in the alumni games.

Promotions for the 2018 BAC hockey alumni hockey games. Left: portion of an e-mail on January 2, 2018, to BAC alumni. Right: portion of an e-mail on January 8, 2018, to BAC alumni.

The Lions were back on the ice just after the holidays for two home games against Curry College on January 5 and 6. The games were originally scheduled to be played at the Jungé Pavilion, but the sub-zero wind chills forced the college to move them to the Wintersport rink in Willow Grove where so many historic BAC hockey games had taken place in the 1970s, first half of the 1980s and even for some games in the 1990s.

From: Gornowski, Paul <Paul.Gornowski@brynathyn.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 6:43 PM
To: Gornowski, Paul <Paul.Gornowski@brynathyn.edu>
Subject: Ice Hockey to Play Curry This Weekend as Scheduled -- New Location Information

The men's ice hockey games against Curry College **will be played as scheduled** this weekend. Friday's game will begin at 7 pm and Saturday's game starts at 4 pm. However, due to the expected sub-zero wind chills, the games will be played at Wintersports Ice Sport. The address for Wintersports Ice Sport is 551 York Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090.

Paul Gornowski
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Curry College Athletics Department social media ads for the games between Bryn Athyn College and Curry College on January 5 and 6, 2018.

Bryn Athyn lost the first game to Curry, 2-3 (2-2, 0-1, 0-0), despite scoring two quick goals 65 seconds apart in the first period to take a 2-0 lead.[853] Curry won the second game 6-1 (0-3, 0-2, 1-1). Vojtech Luza scored the lone goal for the Lions.[854]



Pictures from the game between the Lions and Curry College on January 5, 2018 (photos by Larry Tan).

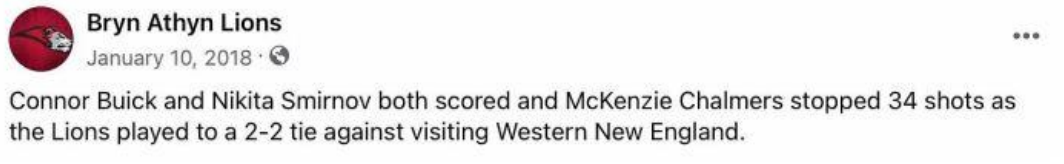


Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn and Curry College on January 6, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[853] "Men's ice hockey upended by Curry 3-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 5, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/5/1_5_2018_457.aspx). Viewed on January 9, 2024.

[854] "Ice hockey falls to Curry 6-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 5, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/6/1_6_2018_458.aspx). Viewed on January 9, 2024.

The Lions returned to the Jungé Pavilion for a busy week with three games. On January 10, Bryn Athyn and University of Western New England skated to a 2-2 tie (1-0, 0-0, 1-2). Connor Buick and Nikita Smirnov scored for the Lions and McKenzie Chalmers saved 34 shots (save percentage: 94.44%). Three days later Alex Doyle and Julion Lever capitalized on two powerplays when the Lions defeated Chatham University 2-1 (0-1, 1-0, 1-0). On January 14 Bryn Athyn had a 2-1 lead against SUNY Cortland thanks to goals by Anthony Notorfrancesco and Nikita Smirnov, but ultimately lost 2-5 (2-2, 0-2, 0-1).[855]





The team before the game against University of Western New England on January 10, 2018 (photos by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn and University of Western New England on January 10, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[855] "Men's ice hockey skates to 2-2 tie against Western New England," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 10, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/10/1_10_2018_459.aspx). Viewed on January 9, 2024; "Lever lifts men's ice hockey to 2-1 win over Chatham," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 13, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/13/1_13_2018_461.aspx). Viewed on January 9, 2024; "Ice hockey knocked off by SUNY Cortland 5-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 14, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/14/1_14_2018_462.aspx). Viewed on January 9, 2024.



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn and Chatham University on January 13, 2018: Nick Malvasi, Alex Radcliffe, Tanner Congdon, and Connor Buick (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn and Chatham University on January 13, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Chatham University Athletics department social media post after the game against the Lions on January 13, 2018.



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn and SUNY Cortland on January 14, 2018. Left: Anthony Notorfrancesco's 1-1 goal. Right: Nikita Smirnov's 2-1 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

6.1.6 The games against Aquinas that defeated the Lions at the 2017 ACHA D3 Nationals

On January 19 and 20, the Lions hosted Aquinas College for two exhibition games. This was, in effect, a rematch from the previous year's ACHA D3 National Championships semifinal (see pp. 612-621). Aquinas had won the semifinal and then gone on to become the 2017 National Champions. Since then, both teams had transitioned to different collegiate associations; the Lions now belonged to NCAA DIII, and Aquinas was a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The two games featured many players on both teams that had also taken part in the 2017 National Championships semifinal.[856]

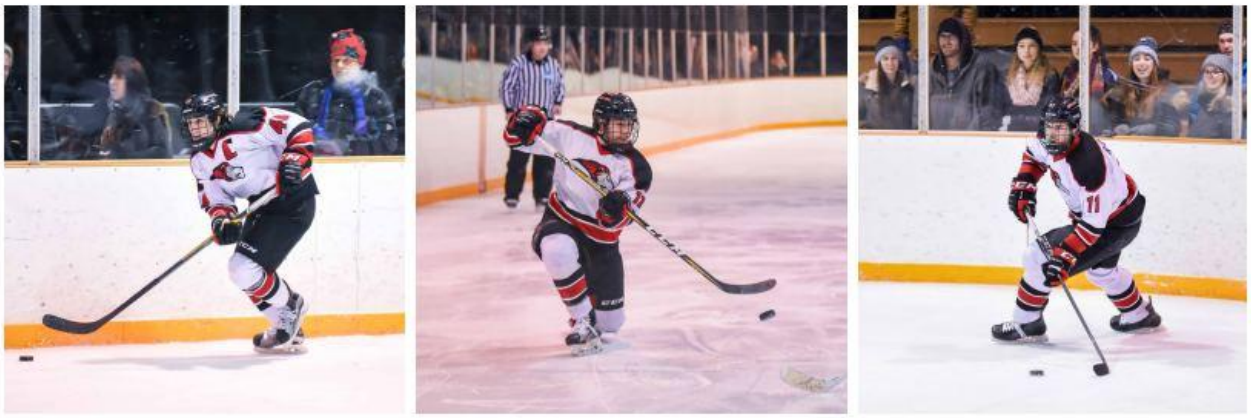
Bryn Athyn College won the first game 2-0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0), after goals by Camden Cacolice and Tanner Congdon. The shots on net were 40-31 in favor of the Lions (12-9, 16-11, 12-11).[857] Landon Trutt made 31 saves and recorded his fifth shutout for the Lions.



Landon Trutt got a shutout in the game between Bryn Athyn and Aquinas on January 19, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[856] The box scores are difficult to assess since the first names are not included for the Aquinas players. However. there seems to have been 9-11 Aquinas players and 7-8 Lions players on the ice at the Jungé Pavilion that also took part in the ACHA D3 National Championships semifinal.

[857] "Trutt stops 38 as ice hockey defeats Aquinas 2-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 19, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/19/1_19_2018_464.aspx). Viewed on January 9, 2024.



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn and Aquinas on January 19, 2018: Anthony Notorfrancesco, Brycon Johnson, and Alex Radcliffe (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn and Aquinas on January 19, 2018. Camden Cacolice's 1-0 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The teams were back at the Jungé Pavilion the next day. Although the shots on net were even, 35-35 (3-9, 11-16, 21-10), the Lions won 4-1 (2-0, 1-0, 1-1) after goals by Nick Malvasi, Nikita Smirnov, Tanner Congdon, and Anthony DePetres. Aquinas scored their lone goal with only nine seconds left of the game. Isaac Syre made 34 saves (save percentage: 97.14%).[858] Aquinas summarized in their recap of the two games:

> "The matchup was a ACHA D3 National Semi-Final rematch from last season, which the Saints won on the way to the National Title. This time, at Junge Ice Arena in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, it was the Lions who came out on top."[859]



Pictures from the game between Bryn Athyn and Aquinas on January 19, 2018. Above: Goals by Nikita Smirnov and Tanner Congdon. Below: Zach Pamaylaon and Isaac Syre (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



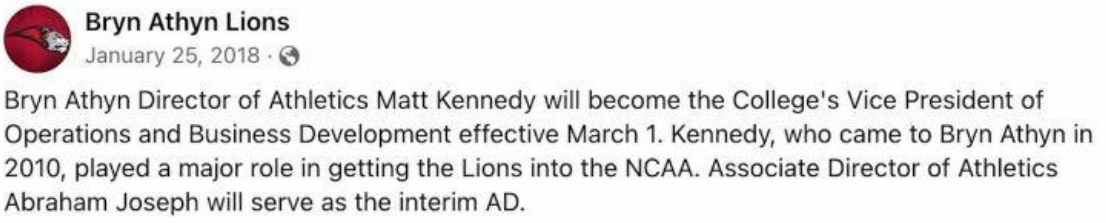
[858] "Ice hockey ends home stand with 4-1 win over Aquinas," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 20, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/20/1_20_2018_465.aspx). Viewed on January 9, 2024.

[859] "Men's hockey drops pair in Pennsylvania," article posted on the Aquinas Athletics website on January 20, 2018 (http://www.aqsaints.com/article/3208.php). Viewed on January 20, 2018.

6.1.7 The final third of the season and playing in front of 3,924 spectators

On January 25, 2018, Bryn Athyn College President Brian Blair informed the College community that Matt Kennedy had become Vice President of Operations and Business Development at Bryn Athyn College.[860] Kennedy had previously informed the athletic department and FAR that he would step down as the Athletic Director and that Abraham Joseph would be elevated to Interim Athletic Director. Matt explained: "Abe Joseph will serve as the interim AD until a new AD is hired. I will spend the spring term transitioning the department to him and he will fully take the reins July 1 as the interim."[861] On January 25, the athletic department published an article and stated:

> "Matt Kennedy, the architect of the Bryn Athyn College athletics department, will step away from his role as the Director of Athletics to become the College's Vice President of Operations and Business Development effective March 1, 2018. Associate Director of Athletics Abraham Joseph will serve as Interim AD until a search to fill the role is conducted later this year."[862]



The Lions traveled to Utica for a game on January 26. Utica had just been ranked #7 amongst all NCAA DIII men's ice hockey teams in the nation by the USCHO Division III poll.[863] The Bryn Athyn College Athletics Department published a preview of the game and pointed out that the Lions were facing quite a challenge.

> "Utica—seventh in the United States College Hockey Online and D3Hockey.com polls—has the third-best scoring offense in Division III with 4.53 goals per game. The Pioneers are nearly as strong on the defensive side of the ice, ranking eighth in scoring defense with 1.88 goals allowed per game.
>
> Nearly one-third of Utica's 77 goals have come on the Pioneers' second-ranked power play, scoring on 27.0 percent (24- of-89) of its man advantages. In the last six games, Utica has scored at least one power-play goal and is 11-for-29 on its power play opportunities. Utica has a power-play goal in 14 of its 17 games."[864]

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[860] Brian Blair, e-mail message on January 25, 2018.
[861] Matthew Kennedy, e-mail message on January 25, 2018.
[862] "Kennedy named VP of Operations and Business Development; Joseph tabbed interim AD," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 25, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/25/1_25_2018_194.aspx). Viewed on June 4, 2023.
[863] "USCHO Division III men's poll - January 22, 2018," posted USCHO website on January 22, 2018 (https://www.uscho.com/rankings/d-iii-mens-poll/2018-01-22/). Viewed on January 8, 2024.
[864] "Ice hockey heads to No. 7 Utica Friday night," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 25, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/25/1_25_2018_466.aspx). Viewed on June 4, 2023.

The game took place at the Adirondack Bank Center, an arena with a capacity of 4,000 spectators. Utica averaged 3,371 spectators per game in 2017-18, and according to Utica's box score, the game against Bryn Athyn College had an attendance of almost four thousand (3,924).[865] This might be the biggest audience a Bryn Athyn College athletic team has ever played in front of. Despite being outshot 17-1 in the first period, the Lions did not allow a goal and the score was 0-0 when the teams headed into the locker rooms for the intermission. However, in the second and third period Utica took over. The Pioneers outshot the Lions 41-8 over the three periods and won the game 6-0.[866]



BRYN ATHYN COLLEGE (6-9-1)
-VS-
 # 7 UTICA COLLEGE (14-3-1)

	1	2	3	
Bryn Athyn College	0	0	0	0
▸ Utica College	0	3	3	6

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UTICA Ammirato, Roman (1); Everson, Brett (1); Landrigan, Conor (1); Valenti, Kevin (1); Pietrowski, Tyler (1); Bushenski, Mikhail (1)

DATE: 1/26/2018 **START:** 7 p.m. **TIME:** 2:09 **ATTENDANCE:** 3924 **LOCATION:** Utica, NY **OFFICIALS:** Referee: Gregory Blais; Referee: Jordan Patarino; Linesman: Zachary Dupree; Linesman: Jason Engelhart; Scorer: Laurel Simer **VIEW** Match History vs Bryn Athyn College

Bryn Athyn College 0

Pos	#	Player	G	A
LW	3	Julion Lever	0	0
	5	Connor Buick	0	0
D	6	Connor Devereux	0	0
D	8	Mike Perkett	0	0
	9	Riley Flynn	0	0
	10	Alex Tan	0	0
	11	Alex Radcliffe	0	0
C	12	Alex Doyle	0	0
	13	Zach Pamaylaon	0	0
	17	Brycon Johnson	0	0
RW	20	Nikita Smirnov	0	0
	22	Tanner Congdon	0	0
	24	Nick Malvasi	0	0
	26	Vojt&ch Lu&a	0	0
	27	Alec Grollman	0	0
	28	Anthony DePetres	0	0
G	33	McKenzie Chalmers	0	0
	48	A. Notorfrancesco	0	0
	91	Jimmy Lockamyeir	0	0
		Totals	**0**	**0**

Goalkeeping Statistics

Bryn Athyn College - Goalkeeping

#	Player	Dec	Minutes	GA	EN	1	2	3	Totals
33	McKenzie Chalmers	L	60:00	6	0	17	11	11	39
	Totals			**6**	**0**	**17**	**11**	**11**	**39**



Portion of Utica's box score from the game against Bryn Athyn College on January 26, 2018, which might have had the biggest crowd ever to attend a game involving a team from Bryn Athyn College, and a Utica Social media post announcing the final score.

[865] "Men's division II/III hockey attendance: 2017-2018," article on the USCHO website (https://www.uscho.com/stats/attendance/division-iii-men/2017-2018/). Viewed on January 10, 2024; "Box score from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Utica College on January 26, 2018 (https://uticapioneers.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/stats/2017-2018/bryn-athyn/boxscore/9196). Viewed on January 9, 2024.

[866] "Ice hockey upended by No. 7 Utica 6-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 26, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/26/1_26_2018_467.aspx). Viewed on January 9, 2024.

The Lions were back at the Jungé Pavilion on February 2, for the last home game of the season. The team celebrated Senior Night followed by a game against King's College. The seniors that were honored in the pre-game ceremony were: Anthony Astorino, Connor Buick, Pat Lynch, Paul Napierkowski, and Anthony Notorfrancesco. The Lions won the game by a score of 6-3 (2-2, 2-1, 2-0) after goals by Anthony DePetres, Alex Doyle, Alec Grollman, Brycon Johnson, Vojtech Luza, and Anthony Notorfrancesco. Landon Trutt got the win for the Lions.[867]



Senior Night on February 2, 2018. Left to right: Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Joe Deptula (assistant coach), Paul Napierkowski, Connor Buick, Pat Lynch, Anthony Notorfrancesco, Anthony Astorino (senior and director of hockey operations), and Andrew Burke (head coach) (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Senior Night on February 2, 2018: seniors and friends. Left to right: Anthony Astorino, Pat Lynch, Anthony Notorfrancesco, Nolan Frame, Connor Buick, Ray Weissler, Paul Napierkowski, and Cullen McNally (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[867] "Special teams power men's ice hockey to Senior Night victory over King's (Pa.)," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 2, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/2/2/2_2_2018_470.aspx). Viewed on January 10, 2024.

Bryn Athyn Lions
February 2, 2018 ·

The men's ice hockey team closed out Junge Pavilion for this season with a 6-3 Senior Night victory over King's College. Anthony Notorfrancesco, one of five seniors honored, had a goal and an assist. The Lions also recognized Paul Napierkowski, Pat Lynch, Connor Buick, and Anthony Astorino.



Pictures of seniors from the Senior Night game against King's College on February 2, 2018. Top row: Paul Napierkowski and Connor Buick. Middle row: Pat Lynch and Anthony Notorfrancesco. Bottom row: game pictures (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against King's College on February 2, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The following night the Lions played Neumann University at the Aston IceWorks, the rink where Bryn Athyn College had won three DVCHC championships during the hockey program's ACHA D3 era (2013, 2015, and 2016). Neumann scored first and then the teams traded goals and the score was 4-4 at the end of the second period when Neumann found the net with just over a minute left to make it 4-5. In the final period, Neumann added one more goal, and despite being one-man-up for the last four minutes and 24 seconds, the Lions could not add another tally. The final score was 6-4 (2-3, 2-2, 0-1) to Neumann.[868]



Pictures from the game against Neumann on February 3, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[868] "Ice hockey falls to Neumann 6-4," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 3, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/2/3/2_3_2018_471.aspx). Viewed on January 10, 2024; Box score from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Neumann University on February 3, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/stats/2017-18/neumann/boxscore/400). Viewed on January 10, 2024.



Pictures from the game against Neumann on February 3, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Neumann on February 3, 2018: Alec Grollman's 2-2 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Neumann on February 3, 2018: Zach Pamaylaon's 3-3 goal (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Neumann on February 3, 2018. Above: Dakota Ulmer and Alex Tan. Below: Brycon Johnson, Mike Perkett, and Nikita Smirnov (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



SUNY Canton athletics department social media gameday ads for the two games against Bryn Athyn College on February 10 and 11, 2018.

There were only two men's ice hockey teams that played an independent schedule (i.e. they were not members of a conference) in NCAA DIII in 2017-18: Bryn Athyn College and SUNY Canton. On February 10 and 11 the two teams met for a pair of games at the Roos House in Canton, upstate NY.

The teams split the series; Bryn Athyn lost the first game 0-2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1) and won the second game 2-1 (0-0, 1-0, 1-1). The Lions' goals in the second game were scored by Brycon Johnson and Tanner Congdon, and McKenzie Chalmers saved 36 shots (save percentage: 97.30%).[869] The SUNY Canton athletics department game recap described the goals scored by the Lions:

> "The Lions (8-11-1) got on the board first at 1:36 of the middle period when Connor Buick tipped the puck to Brycon Johnson in the Roos defensive zone and he beat the Roo goaltender Austin Washkurak top shelf for the 1-0 lead...
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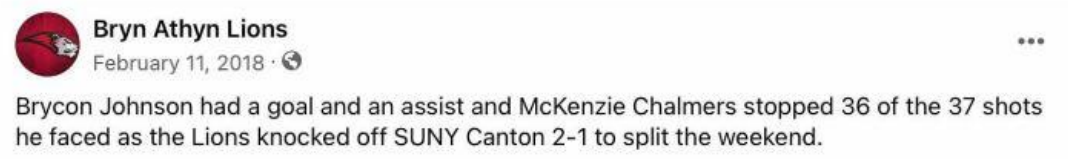
> ... Bryn Athyn added a second goal on a nice cross-ice pass in front of the crease from Nikita Smirnov to Tanner Congdon who finished into the open net. Johnson also earned a helper on the play."[870]





Pictures from the game between SUNY Canton and Bryn Athyn College on February 10, 2018, (photos by Larry Tan)



Pictures from the game between SUNY Canton and Bryn Athyn College on February 11, 2018, (photos by Larry Tan)

[869] "Men's ice hockey blanked at SUNY Canton 2-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 10, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/2/10/2_10_2018_472.aspx). Viewed on January 10, 2024; "Johnson, Chalmers lead men's ice hockey to 2-1 win at SUNY Canton," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 11, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/2/11/2_11_2018_473.aspx). Viewed on January 10, 2024.

[870] "Bullard scores, men's hockey falls 2-1 in season finale," article posted on the SUNY Canton Athletics website on February 11, 2018 (http://www.rooathletics.com/news/2018/2/11/mens-ice-hockey-bullard-scores-mens-hockey-falls-2-1-in-season-finale.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2018.

The Lions finished the season with two away games at Lebanon Valley College on February 16, and at Chatham University on February 17. The game against Lebanon Valley was very even. Each team scored one goal per period and the result after 60 minutes was therefore 3-3 after goals by Brycon Johnson (power play), Tanner Congdon (power play), and Connor Deveraux. The shots on net after three periods of play were 28-24 in favor of Lebanon Valley. The game went to OT during which each team took one shot each. Lebanon Valley's found the net and the Lions lost the game 3-4.[871] It was the first time since the ACHA D3 National Championships semifinal on March 13, 2015, that the Lions lost a game in OT.



Pictures from the game between Lebanon Valley College and Bryn Athyn College on February 16, 2018, (photos by Larry Tan)



Chatham University athletics department social media gameday ad for game against Bryn Athyn College on February 17, 2018.

The game at Chatham University on February 17, 2018, started slowly, with no goals scored in the first period. Chatham scored early in the second period to take a 1-0 lead. The Lions responded and found the net three times before the period ended. Chatham scored after four minutes and 14 seconds in the third to make it 3-2. From that point on, the game belonged to the Lions who added six straight goals before the period ended. Forward

[871] "Men's ice hockey defeated by Lebanon Valley in OT 4-3," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 16, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/2/16/2_16_2018_474.aspx). Viewed on January 11, 2024.

Alex Doyle made history when he scored the first hat trick for the Lions as a NCAA DIII team. Seniors Connor Buick and Anthony Notorfrancesco recorded three points each, and Pat Lynch two points, in their last game for the Lions. Bryn Athyn won the game 9-2, which turned out to be the most goals the team scored in a game during the NCAA era.

	1	2	3	Final
Bryn Athyn College	0	3	6	9
Chatham University	0	1	1	2

Goals: Alex Doyle (3), Connor Buick (2), Tanner Congdon (2), Vojtech Luza, and Anthony Notorfrancesco.
Assists: Tanner Congdon (2), Pat Lynch (2), Anthony Notorfrancesco (2), Nikita Smirnov (2), Connor Buick, Brycon Johnson, and Zach Pamaylaon.[872]

Bryn Athyn Lions
February 18, 2018 ·

Alex Doyle recorded the Lions' first hat trick of the NCAA era as the men's ice hockey team scored a season-high nine times in a 9-2 win at Chatham on Saturday night. Bryn Athyn's power play was stellar as it scored four times in five opportunities. The Lions end their first season of NCAA hockey at 9-12-1.



Chatham University athletics department social media post after the game against Bryn Athyn College on February 17, 2018.

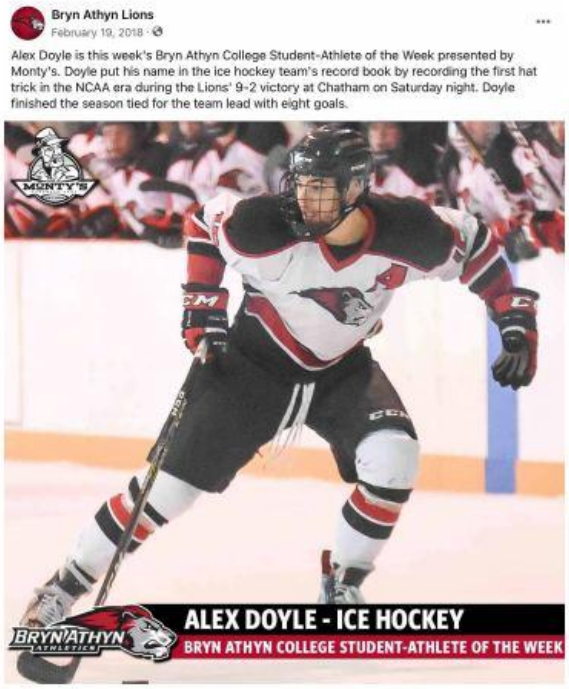
[872] "Doyle's hat trick leads men's ice hockey to 9-2 win at Chatham," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 17, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/2/17/2_17_2018_475.aspx). Viewed on January 12, 2024; Box score from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Chatham University on February 17, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/stats/2017-18/chatham/boxscore/404). Viewed on January 12, 2024.



Pictures from the game between Chatham University and Bryn Athyn College on February 17, 2018 (photos by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game between Chatham University and Bryn Athyn College on February 17, 2018, (photos by Larry Tan)



Alex Doyle was announced as the athlete of the week on February 19, 2018.

6.1.8 Season summary and awards



BAC Athletic Department social media ads for the 2018 Athletics Awards Night where student athletes were recognized for their achievements during the 2017-18 season.

Three players from the men's ice hockey team received honors at the BAC Athletic Department's end-of-year awards ceremony: McKenzie Chalmers (MVP), Anthony Notorfrancesco (Lions' Award) and Nick Malvasi (Coach's award). In addition, senior Anthony Astorino, who had not played, but instead served as the Director of Hockey Operations also received a Coach's Award.[873]

[873] "Bryn Athyn recognizes student-athletes during 2018 Athletics Awards Night," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on May 8, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/5/8/5_8_2018_196.aspx). Viewed on June 29, 2023.

Shutouts during the 2017-18 season	
January 19, 2018	Landon Trutt in an exhibition game against NAIA member Aquinas College[874]

Hat tricks during the 2017-18 season	
February 17, 2018	Alex Doyle[875]

2017-2018 Season

Opponent	Date	Result
@Saint Anselm (D2)	10/27/2017	Loss 2-4
@New England College	10/28/2017	Loss 0-2
@Post University (D2)	11/4/2017	Win 6-5 (OT)
@Post University (D2)	11/5/2017	Win 7-1
@Nazareth College	11/11/2017	Win 3-2
@King's College	11/17/2017	Win 4-2
Becker College STEVE HOAR MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL	11/25/2017	Loss 1-5
Stonehill (D2) STEVE HOAR MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL	11/26/2017	Loss 1-4
Lebanon Valley College	12/1/2017	Win 8-3
@Elmira College	12/5/2017	Loss 2-5
Curry College	1/5/2018	Loss 2-3
Curry College	1/6/2018	Loss 1-6
University of Western New England	1/10/2018	Tie 2-2
Chatham University	1/13/2018	Win 2-1
SUNY Cortland	1/14/2018	Loss 2-5
@Utica	1/26/2018	Loss 0-6
King's College	2/2/2018	Win 6-3
@Neumann University	2/3/2018	Loss 4-6
@SUNY Canton	2/10/2018	Loss 0-2
@SUNY Canton	2/11/2018	Win 2-1
@Lebanon Valley College	2/16/2018	Loss 3-4 (OT)
@Chatham University	2/17/2018	Win 9-2

Overall season record

GP	W	L	OTL	T	GA	GA
22	9	11	1	1	67	74

NCAA Division III

Unofficial games

Opponent	Date	Result
SUNY Morrisville SCRIMMAGE	10/21/2017	Loss 1-2
Aquinas College (NAIA) EXHIBITION	1/19/2018	Win 2-0
Aquinas College (NAIA) EXHIBITION	1/20/2018	Win 4-1

[874] "Trutt stops 38 as ice hockey defeats Aquinas 2-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 19, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/1/19/1_19_2018_464.aspx). Viewed on January 9, 2024.

[875] "Doyle's hat trick leads men's ice hockey to 9-2 win at Chatham," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 17, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/2/17/2_17_2018_475.aspx). Viewed on January 12, 2024.

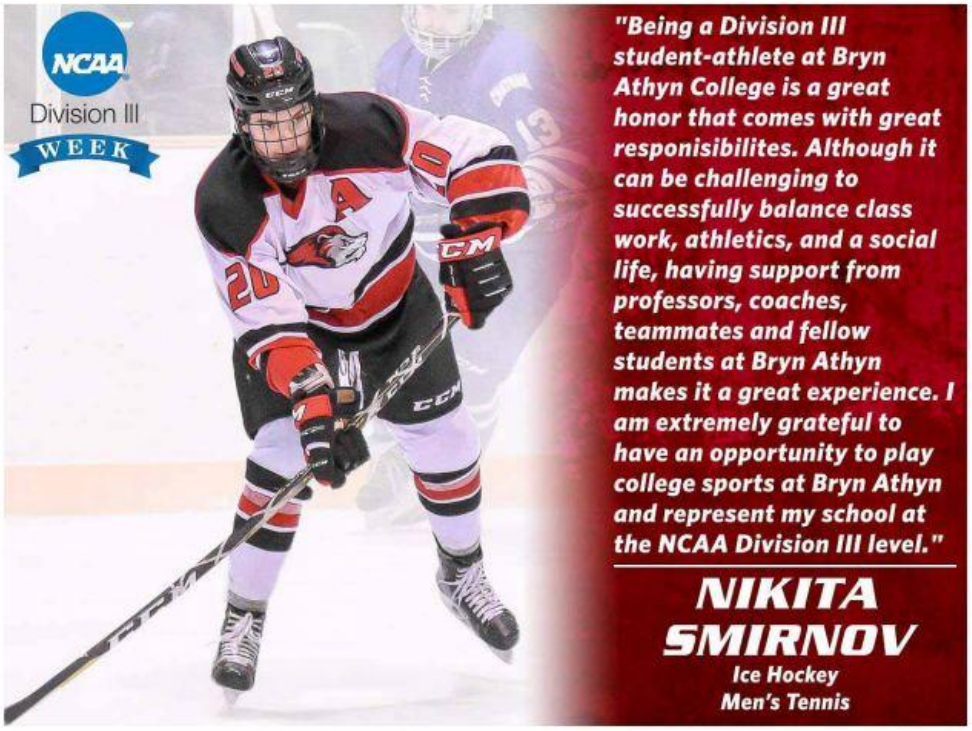
Stats for the 2017-18 season

Skaters	GP	G	A	PTS	PTS/G
1. Tanner Congdon	21	8	10	18	0.86
2. Nikita Smirnov	22	4	12	16	0.73
3. Brycon Johnson	18	7	7	14	0.78
4. Alec Grollman	21	7	6	13	0.62
5. Alex Doyle	20	8	4	12	0.60
6. Julion Lever	21	6	5	11	0.52
7. Zach Pamaylaon	17	5	4	9	0.53
8. Anthony Notorfrancesco	19	4	5	9	0.47
9. Mike Perkett	22	2	7	9	0.41
10. Alex Tan	22	0	9	9	0.41
11. Vojtech Luza	19	6	1	7	0.37
12. Connor Buick	17	5	2	7	0.41
13. Dakota Ulmer	13	1	6	7	0.53
14. Anthony DePetres	19	1	3	4	0.21
15. Connor Devereux	22	1	3	4	0.18
16. Jimmy Lockamyeir	14	1	3	4	0.28
17. Nick Malvasi	21	1	3	4	0.19
18. Pat Lynch	7	0	2	2	0.28
19. Riley Flynn	14	0	1	1	0.07
20. Trevor Kleckner	3	0	1	1	0.33
21. Camden Cacolice	10	0	0	0	0
22. Dan Condon	11	0	0	0	0
23. Kenny Miller	6	0	0	0	0
24. Paul Napierkowski	6	0	0	0	0
25. Alex Radcliffe	7	0	0	0	0
26. Guy Roby	1	0	0	0	0
27. Tanner Todd	1	0	0	0	0
28. Thomas Villante	1	0	0	0	0
29. Travis Volmert	1	0	0	0	0

Goalies	GP-GS	Min	GA	SV	SV%	W
1. McKenzie Chalmers	20-20	1173:42	64	652	91.1%	8
2. Landon Trutt	3-2	123:21	7	58	89.2%	1
3. Isaac Syre	2-0	24:47	1	8	88.9%	0

Stats for the 2017-18 season.[876]

[876] Individual statistics for the 2017-18 season (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/stats/2017-18). Viewed on February 16, 2024.



BAC Athletics Department social media post on April 3, 2018.

There were at least three Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey alumni who played hockey in Europe in 2017-18: Steven Altman (Swedish division 3 team Fotskäls), DJ Mulhern (Swedish division 3 team Österåker), and Danny Triesler (Swedish division 2 team Åsele and Icelandic team UMFK Esja).[877]

6.2 The 2018-19 season

Bryn Athyn College began the 2018-19 academic year with 282 full-time students.[878] Rev. Dr. Thane Glenn stepped down as the Chief Academic Officer on June 30. Dr. Wendy Closterman added the duties of CAO to her Dean of Faculty role. Abraham Joseph was the Interim Athletic Director, and the Lions played its first year in the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC). Nine Bryn Athyn College teams qualified for the CSAC post season in 2018-19: women's cross country, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, and tennis, and men's cross-country, golf, lacrosse, and tennis. Women's volleyball had qualified for the NCAA DIII post season for the first time and won their quarterfinal at home against Wilson but lost in the semifinal to Notre Dame (Md).[879] Men's tennis had likewise also

[877] Elite Prospects (https://www.eliteprospects.com/player/138110/steven-altman); https://www.eliteprospects.com/player/295261/daniel-triesler; https://www.eliteprospects.com/player/296584/d.j.-mulhern). Viewed on January 1, 2024.
[878] "Finalized 2018-19 fall enrollment," Bryn Athyn College Office, September 17, 2018.
[879] "Lions sweep Wilson to reach CSAC Tournament semifinals," article published on the BAC Athletics website on October 30, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/10/30/10_30_2018_1381.aspx). Viewed on January 19, 2024; "Lions fall to Notre Dame

qualified for the NCAA DIII post season for the first time. They won their semifinal against Keystone but lost in the championship game against Clarks Summit.[880] This was the last year for men's tennis, which had been offered since 2011-12. One Bryn Athyn College student received top NEAC honors: Clayshonia Cogmon was the CSAC women's basketball Defensive Player of the Year. A record 38 student athletes made the CSAC All-conference teams (nine twice in different sports/disciplines).[881]

Alair Brock (women's cross country, second team)
Zachary Brock (men's tennis, singles first team)
Zachary Brock (men's tennis, doubles first team)
Nora Connelly (women's tennis, singles second team)
Nora Connelly (women's tennis, doubles second team)
Marie Daum (women's tennis, singles second team)
Marie Daum (women's tennis, doubles second team)
Natalie Daum (women's cross country, first team)
Brad DePasquale (men's lacrosse, second team)
Jacob Elder (men's tennis, singles second team)
Jacob Elder (men's tennis, doubles first team)
Chantal Farmer (women's field hockey, second team)
Chantal Farmer (women's lacrosse, first team)
Payton Gormley (women's lacrosse, second team)
Brittany Gunther (women's lacrosse, second team)
Cameron Leach (men's lacrosse, first team)
Brianna Lennox (women's field hockey, second team)
Brianna Lennox (women's lacrosse, first team)
Vojtech Luza (men's tennis, singles second team)
Vojtech Luza (men's tennis, doubles second team)
Alex Medina (men's soccer, second team)
Eve Miller (women's field hockey, second team)
Maxwell Nelson (men's tennis, doubles second team)
Sarah Reed (women's lacrosse, first team)
Kyla Rogers (women's field hockey, second team)
Tanner Schroeder (men's tennis, doubles second team)
Nikita Smirnov (men's tennis, singles second team)
Nikita Smirnov (men's tennis, doubles second team)
Cody Smith (men's golf, second team)
Paulina Storck (women's lacrosse, second team)
Tori Titano (women's soccer, second team)
Tina Tu (women's lacrosse, second team)
Rahim Washington (men's basketball, second team)

Honorable mention All-CSAC

Anwyn Brock (women's tennis doubles)
Briana Cliney (women's volleyball)
Clayshonia Cogmon (women's basketball)
Christine Daum (women's tennis singles)
Christine Daum (women's tennis doubles)
Hannah Dewees (women's volleyball)
Dillon Fields (men's lacrosse)
Jenessa Lombardi (women's volleyball)
Shane McCurdy (men's lacrosse)
Jessica Philipp (women's lacrosse)
Ashley Rivera (women's soccer)
Sarah Smith (women's lacrosse)
Larry Stevenson III (men's basketball)
James Vandergrift (men's lacrosse)

(Md.) in CSAC Tournament semifinal, 3-0," article published on the BAC Athletics website on November 1, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/11/1/11_1_2018_1383.aspx). Viewed on January 19, 2024.

[880] "Lions advance to CSAC Tournament title match with 5-2 win over Keystone," article published on the BAC Athletics website on April 25, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/4/25/4_25_2019_827.aspx). Viewed on January 19, 2024; "Men's tennis ends season with 5-3 loss to Clarks Summit in CSAC Tournament Final," article published on the BAC Athletics website on April 16, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/4/26/4_26_2019_828.aspx). Viewed on January 19, 2024.

[881] "CSAC announces 2018-19 men's basketball end of season awards," article posted on February 17, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/2/17/csac-announces-2018-19-mens-basketball-end-of-season-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces 2018-19 women's basketball end of season awards," article posted on February 17, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/2/17/csac-announces-womens-basketball-2018-19-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "2018 Colonial States Athletic Conference cross country championships," article posted on October 27, 2018 (https://csacsports.com/sports/2018/10/21/2018XCCHAMP.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces FH end of year awards," article posted on October 24, 2018 (https://csacsports.com/news/2018/10/24/field-hockey-csac-announces-fh-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "Rosemont repeats as CSAC men's golf champions," article posted on April 27, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/4/27/rosemont-repeats-as-csac-mens-golf-champions.aspx). Viewed on June 15, 2026; "CSAC announces men's lacrosse end of year awards," article posted on April 26, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/4/26/csac-announces-mens-lacrosse-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces women's lacrosse end of year awards," article posted on April 30, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/4/30/csac-announces-womens-lacrosse-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces MSoc end of year awards," article posted on October 25, 2018 (https://csacsports.com/news/2018/10/25/csac-announces-mens-soccer-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces WSoc end of year awards," article posted on October 29, 2018 (https://csacsports.com/news/2018/10/29/womens-soccer-csac-announces-wsoc-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "Lions place four singles players, three doubles teams on All-CSAC men's tennis team," article posted on April 24, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/4/24/4_24_2019_826.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces women's tennis end of year awards," article posted on April 25, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/4/25/csac-announces-womens-tennis-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces 2018 VB end of year awards," article posted on October 30, 2018 (https://csacsports.com/news/2018/10/30/womens-volleyball-csac-announces-2018-vb-end-of-year-award.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023.

CSAC Sportsmanship Team

Alair Brock (women's cross country)
Clayshonia Cogmon (women's basketball)
Kiaeem Comegys (men's basketball)
Marie Daum (women's tennis)
Hannah Dewees (women's volleyball)
Chantal Farmer (women's field hockey)
Shane McCurdy (men's lacrosse)
Shane McCurdy (men's soccer)
Morgan Phillips (women's soccer, second team)
Justin Rallo (men's cross country)

The CSAC conference had a 3-D award that "recognizes the teams in each sport that best demonstrate the NCAA Division-III philosophy of 'Discover, Develop, Dedicate.'"[882] The BAC women's basketball team and men's lacrosse team received this award in 2018-19.

The men's ice hockey team continued to play an independent NCAA DIII schedule. There were only two other independent DIII teams in the nation: Anna Maria College, and SUNY Canton. The Lions played 24 games and two scrimmages in 2018-19. A notable feature of the 2018-19 season was that the Lions only played four games at the Jungé Pavilion, and the first of these was a late as on January 25th 2019.



The 2018-19 Bryn Athyn College Men's Hockey Team. Back Row: Jimmy Pollock, Isaac Anderson, Zach Pamaylaon, Sheldon Brett, Tanner Schroeder, Tanner Congdon, Dakota Ulmer, and Brian Lange. Middle Row: Anthony Astorino (Assistant Coach), Mitch Harris (assistant coach), Roy Aharonovich, Dan Condon, Jake Heckenberger, Eric Higgins, Trevor Kleckner, Connor Devereux, Mike Perkett, Devin Hines, Danielle Hunt (trainer), Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), and Andrew Burke (head coach). Front Row: McKenzie Chalmers, Alex Tan, Devon Becker, Nick Malvasi, Nikita Smirnov, Julion Lever, Vojtech Luza, Alec Grollman, and Aidan Quaglino.

[882] "Five Lions earn place on All-CSAC men's lacrosse team; Lions receive CSAC 3-D award," article posted on April 26, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/4/26/4_26_2019_641.aspx). Viewed on July 21, 2024.

2018-19 Team Roster[883]

Goalkeepers	Defense	Forwards
#1 Aidan Quaglino	#2 Devon Becker (A)	#4 Roy Aharonovich
#33 McKenzie Chalmers	#71 Dan Condon	#11 Isaac Anderson
#42 Isaac Syre*§	#6 Connor Devereux	#14 Cecil Boyd*§
	#7 Jake Heckenberger	#91 Sheldon Brett
	#15 Devin Hines	#22 Tanner Congdon
	#8 Mike Perkett	#27 Alex Grollman
	#10 Alex Tan*	#21 Eric Higgins
		#17 Brycon Johnson§
		#19 Trevor Kleckner
		#16 Brian Lange
		#3 Julion Lever* (A)
		#26 Vojtech Luza*
		#24 Nick Malvasi (A)
		#13 Zach Pamaylaon
		#48 Jimmy Pollock
		#44 Tanner Schroeder
		#20 Nikita Smirnov (C)
		#29 Dakota Ulmer

* = team member that was also part of the team when the hockey program was a member of ACHA D3
§ = left the team before winter term

6.2.1 The scrimmages against Lebanon Valley College and Manhattanville College

The team began the 2018-19 season by playing two scrimmages against Lebanon Valley College on October 19 and against Manhattanville College on October 20. The Lions lost both scrimmages; 2-3 (OT) to Lebanon Valley and 1-8 to Manhattanville.



The three goalkeepers Aidan Quaglino, McKenzie Chalmers, and Isaac Syre each played a period each in the scrimmage against Lebanon Valley College on October 19, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[883] "Men's ice hockey 2018-19," team rosters published on the BAC Athletics website in 2018-19 (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/roster/2018-19).



Cecil Boyd, Brycon Johnson, and Trevor Kleckner at the scrimmage against Lebanon Valley College on October 19, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Goal celebrations on October 19, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the scrimmage at Manhattanville College on October 20, 2018 (photos by Larry Tan).

6.2.2 The Buffalo State Bengals Classic

The Lions began the season with a road trip to Buffalo play in the *Buffalo State Bengals Classic*. Bryn Athyn lost 2-5 (0-0, 2-3, 0-2) to hosts Buffalo State College in the first round on October 26. Brycon Johnson and Dakota Ulmer scored for the

Lions. The next day the team lost 2-4 (0-1, 0-2, 2-1) despite outshooting Nazareth College 46-28 in the consolation round. The Golden Flyers scored their fourth goal when the Lions had pulled the goalkeeper at the end of the game. Bryn Athyn's goals were scored by Mike Perkett and Tanner Schroeder.[884]

6.2.3 Early season action and the win at King's College



Bryn Athyn College Athletics Department social media ad for the 2018-19 home opener

The team next hosted DII Southern New Hampshire University for two games at the Revolution Ice Gardens in Warminster. The first game, on November 2, was a close affair. Southern New Hampshire scored twice to take a 2-0 lead before Vojtech Luza found the net twice. The score after three periods was 2-2 and the shots on net 36-35 in favor of the Lions. Bryn Athyn defender Devon Becker sealed the deal in OT to give the Lions a 3-2 win (1-2, 1-0, 0-0, 1-0).[885] The Bryn Athyn College athletics department game recap described the OT winner:

> "Devon Becker scored his first collegiate goal on the power play with 1:07 left in overtime to give the Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey a 3-2 overtime victory, the Lions' first win of the season, over Southern New Hampshire Friday night in the Revolution Ice Gardens.

[884] "Johnson, Ulmer score for Lions in season-opening loss to Buffalo State," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 26, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/10/26/10_26_2018_479.aspx). Viewed on January 20, 2024; "Lions fall to Nazareth on final day of Buffalo State Bengal Classic," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on October 27, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/10/27/10_27_2018_480.aspx). Viewed on January 20, 2024

[885] "Becker's overtime winner lifts Lions past Southern New Hampshire, 3-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 2, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/11/2/11_2_2018_481.aspx). Viewed on January 20, 2024; Box score from the game between Bryn Athyn College and Southern New Hampshire University on November 2, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/stats/2018-19/southern-new-hampshire/boxscore/407). Viewed on January 20, 2024.

Becker was given the puck at the left point with a cross-ice pass from Nikita Smirnov. Becker then skated into the high slot and ripped a wrist shot through a screen that completed the Lions' (1-2-0) come back from an early 2-0 deficit."[886]

The teams met again on November 3. This time the Lions outshot Southern New Hampshire 31-28 but lost 2-4 (0-1, 2-2, 0-1). Devon Becker and Tanner Schroeder scored for the Lions.[887]



Devon Becker's OT-winner against Southern New Hampshire on November 2, 2018 (photos by Larry Tan)



Pictures from the home opener against Southern New Hampshire on November 2, 2018 (photos by Larry Tan)

[886] "Becker's overtime winner lifts Lions past Southern New Hampshire, 3-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 2, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/11/2/11_2_2018_481.aspx). Viewed on January 20, 2024.

[887] "Ice hockey upended by Southern New Hampshire, 4-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 3, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/11/3/11_3_2018_482.aspx). Viewed on January 20, 2024.



Celebrations after Vojtech Luza's two goals against Southern New Hampshire on November 2, 2018 (photos by Larry Tan)



Pictures from the game against Southern New Hampshire on November 3, 2018. Above: Devon Becker and Zach Pamaylaon. Below: Eric Higgins, and McKenzie Chalmers (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Southern New Hampshire on November 3, 2018. Above: Connor Deveraux and Nikita Smirnov. Below: Vojtech Luza, and Tanner Schroeder (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

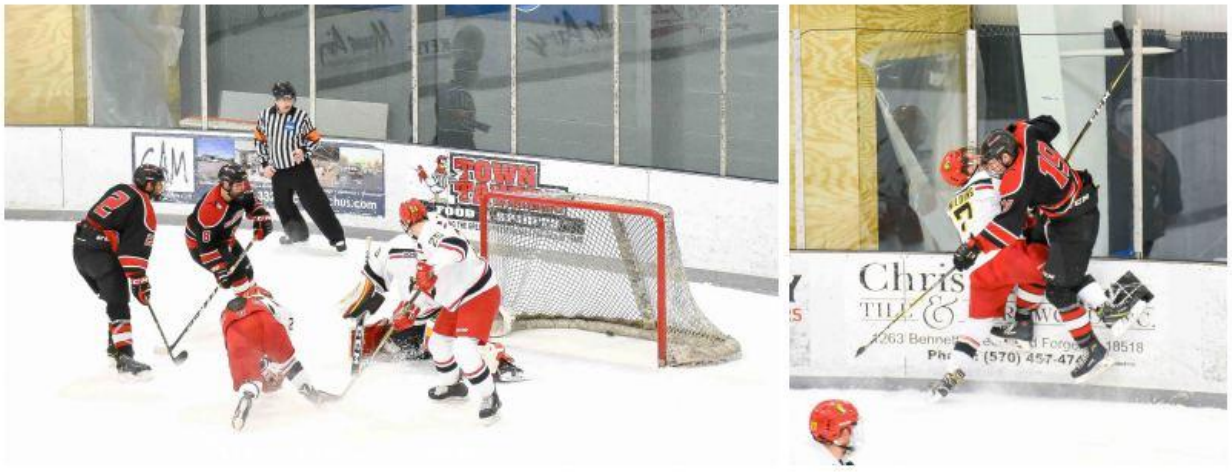
The Lions played three straight away games after hosting Southern New Hampshire: at SUNY Fredonia on November 9, at Nazareth College on November 10, and at King's College on November 17. The team lost to Fredonia 1-5 (0-0, 1-3, 0-2) and the following day to Nazareth 2-4 (0-1, 2-2, 0-1). Nikita Smirnov scored the Lions' goal against Fredonia and Alec Grollman and Tanner Schroeder scored the goals against Nazareth.[888]



King's College athletics department ad for the game against Bryn Athyn College on November 17, 2018

[888] "Ice hockey tripped up at Fredonia State," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 9, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/11/9/11_9_2018_483.aspx). Viewed on February 10, 2024; "Lions end weekend trip to New York with loss to Nazareth," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 10, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/11/10/11_10_2018_484.aspx). Viewed on February 10, 2024.

Bryn Athyn College outshot King's College 56-25 on November 17 and won the game 6-2 (2-0, 2-1, 2-1) at the Revolution Ice Centre in Pittston, PA. Both Devon Becker and Nikita Smirnov recorded four points (one goal plus 3 assists) in this game. The other goals were scored by Alec Grollman, Julion Lever, Tanner Schroeder, and Dakota Ulmer. McKenzie Chalmers stopped 23 shots.[889]



Pictures from the game against King's College on November 17, 2018. Left: Devon Becker's 1-0 goal. Right: tackle (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson)



Julion Lever and Nick Malvasi at the game against King's College on November 17, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[889] "Offense comes alive in 6-2 road victory over King's (Pa.)," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 17, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/11/17/11_17_2018_485.aspx). Viewed on February 10, 2024.



Pictures from the game against King's College on November 17, 2018. Above: McKenzie Chalmers and Devin Hines. Below: Mike Perkett, Dakota Ulmer, and Alec Grollman (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

6.2.4 The Skidmore Thanksgiving Invitational

The Lions next took part in the Skidmore Thanksgiving Invitational at Saratoga Springs, NY. On November 24 the team played a first-round game against #9 ranked Salve Regina, who had been the runner up in the 2018 NCAA DIII National Tournament.[890] It was an even game, the shots on net were 36-32 in favor of Salve Regina, but the Lions lost the game 1-4 (0-1, 1-3, 0-0). Brian Lange scored for Bryn Athyn.[891] The Lions played DII Post University in the consolation round on November 25. It was the fifth meeting between the two teams; the Lions had won the previous four games (two as an ACHA D3 member in December 2015, and two as an NCAA DIII member in November 2017). This time the Lions again prevailed and won the game 4-1 (2-1, 1-0, 1-0). Sheldon

[890] "St. Norbert defeats Salve Regina in 2OT thriller," article posted on the Salve Regina Athletics website on March 25, 2018 (https://www.salveathletics.com/sports/mice/2017-18/releases/2018032515ls64). Viewed on February 26, 2024.

[891] "Lange scores for Lions in loss to No. 6/9 Salve Regina in Skidmore Thanksgiving Invitational," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 24, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/11/24/11_24_2018_486.aspx). Viewed on February 10, 2024.

Brett and Eric Higgins scored their first goals for the Lions, and the other two were netted by Vojtech Luza and Dakota Ulmer. McKenzie Chalmers saved 25 of the 26 shots he faced (save percentage: 96.15%).[892]

6.2.5 December games



Left: Bryn Athyn College athletics department ad for the game against Santa Maria on December 1, 2018. Right: Anna Maria College athletics department ad for the game on December 14, 2018.

December 2018 included two unusual occurrences. First, the Lions played no home games at the Jungé Pavilion during the month (for the first time in the ACHA D3/NCAA DIII era). Second, Bryn Athyn College played three consecutive games against the same team (Anna Maria College). The Lions hosted Anna Maria College for two games at the Revolution Ice Gardens in early December, and then the team traveled to the Horgan Arena in Auburn, MA for one game. The Lions lost the first game 1-4 (1-1, 0-2, 0-1), on December 1. Alec Grollman scored for Bryn Athyn.[893] The team collected itself quickly and bounced back the following day. Although the shots on net were 29-29, the Lions won 7-1 (3-0, 2-0, 2-1). The goals were scored by Isaac Anderson (2), Alec Grollman, Jake Heckenberger, Brian Lange, Vojtech Luza, and Jim Pollock. Dakota Ulmer recorded four assists. The other assists were by Jake Heckenberger (2), Isaac Anderson, Dan Condon, Devin Hines, Trevor Kleckner, Nick Malvasi, Zach Pamaylaon, and Tanner Schroeder. McKenzie Chalmers recorded 28 saves (save percentage: 96.55%).[894] On December 14, the Lions played Anna Maria for the third time. This time the Lions lost 3-5 (0-2, 1-3, 2-0), despite outshooting their opponents 38-21. Tanner Congdon scored two goals and Alec Grollman one for Bryn Athyn.[895]

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[892] "Luza, Ulmer record multi-point games in 4-1 win over Post University," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 25, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/11/25/11_25_2018_487.aspx). Viewed on February 10, 2024.

[893] "Lions fall to visiting Anna Maria," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 1, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/12/1/12_1_2018_488.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024.

[894] "Anderson leads Lions to 7-1 triumph over Anna Maria," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 2, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/12/2/12_2_2018_489.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024.

[895] "Congdon nets two in road loss to Anna Maria," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 14, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/12/14/12_14_2018_490.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024.



Pictures from the game against Anna Maria College on December 1, 2018 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Anna Maria College on December 2, 2018 (photos by Larry Tan).



The bench during game at Anna Maria College on December 14, 2018 (photo by Larry Tan).



Left: SUNY Morrisville athletics department ad for the game against the Lions on December 5, 2018. Right: Wilkes University athletics department ad for the game against Bryn Athyn on December 18, 2018.

Bryn Athyn College finished 2018 by playing at SUNY Morrisville on December 15, and at Wilkes University on December 19. The lions lost both contests: 3-6 (0-1, 1-3, 2-2) against Morrisville (two goals by Tanner Congdon and one by Jimmy Pollock) and 2-4 (1-1, 1-1, 0-2) against Wilkes (goals by Isaac Anderson and Alec Grollman). Goalkeeper Aidan Quaglino started his first ever game for the Lions at Morrisville, whereas McKenzie Chalmers started against Wilkes.[896]



Pictures from the game at SUNY Morrisville on December 15, 2018. Left Aidan Quaglino. Right celebrations after one of the goals (photos by Larry Tan).

6.2.6 The Codfish Bowl Tournament

In early January 2019, the Lions traveled to Boston to take part in the 54th Annual Codfish Bowl Tournament, which was hosted by University of Massachusetts, Boston. Bryn Athyn played SUNY Cortland in the first round on January 4 and dominated the contest as judged by the 47 to 19 shots on net advantage. The game started well for the Lions who finished the first period with a 1-0 lead thanks to a goal by defender Jake Heckenberger. Nevertheless, Cortland scored two unanswered goals, one in the second period and the other at the beginning of the third period. The Lions put a lot of pressure on the Cortland net at the end of the game to tie the game, and in one instance the Cortland goalkeeper made a spectacular save on the goal line. Bryn Athyn College athletics department's game recap described the end of the game:

[896] "Lions tripped up at Morrisville State," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 15, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/12/15/12_15_2018_491.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024; "Lions upended at Wilkes 4-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 19, 2018 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2018/12/19/12_19_2018_492.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024.

"Bryn Athyn had two opportunities in the final 90 seconds to get the equalizer.

Dakota Ulmer fired two shots at Cortland goaltender Nick Modica at the left faceoff circle in quick succession. The rebound on Ulmer's second shot fell into the crease where Alec Grollman attempted to whack the puck home, but Modica drove across the net and swept the puck off the goal line with his glove.

Then, Bryn Athyn earned a power play with 44 seconds remaining. The Lions pulled netminder McKenzie Chalmers to give themselves a 6-on-4 skater advantage, but couldn't get a shot by Modica."[897]

SUNY Cortland's game recap described the end of the game as follows:

"Beck netted the game-winner just 1:19 into the third period off assists from Sciore and Crowley. From that point, the Red Dragons held onto the lead with Modica turning aside all 16 shots he faced over the final 20 minutes, including back-to-back stops on a shot from the left circle and a rebound right in front with just under 1:30 remaining to play. After a Bryn Athyn timeout, the Lions pulled Chalmers for an extra skater and earned a power play with 44 seconds remaining but despite having a two-man advantage on the ice could not get a shot on goal as Cortland held on for the 2-1 victory."[898]



SUNY Cortland's Facebook page published a picture of the save on the goal line that SUNY Cortland's goalkeeper Modica made at the end of the game.[899]

On January 5, SUNY Cortland defeated #8 ranked UMass-Boston in the championship game. The same day Bryn Athyn College played Tufts University in the consolation round. Tufts took the lead in the first period. Vojtech Luza tied the game 1-1 at 13:38 in the third period, but Tufts scored the game winner with only one minute and 51 seconds left of the game.[900]

[897] "Heckenberger scores for Lions in 2-1 loss to Cortland State," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 4, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/1/4/1_4_2019_493.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024.

[898] "Hey Mo; Red Dragons tame Lions, 2-1, at Codfish Bowl," article posted on the SUNY Cortland Athletics website on January 4, 2019 (https://www.cortlandreddragons.com/news/2019/1/4/mens-ice-hockey-hey-mo-red-dragons-tame-lions-2-1-at-codfish-bowl.aspx). Viewed on January 4, 2019.

[899] Picture posted on the SUNY Cortland athletics department's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/cortlandreddragons/) on January 4, 2019. The post states: "Nice photos by Cortland alum Erin Locascio showing Nick Modica's crucial save late in the game to preserve Cortland's 2-1 win over Bryn Athyn in the opening round of the Codfish Bowl in Boston."

[900] "Lions fall to Tufts in Codfish Bowl Tournament on late goal," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 5, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/1/5/1_5_2019_494.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024.

6.2.7 January games



Curry College athletics department gameday ads for the two home games against Bryn Athyn College on January 12 and 13.

The Lions traveled to Milton, MA, to play two games against Curry College on January 12 and 13. Bryn Athyn lost both games; the first 2-6 (2-0, 0-5, 0-1) and the second 1-4 (0-0, 0-3, 1-1). Tanner Congdon and Tanner Schroeder scored in the first game and Jim Pollock in the second.[901]



Pictures from the game at Curry College on January 12, 2019 (photos by Larry Tan).

[901] "Lions defeated by Curry in series opener," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 12, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/1/12/1_12_2019_496.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024; "Pollock finds back of the net in loss to Curry," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 13, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/1/13/1_13_2019_497.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024.

Bryn Athyn College played its first game at the Jungé Pavilion of the 2018-19 season on January 25, 2019 (this is perhaps the latest time in a season for the home opener at the Pavilion). The game was part of a two-game series at the Pavilion against SUNY Canton. Bryn Athyn lost the first game 2-3 (0-0, 2-2, 0-1) after goals by Tanner Schroeder and Alec Grollman.[902] The following day, the Lions was ahead 3-0 after goals by Tanner Schroeder, Zach Pamaylaon, and Tanner Congdon, before SUNY Canton scored five unanswered goals. The Lions lost the game 3-5 (1-0, 1-0, 1-5).[903]



Pictures from the Pavilion home opener against SUNY Canton on January 25, 2019 (photos by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game against SUNY Canton on January 26, 2019. Above: goal by Zach Pamaylaon and goal by Tanner Congdon. Below: Dan Condon and Jake Heckenberger (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[902] "Lions edged out by SUNY Canton, 3-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 25, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/1/25/1_25_2019_498.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024.

[903] "Lions tripped up by late SUNY Canton rally," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 26, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/1/26/1_26_2019_499.aspx). Viewed on February 11, 2024.



Pictures from the game against SUNY Canton on January 26, 2019. Above: Devon Becker and Alex Tan. Below: Isaac Anderson and Tanner Condon (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

6.2.8 A strong season finish



Wilkes University athletics department ad for the game against Bryn Athyn College on February 2.

The Lions lost 1-5 (0-2, 1-0, 0-3) to Wilkes University at the Jungé Pavilion on February 2. Tanner Congdon scored the lone goal for Bryn Athyn.[904]



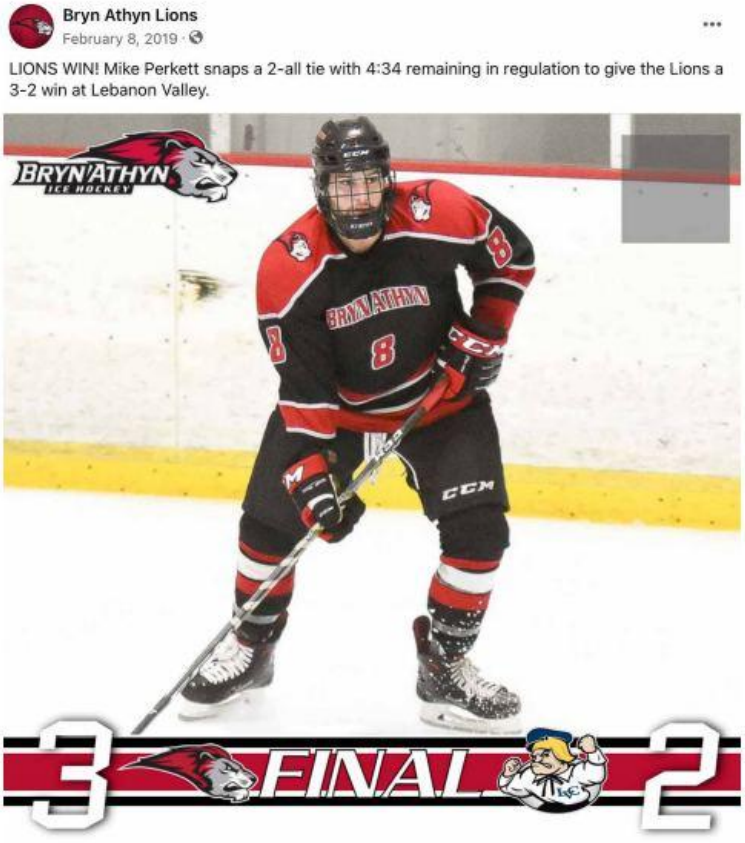
Pictures from the game against Wilkes University on February 2, 2019. Top row: Julion Lever and Connor Devereux. Middle row: Brian Lange and Devon Becker. Bottom row: Alex Tan and Jake Heckenberger (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

[904] "Congdon scores for Lions in home loss to Wilkes," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 2, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/2/2/2_2_2019_501.aspx). Viewed on February 12, 2024.



Pictures from the game against Wilkes University on February 2, 2019. Zach Pamaylaon, Isaac Anderson, and Dakota Ulmer (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

Bryn Athyn College traveled to Lebanon Valley College on February 8. Devon Becker scored 1-0 to the Lions in the first period, and the second period was scoreless. Isaac Anderson increased the Lions' lead to 2-0 in the third period. Then Lebanon Valley scored twice to tie the game. With less than five minutes left of the final period Mike Perkett found the net to secure a 3-2 win for the Lions.[905] This win snapped a 10-game losing streak, the longest in the ACHA D3/NCAA DIII era.



[905] "Perkett, power play lead Lions to road win at Lebanon Valley, 3-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 8, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/2/8/2_8_2019_503.aspx). Viewed on February 12, 2024.



Pictures from the game against Lebanon Valley College on February 8, 2019 (photos by Larry Tan).

The Lions finished the season with two home games against DII Stonehill College. The first game was played at the Revolution Ice Gardens in Warminster on February 15 and the second at the Jungé Pavilion on February 16.

The Lions trailed 1-3 in the first game but rallied to win 5-4 (2-3, 2-0, 1-1) after goals by Tanner Congdon (2), Alec Grollman, Zach Pamaylaon, and Dakota Ulmer. Four Bryn Athyn players recorded three points: Becker, Congdon, Grollman, and Ulmer. Nick Malvasi had two assists.[906]



[906] "Lions rally, then hold on to defeat Stonehill 5-4," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 15, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/2/15/2_15_2019_505.aspx). Viewed on February 16, 2024.



Pictures from the game against Stonehill College on February 15, 2019. Top row: McKenzie Chalmers and Mike Perkett. Middle row: Alec Grollman and Tanner Congdon. Bottom row: Dakota Ulmer and Devon Becker (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Stonehill College on February 15, 2019. Top row: Jake Heckenberger and Zach Pamaylaon. Middle row: Nick Malvasi and Isaac Anderson. Bottom row: Eric Higgins and Sheldon Brett (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Stonehill College on February 15, 2019. Vojtech Luza and Tanner Schroeder (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Stonehill College on February 15, 2019 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Stonehill College on February 15, 2019 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The following day, February 16, the Lions hosted Stonehill at the Jungé Pavilion. With only one minute and 24 seconds remaining defender Jake Heckenberger found the net for the game winner. The Lions thus ended the 2018-19 season with a win. The final score was 6-5 (1-2, 3-2, 2-1) and the other goals were scored by Nikita Smirnov (2), Tanner Schroeder (2), and Eric Higgins.[907]



Bryn Athyn College Athletics Department social media post after the game against Stonehill on February 16, 2019.

[907] "Lions end 2018-19 season with 6-5 victory over Stonehill," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 17, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/2/17/2_17_2019_506.aspx). Viewed on February 17, 2024. A BAC athletics department Facebook post and a pdf of the box score published just after the game gives Tanner Schroeder the last goal. He would thus have scored a hat trick. However, the game recap and the box score available on the BAC athletics website gives the last goal to Jake Heckenberger (this also supported by pictures from the game).



Pictures from the game against Stonehill College on February 16, 2019. Top row: Devon Becker and Devin Hines. Middle row: McKenzie Chalmers and Connor Devereux. Bottom row: Alex Tan and Nikita Smirnov (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Dan Condon and Isaac Anderson at the game against Stonehill College on February 16, 2019 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

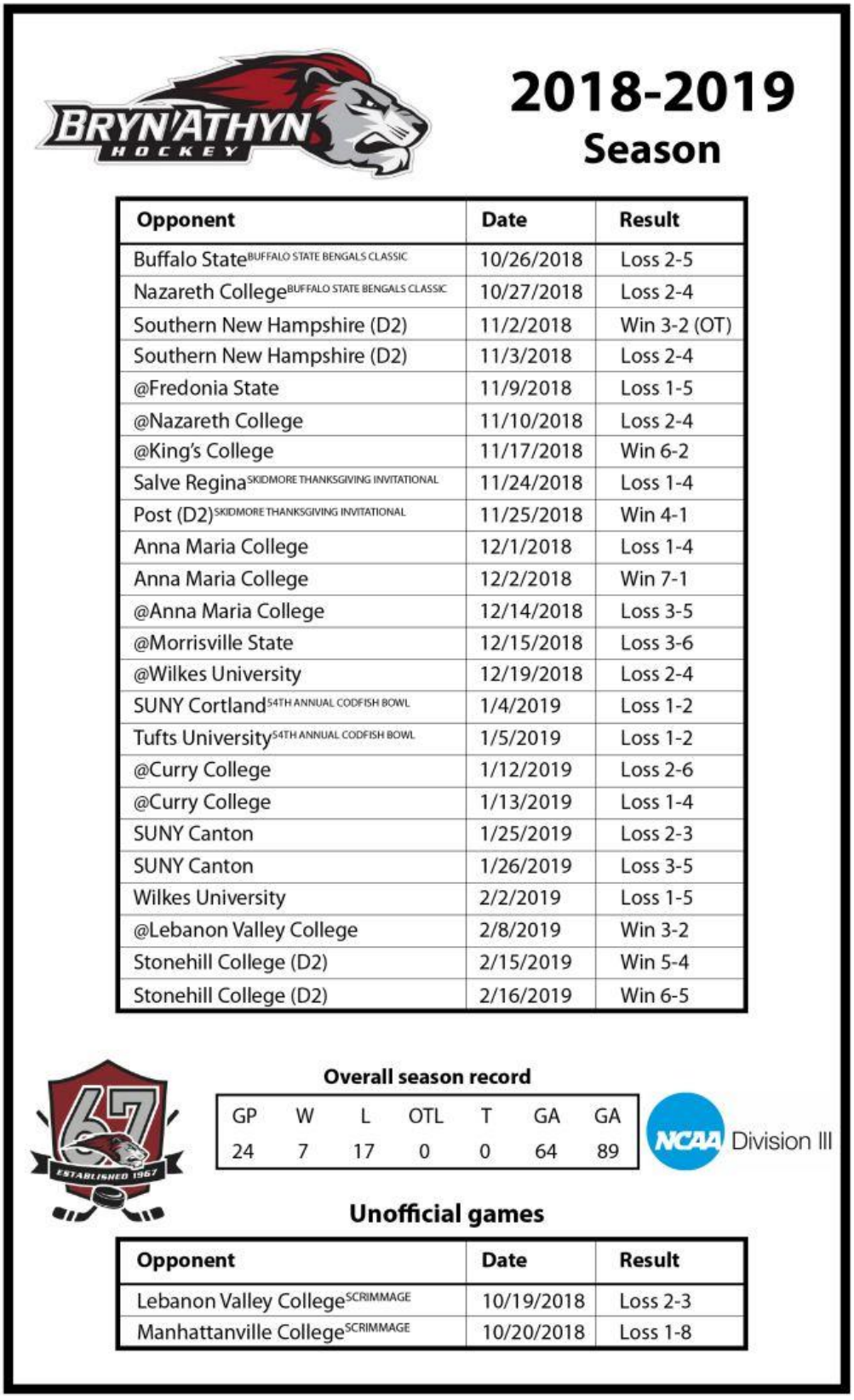


Tanner Schroeder celebrating a goal (Brian Schnarr and family are celebrating behind the glass) at the game against Stonehill College on February 16, 2019 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The team after the game against Stonehill College on February 16, 2019 (photo by Larry Tan).

6.2.9 Season summary and awards



Opponent	Date	Result
Buffalo State BUFFALO STATE BENGALS CLASSIC	10/26/2018	Loss 2-5
Nazareth College BUFFALO STATE BENGALS CLASSIC	10/27/2018	Loss 2-4
Southern New Hampshire (D2)	11/2/2018	Win 3-2 (OT)
Southern New Hampshire (D2)	11/3/2018	Loss 2-4
@Fredonia State	11/9/2018	Loss 1-5
@Nazareth College	11/10/2018	Loss 2-4
@King's College	11/17/2018	Win 6-2
Salve Regina SKIDMORE THANKSGIVING INVITATIONAL	11/24/2018	Loss 1-4
Post (D2) SKIDMORE THANKSGIVING INVITATIONAL	11/25/2018	Win 4-1
Anna Maria College	12/1/2018	Loss 1-4
Anna Maria College	12/2/2018	Win 7-1
@Anna Maria College	12/14/2018	Loss 3-5
@Morrisville State	12/15/2018	Loss 3-6
@Wilkes University	12/19/2018	Loss 2-4
SUNY Cortland 54TH ANNUAL CODFISH BOWL	1/4/2019	Loss 1-2
Tufts University 54TH ANNUAL CODFISH BOWL	1/5/2019	Loss 1-2
@Curry College	1/12/2019	Loss 2-6
@Curry College	1/13/2019	Loss 1-4
SUNY Canton	1/25/2019	Loss 2-3
SUNY Canton	1/26/2019	Loss 3-5
Wilkes University	2/2/2019	Loss 1-5
@Lebanon Valley College	2/8/2019	Win 3-2
Stonehill College (D2)	2/15/2019	Win 5-4
Stonehill College (D2)	2/16/2019	Win 6-5

Overall season record

GP	W	L	OTL	T	GA	GA
24	7	17	0	0	64	89

NCAA Division III

Unofficial games

Opponent	Date	Result
Lebanon Valley College SCRIMMAGE	10/19/2018	Loss 2-3
Manhattanville College SCRIMMAGE	10/20/2018	Loss 1-8



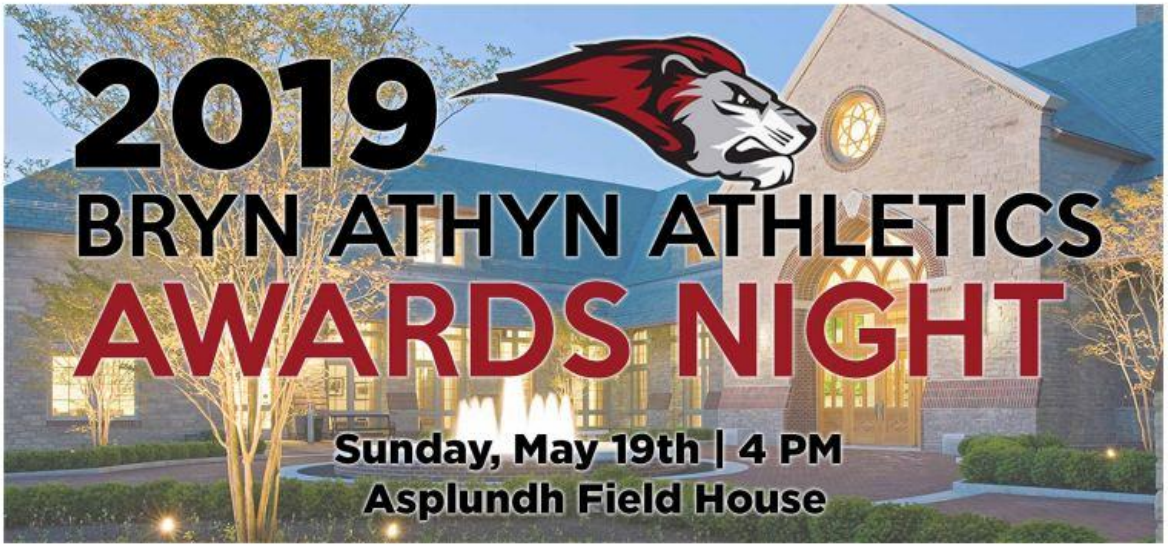
Stats for the 2018-19 season

Skaters	GP	G	A	PTS	PTS/G
1. Devon Becker	23	4	20	24	1.04
2. Tanner Congdon	23	10	4	14	0.61
3. Dakota Ulmer	23	4	10	14	0.61
4. Alec Grollman	24	8	5	13	0.54
5. Tanner Schroeder	23	8	3	11	0.48
6. Jake Heckenberger	23	3	8	11	0.48
7. Vojtech Luza	24	4	6	10	0.42
8. Nikita Smirnov	20	4	6	10	0.50
9. Zach Pamaylaon	23	2	8	10	0.43
10. Isaac Anderson	21	4	4	8	0.38
11. Eric Higgins	22	2	5	7	0.32
12. Alex Tan	20	0	7	7	0.35
13. Jimmy Pollock	12	3	2	5	0.42
14. Julion Lever	21	1	4	5	0.24
15. Nick Malvasi	23	0	5	5	0.22
16. Mike Perkett	20	2	2	4	0.20
17. Brian Lange	11	2	1	3	0.27
18. Sheldon Brett	20	1	2	3	0.15
19. Devin Hines	23	0	3	3	0.13
20. Trevor Kleckner	14	0	3	3	0.21
21. Dan Condon	11	1	0	1	0.09
22. Brycon Johnson	2	1	0	1	0.50
23. Connor Devereux	22	0	1	1	0.05
24. Roy Aharonovich	1	0	0	0	0
25. Craig Boyd	3	0	0	0	0

Goalies	GP-GS	Min	GA	SV	SV%	W
1. McKenzie Chalmers	23-23	1347:08	80	638	88.9%	7
2. Aidan Quaglino	2-1	80:00	6	17	73.9%	0

Stats for the 2018-19 season.[908]

[908] Individual statistics for the 2018-19 season (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/stats/2018-19). Viewed on February 19, 2024.



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Bryn Athyn Athletics to hold annual Awards Ceremony on May 19

BRYN ATHYN, Pa. – The Bryn Athyn College Department of Athletics will look back at the year that was in its sixth-annual awards ceremony that will take place on Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m. in Asplundh Field House. The department and its student-athletes will reflect on the memorable mentions from the academic year and honor the Bryn Athyn College scholar-athletes of the year and the male and female athletes of the year. The event will be web streamed on www.brynathynathletics.com/webstreaming.

The BAC Athletics Department announcement to promote the 2018-19 Awards (note: it wasn't the "sixth-annual awards ceremony" – the first one was held in 1978). [909]



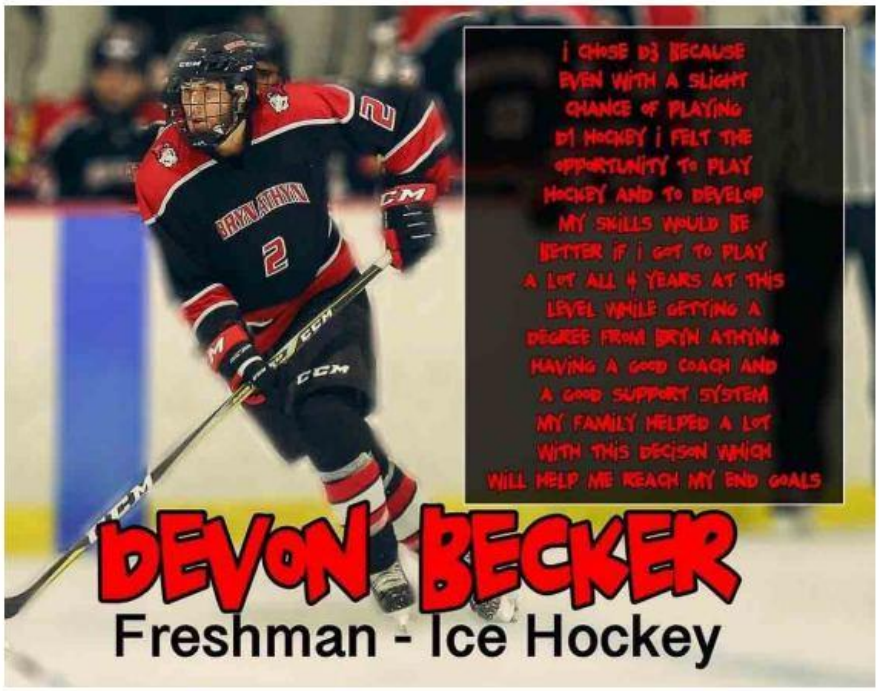
The 2019 Athletics Awards Ceremony at the Asplundh Field House.

[909] "Bryn Athyn athletics to hold annual awards ceremony on May 19," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on May 2, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/5/2/5_2_2019_208.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024. Note: the event was referred to as the "sixth-annual awards ceremony". This is incorrect. Historically, many more Annual Athletics awards ceremonies had been held at Bryn Athyn College. The first was held in May 1978.

On May 19, 2019, the BAC Athletics Department hosted its annual athletics awards night ceremony in the Asplundh Field House. Four men's ice hockey players received awards: Nikita Smirnov (Coach's Award), Vojtech Luza and Jimmy Pollock (Lion's Award), and Devon Becker (MVP).[910]

The BAC Athletics Department announced on July 23, that six of the men's ice hockey players had been recognized for their academic achievements:

> "Six members of the Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey program were recognized by the American Hockey Coaches Association for their work in the classroom, having recently been named ACHA/Krampade Academic All-Stars.
>
> Representing Bryn Athyn College as ACHA/Krampade Academic All-Stars are juniors Nikita Smirnov and Vojtech Luza; sophomores Alec Grollman, Eric Higgins, and Tanner Congdon; and freshman Devon Becker. Smirnov and Grollman each had a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.
>
> The group of six are the first Academic All-Stars in program history.
>
> In order to be named an ACHA/Krampade Academic All-Star, a student-athlete must have achieved a GPA of 3.6 or better in each semester or trimester during the 2018-19 academic year and played in at least 40 percent of his team's games."[911]



[910] "Bryn Athyn athletics honors student-athletes during sixth annual awards night," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on May 21, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/5/21/5_21_2019_209.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024. The Coach's award and Lion's award were explained in this publication: "The Coach's Award is given to an athlete or athletes who best demonstrate, throughout the season, the true spirit of lion's athletics. It is an award in which the means justify the end. It is given not only for hard work and personal improvement but for a willingness to understand, to learn, to enter into a partnership with coach and teammates in an effort to recognize one's full potential. The recipient of this award has participated in the struggle and in the end found over his/her own limitations. The Lion's Award recognizes individuals on their team who promote the values of sportsmanship, ethical play in competition, commitment to their team, and charity through service to their community."

[911] "Six Lions tabbed ACHA/Krampade academic all-stars," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on July 23, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/7/23/7_23_2019_507.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.

6.3 The 2019-20 season

Bryn Athyn College had 281 full-time undergraduate students at the beginning of the 2019-20 academic year.[912] David C. Leech had been appointed the eight Athletic Director in Bryn Athyn College history and began work at the college on July 1, 2019.[913]

The athletic year only included fall term and winter term sports because of the Covid pandemic which led to cancellation of spring sports.[914] Three Bryn Athyn College teams participated in the CSAC post season: women's volleyball, and men's and women's cross country. The women's volleyball team won their quarterfinal at home against Keystone but lost in the semifinal to Notre Dame (Md).[915] The 2019-20 Academic year was the last for men's golf, which had been offered since 2015-16.

9 student athletes made the CSAC All-conference teams (one of them twice).[916]

Hannah Dewees (women's volleyball, second team)
Brittany Gunther (women's field hockey, second team)
Michael Haas (men's cross country, second team)
Eve Miller (women's field hockey, first team)

Honorable mention All-CSAC

Matthew Chaves (men's soccer)
Briana Cliney (women's volleyball)
Clayshonia Cogmon (women's basketball)
Michael Haas (men's soccer)
Tariq Moore (men's basketball)
Danielle News (women's field hockey)

CSAC Sportsmanship Team

Zachary Brock (men's soccer)
Kiaeem Comegys (men's basketball)
Hannah Dewees (women's volleyball)
Chantal Farmer (women's field hockey)
Alexis Mitchem (women's basketball)
Paulina Storck (women's soccer, second team)

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[912] "2019-20 fall enrollment," Bryn Athyn College Office, September 21, 2019.

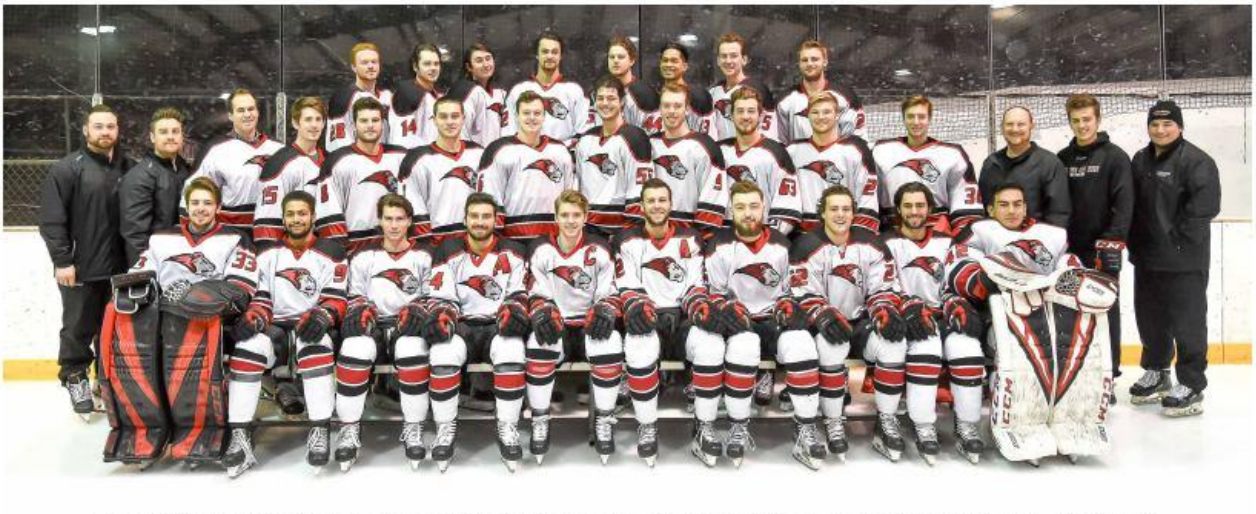
[913] Brian Blair, e-mail to the college community on May 20, 2019. The list of athletic directors at Bryn Athyn College includes Abe Joseph who had been the interim AD.

[914] "Bryn Athyn College, CSAC suspend all athletic activities for spring season," article published on the BAC Athletics website on March 20, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/3/20/3_20_2020_224.aspx). Viewed on June 29, 2023.

[915] "Volleyball sweeps Keystone to reach CSAC Tournament semifinals," article published on the BAC Athletics website on November 5, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/11/5/11_5_2019_216.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024; "Volleyball ends season with 3-0 loss to Notre Dame (Md.) in CSAC Tournament semifinal," article published on the BAC Athletics website on November 7, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/11/7/11_7_2019_217.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.

[916] "CSAC announces 2019-20 MBB end of season awards," article posted on February 23, 2020 (https://csacsports.com/news/2020/2/23/mens-basketball-csac-announces-2019-20-mbb-end-of-season-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces 2018-19 WBB end of season awards," article posted on February 23, 2020 (https://csacsports.com/news/2020/2/23/womens-basketball-csac-announces-2019-20-wbb-end-of-season-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces 2019 FH end of year awards," article posted on November 5, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/11/5/field-hockey-csac-announces-2019-fh-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "NEAC - 2019 Men's Cross Country Archives" (https://gounitedeast.com/sports/2023/9/21/MXC_CSAC_2019_Archive.aspx). Viewed on June 15, 2026; "CSAC announces MSoc end of year awards," article posted on October 30, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/10/30/mens-soccer-csac-announces-msoc-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces 2019 WSoc end of year awards," article posted on November 3, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/11/3/womens-soccer-csac-announces-2019-wsoc-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC announces 2019 women's volleyball end of year awards," article posted on November 4, 2019 (https://csacsports.com/news/2019/11/4/csac-announces-2019-womens-volleyball-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023.

Men's ice hockey played its third season as an independent member of NCAA DIII. Thus, the team was for the third season in a row not a member of a conference. The other independent DIII teams in 2019-20 were: Albertus Magnus, Anna Maria, and SUNY Canton. The Lions played 25 games and one scrimmage in 2019-20. Just as in 2018-19, there were only four games played at the Jungé Pavilion. The season is historic because Bryn Athyn had a winning record, the first in the NCAA DIII era.



The 2019-20 Bryn Athyn College Men's Hockey Team. Back Row: Jimmy Pollock, Tyler Besner, MacKenzie MacDonald, Dan Condon, Tanner Schroeder, Zach Pamaylaon, Matthew Echelmeier, and Brett Dillon. Middle Row: Andrew Burke (head coach), Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Aidan Quaglino, Devin Hines, Mike Perkett, Jake Heckenberger, Connor Devereux, Peter Falivena, Cameron Shorrock, Eric Higgins, Alec Grollman, Gabriel Couture, Mitch Harris (assistant coach - goaltenders), Corson Searles, and Anthony Astorino (assistant coach). Front Row: McKenzie Chalmers, Sheldon Brett, Alex Tan, Nick Malvasi, Nikita Smirnov, Devon Becker, Vojtech Luza, Tanner Condon, Dakota Ulmer, and Ismael Ralsten (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 2019-20 Coaching staff and team captains. Left to right: Andrew Burke (Head Coach), Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Devon Becker, Vojtech Luza, Nikita Smirnov, Alex Tan, Nick Malvasi, Anthony Astorino (assistant coach), and Mitch Harris (assistant coach - goaltenders) (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Coaches with seniors Vojtech Luza, Nikita Smirnov, and Alex Tan (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Coaches with juniors McKenzie Chalmers, Zach Pamaylaon, Nick Malvasi, Mike Perkett, Dan Condon, Connor Devereux, Eric Higgins, Alec Grollman, Tanner Condon, and Dakota Ulmer (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Coaches with sophomores Aidan Quaglino, Jimmy Pollock, Devin Hines, Tanner Schroeder, Devon Becker, Jake Heckenberger, and Sheldon Brett (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Coaches with freshmen Gabriel Couture, Tyler Besner, MacKenzie MacDonald, Cameron Shorrock, Peter Falivena, Matthew Echelmeier, Brett Dillon, Ismael Ralsten, and Corson Searles (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



The 2019-20 coaching staff Thomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Andrew Burke (head coach), Anthony Astorino (assistant coach), and Mitch Harris (assistant coach - goaltenders) (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



2019-20 goaltenders Gabriel Couture, Ismael Ralsten, Mitch Harris (assistant coach - goaltenders), Aidan Quaglino, and McKenzie Chalmers (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Canadians on the 2019-20 team: Gabriel Couture, Sheldon Brett, MacKenzie MacDonald, Tanner Schroeder, Peter Falivena, Devon Becker, Cameron Shorrock, Corson Searles, Tyler Besner, and McKenzie Chalmers (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

2019-20 Team Roster[917]

Goalkeepers

#33 McKenzie Chalmers
#30 Gabriel Couture
#1 Aidan Quaglino
#42 Ismael Ralsten

Defense

#2 Devon Becker (A)
#71 Dan Condon
#6 Connor Devereux
#23 Brett Dillon
#5 Matt Echelmeier
#7 Jake Heckenberger
#15 Devin Hines
#12 McKenzie MacDonald
#8 Mike Perkett
#10 Alex Tan*

Forwards

#14 Tyler Besner
#91 Sheldon Brett
#22 Tanner Congdon
#55 Peter Falivena
#27 Alex Grollman
#21 Eric Higgins
#19 Trevor Kleckner§
#3 Julion Lever*& (A)
#26 Vojtech Luza* (A)
#24 Nick Malvasi (A)
#13 Zach Pamaylaon
#28 Jimmy Pollock
#9 Cameron Schorrock
#44 Tanner Schroeder
#25 Corson Searles
#20 Nikita Smirnov (C)
#29 Dakota Ulmer

* = team member that was also part of the team when the hockey program was a member of ACHA D3
§ = left the team before winter term
&= left the team in early January

[917] "Men's ice hockey 2019-20," team rosters published on the BAC Athletics website in 2019-20 (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/roster/2018-19).

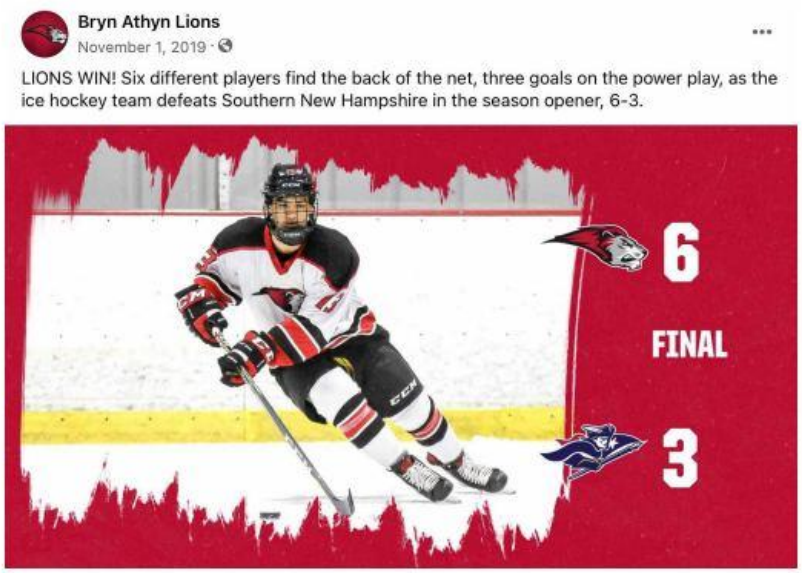


BAC Athletic Department posted the preliminary season schedule on social media on October 25, 2019.

6.3.1 The first half of the 2019-20 season

Bryn Athyn College began the 2019-20 season by travelling to DII Southern New Hampshire University for two games at the Ice Den in Hooksett, NH. The first game took place on November 1. The Lions' starting line-up was McKenzie Chalmers in goal, Devon Becker and Alex Tan on defense, and forwards Sheldon Brett, Tanner Congdon, and Nikita Smirnov. After the first period, the score was 0-1 in favor of the Penmen. The Lions played a strong second period and scored three straight goals by Cameron Schorrock, Jake Heckenberger, and Zach Pamaylaon. Southern New Hampshire reduced the Lions' lead to 2-3, but Vojtech Luza found the net to give Bryn Athyn a 4-2 lead, a goal that proved to be the game winner. In the final period, Alec Grollman scored 5-2 before the Penmen tallied their third and last goal of the night. At the end of the game Devon Becker scored an empty net goal to give the Lions a 6-3 win. The shots were 36-23 in favor of Bryn Athyn.[918] It was the first time in the NCAA DIII era that the Lions had won the opening game of a season.

[918] "Second period flurry leads Lions to season-opening 6-3 win at Southern New Hampshire," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 1, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/11/1/11_1_2019_83.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.





The team before the game at Southern New Hampshire on November 1, 2019 (photo by Larry Tan).



Cameron Shorrock and McKenzie MacDonald at the game at Southern New Hampshire on November 1, 2019 (photos by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game at Southern New Hampshire on November 1, 2019. Top row: Corson Searles and Alex Tan (wearing #16 instead of #10). Middle row: Zach Pamaylaon, and Devin Hines. Bottom row: Dakota Ulmer and Peter Falivena (photos by Larry Tan).



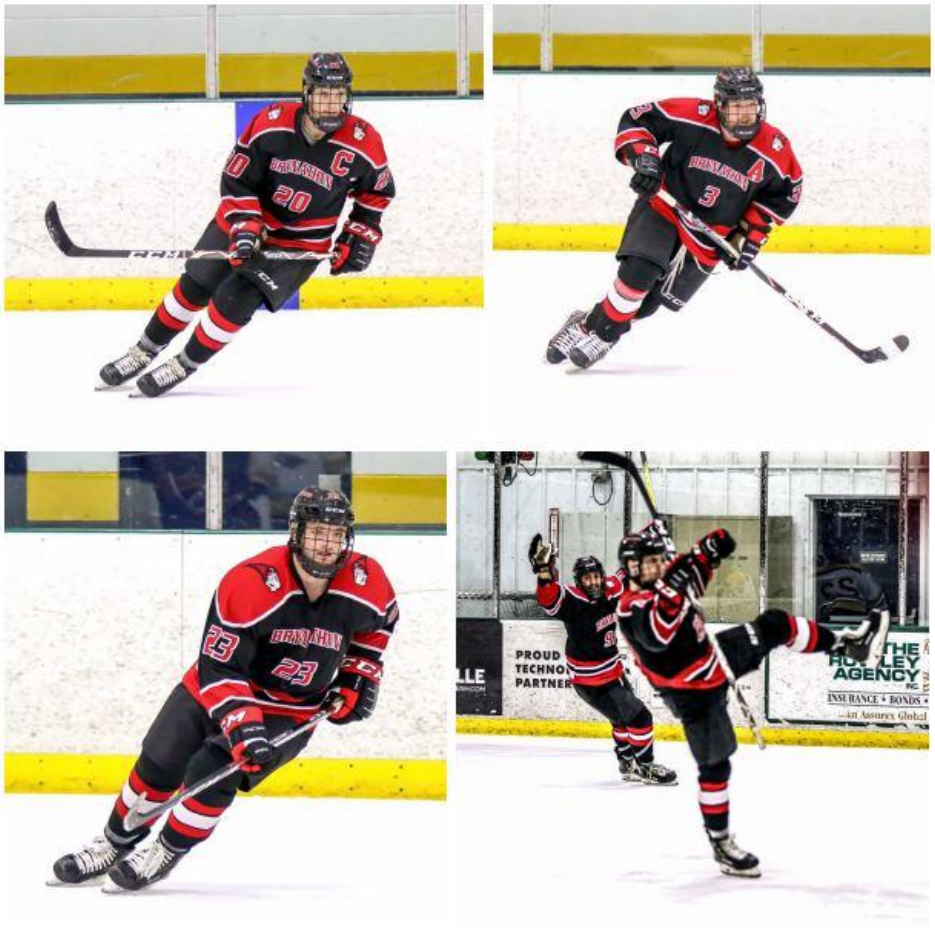
McKenzie Chalmers at the game at Southern New Hampshire on November 1, 2019 (photo by Larry Tan).

The teams played again the next day. This time the Lions lost 2-3 (1-1, 1-2, 0-0). Corson Searles and Nikita Smirnov scored the goals for Bryn Athyn.[919]



Pictures from the game at Southern New Hampshire on November 2, 2019. Left: Zach Pamaylaon creating a chance for the Lions. Right: Ismael Ralsten played his first game in net for Bryn Athyn (photos by Larry Tan).

[919] "Ice hockey drops backend of weekend series to SNHU, 3-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 2, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/11/2/11_2_2019_84.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.



Pictures from the game at Southern New Hampshire on November 2, 2019. Above: Nikita Smirnov and Julion Lever. Below: Brett Dillon and Nikita Smirnov celebrating his goal (photos by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game at Southern New Hampshire on November 2, 2019. Corson Searle celebrating his first goal for the Lions (photos by Larry Tan).



Albertus Magnus Athletic Department gameday ad on November 10, 2019.

The Lions traveled to fellow DIII independent team Albertus Magnus in New Haven, CT, the following weekend for a Sunday matchup on November 10. Bryn Athyn dominated the game. The shots on net were 39-25 in favor of the Lions who won the game 3-1 (2-0, 0-0, 1-1). Nikita Smirnov, Dakota Ulmer, and Devon Becker scored for Bryn Athyn.[920]



[920] "Lions fend off Albertus Magnus for 3-1 victory," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 10, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/11/10/11_10_2019_85.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.

On November 16, the Lions played Nazareth College in Rochester, NY. This was the fourth meeting between the two teams; the Lions having won one, and Nazareth two of the previous games. Bryn Athyn College came out strong and had a 3-0 lead at the end of the second period after goals by Cameron Shorrock, Brett Dillon, and Tanner Congdon. Nazareth scored with only 30 seconds left of the second period. In the final period, Nazareth added two more goals to tie the game 3-3. The 5-minute OT did not produce any goals, so the contest ended in a 3-3 (2-0, 1-1, 0-2, 0-0) tie.[921] The following day Bryn Athyn lost 0-2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1) to Hamilton College in Clinton, NY.[922] Hamilton had reached the quarterfinal of the 2017 NCAA DIII National Tournament.[923]



Brian, Emily, and Aven-Leigh Schnarr at the game against Nazareth College on November 16 (photo by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game against Nazareth College on November 16. Left to right: Bryn Athyn's three goals (photos by Larry Tan).

[921] "Lions play to 3-3 tie at Nazareth," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 16, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/11/16/11_16_2019_86.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.

[922] "Ice hockey shutout at Hamilton, 2-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 17, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/11/17/11_17_2019_87.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.

[923] "Lamberti '17, Carkeek '17 score goals in NCAA quarterfinal loss," article posted on the Hamilton College Athletics website on March 18, 2017 (https://athletics.hamilton.edu/news/2017/3/18/3_18_2017_1190.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2024.





King's College (PA) Athletic Department gameday ad on November 23.

Bryn Athyn played at King's College on November 23. The Lions had not lost to King's in three previous meetings and did not lose this time either. It was an even game, but Bryn Athyn emerged with a 3-1 win (1-0, 0-0, 2-1). Devon Becker, Zach Pamaylaon, and Tanner Schroeder scored for the Lions. The last goal was an empty netter. Gabriel Couture started his first game as a Lion and saved 30 of the 31 shots he faced (save percentage: 96.77%). The Bryn Athyn College Athletics Department's game recap stated:

> "Couture was stellar in his collegiate debut and played a major role in keeping the Monarchs off the board in the first two periods, making 23 of his 30 saves during the opening 40 minutes."[924]

[924] "Ice hockey knocks off King's (PA), 3-1," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 23, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/11/23/11_23_2019_88.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.



Gabriel Couture. This picture was taken during the warm-ups before the game against Southern New Hampshire on November 2, 2019 (photo by Larry Tan).

Bryn Athyn Lions
November 23, 2019 ·

LIONS WIN! Zach Pamaylaon had a goal and two assists and Gabriel Couture stopped 30 shots as ice hockey knocks off King's.





Lions players that did not dress for the game against King's College on November 23. Top row left to right: Jake Heckenberger, Peter Falivena, Devin Hines, and Dakota Ulmer. Bottom row left to right: Corson Searles, McKenzie MacDonald, McKenzie Chalmers, and Dan Condon (photo by Larry Tan).



Pictures from the game against King's College on November 23. Matt Echelmeier and Tyler Besner (photos by Larry Tan).

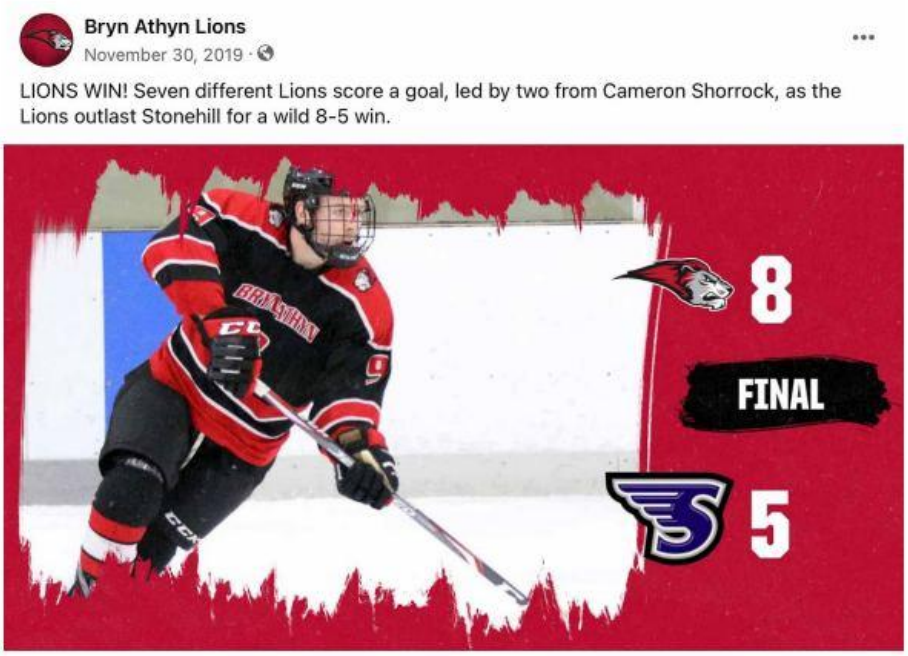


Pictures from the game against King's College on November 23. Above: Eric Higgins and Gabriel Couture & Alex Tan. Below: Tanner Congdon and Nick Malvasi (photos by Larry Tan).

The Lions were back in action on November 30 against DII Stonehill College at Foxboro Sports Center in Foxboro, MA. Although the shots on net were even (36 for the Lions and 35 for Stonehill), Bryn Athyn College won the game 8-5 (3-1, 2-2, 3-2). Bryn Athyn's goals were scored by Cameron Shorrock (2), Devon Becker, Tanner Congdon, Connor Devereux, Peter Falivena, Jake Heckenberger, and Zach Pamaylaon. McKenzie Chalmers saved 30 shots.[925] The next day the Lions traveled to Shelton, CT, to play DII Post University. Bryn Athyn won 5-3 (2-0, 1-1, 2-

[925] "All-around attack propels Lions to 8-5 triumph at Stonehill," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on November 30, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/11/30/11_30_2019_89.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.

2), after goals by Devon Becker, Sheldon Brett, Vojtech Luza, Mike Perkett, and Nikita Smirnov. Gabriel Couture recorded his second wins in two starts for the Lions.[926] This was the sixth and last meeting between the two teams. The Lions won all six games (two as an ACHA D3 member and four as a NCAA DIII program).





[926] "Luza nets game-winner as Lions run winning streak to three with 5-3 win at Post," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 1, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/12/1/12_1_2019_90.aspx). Viewed on February 18, 2024.



BAC Athletic Department gameday ad for the home opener at the Jungé Pavilion on December 6, 2019.

The home opener at the Jungé Pavilion in 2019-20 took place on December 6 when the Lions hosted Lebanon Valley College. Despite taking 29 shots on net, Bryn Athyn could not beat Lebanon Valley goaltender Aidan Richardson. The game ended with a 0-1 (0-0, 0-0, 0-1) loss, the first time in the ACHA D3/NCAA DIII era that the Lions had failed to score in a game at the Jungé Pavilion.[927]



Jake Heckenberger and McKenzie MacDonald at the game against Lebanon Valley College on December 6, 2019 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

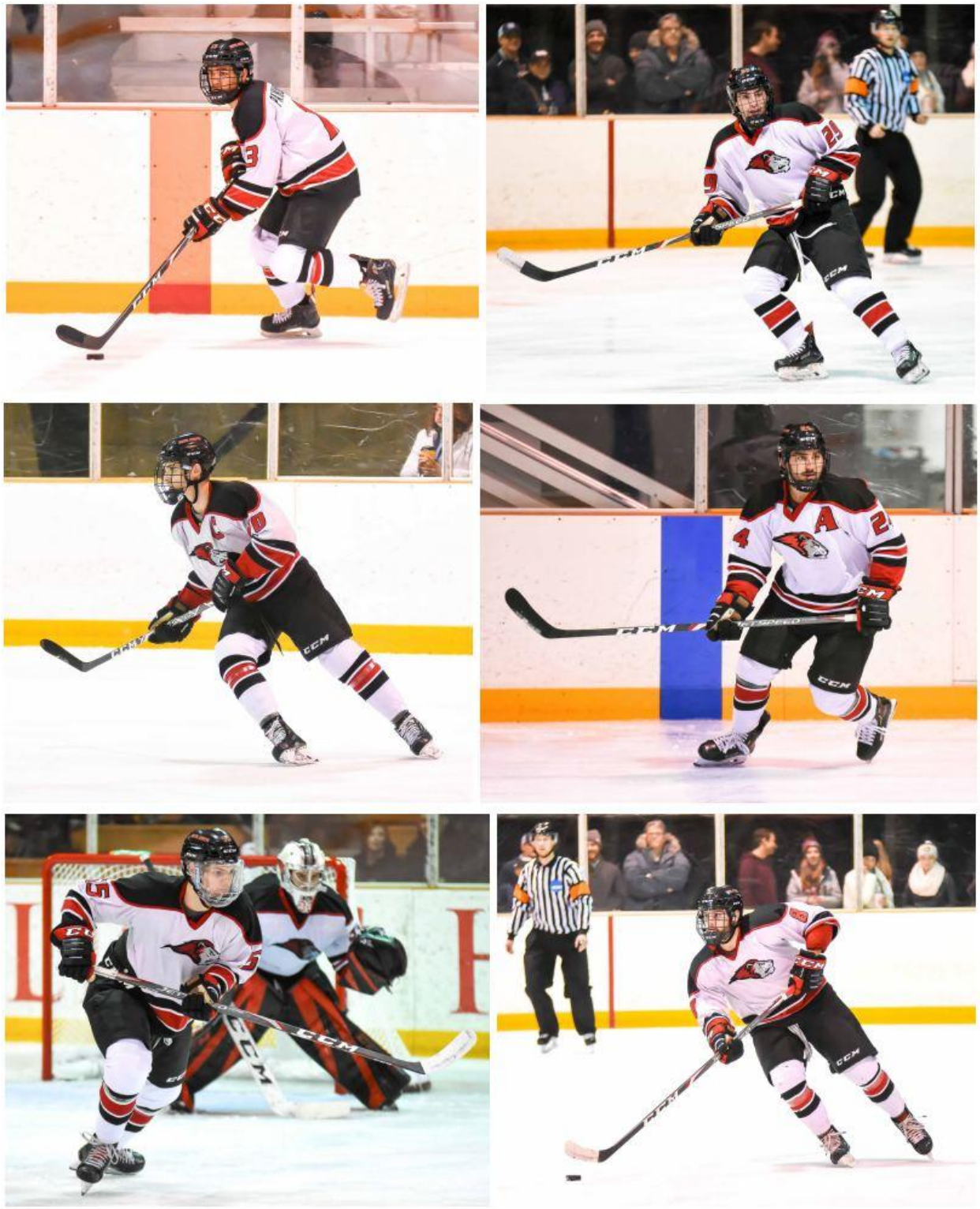
[927] "Ice hockey falls in home opener to Lebanon Valley, 1-0," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 1, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/12/6/12_6_2019_91.aspx). Viewed on February 19, 2024. Note: the Lions lost a game 0-1 to Widener on February 8, 2013. However, that game was an 8-3 win that the league later judged a 0-1 loss due to a Lions' player participating who the league argued should have been suspended from the game.



Pictures from the home opener at the Jungé Pavilion game against Lebanon Valley College on December 6, 2019. Top row: Devin Hines, and Vojtech Luza. Middle row: Connor Devereux, and Brett Dillon. Bottom row: McKenzie Chalmers and Tanner Schroeder (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the home opener at the Jungé Pavilion game against Lebanon Valley College on December 6, 2019. Top row: Tanner Congdon and Cameron Shorrock. Middle row: Devon Becker and Julion Lever. Bottom row: Sheldon Brett and Jim Pollock (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the home opener at the Jungé Pavilion game against Lebanon Valley College on December 6, 2019. Top row: Zach Pamaylaon and Dakota Ulmer. Middle row: Nikita Smirnov and Nick Malvasi. Bottom row: Peter Falivena, and Mike Perkett (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions finished 2019 with three games on the road. First, two meetings against Castleton University in Castleton, Vermont on December 13 and 14, and then a game at Wilkes University, in Wilkes-Barre, PA, on December 17. Both games at Castleton went to OT. The first on December 13 ended 3-3 (1-1, 2-2, 0-0, 0-0), as neither team scored during the 5-minute OT. Despite the even score line, the Lions outshot Castleton 54-21. Bryn Athyn's goals were scored by Tanner Congdon, Alec Grollman, and Julion Lever. Gabriel Couture saved 18 shots. The second game, the following day, was also an even affair. Again, the shots were in favor of the Lions, 51-33, and again the score was 3-3 at the end of 60 minutes. The Lions won 4-3 (0-1, 1-1, 2-1, 1-0) after Sheldon Brett scored the OT winner for Bryn Athyn. The other goals were scored by Nikita Smirnov (2) and Devon Becker. Ismael Ralsten made 30 saves.[928]





[928] "Ice hockey skates to 3-3 tie against Castleton," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 13, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/12/13/12_13_2019_92.aspx). Viewed on February 19, 2024; "Brett's OT goal gives Lions a 4-3 win at Castleton," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 14, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/12/14/12_14_2019_93.aspx). Viewed on February 19, 2024.



Wilkes University Athletics Department ad for the game against Bryn Athyn on December 17.

The game against Wilkes was even but ended in a 3-5 (2-1, 0-3, 1-1) defeat. Devon Becker, Nikita Smirnov, and Dakota Ulmer scored for Bryn Athyn.[929]

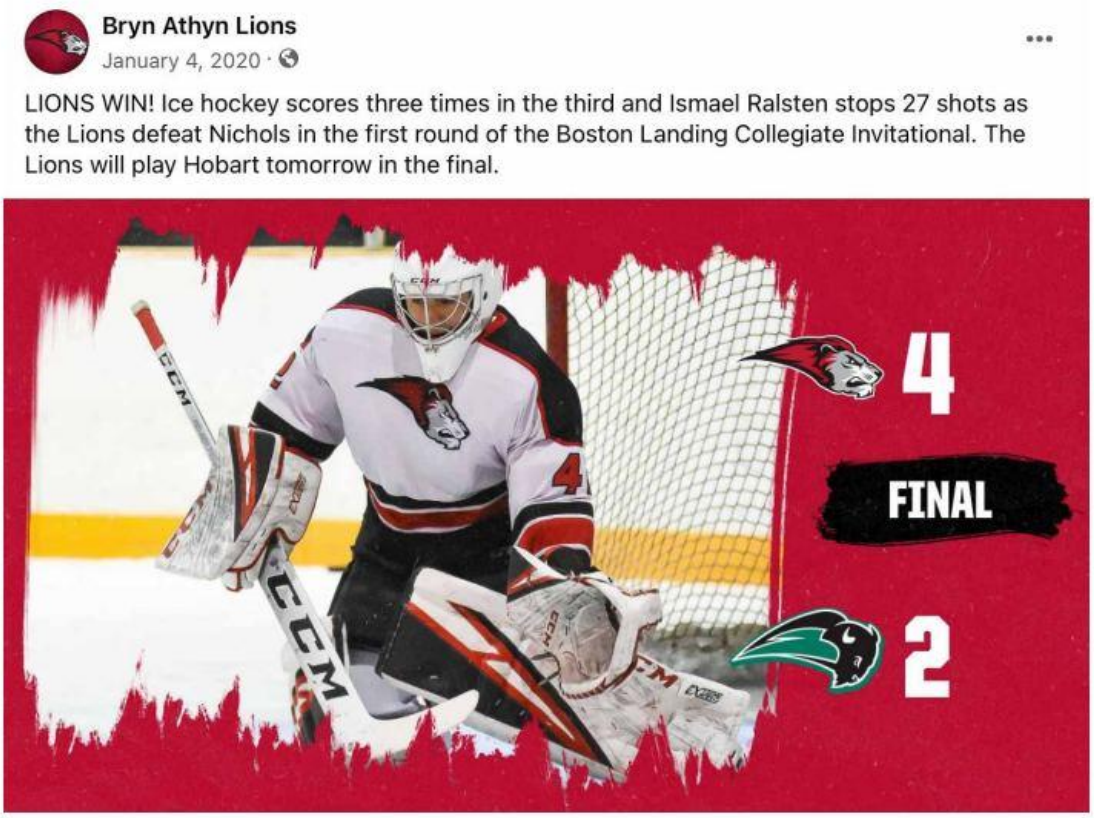
6.3.2 The Boston Landing Collegiate Invitational

The hockey team returned after the Christmas break and traveled up to Boston to take part in the Boston Landing Collegiate Invitational at the Warrior Ice Arena in Boston. The Lions faced Nichols College, who had reached the quarterfinal of the 2018 NCAA DIII National Championship, in the first round.[930] This game is historic because for the first time in the NCAA DIII era the Lions won a first-round game to qualify for the championship game at a tournament. It was an even game, scoreless after the first period. In the second period, Nichols College early on scored 1-0. Their lead lasted until 16 minutes and 19 seconds of the second period when Peter Falivena found the net for the Lions. The game was tied, 1-1, until Vojtech Luza scored for Bryn Athyn at 8:16 of the third period. Devon Becker added a third goal for the Lions only 44 seconds later. Nichols replied immediately to reduce the Lions lead to 3-2. Then, at 16:22, Eric Higgins put the puck in the net, and the Lions won the game 4-2.

[929] "Ice hockey falls to Wilkes, 5-3," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on December 17, 2019 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2019/12/17/12_17_2019_94.aspx). Viewed on February 19, 2024.

[930] "Bison's dream season ends with loss to Seahawks in NCAA Quarterfinals," article posted on the Nichols College Athletics website on March 17, 2018 (https://nicholsathletics.com/news/2018/3/17/mens-ice-hockey-bisons-dream-season-ends-with-loss-to-seahawks-in-ncaa-quarterfinals.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2024.

Goalkeeper Ismael Ralsten saved 27 shots (save percentage: 93.10%).[931] In the other first-round game Hobart College defeated Saint John's University from Minnesota by a score of 4-2.[932]



Hobart has been a real powerhouse in NCAA DIII hockey. They have an impressive NCAA DIII National Tournament record: first round in 2015, quarterfinal in 2016, first round in 2017 and 2018, and the semifinal in 2019.[933] Hobart would also qualify for the 2020 NCAA DIII National Tournament, which was cancelled, reached the quarterfinals in 2022, and become National Champions in 2023.[934]

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[931] "Three-goal third propels ice hockey into final of the Boston Landing Collegiate Invitational," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 4, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/4/1_4_2020_95.aspx). Viewed on February 19, 2024.

[932] "#8 Statesmen rally past Johnnies 4-2," article posted on the Hobart College Athletics website on January 4, 2020 (https://hwsathletics.com/news/2020/1/4/hobart-ice-hockey-8-statesmen-rally-past-johnnies-4-2.aspx). Viewed on February 19, 2024.

[933] "#8 Hobart falls to #4 Oswego in NCAA first round," article posted on the Hobart College Athletics website on March 14, 2015 (https://hwsathletics.com/news/2015/3/14/HIH_0314151338.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2024; "Statesmen fall to UMass Boston in NCAA quarterfinal," article posted on the Hobart College Athletics website on March 19, 2016 (https://hwsathletics.com/news/2016/3/19/hobart-ice-hockey-statesmen-fall-to-umass-boston-in-ncaa-tournament-quarterfinal.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2024; "Despite 2nd period rally, Hobart edged by Endicott," article posted on the Hobart College Athletics website on March 11, 2017 (https://hwsathletics.com/news/2017/3/11/hobart-ice-hockey-despite-2nd-period-tally-hobart-edged-by-endicott.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2024; "Knights slip past Statesmen in NCAA 1st round game," article posted on the Hobart College Athletics website on March 10, 2018 (https://hwsathletics.com/news/2018/3/10/hobart-ice-hockey-knights-slip-past-statesmen-in-ncaa-opener.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2024; "Pointers top Statesmen in national semifinals," article posted on the Hobart College Athletics website on March 23, 2019 (https://hwsathletics.com/news/2019/3/23/hobart-ice-hockey-pointers-top-statesmen-in-national-semifinals.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2024.

[934] "NCAA basketball, hockey tournaments canceled," article posted on the Hobart College Athletics website on March 12, 2020 (https://hwsathletics.com/news/2020/3/12/hobart-basketball-ncaa-basketball-hockey-tournaments-canceled.aspx). Viewed on February

The Lions did not have a good start against #8 ranked Hobart College in the championship game on January 5. Hobart led 4-1 after the first period, Connor Devereux scoring the lone goal for the Lions. Hobart added one more in the second period. The Lions thus faced an uphill battle, being down 1-5 when the third period began. Nevertheless, the Lions scored three unanswered goals, two by Alec Grollman and one by Nikita Smirnov, within the first 10 minutes of the third period. However, the Lions could not find the net again and lost the game 4-5.[935] Nevertheless, the Lions in 2019-20 were able to measure up against a nationally ranked team that had had continuous success at the National Championship level.

6.3.3 A winning season and the first two shutouts in the NCAA DIII era

The team was back in action against #14 ranked Wilkes University at the Jungé Pavilion on January 7. The Lions were outshot 32-50 and lost the game 1-5 (1-3, 0-1, 0-1). Tanner Schroeder scored the lone goal, and Gabriel Couture recorded 45 saves (save percentage: 90.00%).[936]



Gabriel Couture and Nick Malvasi against Wilkes on January 7 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The Lions played against SUNY Fredonia on January 10 and 11 at the Revolution Ice Garden in Warminster. The first meeting was an unofficial scrimmage. After trailing 1-2 after the first period, the Lions took charge and were ahead 5-3 after 40 minutes of play. In the end, Bryn Athyn won the game 7-3.

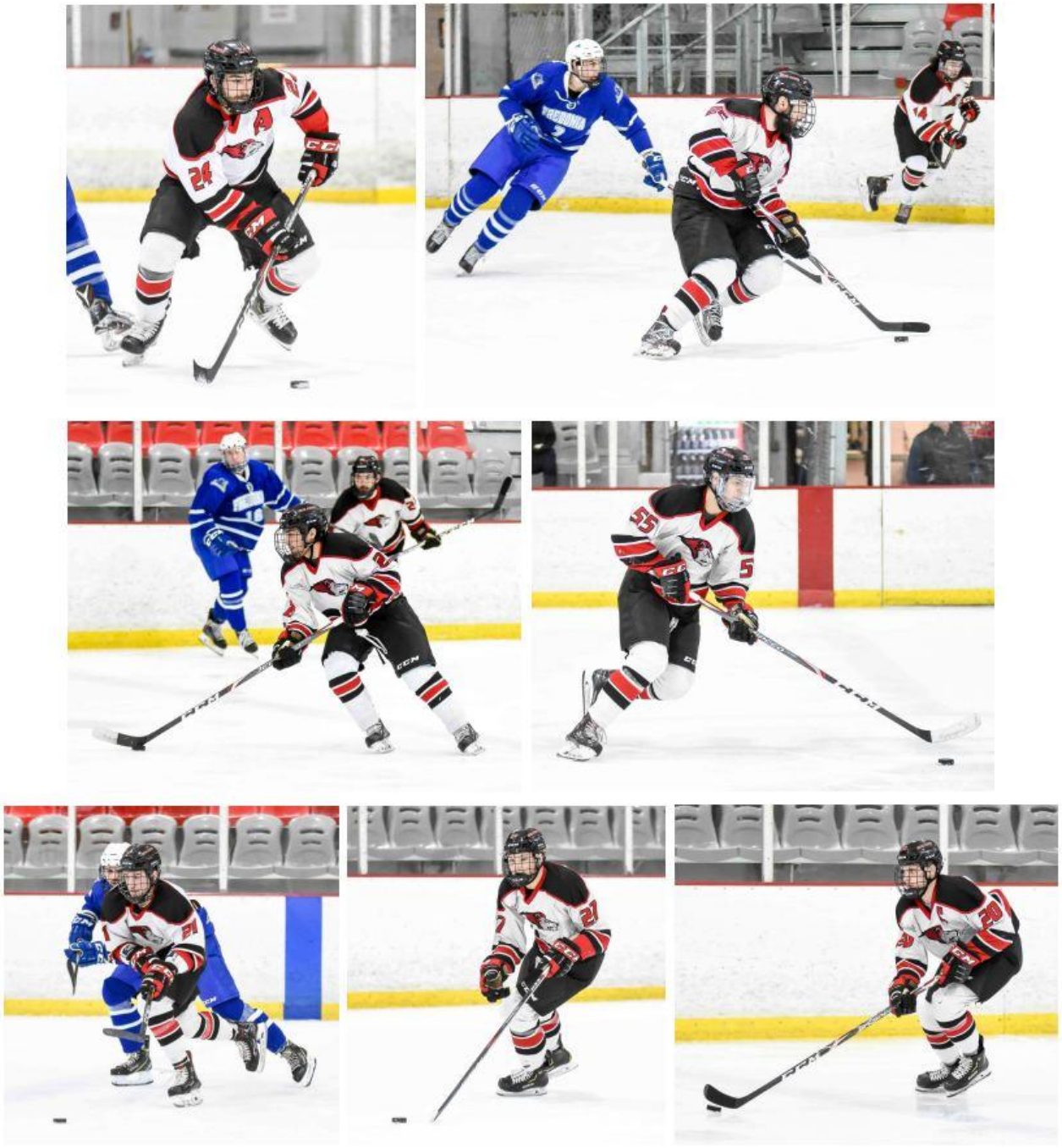
26, 2024; "#1 Adrian trips up #7 Hobart in quarterfinals," article posted on the Hobart College Athletics website on March 19, 2022 (https://hwsathletics.com/news/2022/3/19/hobart-ice-hockey-1-adrian-trips-up-7-hobart-in-quarterfinals.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2024; Statesmen win National Championship 3-2 in OT over Adrian," article posted on the Hobart College Athletics website on March 26, 2022 (https://hwsathletics.com/news/2023/3/26/hobart-ice-hockey-statesmen-win-national-championship-3-2-in-ot-over-adrian.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2024.

[935] "Lions fall to No. 8 Hobart 5-4 in final of the Boston Landing Collegiate Invitational," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 5, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/5/1_5_2020_96.aspx). Viewed on February 19, 2024.

[936] "Lions defeated by No. 14 Wilkes in Junge Pavilion," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 7, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/7/1_7_2020_97.aspx). Viewed on February 23, 2024.



Pictures from the scrimmage against Fredonia on January 10, 2020. Top row: Jake Heckenberger and Dan Condon. Middle row: Alex Tan and MacKenzie MacDonald. Bottom row: Aidan Quaglino and McKenzie Chalmers (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the scrimmage against Fredonia on January 10, 2020. Top row: Nick Malvasi and Vojtech Luza. Middle row: Dakota Ulmer, and Peter Falivena. Bottom row: Eric Higgins, Alec Grollman, and Nikita Smirnov (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

On January 11, the two teams played an official game. Fredonia outshot Bryn Athyn 33-24, and the game ended 3-3 (1-0, 2-2, 0-1, 0-0) after a goalless 5-minute OT. Bryn Athyn's goals were powerplay tallies scored by Jake Heckenberger, Vojtech Luza, and Dakota Ulmer.[937]

[937] "Ice hockey scores three power play goals in 3-3 tie with Fredonia State," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 11, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/11/1_11_2020_98.aspx). Viewed on February 23, 2024.



McKenzie Chalmers in action against Fredonia on January 11, 2020 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Fredonia on January 11, 2020. Above: Devon Becker, Devin Hines, and Jimmy Pollock. Below: Connor Devereux and Sheldon Brett (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Fredonia on January 11, 2020. Above: Brett Dillon and Tanner Schroeder. Below: Tanner Congdon, and Mike Perkett (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

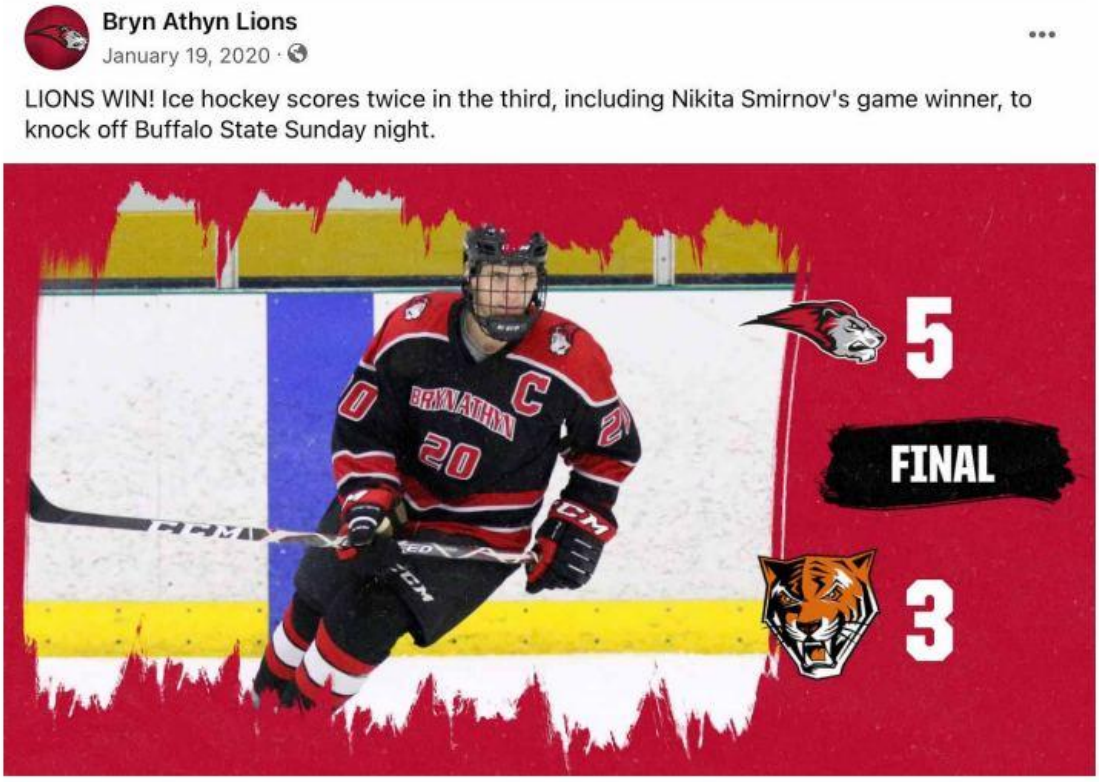
The Lions next traveled to Buffalo State for two games. Bryn Athyn had the lead 1-0, after the first period of the first game, on January 18. However, Buffalo State rebounded, and the game ended with a 3-6 (1-0, 1-3, 1-3) loss. Bryn Athyn's goals were scored by Nikita Smirnov, Cameron Schorrock, and Peter Falivena.[938] The Lions fared better the following day, and won 5-3 (1-1, 2-2, 2-0), after goals by Tanner Schroeder (2), Tanner Congdon, Cameron Shorrock, and Nikita Smirnov. Ismael Ralsten made 36 saves in the net for Bryn Athyn (save percentage: 92.31%).[939]

[938] "Lions doubled up by Buffalo State," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 18, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/18/1_18_2020_99.aspx). Viewed on February 23, 2024.

[939] "Smirnov nets game-winner in Lions' 5-3 victory at Buffalo State," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 19, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/19/1_19_2020_100.aspx). Viewed on February 23, 2024.



Pictures from the game against Buffalo State on January 18, 2020 (photos by Larry Tan).





Pictures from the game against Buffalo State on January 19, 2020 (photos by Larry Tan).





Anna Maria Athletic Department gameday ads to promote the games against Bryn Athyn College on January 25 and 26.

The next two games were played against Anna-Maria College in Auburn, MA. Bryn Athyn lost the first, 1-4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2) on January 25, and won the second game, on January 26, by a score of 4 to 2 (1-0, 1-1, 2-1). Dakota

Ulmer scored in the first game whereas Tanner Congdon, Nick Malvasi, Nikita Smirnov, and Devon Becker (empty net goal) scored in the second game.[940]





Albertus Magnus Athletic Department gameday ad on January 31, 2020.

[940] "Ulmer scores for ice hockey in 4-1 loss at Anna Maria," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 25, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/25/1_25_2020_101.aspx). Viewed on February 23, 2024; "Lions earn weekend split with Anna Maria thanks to 4-2 win over Amcats," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 26, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/26/1_26_2020_102.aspx). Viewed on February 23, 2024.

Albertus Magnus College visited the Jungé Pavilion on January 31. This game is historic in program history, because the Lions shut out an opponent for the first time in the NCAA DIII era and Nikita Smirnov's two goals in the first and third period meant that he broke the goal scoring record for a season during the NCAA DIII era. Gabriele Couture made 26 saves as Bryn Athyn College won 2-0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0). The Bryn Athyn College athletics department game recap stated:

> "The Bryn Athyn College ice hockey team celebrated a night of firsts in Junge Pavilion Friday night as the Lions defeated visiting Albertus Magnus, 2-0.
>
> Thanks to a 26-save performance from goaltender *Gabriel Couture*, Bryn Athyn recorded its first shutout in its 67-game NCAA Division III history. *Nikita Smirnov* provided the offense for the Lions by scoring both goals to give him 12 goals the season, placing him first on the list for the most goals in a single season since joining Division III."[941]

Albertus Magnus game recap described Smirnov's goals:

> "The Lions took a 1-0 advantage after a hard- fought first period behind a power-play goal by Nikita Smirnov 4:12 into the game. Smirnov rocketed a one-timer from the top of the zone that snuck past the Albertus goalie...
>
> ...Bryn Athyn added an insurance goal with just 2:02 left in regulation to ice the game away. On an Albertus transition, Mike Perkett poked the puck away from an offensive skater and found Smirnov, who streaked down the right side of the ice and beat the opposing keeper to his glove side."[942]



[941] "Couture, Smirnov lead ice hockey in 2-0 victory over Albertus Magnus," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 31, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/31/1_31_2020_103.aspx). Viewed on February 24, 2024.

[942] "Men's ice hockey drops road battle versus Bryn Athyn, 2-0," article posted on the Albertus Magnus College Athletics website on January 31, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/31/1_31_2020_103.aspx). Viewed on January 31, 2020.



Gabriel Couture making a save against Albertus Magnus on January 31, 2020 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).







Pictures from the game against Albertus Magnus on January 31, 2020. Left: Nikita Smirnov celebrating his 1-0 goal (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson). Middle: Smirnov scoring 2-0 (photo by Larry Tan). Right: Smirnov celebrating his 2-0 goal with photographer Larry Tan to the left taking pictures (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Timeout at the end of the game against Albertus Magnus on January 31, 2020. Left: the team listening to head coach Andrew Burke. Assistant coach for goaltenders Mitch Harris, and head athletic trainer Salvatore Capone are in the background listening to Burke. Harris, together with Burke and assistant coach Anthony Astorino became part of the coaching staff for Alvernia's new NCAA DIII hockey program in 2021. Assistant coach Tom Seravalli became the head coach for King's College in May 2020. Salvatore Capone had joined Bryn Athyn College in 2018 as a head athletic trainer. In 2021 he transitioned to assistant director of athletics for strength and conditioning, director of hockey operations and assistant coach for the men's ice hockey team. In 2022 he became president of the Colonial States College Hockey Conference that the Lions joined in 2021. In 2023 he became Interim Athletic Director at Bryn Athyn College (photo by Larry Tan). Right: Head coach Andrew Burke during the timeout (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Albertus Magnus on January 31, 2020. Left: Mike Perkett. Right Tanner Congdon (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Gabriel Couture in action against Albertus Magnus on January 31, 2020 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Gabriel Couture in action against Albertus Magnus on January 31, 2020 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The next day, February 1, the Lions hosted the College of Brockport at the Revolution Ice Gardens. The Lion's lost 2-4 (0-2, 1-2, 1-0). Dakota Ulmer and Zach Pamaylaon scored for Bryn Athyn and Gabriel Couture stopped 28 shots.[943]

[943] "Lions fall to Brockport 4-2," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 1, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/2/1/2_1_2020_104.aspx). Viewed on February 24, 2024.



Pictures from the game against Brockport on February 1, 2020. Top row: Dakota Ulmer & Alec Grollman with an opportunity and Eric Higgins. Middle row: Sheldon Brett and Jimmy Pollock. Bottom row: Devin Hines and Tanner Congdon (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Brockport on February 1, 2020. Top row: Peter Falivena and Matt Echelmeier. Middle row: Zach Pamaylaon and Devon Becker. Bottom row: Gabriel Couture and Connor Devereux (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against Brockport on February 1, 2020. Top row: Tanner Schroeder and Jake Heckenberger. Middle row: Nick Malvasi and Nikita Smirnov. Bottom row: Vojtech Luza, Tyler Besner, and Mike Perkett (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



King's College (PA) Athletic Department gameday ad on February 8.

Bryn Athyn College celebrated its first senior night in two years on February 8 before a game against King's College. It was the last home game at the Jungé Pavilion of the 2019-20 season, and, as it turned out, the last game at the Pavilion for the Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey program as a member of NCAA DIII.



Senior night on February 8, 2020. Top row left to right: Alex Tan (BAC men's ice hockey 2016-20) and Nikita Smirnov (BAC men's ice hockey 2017-20). Bottom Row left to right: Eric Higgins (BAC men's ice hockey 2018-20 and 2021-22) and Vojtech Luza (BAC men's ice hockey 2017-20). Eric Higgins normally wore #21 but used the #63 white jersey for the last few home games of the season (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Senior night on February 8, 2020. Left to right: Andrew Burke (head coach), Tomas Seravalli (assistant coach), Eric Higgins, Nikita Smirnov, Vojtech Luza, Alex Tan, and Anthony Astorino (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

The game against King's College turned out to be a perfect last home game of the 2019-20 season. The Lions came out with a mission and dominated the game from the start. Zach Pamaylaon scored 1-0, assisted by seniors Alex Tan and Vojtech Luza, after 11 minutes and 27 seconds in the first period. Sheldon Brett found the net in the second period after 5 minutes and 53 seconds. Tyler Besner and Zach Pamaylaon picked up the assists. The Lions added two more goals in the third period. The first by MacKenzie MacDonald, assisted by senior Eric Higgins and Tyler Besner, after 2 minutes and 48 seconds. The second by Zach Pamaylaon, who scored his second goal of the evening after 14 minutes and 24 seconds. He was again assisted by seniors Alex Tan and Vojtech Luza.[944] McKenzie Chalmers made 15 saves for his first shutout as a Lion. Thus, the Lions got their first two shutouts as a NCAA DIII program in their last ever two home games at the Jungé Pavilion.



The scoreboard after the game against King's College on February 8, 2020 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).

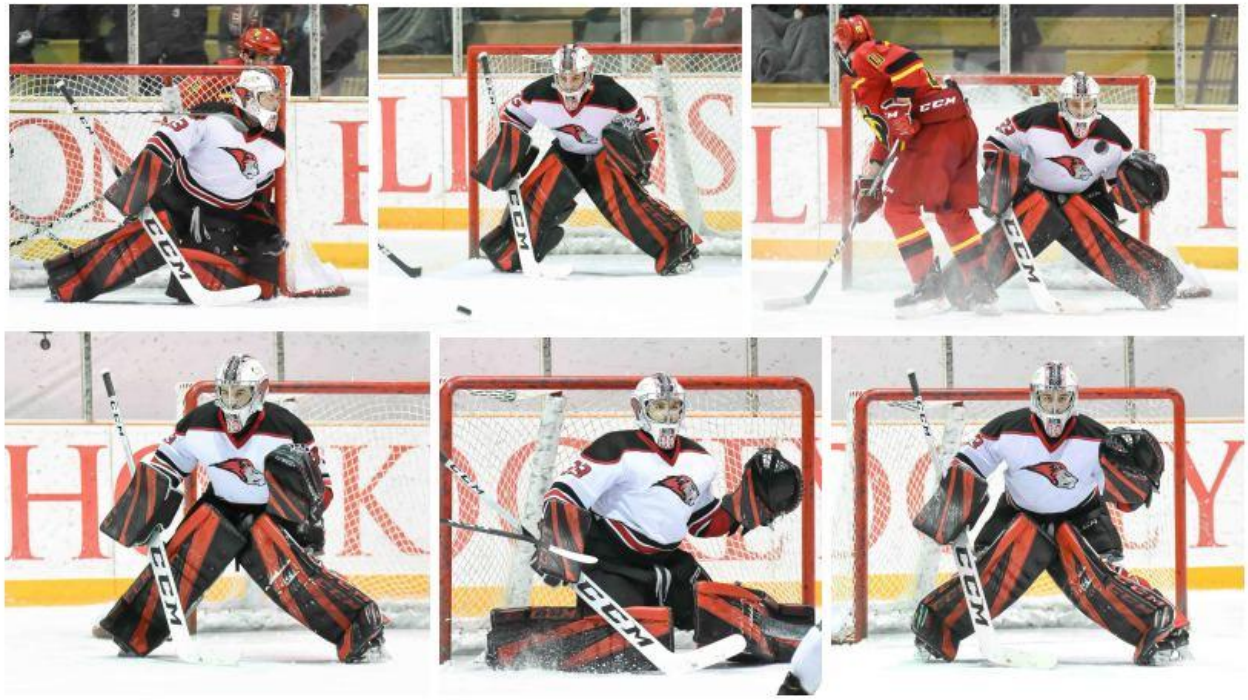
[944] "Ice hockey blanks King's (Pa.) 4-0 on Senior Night," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 8, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/2/8/2_8_2020_105.aspx). Viewed on February 24, 2024.



McKenzie Chalmers celebrating after the game against King's College on February 8, 2020 (photos by Larry Tan).



The team celebrating after the game against King's College on February 8, 2020 (photo by Fredrik Bryntesson).



McKenzie Chalmers at the game against King's College on February 8, 2020 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



Pictures from the game against King's College on February 8, 2020 (photos by Fredrik Bryntesson).



MacKenzie MacDonald's first goal for the Lions at the game against King's College on February 8, 2020 (photos by Larry Tan).



SUNY Canton athletics department gameday ads for the games against Bryn Athyn College on February 15 and 16, 2020.

Bryn Athyn College played its two last games as a member of NCAA DIII on the road against SUNY Canton at the Roos House in upstate New York on February 15 and 16, 2020. The first game was a 1-6 (0-2, 1-1, 0-3) loss. However, the Lions were only outshot 29-30 and the team had nine powerplay opportunities. Tanner Congdon found the net for the Lions.[945]



Tanner Congdon celebrates his goal against SUNY Canton on February 15, 2020 (photos by Larry Tan).

The second game against SUNY Canton was a different affair from a scoring perspective. The Lions came out firing on all cylinders and outscored SUNY Canton 4-0 in the first period. The goals were scored by Sheldon Brett, Brett Dillon, Peter Falivena, and Tanner Schroeder. The teams scored one goal apiece in the second period. Vojtech Luza's 5-1 goal turned out to be the game winner which meant that the Lions for the first time in the NCAA DIII era had a winning season record. In the third period, Dakota Ulmer scored 6-2 for the Lions, but then SUNY

[945] "Congdon nets sixth goal of season in road loss to SUNY Canton," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 15, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/2/15/2_15_2020_106.aspx). Viewed on February 24, 2024.

Canton added two to make it 6-4. But with only 46 seconds left of the game Vojtech Luza scored the last goal of the game, an empty netter. This goal was his 100th point for the Lions. Bryn Athyn College won 7-4.[946]





[946] "Ice hockey wraps up 2019-20 with a 7-4 victory at SUNY Canton," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 16, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/2/16/2_16_2020_107.aspx). Viewed on February 26, 2020..



The celebrations for each goal against SUNY Canton on February 15, 2020, and the final scoreboard (photos by Larry Tan).

6.3.4 Season summary and awards

The 2019-20 season was in many respects the most successful during the hockey program's NCAA DIII era (2017-2021). First, the team had a winning record for the first time: 12 wins, 10 losses, and 3 ties (win percentage 54.00%). Second, more goals (87) were scored compared to the two previous seasons. Third, the team recorded the two first shutouts as an NCAA DIII team. Fourth, the Lions for the first time played in a championship tournament game (at the Boston Landing Collegiate Invitational).

2019-2020 Season

Opponent	Date	Result
@Southern New Hampshire University (D2)	11/1/2019	Win 6-3
@Southern New Hampshire University (D2)	11/2/2019	Loss 2-3
@Albertus Magnus College	11/10/2019	Win 3-1
@Nazareth College	11/16/2019	Tie 3-3
@Hamilton College	11/17/2019	Loss 0-2
@King's College	11/23/2019	Win 3-1
@Stonehill College (D2)	11/30/2019	Win 8-5
@Post University (D2)	12/1/2019	Win 5-3
Lebanon Valley College	12/6/2019	Loss 0-1
@Castleton University	12/13/2019	Tie 3-3
@Castleton University	12/14/2019	Win 4-3 (OT)
@Wilkes University	12/17/2019	Loss 3-5
Nichols College BOSTON LANDING COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL	1/4/2020	Win 4-2
Hobart College BOSTON LANDING COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL	1/5/2020	Loss 4-5
Wilkes University	1/7/2020	Loss 1-5
Fredonia State	1/11/2020	Tie 3-3
@Buffalo State	1/18/2020	Loss 3-6
@Buffalo State	1/19/2020	Win 5-3
@Anna Maria College	1/25/2020	Loss 1-4
@Anna Maria College	1/26/2020	Win 4-2
Albertus Magnus College	1/31/2020	Win 2-0
The College at Brockport	2/1/2020	Loss 2-4
King's College	2/8/2020	Win 4-0
@SUNY Canton	2/15/2020	Loss 1-6
@SUNY Canton	2/16/2020	Win 7-4

Overall season record

GP	W	L	OTL	T	GA	GA
25	12	10	0	3	81	77

NCAA Division III

Unofficial game

Opponent	Date	Result
Fredonia State SCRIMMAGE	1/10/2020	Win 7-3

Stats for the 2019-20 season

Skaters	GP	G	A	PTS	PTS/G
1. Devon Becker	25	9	17	26	1.04
2. Nikita Smirnov	25	12	7	19	0.76
3. Vojtech Luza	25	6	12	18	0.72
4. Zach Pamaylaon	22	6	9	15	0.68
5. Dakota Ulmer	23	6	9	15	0.65
6. Sheldon Brett	25	4	10	14	0.56
7. Tanner Congdon	24	6	7	13	0.54
8. Cameron Shorrock	21	6	6	12	0.57
9. Jake Heckenberger	18	3	7	10	0.56
10. Tanner Schroeder	24	5	4	9	0.38
11. Mike Perkett	25	1	8	9	0.36
12. Peter Falivena	19	4	3	7	0.37
13. Nick Malvasi	22	1	5	6	0.27
14. Alec Grollman	21	4	1	5	0.24
15. Connor Devereux	23	2	3	5	0.22
16. Eric Higgins	18	1	4	5	0.28
17. Brett Dillon	13	2	1	3	0.23
18. Julion Lever	14	1	2	3	0.21
19. Tyler Besner	10	0	3	3	0.30
20. Alex Tan	13	0	3	3	0.23
21. MacKenzie MacDonald	13	1	1	2	0.15
22. Corson Searles	4	1	1	2	0.50
23. McKenzie Chalmers	11	0	1	1	0.09
24. Gabriele Couture	7	0	1	1	0.14
25. Matt Echelmeier	9	0	1	1	0.11
26. Jimmy Pollock	16	0	1	1	0.06
27. Dan Condon	2	0	0	0	0.00
28. Devin Hines	22	0	0	0	0.00
29. Trevor Kleckner	1	0	0	0	0.00

Goalies	GP-GS	Min	GA	SV	SV%	W
1. McKenzie Chalmers	11-11	666:25	34	272	88.9%	4
2. Gabriel Couture	7-7	423:11	18	197	91.6%	4
3. Ismael Ralsten	7-7	418:10	23	207	90.0%	4

Stats for the 2019-20 season.[947]

Shutouts during the 2019-20 season	
January 31, 2020	Gabriel Couture against Albertus Magnus College[948]
February 8, 2020	McKenzie Chalmers against King's College[949]

[947] Individual statistics for the 2019-20 season (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/stats/2019-20). Viewed on February 24, 2024. Note: the game against Anna Maria on January 26 is not included on the BAC athletics department's website. These missing stats have been added in the table on this page.

[948] "Couture, Smirnov lead ice hockey in 2-0 victory over Albertus Magnus," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on January 31, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/1/31/1_31_2020_103.aspx). Viewed on February 24, 2024.

[949] "Ice hockey blanks King's (Pa.) 4-0 on senior night," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on February 8, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/2/8/2_8_2020_105.aspx). Viewed on February 24, 2024.

The Covid pandemic struck just after the 2019-20 men's ice hockey season had concluded, and on March 20, it was announced that all athletic activities during spring term would be suspended.[950] Therefore, the traditional end-of-year Athletic awards ceremony was not held in 2019-20. Instead, the coaches announced coach's and Lions awards on videos posted online, as well as on the athletics website. The Lions' award was given to Alex Tan, and Vojtech Luza and Nikita Smirnov shared the Coach's award. No MVPs was awarded in any BAC sports that year.[951] Furthermore, on April 3, 2020, BAC President Brian Blair informed the college community that the newly appointed Athletic Director David Leach had left the college, and that the Dean of Students, Suzanne Nelson, would "cover Dave's responsibilities at this time."[952] A couple of weeks later President Blair e-mailed the college community and said, "Dr. Suzanne Nelson, Dean of Students, has assumed responsibility for leadership and strategic planning for the athletic department along with direct supervision of the staff."[953] In effect, Dean Nelson was made Acting, or Interim, Athletic Director at Bryn Athyn College.

6.4 The 2020-21 Season

Bryn Athyn College had 248 full-time undergraduate students at the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year.[954] Because of the Covid pandemic, the athletic year at Bryn Athyn College was significantly truncated. All fall term sports were cancelled by CSAC (Colonial States Athletics Conference), which affected cross country (men and women), soccer (men and women), volleyball (women), and field hockey (women).[955] Basketball played a few non-conference games without spectators during the winter. However, CSAC took the decision to allow conference play to take place for both men's and women's lacrosse in the spring. Men's lacrosse qualified for the post season, ultimately losing in the semifinal to Stockton. Women's lacrosse also qualified for the post season but had to pull out due to Covid protocols.[956]

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[950] "Bryn Athyn College, CSAC suspend all athletic activities for spring season," article published on the BAC Athletics website on March 20, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/3/20/3_20_2020_224.aspx). Viewed on June 29, 2023.

[951] "Bryn Athyn Athletics announces team award winners for 2019-20n," article published on the BAC Athletics website on June 4, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/6/4/6_4_2020_35.aspx). Viewed on June 4, 2023.

[952] Brian Blair, e-mail to the Bryn Athyn College Community on April 3, 2020.

[953] Brian Blair, e-mail to the Bryn Athyn College Community on April 17, 2020.

[954] "Finalized 2020-21 fall enrollment," Bryn Athyn College Office, September 30, 2020.

[955] "Colonial States Athletic Conference statement regarding sports for Fall 2020," article posted on the Bryn Athyn College Athletics website on July 21, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/7/21/athletics-colonial-states-athletic-conference-statement-regarding-sports-for-fall-2020.aspx). Viewed on June 29, 2023.

[956] "Men's lacrosse fall in CSAC semifinal," article published on the BAC Athletics website on May 1, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2021/5/1/mens-lacrosse-mens-lacrosse-fall-in-csac-semifinal.aspx). Viewed on February 25, 2024; "Women's lacrosse secures the two seed in playoffs in thrilling overtime victory," article published on the BAC Athletics website on April 17, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2021/4/17/womens-lacrosse-womens-lacrosse-secure-two-seed-in-playoffs-in-thrilling-overtime-victory.aspx). Viewed on February 25, 2024; "Women's lacrosse: a season to remember," article published on the BAC Athletics website on April 27, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2021/4/27/womens-lacrosse-womens-lacrosse-a-season-to-remember.aspx). Viewed on February 25, 2024.

Payton Gormley was the CSAC women's lacrosse Player of the Year. 6 student athletes made the CSAC All-conference teams.[957]

Raven Bozek (women's lacrosse, second team)
Payton Gormley (women's lacrosse, first team)
Lindsay Kinsky (women's lacrosse, first team)
Nicole McCurdy (women's lacrosse, first team)
Paulina Storck (women's lacrosse, second team)
Tori Titano (women's lacrosse, second team)

CSAC Sportsmanship Team

Jenessa Lombardi (women's lacrosse)
Justin Rallo (men's lacrosse)

Men's ice hockey was scheduled to play its fourth season as an independent member of NCAA DIII. The roster is listed on the Bryn Athyn College athletics website. This was the first roster during the hockey program's NCAA DIII era that did not include players from the ACHA D3 era.

2020-21 Team Roster[958]

Goalkeepers	Defense	Forwards
#33 McKenzie Chalmers	#2 Devon Becker	#14 Tyler Besner
David Dew	#71 Dan Condon	#91 Sheldon Brett
#1 Aidan Quaglino	Mauro D'Alessandro	#22 Tanner Congdon
	#6 Connor Devereux	Frazer Dodd[§]
	#5 Matt Echelmeier	#55 Peter Falivena
	#7 Jake Heckenberger	#27 Alex Grollman
	#15 Devin Hines	#21 Eric Higgins
	John Jebamani[§]	Tate Leeson
	Kade McKibbin[§]	#24 Nick Malvasi
	#8 Mike Perkett	John McCuen
		#13 Zach Pamaylaon
		#28 Jimmy Pollock
		#44 Tanner Schroeder
		#25 Corson Searles
		#29 Dakota Ulmer
		Shane Ward

[§] = are on the team roster but never enrolled at Bryn Athyn College. It appears that these three players were about to enroll at the college when the season was cancelled.

[957] "CSAC Announces 2021 men's lacrosse end of year awards," article posted on April 30, 2021 (https://csacsports.com/news/2021/4/30/csac-announces-2021-mens-lacrosse-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023; "CSAC Announces 2021 women's lacrosse end of year awards," article posted on April 20, 2021 (https://csacsports.com/news/2021/4/20/csac-announces-2021-womens-lacrosse-end-of-year-awards.aspx). Viewed on June 30, 2023.

[958] "Men's ice hockey 2020-21," team rosters published on the BAC Athletics website in 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/roster/2020-21). Since the season was cancelled, captains were never announced, and some players were never officially given numbers.

6.4.1 Season cancelled

On December 4, 2020, it was announced on the Bryn Athyn College athletics department's website that the 2020-21 season would be cancelled because of the covid pandemic. This was the first season in the hockey program's history that had been cancelled. The announcement read as follows:

> "Bryn Athyn College continues to closely monitor COVID-19 and has been taking proactive measures to mitigate the impact of the virus on campus. When it comes to decision-making, our commitment has always been to protect the health and safety of our college community.
>
> As we have watched the landscape of college hockey these past months, it has become clear that due to the growing number of COVID cases, travel restrictions, and different state mandates, that it would be extremely difficult to have a competitive hockey season this year. Therefore, we have made the incredibly difficult decision to cancel the men's hockey season for 2020-21.
>
> While we are disappointed for our student-athletes, coaches, administrators, alumni and fans, the health and safety of our communities must be the highest priority.
>
> *Dr. Suzanne Nelson*
> Dean of Students
> Interim Director of Athletics
>
> *Andrew Burke*
> Head Ice Hockey Coach"[959]

The lack of games played in the fall and winter led the Bryn Athyn College Athletic Department to post a series of "On This Day" stories on social media. Men's ice hockey was frequently part of this initiative, but only the hockey program's NCAA DIII history was included.[960]





[959] "Bryn Athyn College announces cancellation of 2020-21 hockey season," article published on the BAC Athletics website on December 4, 2020 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2020/12/4/ice-hockey-bryn-athyn-college-announces-cancellation-of-2020-21-hockey-season.aspx). Viewed on December 6, 2020.

[960] Perhaps the reason for not including the ACHA D3 history was that it was not NCAA. Or maybe it was a result of a general lack of knowledge of the history of the hockey program, which had become less and less known at the college in the years after the transition to NCAA in 2017. This lack of knowledge could be explained by the turnover in the athletics department and at the college, and that most of the men's ice hockey records (season schedules, game recaps, rosters) from the ACHA D3 era (2011-2017) had been removed from the Bryn Athyn College athletics website.



ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 10

BRYN ATHYN - 3
ALBERTUS MAGNUS - 1

IN 2019, NIKITA SMIRNOV AND DAKOTA ULMER SCORED IN THE FIRST PERIOD AND DEVON BECKER ADDED AN INSURANCE GOAL IN THE THIRD AS THE LIONS DEFEATED ALBERTUS MAGNUS. BECKER ALSO ASSISTED ON BOTH FIRST PERIOD GOALS. McKENZIE CHALMERS STOPPED 24 SHOTS, 14 IN THE SECOND PERIOD.



ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 11

BRYN ATHYN - 3
NAZARETH - 2

IN 2017, JULION LEVER SNAPPED A 2-2 TIE WITH 5:40 LEFT IN THE THIRD PERIOD TO GIVE THE LIONS A WIN AT NAZARETH. ALEC GROLLMAN SCORED THE OPENING GOAL 3:30 INTO THE FIRST AND ZACH PAMAYLAON ADDED A POWER PLAY GOAL SIX MINUTES LATER. McKENZIE CHALMERS STOPPED 34 SHOTS.



ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 17

BRYN ATHYN - 6
KING'S (PA) - 2

IN 2018, SIX DIFFERENT LIONS FOUND THE BACK OF THE NET AS BRYN ATHYN DEFATED KING'S FOR THE THIRD TIME IN A ROW. DEVON BECKER AND TANNER SCHROEDER SCORED IN THE FIRST PERIOD. DAKOTA ULMER AND ALEC GROLLMAN RECORDED THE SECOND-PERIOD GOALS. JULION LEVER AND NIKITA SMIRNOV SCORED IN THE THIRD. BECKER AND SMIRNOV ALSO ASSISTED ON THREE GOALS. MCKENZIE CHALMERS MADE 23 SAVES.



ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 23

BRYN ATHYN - 3
KING'S (PA) - 1

IN 2019, DEVON BECKER BROKE A 1-1 TIE WITH 11:59 LEFT IN THE THIRD PERIOD AS THE LIONS KNOCKED OFF KING'S (PA). ZACH PAMAYLAON ADDED AN EMPTY-NET GOAL, TO GO WITH TWO ASSISTS, WITH ONE MINUTE LEFT. TANNER SCHROEDER GAVE THE LIONS A 1-0 LEAD 4:40 INTO THE GAME. GOALTENDER GABRIEL COUTURE STOPPED 30 SHOTS IN HIS COLLEGIATE DEBUT.



ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 25

BRYN ATHYN - 4
POST - 1

IN 2018, VOJTECH LUZA AND DAKOTA ULMER EACH HAD A GOAL AND AN ASSIST IN THE WIN OVER POST IN THE SKIDMORE THANKGIVING INVITATIONAL. SHELDON BRETT AND ERIC HIGGINS ALSO SCORED IN THE VICTORY. McKENZIE CHALMERS RECORDED 25 SAVES.



ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 1

BRYN ATHYN - 8
LEBANON VALLEY - 3

IN 2017, THE ICE HOCKEY TEAM PLAYED ITS FIRST GAME IN JUNGE PAVILION AS AN NCAA PROGRAM. AFTER FALLING BEHIND 1-0, THE LIONS RAN OFF SEVEN STRAIGHT GOALS TO CRUISE TO THE VICTORY. NIKITA SMIRNOV SCORED TWICE ON THE POWER PLAY, WHILE TANNER CONGDON SCORED ONCE ON THE POWER PLAY AND ONCE AT EVEN STRENGTH. GOALTENDER MCKENZIE CHALMERS STOPPED 35 SHOTS.



ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 2

BRYN ATHYN - 7
ANNA MARIA - 1

IN 2018, THE LIONS SCORED THE FIRST SIX GOALS OF THE NIGHT ON THEIR WAY TO A SIX-GOAL VICTORY. ISAAC ANDERSON LED THE OFFENSE WITH TWO GOALS AND ONE ASSIST, WHILE JAKE HECKENBERGER HAD ONE GOAL AND TWO ASSISTS. JIMMY POLLOCK, BRIAN LANGE, ALEC GROLLMAN, AND DAN CONDON ALSO SCORED IN THE WIN. DAKOTA ULMER TALLIED FOUR ASSISTS. MCKENZIE CHALMERS MADE 28 SAVES.



ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 14

BRYN ATHYN - 4
CASTLETON - 3

IN 2019, SHELDON BRETT SCORED THE GAME-WINNING GOAL WITH 2:11 LEFT IN OVERTIME TO GIVE THE LIONS THE WIN. NIKITA SMIRNOV TIED THE GAME AT THREE, SCORING WITH 8:53 REMAINING IN REGULATION. BRYN ATHYN ERASED A 2-0 DEFICIT WITH THE FIRST OF TWO SMIRNOV GOALS AND A POWER-PLAY GOAL BY DEVON BECKER. ISMAEL RALSTEN RECORDED 30 SAVES TO GET HIS FIRST WIN.



ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 13

BRYN ATHYN - 2
CHATHAM - 1

IN 2018, JULION LEVER SCORED HIS TEAM-LEADING SIXTH GOAL OF THE SEASON, ON THE POWER PLAY, AT THE 9:30 MARK OF THE THIRD PERIOD IN THE LIONS' 2-1 WIN OVER CHATHAM. TRAILING 1-0 AFTER ONE, ALEX DOYLE TIED THE SCORE AT ONE WITH A POWER-PLAY GOAL WITH 5:22 REMAINING THE SECOND PERIOD. MCKENZIE CHALMERS MADE 28 SAVES IN THE WIN. HE STOPPED THE FINAL 16 SHOTS HE FACED.

An important change that took place in January 2021 was that Paul Gornowski, the Director of Athletics Communications (Sports Information Director) stepped down from his position.[961] Since the 2017-18 academic year, he had provided excellent news features and detailed game recaps for Bryn Athyn College's hockey program during the NCAA DIII era. The description of the history of the three NCAA DIII seasons in this chapter relies heavily on his work.

6.4.2 Transition back to ACHA

Somewhere towards the end of 2020 or perhaps at the beginning of 2021, the college made plans to cancel the hockey program's NCAA DIII membership and go back to "club". As a result, Andrew Burke left his position as the head coach for Bryn Athyn College. On January 19, 2021, Alvernia University's athletic department announced that he would be the first head coach for Alvernia's new NCAA DIII ice hockey program.[962]

Statistically, Burke is one of the most successful coaches in Bryn Athyn College history. He joined the college as an assistant coach in the fall of 2012 and co-coached the hockey team with Athletic Director Matt Kennedy from December 2012 until March 2014, and when he became the sole head coach until his departure in late 2020/early 2021. During his tenure, the team was extremely successful when the program was a member of ACHA D3: four conference championships, regionals in 2014, three National Tournaments (2015, 2016, and 2017), where the team reached the semifinals in 2015 and 2017. The team was ranked #1 in the ACHA D3 Atlantic Region at the ends of the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons and the entire 2016-17 season. It is fair to say that the success of the hockey team during the ACHA D3 era not only contributed to raising the profile of ice hockey, but also helped to promote athletics in general, and was an important factor in creating a feeling of belonging and unity at Bryn Athyn College and the local community. Burke then coached the team during the entire NCAA DIII era (2017-2021). His ability to recruit top players helped the ice hockey program immensely during his time at Bryn Athyn College.

In July 2021, it was announced that two of Burke's three assistant coaches at Bryn Athyn College, Anthony Astorino and Mitch Harris, had also joined Alvernia's coaching team.[963] Alvernia's first season as a NCAA DIII team

[961] Suzanne Nelson, e-mail to the college community on January 27, 2021.

[962] "Alvernia Names Andrew Burke as first varsity men's ice hockey head coach," article published on the Alvernia Athletics website on January 19, 2021 (https://auwolves.com/news/2021/1/19/alvernia-names-andrew-burke-as-first-varsity-mens-ice-hockey-head-coach.aspx). Viewed on October 23, 2022. The article contains some factual errors. It states, "When Burke began with Bryn Athyn in 2012 the Lions competed at the club level in the ACHA. Burke led the team to 121 wins, four DVCHC league championships, and four ACHA National Final Four appearances over five seasons." If the two seasons 2012-13 and 2013-14 when Burke coached together with Matt Kennedy are included, the team won 110 games, not 121. And the Lions only participated in three ACHA D3 National Tournaments, reaching the Frozen Four twice.

[963] "NCAA men's ice hockey adds three to its staff," article published on the Alvernia Athletics website on July 1, 2021 (https://auwolves.com/news/2021/7/1/ncaa-mens-ice-hockey-adds-three-to-its-staff.aspx). Viewed on February 25, 2024. This article also lists Eric Higgins as an assistant coach.

was in 2022-23. The other assistant coach at Bryn Athyn College, Tom Seravalli, was named the head coach for the men's NCAA DIII ice hockey team at King's College (Pa) on May 6, 2020.[964]

On January 22, 2021, Bryn Athyn College President Brian Blair confirmed that Bryn Athyn College was indeed transitioning the men's ice hockey program from NCAA DIII to club. President Blair stated:

> "We are going to go forward with a move back to club hockey…
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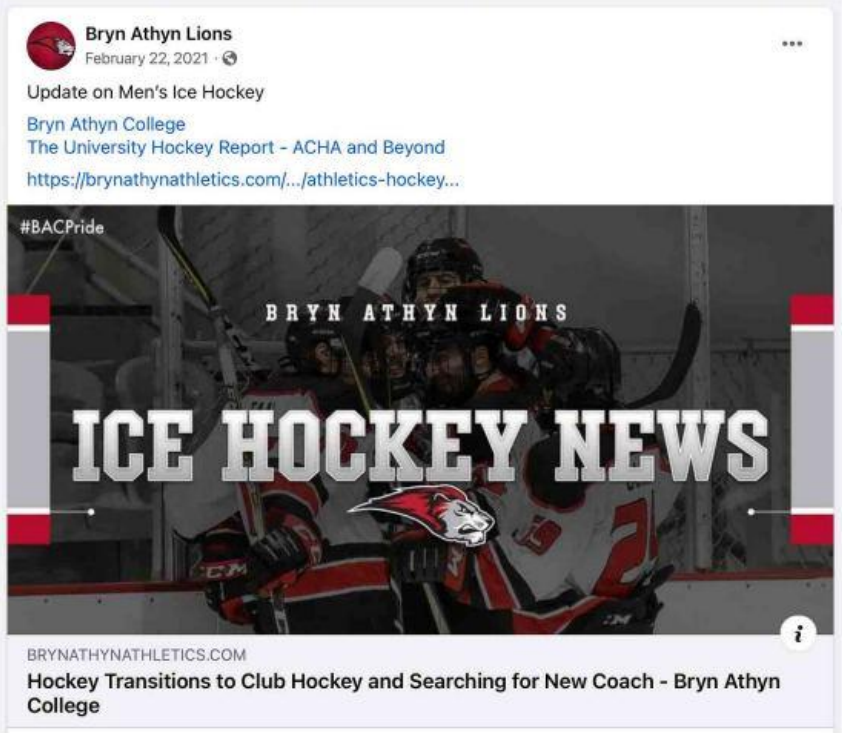
> …As part of the announcement, we want to re-introduce the fun, excitement, pride and joy we had as 'little Bryn Athyn College' knocking out the big schools in the country."[965]



On February 22, 2021, the College announced the transition of the hockey program from NCAA DIII to club hockey and that the program was looking to hire a new coach. The announcement included an explanation of the reasoning behind the transition, and listed Salvatore Capone as the Interim Director of Hockey Operations:

> "One of the assumptions in moving to NCAA level play was the expectation that Bryn Athyn Hockey could gain entry to a conference closer to home. Unfortunately, that did not happen, and play continued as an "independent team" that required significant travel to secure games at other schools. This resulted in extensive travel time, missed classes, player fatigue, and increased costs.
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> This year, across the country, hockey seasons were canceled at the Division III level due to COVID-19. These factors have

[964] "Tom Seravalli tabbed as new King's men's ice hockey head coach," News article published on the King's College Athletics website on May 6, 2020 (https://kingscollegeathletics.com/news/2020/5/6/tom-seravalli-tabbed-as-new-kings-mens-ice-hockey-head-coach.aspx). Viewed on February 27, 2024.

[965] Brian Blair, e-mail to Fredrik Bryntesson on January 22, 2021.

been carefully considered and discussed at length, and the decision has been made to return to Division III club play starting next year. Bryn Athyn College will begin a search for a new coach and support staff immediately.

President Blair said, 'We are so appreciative of the current student-athletes who worked hard to play at a competitive level while in the NCAA. Moving forward, we are excited to see our team play on a regular basis on home ice, along with the sense of community and fun that our teams have enjoyed in the past. Go Lions!'

Recruits: Interested recruits should contact Interim Director of Hockey Operations, Salvatore Capone.

Job Posting: Interested candidates for Head Men's Ice Hockey Coach should submit their application by March 5, 2021 and resumes should be directed
to college.jobs@brynathyn.edu

Information on job: Bryn Athyn College seeks a Men's Ice Hockey Coach to manage all administrative aspects of the College's club hockey program, including team travel, scheduling of games and coordination of practice times with the ice hockey facility and men's ice hockey team, to actively recruit qualified student athletes that meet academic standards and profile of the college, and to create and sustain an atmosphere that promotes academic, athletic, and personal growth resulting in overall success of student athletes. This is a year round, part-time position"[966]

The transition of the hockey program from NCAA DIII to "club" hockey did not mean that just the hockey coaches left Bryn Athyn College. It also led to a mass exodus of players. The published 2020-21 men's ice hockey roster contain 29 names. Of these:

- 6 withdrew from Bryn Athyn College after fall term 2020.
- 5 withdrew after winter term 2021.
- 4 withdrew after spring term 2021.
- 3 never enrolled at Bryn Athyn College.
- 7 graduated after winter or spring term 2021.
- 3 graduated in 2022.
- 1 is close to graduating (February 2024).

Thus, 18 of 29 players (62%) on the roster withdrew in 2020-21 or never enrolled at Bryn Athyn College. Of these 18[967]:

- 11 transferred to other NCAA DIII programs, one immediately in 2020-21, seven in 2021-22, and three in 2022-23.
- 3 transferred to ACHA programs in 2021-22, one to D1 and two D2.
- 2 players did not transfer to NCAA DIII or ACHA programs, but instead moved to semi-professional status, one in 2021-22, and the other in 2022-23.
- 2 are not listed as playing for any programs or teams since their time at Bryn Athyn College.

[966] "Hockey transitions to club hockey and searching for new coach," article published on the BAC Athletics website on February 22, 2021 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2021/2/22/athletics-hockey-transitions-to-club-hockey-and-searching-for-new-coach.aspx). Viewed on March 26, 2021. This announcement appears to have been the first official mentioning that the athletics department was looking for a new coach. The athletics department has usually published a news feature and/or social media posts to announce when a coach has left Bryn Athyn College and thank them for their services to the college. However, the departure of the entire men's ice hockey coaching staff in 2020 does not appear to have been mentioned in an official news feature or social media post by the college or athletics department.

[967] The information about hockey players on the 2020-21 who transferred to other programs is based on information available at the Elite Prospects database (https://www.eliteprospects.com). Viewed on February 27, 2024.

The NCAA DIII programs the 11 players transferred to include:

- Albertus Magnus College (1 player)
- Alvernia University (3 players)
    - Note: at least two of these players also played for Alvernia's club team (CHF) in 2021-22
- Finlandia University (1 player)
- King's College (3 players)
- Nazareth College (1 player)
- Norwich University (1 player)
- University of Wisconsin-Stout (1 player)

The ACHA programs the 3 players transferred to include:

- Drexel University – ACHA D1 (1 player who later transferred to West Chester's ACHA D1 program)
- Rowan University – ACHA D2 (2 players)

The semi-professional teams the 2 players moved onto include:

- Hällefors IK, Swedish D2 team and then Evansville Thunderbolts (SPHL) and Peoria Rivermen (SPHL) (1 player in 2021-22)
- Tilbury Bluebirds (WOSHL) (1 player in 2022-23)

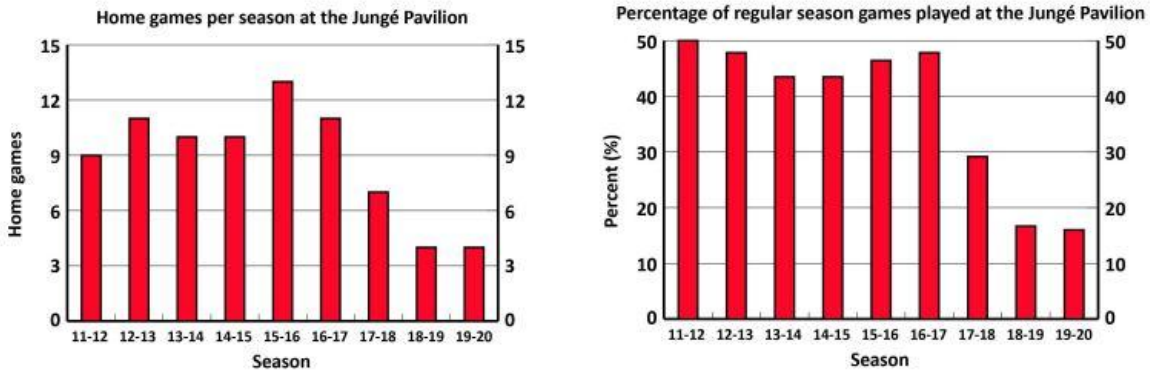
It is noteworthy that coaches Burke and Seravalli recruited several players that had been on the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Bryn Athyn College rosters to Alvernia and King's College respectively. Alvernia's inaugural roster in 2022-23 included Frazier Dodd, Peter Falivena, and Shane Ward.[968] The 2021-22 King's College roster included five BAC alumni: Mauro D'Alessandro, Tyler Besner, and Corson Searles who were on the 2020-21 BAC roster, as well as Brett Dillon and Ismael Ralsten who played with the Lions in 2019-20.[969]

Arguably, the skill level of the 2019-20 Bryn Athyn College men's ice hockey team was one of the best in any sport in our institution's history. But there was a noticeable decline in general interest and support for the team from the college and local communities during the NCAA DIII era. It is difficult to pinpoint the exact reasons for this. A likely contributing factor is that the ACHA D3 teams had spoiled the college and local community with four championships and three National Championship appearances, whereas the NCAA DIII team never had the opportunity to played in a conference. Another possible reason is that the NCAA DIII team played much fewer games at the Jungé Pavilion than the ACHA D3 team did: 15 as an NCAA DII team (an average of 5 per season) compared to 64 during the ACHA D3 era (an average of 10.67 per season). The NCAA DIII teams spent most of their season on the road (and several home games were played either at Revolution Ice Gardens in Warminster or

[968] "2022-23 men's ice hockey roster," 2022-23 team roster published on the Alvernia Athletics website (https://auwolves.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/roster/2022-23). Viewed on February 25, 2024. The previous year, in 2021-22, Alvernia's CHF (Club) team included four of the players that had been on the 2020-21 Bryn Athyn roster: David Dew, Frazer Dodd, Peter Falivena, and Shane Ward (it is uncertain if Dew or Ward played for the club team) ["2021-22 Men's Ice Hockey (Club) Roster," Team roster published on the Alvernia Athletics website (https://auwolves.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey-club/roster/2021-22). Viewed on February 25, 2024.]

[969] "2021-22 King's College Monarchs men's ice hockey roster," 2021-22 team roster published on the King's College Athletics website (https://kingscollegeathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey/roster/2021-22). Viewed on February 28, 2024.

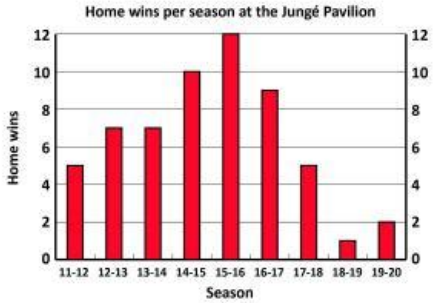
Wintersport Ice Sports Arena in Willow Grove) which meant that local fans had less opportunity to enjoy watching the team.



Graphs showing home records at the Jungé Pavilion during the ACHA D3 and NCAA DIII eras. **Left:** the number of home games played at the Jungé Pavilion. **Right:** the percentage of games per season that were played at the Jungé Pavilion. Note: the two unofficial exhibition games against Aquinas in January 2017 are included in these graphs.

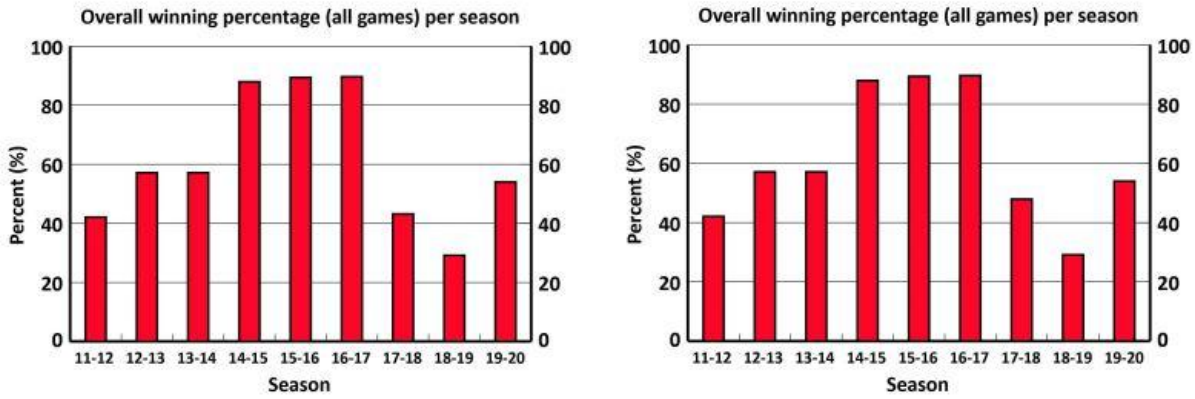
It is important to note that the level of competition was generally much tougher during the NCAA DIII era compared to the ACHA D3 era. The different NCAA DIII teams were often relatively closely matched, whereas ACHA D3 teams varied greatly in skill level. Nevertheless, from a fan's point of view it was very appealing to watch the ACHA D3 teams because they won so many games, often outscoring their opponents with large margins. This created school pride and support for the teams and brought fans to the home games.

The ACHA D3 teams won many more games at the Jungé Pavilion than the NCAA DIII teams did. The ACHA D3 era included 50 wins, 13 losses, and 1 tie (win percentage: 78.91%). This can be compared with 8 wins, 6 losses, and one tie (win percentage: 56.67%) during the NCAA DIII era. Thus, the ACHA D3 teams won an average of 8.33 games per season whereas the NCAA DIII teams only won 2.67 wins per season at the Jungé Pavilion. The average score for a home game during the ACHA D3 era was 6.2 goals scored and 3.2 goals allowed, compared to 3.0 goals scored and 2.6 allowed during the NCAA DIII era. In addition, the Lions were undefeated at the Pavilion between January 31, 2014, and February 6, 2016, a stretch that included 24 wins and one tie.



Graph showing the number of home wins at the Jungé Pavilion during the ACHA D3 and NCAA DIII eras. Note: the two unofficial exhibition games against Aquinas in January 2017 are included in these graphs.

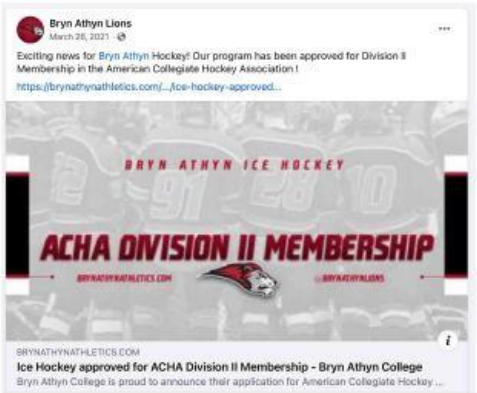
Furthermore, the ACHA D3 teams enjoyed higher season win percentages compared to the NCAA DIII teams.



Graphs showing overall season win percentages during the ACHA D3 and NCAA DIII eras. **Left:** the win percentages not including the two unofficial exhibition games against Aquinas in January 2017. **Right:** the win percentages including the two unofficial exhibition games against Aquinas in January 2017.

There were other contributing factors for the lower profile of the hockey program campus during the NCAA DIII era: åmany of the NCAA DIII players lived off-campus and didn't integrate themselves with the college community (or local Bryn Athyn community) to the same extent as the players had during the ACHA D3 era. Furthermore, the NCAA DIII teams' skill level was so high that few students with New Church backgrounds had a chance to make the NCAA DIII rosters. In fact, only one student from the ANC Boys' School was part of a Bryn Athyn College NCAA DIII roster. This explains, to an extent at least, the decline in support from the local community (for example the 2013 championship team which had lots of community support included no less than six players who had attended the ANC Boys School).

The Bryn Athyn College Athletics Department made several announcements regarding the men's ice hockey program during the spring of 2021, including membership of ACHA D2, the hiring of Ryan Heickert as the new Head Coach for the men's hockey program, and the team joining the Colonial States College Hockey Conference.



"Bryn Athyn College is proud to announce their application for American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division II membership has been approved for the 2021-2022 season. Bryn Athyn will join other notable Philadelphia area ACHA Division II teams such as Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania, West Chester University and Princeton University. The upcoming weeks, the program will be in applying for membership with ACHA D2 conferences.

President Blair shared, 'Our acceptance into the ACHA celebrates Bryn Athyn's rich ice hockey tradition, adds new facets to the atmosphere of exciting intercollegiate competition, and provides student-athletes with a new opportunities to achieve their best selves through sportsmanship and community involvement.'

The ACHA was established on April 20, 1991, as a non-varsity option for college students to be able to play hockey at the collegiate level. The Charter Members had existed prior as club programs, but by starting this association it allowed for standardization of procedures as well as to raise the level of play and organization of the club hockey at the college level. During the last three decades the ACHA has seen explosive growth, going to over 450 teams, spread across three men's divisions and two women's divisions.

Dr. Suzanne Nelson said, 'We are thrilled to have been accepted into ACHA D2. What a wonderful opportunity for our student athletes. The primary mission of the ACHA is to support the growth of Collegiate Hockey while emphasizing academic performance, personal development and opportunities for regional, national and international competition.'

Stay tuned for more update on the Ice Hockey program coming in the near future. Go Lions!"[970]

On March 30, the Bryn Athyn athletics department announced that Ryan Heickert had been hired as the new men's ice hockey coach:



"After a regional search, Ryan Heickert has been selected as the head coach of the club ice hockey program. Bryn Athyn Interim Director of Athletics, Dr. Suzanne Nelson announced on Tuesday.

Interim Director of Athletics, *Dr. Suzanne Nelson* on the hiring of *Ryan Heickert*, 'In addition to having an understanding of the level of hockey and the recruiting landscape, Ryan has an appreciation for the history and tradition of men's hockey at Bryn Athyn College. Given his passion and commitment to the mission, he

[970] "Ice Hockey approved for ACHA Division II Membership," article published on the BAC Athletics website on March 25, 2021 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2021/3/25/ice-hockey-approved-for-acha-division-ii-membership.aspx). Viewed on March 26, 2021.

is a terrific fit for Bryn Athyn and I could not be more excited for the future. He will be a tremendous mentor for our student-athletes.'

Heickert comes to Bryn Athyn with a strong hockey background and a career in the fitness performance industry where he owns his own performance gym.

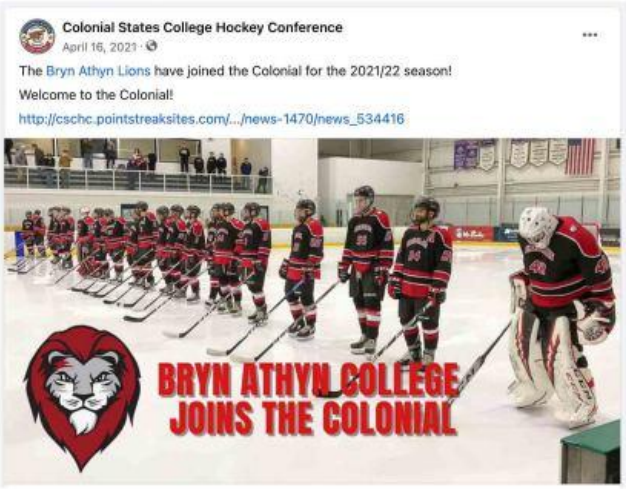
Heickert said, 'I am honored to be the next coach for Bryn Athyn hockey. I am looking forward to being a part of the long and successful hockey tradition at Bryn Athyn.'

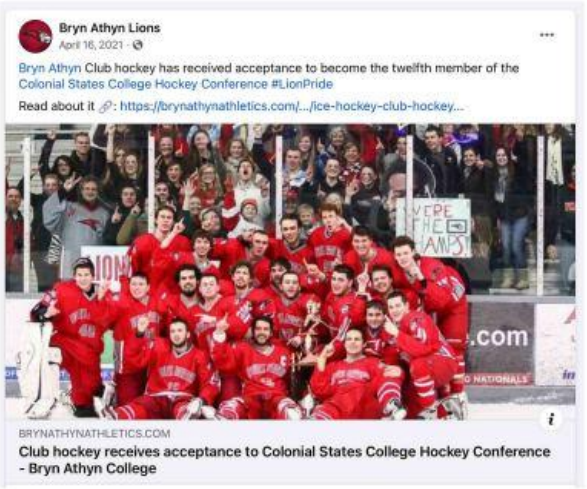
Heickert was born and raised in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. He started skating at 4 years old and was playing AAA by 8 years old. Ryan started his minor hockey with his hometown (Oshawa) before moving on to play in Toronto for the Toronto Red Wings. Ryan played his junior hockey in the OPJHL for 4 years. He was a 3-year captain and leading scorer for the Oshawa Legionaries, Ontario. Ryan was then traded to the Wexford Raiders in his final year.

Following his Junior career; Ryan moved to Aston, Pa to attend Neumann University and played hockey for the Knights. As a collegiate athlete, he helped lead the team to an ECAC West Championship and NCAA DIII National Championship in 2009. Ryan's accolades include being a team captain, ECAC West All academic team 05-09, Team Defensive Player of the year 2005, Team Coaches Award 2009 and played in 100 college career games. Upon graduation, Heickert pursued his Masters degree at Neumann while also assuming the role as assistant coach for the men's ice hockey team.

Heickert shared, 'I know the community takes huge pride in the Lions and has a rich hockey culture that I can not wait to experience and hopefully add to. Go Lions.'"[971]

The Colonial States College Hockey Conference (CSHCF) is an ACHA D2 hockey league for teams in eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. On April 16, CSHCF and the Bryn Athyn College Athletics Department posted in articles and on social media that Bryn Athyn College had become a member of CSHCF. Thus, for the first time in four years the Lions were members of a conference.





[971] "Ryan Heickert tabbed head coach of Bryn Athyn ice hockey club program," article published on the BAC Athletics website on March 30, 2021 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2021/3/30/ice-hockey-ryan-heickert-tabbed-head-coach-of-bryn-athyn-ice-hockey-club-program.aspx). Viewed on March 30, 2021.

> "Fresh off their acceptance as an American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II member, the club hockey program has been accepted into the Colonial States College Hockey Conference (CSCHC). The CSCHC is a college ice hockey league based in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States. The conference is part of the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II and is made up of 12 teams from colleges and universities based in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Bryn Athyn will be the twelfth school to join the conference.
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> Head Coach *Ryan Heickert* on the Lions joining the CSCHS, 'We are excited to be able to give our student athletes the opportunity to play against top schools in our region such as TCNJ, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, and Rutgers, to name a few. Getting into the CSCHC will provide strong competition, a centralized travel schedule and a quality hockey schedule. This is a huge opportunity for us and we really appreciate the sense of community within the league already.'
>
> The Lions are returning to ACHA play after competing in the NCAA the last four years. Coach Heickert and the Lions will take the ice again for the 2021-2022 season. Stay tuned for more updates."[972]

On April 27, President Blair e-mailed the college community that Suzanne Nelson had transitioned from Interim Athletic Director to Athletic Director, and on July 22, it was announced that Salvatore Capone had taken on the jobs as Assistant Ice Hockey Coach and Director of Hockey Operations.[973]

The Colonial States College Hockey Conference had to make some changes for the 2021-22 season because Bryn Athyn College, and Stockton University (the Lions' old rival from the ACHA D3 era), had joined the conference. On May 12, the conference published the new structure of the league.





[972] "Club hockey receives acceptance to Colonial States College Hockey Conference," article published on the BAC Athletics website on April 16, 2021 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2021/4/16/ice-hockey-club-hockey-receives-acceptance-to-colonial-states-college-hockey-conference.aspx). Viewed on September 17, 2021.

[973] Brian Blair, e-mail on April 27, 2021; "Salvatore Capone transitions to Assistant Director of Athletics for Strength and Conditioning," article published on the BAC Athletics website on July 22, 2021 (https://brynathynathletics.com/news/2021/7/22/salvatore-capone-transitions-to-assistant-director-of-athletics-for-strength-and-conditioning.aspx). Viewed on February 28, 2024.

The announcements read as follows:

"**Trenton, NJ** – The Colonial States College Hockey Conference (CSCHC) is excited to announce plans for the upcoming 2021-22 season. The conference's seventh season will see it welcome two new members, Stockton University and Bryn Athyn College, as well as the introduction of a new format that will enhance the level of competitive play while also limiting the amount of travel for each team. Additionally, initial details for playoff plans, including location and qualification methods, have been finalized.

Colonial Commissioner Andrew Ducko is excited to welcome both players back to the ice and Bryn Athyn as the newest member of the conference.

"We look forward to working with Bryn Athyn, and are excited to have them as a part of our league. I think the school's support of the hockey program is evident, and it will help them build their program within the ACHA."

This season, the Colonial will split its 12 member teams into two divisions. These divisions, named the **Liberty** and **Independence** divisions, will have individual standings and their own qualification methods into the 2021 Colonial Cup playoffs. Additionally, the separate groups will use different regular season scheduling methods. The breakdown of these two groups is as follows:

Liberty Division
- Bryn Athyn College
- Millersville University
- Rutgers University
- University of Scranton
- Stockton University
- The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)
- University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)
- West Chester University

The larger of the two groups, the teams in the Liberty Division will play one-another twice, home and away, and play Independence teams once amounting to a 18-game regular season. This group includes both the Stockton Ospreys and Bryn Athyn Lions who will make their debuts in the Colonial this fall.

Independence Division
- Monmouth University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)
- Princeton University
- Seton Hall University

The four teams within the Independence Division will play one-another three times with one additional game against each of the teams in the Liberty Division. This amounts to a 17-game regular season for a group which includes previous conference champion Princeton.

At this time, conference members may also schedule non-Colonial opponents at their own discretion. These games will be announced by each school individually.

Following the conclusion of the regular season a seven-team playoff will be hosted at Loucks Ice Center in Lawrenceville, NJ between February 18-20th. The top six teams in the Liberty Division will qualify for the tournament with the school finishing first overall receiving a bye into the semifinals. The seventh seed in the tournament will go to the highest finishing team in the Independence Division.

The basic format of the playoffs is as follows:
- Quarterfinals (Feb. 18)
  - 1st Place receives bye to Semifinals
  - 2nd vs 7th, 3rd vs 6th, 4th vs 5th.
- Semifinals (Feb. 19)
  - 1st Place vs Lowest Remaining Seed
  - Highest Remaining Seed vs Second Highest Remaining Seed
- Colonial Cup Championship Game (Feb. 20)
  - Semifinal Winners

Any changes or updates to either the regular season or playoff formats will be shared on league social media and on the Colonial website. News regarding the ACHA Division 2 Southeast Regionals, which the Colonial Cup champions earn an automatic berth into, will be announced at a later date."[974]

[974] "2021/22 divisional realignment," article published on the Colonial States College Hockey Conference website on May 12, 2021 (https://cschc.acha.hockeytech.com/2021-22-divisional-realignment). Viewed on February 29, 2024.



Bryn Athyn College was thus a member of the Liberty Division of the Colonial States College Hockey Conference. The stage was set for the transitioning of the college's ice hockey program to ACHA D2 in 2021-22. The team would again be part of a conference and more home games at the Jungé Pavilion would be scheduled. However, this transition meant a restart for the hockey program; with only 3 players from the 2020-21 NCAA DIII roster (Eric Higgins, Zach Pamaylaon, and Mike Perkett) being part of the 2021-22 team roster, the remaining 14 were new recruits.