

Lions fighting to stay afloat



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Returning senior Dario Kis has started slowly this season, scoring on three of 18 attempts.

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Heading into this past weekend's tournament, the men's water polo team knew it had a long, hard day ahead. An anticipated rematch with Grove City at 10 a.m., a strong Washington & Jefferson team at 1 p.m., and Gannon at 9 p.m. (12 hours after the Lion's day began), rounded out Saturday's action.

The last time Grove City and Behrend battled, Behrend hung with Grove City through the first three quarters, suffering a fourth quarter breakdown that led to a 16-10 defeat.

The rematch showed the same results, including the same 4th quarter letdown by the Lions, as Grove City defeated Behrend 15-9.

"I felt very prepared going into the Grove City game," said head coach Josh Heynes about the rematch. He had high expectations of a Behrend victory against Grove City and commented that the scores of the past two games have not really reflected their closeness.

"Fourth quarter mental shutdowns have happened both times we have played them. GCC should be a team we beat on a consistent basis," added Heynes.

One bright spot for the Lions during the Grove City rematch was the perfor-

mance by Carl Ward. One of many talented freshmen on the squad, Ward made 56 percent of his shots and scored five goals. Ward currently has 23 goals for the season and is two goals behind the pace of former player Andy Hanhauser and his record for most goals scored in a season.

Fellow freshman J.R. Delorenzo had two goals in the Behrend loss and senior Ben Atkins continued his impressive performance by racking up five steals.

Following the Grove City loss, Behrend had to face a strong Washington & Jefferson team.

"They have the recruiting class of the year. They are beating Division II schools. They are just way too fast, strong, and experienced," Heynes said.

Washington & Jefferson wasted no time unloading, using their strength and speed to unleash 14 goals on Behrend and swim-away with a 14-3 victory. Ward scored only one goal for Behrend but had four steals for the game and goalie Nick McGrady managed 11 saves during the offensive onslaught.

After the two tough losses, the Lions still had to travel to Gannon, where another strong opponent awaited. In the first quarter of play, the Lions were dealt a crushing blow. McGrady suffered an injury to his shoulder during a defensive

struggle in front of the cage, forcing the Lions to put a substitute in the goal. "With McGrady possibly out for the rest of the year, it will definitely put a dent in what we are trying to do," said Heynes.

The Lions could never fully recovered from the loss of their starting goalie and eventually ran out of steam, losing to Gannon 16-5. The Lions dropped all three-tournament games and are now on a six game losing skid.

However, the Lions are not counting themselves out of contention.

"We just need to keep working hard in practice and play the same in games. Little mistakes are killing us," said senior Ben Atkins.

Hard practices and eliminating mistakes seem to be a key area of focus for the men so far. Heynes agrees that the little things are killing his team and looks to eliminate mental errors.

With a break in the schedule until October, the Lions will crank up the yardage and work on eliminating the little mistakes in order to remain competitive.

Next up for the Lions will be October 1st at Washington & Jefferson facing Gannon.

Golf team has sub-par performance at Pitt-Greensburg

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The Behrend Lions men's golf team traveled to Pitt-Bradford Saturday to participate in a nine-team invitational. The Lions, who received an excellent performance from freshman Daniel Russo, finished a modest fifth. Russo, the team's top performer, shot a career best 80, and was the one bright spot for the Lion's.

Jeff Black, a star sophomore golfer for the Lions, was displeased with his own performance.

"I did not shoot too well at Bradford. It was a rough day and the course was not in the best of shape because they are getting ready for winter," said Black.

"It was just one of those days where nothing really goes your way, and you can't get in a groove of any kind. I shot an 81, which is not one of my better performances."

The Lions have struggled to get consistent performances, they believe that is holding them back from becoming an excellent group of golfers.

"We have played OK, but not as good as we can," said head coach Mark Murphy. "If we can get all our guys to play well at the same time we could be good."

The Lions expects to get better and finish the fall season with improved performances.

"I expect the team to come together these last few matches and compete for a few wins. We have a great bunch of guys that can all play," said Black in an interview Monday. "We have a younger team, so we will be very competitive the next few years."

Black also went on to explain his expectations for himself and the rest of the group at the last few matches.

"I expect to be very competitive in the next few tournaments this fall, I think my game is coming together so it should be interesting," he said.

"ECAC's are this week and we should do well in them. Also we have the AMCC conference championship coming up, which I think we can win with a few good rounds," he added.

The Lions, who will travel to La Roche Monday, will look to come away with a solid performance, giving them momentum going into the AMCC Championship on Oct. 7. The Championship will be held at the always challenging Peek n' Peak golf course.

Women's netters struggle in doubleheader

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In a much anticipated rivalry matchup this past weekend against Penn State Altoona, the women's tennis team fell short of a victory. Playing last Saturday afternoon, the Lions lost 8-1.

Winning the only match against Altoona was the doubles combo of Lennys Redondo and Amber Weckoski in an eight game pro-set, 8-4. Other matches played in the doubles rivalry included Christine Leininger and Becky Snyder (8-6), Margaret Venema and Amy Frizzell (8-1), all falling short of victory.

In singles play, the most intense matches were those fought by Leininger (5-7, 6-1, 6-3) and Snyder (4-6, 7-5, 7-6), who both lost in hard fought, three set battles.

Also matching up against the women's team later on that Saturday afternoon was John Carroll of Cleveland. The team was unable to bring up a win. With a final

score of 9-0 the women still remain hopeful that they can come back next week with a vengeance.

One bright spot for the team is the play of Lennys Redondo and Amber Weckoski, the top two players on the ladder. They are undefeated in the first doubles spot for the year.

Ever encouraging of his team, coach Jeff Barger believes this past weekend is only a temporary set back.

"We need to pick it up against them this week [Penn State Altoona] and set a tone for the conference championships in a couple of weeks," said Barger.

"We had some close matches that could have gone either way so if we play better we should be ok."

The Behrend women's tennis team continues play this weekend, with a match against Frostburg on Saturday. They will face rivals at Penn State Altoona once again on Sunday.

THE BEACON SCOREBOARD THE BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

Men's Soccer			Women's Soccer			Women's Volleyball			Women's Tennis			Big Ten Football		
School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall
Pitt Greensburg	2-0	8-0	La Roche	3-0	7-1-1	La Roche	2-1	5-8	Behrend	1-0	5-3	Wisconsin	0-0	5-0
La Roche	2-1	6-3-1	Frostburg	2-0	4-1-3	Behrend	2-1	9-10	Frostburg	1-1	5-8	Minnesota	0-0	4-0
Behrend	1-0	2-6-2	Behrend	1-0	4-6	Frostburg	1-0	11-3	P. S. Altoona	0-1	0-4	Ohio State	0-0	4-0
PS Altoona	1-1	5-1-2	Pitt-Greensburg	1-1	5-3	Pitt-Bradford	1-0	4-5	La Roche	0-0	0-0	Penn State	0-0	3-0
Frostburg	1-1	2-4-2	Lake Erie	0-1	0-9	PS Altoona	1-1	6-6				Iowa	0-0	3-1
Lake Erie	0-1	0-9	Pitt-Bradford	0-2	4-5-1	Lake Erie	0-2	1-7				Michigan	0-0	3-1
Pitt-Bradford	0-3	3-5	PS Altoona	0-3	2-5	Pitt-Greensburg	0-2	2-15				Michigan State	0-0	2-2
												Purdue	0-0	2-2

THE NATIONAL SPORTS ARENA

NASCAR 2002 Winston Cup Standings: Thru Race 28 of 36 Next Race: Protection One 400 September 29, 2002			Professional Golf World Rankings (Going Into Ryder Cup)			Major League Baseball League Leaders					ESPN/USA Today Football Coaches Poll			
Pos.	Driver	Points Behind	Rank	Player	Country	Batting Average (AVG)		Wins			Rank	Team	Record	PTS
1	Mark Martin	Leader	1	Tiger Wood	USA	Player	Team POS AVG	Player	Team POS Wins	1	Miami	4-0	1523	
2	Jimmie Johnson	-30	2	Phil Mickelson	USA	1	B Bonds SF LF .369	1	C Schilling ARZ P 23	2	Texas	3-0	1436	
3	Tony Stewart	-74	3	Ernie Els	SAF	2	M Ramirez BOS LF .347	2	R Johnson ARZ P 23	3	Oklahoma	3-0	1406	
4	Sterling Marlin	-59	4	Retief Goosen	SAF	3	M Sweeney KC 1B .344	2	B Zito OAK P 22	4	Florida State	4-0	1343	
5	Jeff Gordon	-190	5	Sergio Garcia	SPA	4	L Walker COL 1B .340	4	D Lowe BOS P 21	5	Virginia Tech	4-0	1249	
6	Rusty Wallace	-198	6	David Toms	USA	5	V Guerrero MON RF .335	5	P Martinez/B Colon P 20	6	Ohio State	4-0	1204	
7	Ryan Newman	-225	7	Davis Love III	USA	Home Runs (HR)		Earned Run Average (ERA)			7	Georgia	3-0	1116
8	Matt Kenseth	-235	8	Vijay Singh	FIJ	Player	Team POS HR	Player	Team POS ERA	8	Oregon	4-0	1065	
9	Bill Elliott	-257	9	Padraig Harrington	IRE	1	ARodriguez TEX SS 57	1	P Martinez BOS P 2.26	9	Florida	3-1	1047	
10	Ricky Rudd	-281	10	Jim Furyk	USA	2	J Thome CLE 1B 50	2	R Johnson ARI P 2.40	10	Notre Dame	4-0	958	
11	Dale Jarrett	-310	11	Nick Price	ZIM	3	S Sosa CHI RF 48	3	D Lowe BOS P 2.58	11	Tennessee	2-1	866	
12	Kurt Busch	-321	12	David Duval	USA	4	B Bonds SF LF 45	4	G Maddux ATL P 2.64	12	Penn State	3-0	772	
13	Jeff Burton	-519	13	Michael Campbell	NZL	5	R Palmeiro LA 1B 43	5	B Zito OAK P 2.78	13	Washington	2-1	771	
14	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-579	14	Justin Leonard	USA	Runs Batted In (RBI)		Strikeouts (SO)			14	Michigan	3-1	703
15	Michael Waltrip	-590	15	Chris DiMarco	USA	Player	Team POS RBI	Player	Team POS SO	15	NC State	5-0	647	
16	Ricky Craven	-600	16	Bob Estes	USA	1	ARodriguez TEX SS 140	1	R Johnson ARZ P 326	16	Wisconsin	5-0	559	
17	Jeff Green	-763	17	Colin Montgomerie	SCO	2	M Ordonez MON RF 132	2	C Schilling ARZ P 315	17	Kansas State	4-0	513	
18	Bobby Labonte	-794	18	Rocco Mediate	USA	3	L Berkman HOU CF 128	3	P Martinez BOS P 239	18	Washington St.	3-1	481	
19	Dave Blaney	-865	19	Darren Clarke	NIR	4	A Pujols StL LF 126	4	M Clement ChC P 215	19	Nebraska	3-1	430	
20	Robby Gordon	-887	20	Angel Cabrera	ARG	5	M Tejada OAK SS 125	5	K Wood OAK P 208	20	LSU	3-1	360	
			21	Robert Allenby	AUS	Runs		Saves (SV)			21	Iowa State	4-1	308
			22	Rich Beem	USA	Player	Team POS Runs	Player	Team POS SV	22	USC	2-1	306	
			23	Scott McCarron	USA	1	A Soriano NYY 2B 127	1	J Smoltz ATL P 53	23	Colorado State	3-1	187	
			24	Kenny Perry	USA	2	A Rodriguez TEX SS 121	2	E Gagne LA P 51	24	Oregon State	4-0	177	
			25	Jerry Kelly	USA	3	S Sosa ChC RF 120	3	M Williams PIT P 46	25	Auburn	3-1	79	
						3	D Jeter NYY SS 120	4	J Mesa PHI P 45					
						5	J Damon BOS CF 118	5	E Guardado/B Koch 43					

