

Friday, October 10, 2003

The Behrend Beacon

# On Deck Behrend Athletic Events

## Saturday

Cross Country @  
Carnegie Invitational  
10 a.m.

Women's Tennis @  
Chatham  
Noon

Women's Volleyball @  
W&J  
1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball @  
W&J vs. Grove City  
3 p.m.

Men's Soccer @  
Bethany  
11 a.m.

Women's Soccer @  
Bethany  
2 p.m.

**Sunday**  
Women's Tennis vs.  
Penn State Altoona  
Noon

**Monday**  
Women's Soccer vs.  
Grove City  
4 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Men's Soccer @ Buf-  
falo State  
4 p.m.

Men's Water Polo vs.  
Grove City  
6:30 p.m.

Men's Water Polo vs.  
Mercyhurst  
9 p.m.

Women's Volleyball @  
Allegheny  
7 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Women's Volleyball vs.  
La Roche  
7 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Women's Soccer vs.  
Allegheny  
4 p.m.

**Friday**  
Men's Water Polo @  
Princeton  
(inter-regional)  
TBA

## Women's soccer continues to roll in conference play

by Rachel Lyons  
staff writer

The Behrend Lady Lions finished out 1-1 in another rocky week as the team continues play in the second half of the season. After defeating conference rival Pitt-Greensburg Saturday, the team lost to Case Western Reserve in a 6-0 route on Wednesday. The pressure continues to mount with only a few weeks left in the regular season.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, Behrend traveled to Cleveland to take on Case Western in a non-conference match. The Lady Lions suffered a 6-0 loss, their worst of the season, as a talented CWR moved to 8-1-2. Alicia Bardierri and Laura Stokes each had two goals for Case Western. Behrend's record dropped to 8-3.

"We didn't get off to a good start," said Coach Dan Perritano.

"We struggled from the beginning."

Case Western scored three times in the first half, and capitalized three more times in the second half. Perritano said the competing against a very fast Case Western team "would make us better down the road."

Despite the loss at CWR, the Lady Lions picked up a very important 2-0 AMCC win last Saturday against a Pitt-Greensburg team that's been on fire.

The Bobcats had a six game winning streak snapped, after junior Jen Baker and sophomore Kacie Burns each scored in the first half, giving Behrend the win.

The two teams played on a soaked



FILE PHOTO

Senior co-captain Erin Maurer has been helping to lead the team to victory this year with seven goals and 3 assists.

field, after rains drenched the Erie area earlier in the week.

"There was literally an inch of water," said Baker.

She also said that the team's game plan had to change due to the sloppiness of the field.

"We played air balls well," Baker said, and added that trying to dribble on a field in that condition was very difficult. Baker also credits her defense's outstanding play in holding the Pitt-Greensburg team scoreless.

"Conference games are the biggest games," said Perritano, but also added that non conference games are just as important and help to prepare his team for AMCC games.

The win also was a sort of sweet revenge against a Pitt-Greensburg team that upset the Lady Lions last year 2-1. Baker said that the Bobcats noticed a difference in this year's team.

"We're more physical, our forward's are finishing, and we're more together," said Baker.

The win over the Bobcats put the Lady Lions at 3-0 in AMCC play, where Baker says the team still has its eye on preseason favorite Frostburg State.

Perritano said, "Beating Frostburg is still our goal, but we have a ways to go before then." The Lady Lions will not see action against Frostburg State until the last game of the regular season.

After the up and down week, Perritano said his team will bounce back positively from Wednesday's loss. The Lady Lions will travel to West Virginia to take on Bethany this weekend. The Lady Bison team is struggling this year, currently standing at 0-7-1.

Behrend women's soccer will return home next Monday and Thursday to take on Grove City and Allegheny respectively.

## Men's soccer wins big against Pitt-Greensburg

by Ray Immekus  
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The Men's Soccer team defeated Pitt-Greensburg on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> by a score of 3-1 to take sole possession of first place in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.

The Lions controlled the game from beginning to end, in what was probably the most important matchup of the regular season for Behrend.

The Lions were defeated in last year's AMCC championship game in overtime by Greensburg, and used that game as motivation for Saturday.

"It was the biggest motivator I'd have to say. It was pretty bad losing in overtime to them last year when we had the lead," said junior forward Eric Nyberg.

Behrend improved to 6-2-2 with an undefeated 3-0 conference record. The Panthers dropped to 8-2-1 with a 2-1 conference record. Both teams have three conference matches left before the start of the AMCC tournament on Nov. 5.

Nyberg scored the first goal of the game, unassisted, at the 21 minute mark of the first half. Thirteen minutes later, sophomore defenseman Brian Blaszczyk netted the eventual game winning goal and increased Behrend's lead to 2-0. The goal was

assisted by sophomore midfielder Mark Cipriani.

The final 11 minutes of the half were scoreless and the Lions went into halftime with a solid 2-0 lead.

Behrend played mistake-free, relentless defense the entire game. The offense kicked in with some insurance in the 64th minute. Senior midfielder Andy Laver scored an unassisted goal to up the lead to 3-0.

The possibility of a shutout was forgotten in minute 77 when Greensburg sophomore forward Adam Zeleznick scored an unassisted goal to put the Panthers on the board.

Behrend allowed the Panthers only 3 shots the entire game, while the Lions managed 13 shots on the Greensburg goalkeeper.

The game was a total team effort by the Lions and confidence is sure to be high coming off such a big victory.

"We all showed a lot of desire and everyone really wanted it a lot and it showed. The bench was really supportive of everyone on the field," Nyberg stated.

Nyberg earned a spot on the AMCC's weekly Best of the Rest list this week for his efforts on Saturday.

"It feels good. I've been working real hard all season and to finally get to see some recognition for all the



The men's soccer team has been battling hard for its victories all season long.

hard work."

The men's team begins a span of six straight road games on Saturday at Bethany College. Throughout the next two weeks they will play games at Buffalo State, Scranton, Swarthmore, Lake Erie, and Penn State Altoona. They finish up the regular season with two home games on Oct. 28th and Nov. 1st with games

against Thiel College and Frostburg State.

As of now, if the Lions defeat Frostburg State and win one other conference game against either Lake Erie or Penn State Altoona, they will clinch the number one seed in the AMCC

## Major League Baseball Facts and Figures



- Chicago Cubs got first playoff series win in 95 years, winning in five games against the Atlanta Braves on the backs of pitchers Kerry Wood and Mark Prior.

Woods won games one and five, while Prior pitched a complete game in game three.

Shortstop Alex Gonzalez is tied for the most home runs in the playoffs with four.

If the Cubs advance to the World Series, it will be their first appearance since losing in 1945.



- After being down 0-2 in their division series against the Oakland Athletics, the Boston Red Sox won three straight games to advance to the ALCS for the first time since 1999.

The Red Sox haven't won a World Series since 1918. Boston's Todd Walker is the leading AL playoff batter in home runs and RBIs.

Closer Scott Williamson is leading all AL pitchers in wins (two) and ERA (0.00). He also leads in saves with two.



- The Florida Marlins, led by catcher Ivan Rodriguez, defeated the favored San Francisco Giants in four games in their Division Series.

Rodriguez leads all MLB batters in RBIs, with 11.

Pitcher Carl Pavano is leading NL pitchers with two saves.

Manager Jack McKeon is one of the oldest managers in baseball, at 72. Since he took over in May, the Marlins went from cellar dwellers to the top of their division.



- Following a game one loss to the Minnesota Twins, the New York Yankees won the next three games to advance to ALCS against the Red Sox. Closer Mariano Rivera leads all pitchers with two saves.

At 41, pitcher Roger Clemens threw one of his last games in a game three win.

He went seven innings, giving up five hits and one run.