

SPORTS

Women's soccer looks to conquer AMCC's

By Samantha Baldensperger
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The women's soccer season might be winding down, but these girls sure are not. Thursday they played (9-1-3) Carnegie Mellon and lost 0-3. Last weekend (11-4-1) Behrend blanked (13-1) Mt. Aloysius 12-0. This week they play (7-9-1) Medaille at home. On Saturday they begin the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference championship tournament.

Oct. 21 the Lady Lions fell to Carnegie Mellon. They were shut out with a score of 0-3. In the end, they ended up with four shots on goal to Carnegie Mellon's 25. The team quickly rebounded with a 12-0 shut out of Mt. Aloysius.

"We handled Saturday's game in a very professional manner...we played to our level and had a lot of positives for the game," said Coach Patrick O'Driscoll.

During the game Behrend had 61

shots on goal to Mt. Aloysius' zero. Top scorers were Jen Baker with four, Jen Quail and Holly Greiner each with two.

"Even though their record is not comparable to ours, we still had to play our hardest," said Greiner.

During the game, Mt. Aloysius even scored a goal on themselves in minute 57.

Thursday the Lady Lions faced Medaille at Behrend. The ladies ended up with a 5-0 shut out. Behrend had 37 shots on goal compared to Medaille's one. Michelle Newland and Heather Crawford scored a goal a piece in the first period. Then, in the second period Kacie Burns, Emily Miller, and Kari Struski each contributed a goal in the victory. This was the final regular season game before the AMCC championships begin Saturday.

Going into this coming weekend's AMCC championship tournament, the Lady Lions are seeded second. This means they have a chance to play their semi-final game at Behrend.

"I think we all know that we have a talented enough team to win the championship...we just have to have confidence in our ability as a team," said O'Driscoll.

"We are working very hard in practice, and trying to practice as if they were playing in the championship" said Greiner.

They want to keep their level of fitness up as well as their attitudes and try and stay positive.

As for their expectations for the tournament, they plan on going out and giving it everything that they have. They feel that in some of the games that they lost this year, they were the better team.

"We would be sure to let them know who should have won the first time we played," said Greiner. "We expect to all come out with a victory and win the conference championship."

In order to win Coach O'Driscoll feels its just a matter of executing on game day."



K.J. MAGRAFF/BEHREND BEACON
Senior Jen Baker scored four goals plus one assist in the Lion's last game against Mt. Aloysius on Oct. 23. The game celebrated seniors on the team.

Weekly sports trivia

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QUESTIONS:

- 1.) Name the former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver who caught the only pass of his NFL career in a Super Bowl?
- 2.) How old was Pro Football Hall of Famer Gale Sayers when he played his final NFL game?
- 3.) Name the top five sluggers on the all-time career home run list at the end of 1999?
- 4.) Who hit the most home runs in the decade of the 1940s?

ANSWERS:

- 1.) Percy Howard caught a 34-yard touchdown pass from Roger Staubach in Super Bowl X. He didn't make the team the following season-and he was history. 2.) 28 years old. 3.) Henry Aaron -755; Babe Ruth-714; Willie Mays -660; Frank Robinson - 586; Harmon Killebrew -573. 4.) Ted Williams.

Men's soccer strives for excellence

By Colleen Applebaugh
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At the season finisher, the Behrend boys beat Medaille 3-1. The team fought forcefully for the victory; the "W" allows the men to advance to the AMCC playoffs.

Junior central midfielder Brian Blaszczyk put the men ahead in the 12th minute of play with a header to the upper left corner of the net.

The Medaille team was able to place a shot by sophomore goalkeeper Matt Zirnsak in the 25th minute.

Junior Justin Reese, scored both the tie breaking goal and the third goal of the game.

The blue and white were victorious over Thiel on Oct. 19, with a 2-1 win. The men played their game, intense, aggressive, and intelligent.

The success brought the team to a 9-5-1 record. In essence, this game started the Behrend men's winning streak.

The victory over Thiel boosted the men's confidence from a loss to conference opponent Frostburg State.

"We had a very good start to the season," said senior forward Eric Nyberg. "We have just had a bad run of luck."

The loss put the team 3-3-1 conference record, but those men want more.

"I think losing some games has opened our eyes, and we are better prepared now for the post season," said Nyberg.

Victories that followed for the men included a 2-0 win over Case Western Reserve Oct. 22 and a 13-0 bashing of Mt. Aloysius on Saturday. Their streak



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Sophomore forward Herbert Obeng scored four goals over the week. Obeng stands as a figure for the men's offense.

has improved to four wins, bumping the men's overall record to 12-5-1. The team is ranked fifth in the conference with a 5-3-1 record.

"The team is really starting to play its best soccer of the year," said sophomore marking back Josh Serafini.

The blue and white put up a forceful fight, but could not find the back of the net. "We have had some tough losses in the conference, but it will be a whole new story in AMCC playoffs," said Serafini.

The player standout for this 3-0 week is sophomore forward Herbert Obeng. Obeng scored four goals, two being game winners. Obeng's outstanding performance on the field follows a season

of strong play. Obeng has been an essential asset to the team's offensive and will be called upon in the next series to create plays for the blue and white.

The men have the AMCC tournament to look forward to now and fully intend to extinguish any rumor that states their defeat.

"As defending champions, we are still the team to beat," said Serafini. "I would not want to face us in the playoffs," said Nyberg. "If we stick to the game plan and work hard, then there's no reason why we shouldn't win the conference championship."

The men hit the pitch again on Oct. 30 against Frostburg State in Maryland.

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Name: Anthony Spoto

Sport: Men's waterpolo

Class: Freshman

Date: October 25, 2004



Spoto named to all-tournament team

Spoto plays key role in Division III Eastern Championships

Spoto was instrumental in the water polo crew placing fourth at the Division III Eastern Championships. The Behrend Lions were knotted 7-7 with MIT, ranked #7 nationally in the semifinals, before falling 16-11.

The blue and white placed fourth overall, their highest finish in the brief history of the program. Spoto tallied 16 goals, 6 steals and 3 assists in the four games. For his efforts he was named to the all-tournament

team.

Earlier this season Spoto set a new school record for goals scored in a single season. Spoto has scored 67 goals to date.

Next up for the Behrend Lions will be the CWPA Southern Championships at Princeton, NJ.

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Lion's volleyball fall to Frostburg Anxious to face Frostburg in AMCC play

By Alyssa Peconi
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A sigh of relief could be heard from the members of the women's volleyball team after finishing their matches this weekend. The girls were also ready for a nap.

After playing three matches on Saturday, Oct. 23, the ladies were definitely tired, but remain psyched for the upcoming AMCC championships next weekend.

Saturday, the ladies faced a host of difficult opponents. Their first match was against Frostburg, the defending AMCC champions, so it was a very important meeting for both teams.

While the girls played four well fought games against their conference rival, they lost. Unfortunately, the loss dropped their conference record to 5-2 overall.

However, the ladies kept up their spirits and fought with intensity to sweep their next opponent. The lady lions beat the Ohio Wesleyan team 3-0 to improve their season record to 13-13.

During the lions' final match of the

day against Slippery Rock, they played four games, but ultimately lost 1-3.

Overall, the weekend proved to be beneficial for the women's volleyball team because they played well and kept up team spirit throughout the day.

"Although we lost to Frostburg, I thought we played exceptional all day long," said sophomore, Karla Murray.

The ladies next match after the weekend followed Wednesday, Oct. 27 against another conference opponent, Medaille.

The team traveled to Buffalo, NY for a night match and won in three games. This win helped to improve their season record to 14-14 and 6-2 in the conference.

This weekend, the lions will play their final match of the regular season. On Saturday, Oct. 30, the ladies travel to face fellow conference team, Mt. Aloysius at 1 p.m.

After this match, the women are looking forward to the AMCC Championships, scheduled to begin Tuesday, Nov. 2 and extend into the weekend of Nov. 5-6.

The team feels excited about head-

ing into the AMCC's with a 6-2 record in the conference. Also, they are anxious to face the defending conference champs, Frostburg.

Although they recently lost to this difficult team, they remain confident that they will come out winning.

"We're not worried because we WILL see Frostburg again at the AMCC's and this time we'll beat them for the championship," Murray said.

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