



2001-02 – Week 34

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## ***GREYHOUND TRACKS***

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### ***Team Records as of May 12, 2002***

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	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Commonwealth</i>	<i>MAC</i>	<i>Meets &amp; Tournaments</i>
<i>Baseball</i>	<i>13-25</i>	<i>6-15</i>	<i>8-18</i>	<i>Eastern Mennonite Sarasota Spring Break Classic</i>
<i>Golf</i>	<i>3-2</i>	<i>0-2</i>	<i>1-2</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 at Lehigh Valley Championships; 3<sup>rd</sup> of 14 at 2002 Middle Atlantic Conference Championships</i>
<i>Softball</i>	<i>34-8</i>	<i>12-1</i>	<i>17-2</i>	<i>Commonwealth Conference Champions; NCAA Division III East Regional</i>
<i>Men's Tennis</i>	<i>11-7</i>	<i>5-1</i>	<i>11-3</i>	<i>MAC Semifinalist</i>
<i>Men's Outdoor Track</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> of 9 at MAC Championships</i>
<i>Women's Outdoor Track</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>MAC Champions (1<sup>st</sup> of 11)</i>

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### **GREYHOUND STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

*Female – Softball Team*

*Male – None*

### **UPCOMING NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:**

The Moravian College men's & women's track and field teams are preparing for the 2002 NCAA Division Outdoor National Championships to be hosted by Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Greyhounds currently have three automatic qualifiers for the championships and 11 provisional qualifiers. The final decision on student-athletes attending the championships will be made next weekend.

### **SENIOR-ATHLETE BANQUET:**

Moravian will host its annual Senior-Athlete Banquet on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The school will announce at that time who was named the Senior Male and Female Athletes of the Year as well as who was named the Senior Scholar-Athletes of the Year. Look for the story in next week's edition of Greyhound Tracks.

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VISIT THE MORAVIAN COLLEGE WEBSITE AT WWW.MORAVIAN.EDU, UP-  
DATED DAILY AT 8:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.***

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**Softball – 34-6 (Commonwealth Conference 12-1, MAC 17-2)**

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*Last Week – Lost to ^Rowan, 4-2 (9 inn.); Lost to ^Salisbury, 7-4. ^NCAA Division III Regional at Cabrini College*

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**Season Complete**

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The Greyhounds dropped their first game of the 2002 NCAA Division III Regional at Cabrini College to third seeded Rowan University, 4-2, in nine innings. Moravian, the second seed in the tournament, took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning on a RBI double by senior first baseman **Sarah Leiby (Fleetwood, PA/Fleetwood HS)** that scored sophomore outfielder **Melissa Soroka (Newton, NJ/Pope John XXIII HS)**. After Rowan tied the game with a run in the top of the third inning, Moravian retook the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning on a suicide squeeze bunt by senior second baseman **Laurie Rentschler (Slatington, PA/Northern Lehigh HS)** scored freshman pinch runner **Stephanie Eddinger (Allentown, PA/Parkland HS)**. The Profs tied the game in the top of the sixth with a solo home run by Nicole Hewitt. Rowan won the game in the top of the ninth on a two-run homer by Erin Byrne. The Greyhounds had ten hits in the game but left eight runners on base including five in scoring position. **Leiby** was two-for-four in the contest while senior outfielder **Summer Miller (Mount Holly, NJ/Rancocas Valley Regional HS)** was two-for-three with a double. Senior pitcher **Rachel Mowrey (Hellertown, PA/Saucon Valley HS)** suffered the loss on the mound, allowing four earned runs on 12 hits with two walks and four strikeouts in game. The loss snapped Moravian's ten-game winning streak.

Moravian was eliminated from the 2002 NCAA Division III Regional with a 7-4 loss to fourth seeded Salisbury University in the first elimination game of the tournament. The Greyhounds finished the season with a record of 34-8, a school record for victories by any sport. Moravian fell behind 7-0 before **Soroka** got the Greyhounds on the board with a two-run home run to dead center that scored senior catcher **Stacy Matuczinski (Bethlehem, PA/Liberty HS)**. Moravian added two runs in the bottom of the sixth with a RBI single by **Soroka** that scored freshman pinch runner **Krissy Cianfichi (Warrington, PA/Central Bucks East HS)** and a RBI single by sophomore third baseman **Janelle Brey (Allentown, PA/Dieruff HS)** that scored **Matuczinski**. The Greyhounds had 12 hits in the game with three each from **Soroka** and **Brey** but Moravian had nine runners left on base. **Soroka** led off the bottom of the first inning with a single, the 100th hit of her career. **Soroka** is the first Moravian sophomore to reach 100 career hits and the 15th player in school history to reach the plateau and the sixth this season. Sophomore **Donna Weiner (East Hanover, NJ/ Hanover Park HS)** suffered the loss on the mound, allowing seven runs, six earned, on ten hits with three strikeouts.

The softball team placed eight players on the 2002 Commonwealth Conference All-Star Teams with five first team selections and three second team honorees. The Greyhounds also had the Player, Freshman, Pitcher and Coach of the Year in the conference as voted on by the conference coaches. Moravian won the 2002 Commonwealth Conference Championship last weekend, their third straight title. The Greyhounds are currently ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the nation and have a 34-6 record, a school record for victories. Head coach **John Byrne**, who is in his ninth season with an overall record of 261-99, was named the Commonwealth Conference Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons.

Earning first team accolades were freshman shortstop **Heather Bortz (Allentown, PA/Parkland HS)**, who was also the Freshman of the Year, **Brey**, who was the Player of the Year, **Leiby**, **Mowrey**, who was also the Pitcher of the Year, and **Weiner**. **Rentschler**, **Soroka** and sophomore outfielder **Jessica Esposito (Madison, NJ/Madison HS)** were all named to the Commonwealth Conference Second Team.

**Bortz** leads the team with a .426 batting average despite missing six games this season. **Bortz** has 49 hits on the year and she is tied for the team lead with 32 runs. She has also contributed 13 RBIs, 12 stolen bases and two triples. **Brey** is hitting .357 on the year with 41 hits. She leads the Greyhounds in most other offensive categories having broken the school records for RBIs (51), home runs (10), doubles (15) and total bases (88). **Brey** also leads Moravian with 32 runs scored and she has added 13 walks. **Leiby** is hitting .396 with 42 hits, 20 runs, 17 RBIs, 11 walks, six doubles and a home run in her final season. **Leiby** moved from the outfield to first base this season. **Mowrey**, who is 16-3 on the season and won her 50<sup>th</sup> career game in last weekend's Commonwealth Conference Championship Game, has posted a 0.99 ERA with seven shutouts, 47 strikeouts and just ten walks in 127 2/3 innings of action. **Weiner** is 12-3 on the year with a 1.34 ERA, three shutouts, 16 walks and 27 strikeouts in 94 1/3 innings.

**Rentschler** is hitting .337 with 28 hits, 19 runs scored, 12 RBIs and four doubles while **Esposito** is hitting .393 for the Greyhounds with 42 hits, 30 runs scored, 28 RBIs, ten doubles, a triple and two homers. **Soroka** hitting .347 with 42 hits, 30 runs scored, 12 stolen bases, 13 walks, 14 RBIs, six doubles and a homer, a grand slam to clinch the Commonwealth Conference title game.

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**Baseball – 13-25 (Commonwealth Conference 6-15, MAC 8-18)**

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**Season Complete**

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Senior outfielder **Michael Abbate (South Plainfield, NJ/Bishop Ahr HS)** of the baseball team has been named to the 2002 Commonwealth Conference All-Star Second Team as voted on by the coaches in the Commonwealth Conference. **Abbate**, who helped the Greyhounds to 13-25 overall record this season, had one of the best seasons in Moravian history. He set school records for games played (38), hits (43) and at-bats (131) while hitting .328. **Abbate** also had 34 runs scored, ten doubles and 27 walks, which each rank second in school history. In his career, **Abbate** set the Moravian marks for games played (133), at-bats (422), runs scored (118), doubles (27), walks (96) and stolen bases (39). He is fourth in hits (118) and total bases (150). **Abbate** was also a football player at Moravian, catching 114 passes (fourth all-time) for 1,619 yards (third all-time). He was also second in career punt returns (81) and career punt return yardage (680). **Abbate** is a four-time member of the Middle Atlantic Conference All-Academic Team.

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**Men's Tennis – 11-7 (MAC Commonwealth 5-1, MAC 11-3)**

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**Season Complete**

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Freshman **Tasch Tinsley (Bangor, PA/Bangor HS)** and sophomore **Jason Toedter (Easton, PA/Easton HS)** of the men's tennis team have been named to the 2002 Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth All-Star Team as selected by the conference coaches. **Tinsley** was also named the MAC Commonwealth Rookie of the Year. Moravian completed the 2002 season with an overall record of 11-7 and a 5-1 slate in the MAC Commonwealth. The Greyhounds made the MAC Playoffs for the second straight year. **Tinsley** was 12-5-1 in singles action in his debut season with the Greyhounds, including an 11-5-1 mark at second singles. **Tinsley** played first doubles with **Toedter** and the duo had an 11-7 record with a 9-5 record at first doubles. **Toedter**, who was a MAC All-Star last season, was 9-9 as Moravian's first singles players.

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**Golf – 3-2 (Commonwealth 0-2, MAC 1-2)**

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**Season Complete**

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Moravian placed third at the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships this spring in an event shortened to 27 holes due to rain.

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**Women's Outdoor Track & Field – MAC Indoor Champions (7<sup>th</sup> straight); MAC Outdoor Champions (10<sup>th</sup> straight)**

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*Last Week – No Meet Scheduled*

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