

Sports

Lions pitch forward

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Young Guns: Freshmen Julie Stocker, Emmy Arnett and Becky Reed watch as their team takes on Allegheny College.

drove in Darcie Bradley on a two out single.

Pegher continued her clutch hitting with another two out base hit in the fifth when she drove in Jenny Young and Bradley, who also had two hits, to give the Lions the 3-2 victory.

Putteman picked up the win on the hill for Behrend.

The Lions weren't as successful in the second game as they fell 1-0.

Varassa took the hard luck loss as the Lions managed only four hits, two of which were contributed by secondbaseman,

Karen Strait.

"If we get our games in and keep playing the same, this could be the best season that Behrend has ever had, and Behrend has had some great seasons," said Benim.

The Lions have already had 12 games postponed, four of which have been rescheduled. The other eight won't be made up because they were in the Ferrum Tournament or a doubleheader against St. John Fisher.

The Lions next doubleheader is this afternoon against NAIA school, Geneva.

Last season the Lions won both games by scores of 15-0 and 7-6.

Lion notes: Cherie Varrassa has only given up five earned runs in 33 innings to post a 1.06 ERA.

The Lions are outitting their opponents .311 to .280 and outscoring them 68 to 29.

Behrend has seven players hitting over .300, Bradley is the leader at .393.

Sports bits

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So Close: The 1993 Major League baseball season opened on Monday but the first exciting moment of the campaign didn't occur until Tuesday. Chicago Cub's pitcher Jose Guzman came within an out of throwing a no hitter against Atlanta in his National League debut. Otis Nixon broke up the "no no" with an opposite field hit with two outs in the ninth.

Two at the Dome: Dean Smith and the North Carolina Tarheels won their second national title. The Tarheels defeated the Michigan Wolverines, 77-71. The game was played at the Louisiana Superdome, the site of both of their victories.

Mo' Money: Free agent Reggie White signed a four-year, \$17 million contract with the Green Bay Packers on Tuesday. His contract will go up to about \$25 million with bonuses and incentives.

Streak Continued: The Pittsburgh Penguins tied the NHL record for consecutive wins last night when they defeated the Montreal Canadiens 4-3 in overtime. Ulf Samuelson scored the winning goal on an assist from Larry Murphy. The Pens are the NHL leader in points with 114.

Sweet 500: Tennis star Gabriela Sabatini became the 13th women's player of the open era to win 500 or more singles matches when she defeated Joannette Kruger on Tuesday in the Bausch and Lomb Championships at Amelia Island, FL.

New Heel?: Rasheed Wallace, named USA TODAY boys high school basketball player of the year, has made the UNC Tarheels one of his final choices for his college career. The 6-11 center from Philadelphia Simon Gratz has narrowed his choices to four schools, with Temple, Villanova, and Georgetown being the other three.

"They deserve all the credit in the world," said head softball coach, Paul Benim after his team split a pair of games with 15th ranked Allegheny College on April 6.

Things looked bleak for the Lady Lions as they dropped the first game, 9-0.

The Lions committed an un-Behrend like three errors. Casey Putteman took the loss on the mound as she fell to 4-1 on the season.

Lori Macuga of Allegheny took the victory as she allowed only four hits while striking out 12. She's a transfer from the University of Nebraska.

The second game was a completely different story.

The score was 0-0 until the bottom of the second, when the Lions scored the only run of the game.

Becky Reed started the inning when she reached base on an error. She advanced to second on Emmy Arnett's sacrifice bunt and scored on Julie Stocker's game winning RBI double.

Cherie Varrassa picked up the victory on the mound as the Lions posted the 1-0 win. They improved to 8-2 on the season.

"We just buckled down, played good defense and didn't give up," said Benim on the difference between game one and two.

Back on the 30th of March, the Lions travelled to John Carroll University for a doubleheader.

The Lions won the first game 3-2 on the strength of Terry Pegher's two hits and three RBI's.

Pegher started things for the Lions in the third when she

Netters take last five

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The Behrend men's tennis team rebounded from a rather slow 2-3 start to win their last 5 matches to improve to 7-3.

The winning streak began with a road victory over Waynesburg, 9-0. Behrend then returned home March 30th to defeat Thiel College at Westwood Racquet Club.

After a five day layoff, the team headed to Zelenople, PA for a tri-match with Geneva College and Frostburg St. (Maryland).

Behrend defeated Geneva in the first match 8-1. Coach Dan Gallegos used an adjusted lineup to give some of his players a rest. This proved to be a wise move as the team then hammered Frostburg only an hour later, 9-0. Perhaps it was the 8 hour drive

for Frostburg or just Behrend's dominating play.

Gallegos believes that the two opponents must have been scared by the "army" of 12 men which he brought down. Combined, the other two teams had 15 players.

Would this plethora of matches drain the team to the point where they would lose to John Carroll the next day?

Not only did Behrend keep up with a John Carroll team that trounced the Lions last year, but they beat the visitors, 6-3.

So far this year, the best singles records belong to Jonathan Chase (9-1), Eric Liken (9-1), Eric Good (8-2), and Paul Young (8-1).

The top doubles combinations are Good/Chase (7-1) and Greg Best/Brant Shurie (4-1). In only 3 doubles slots, Coach Gallegos has put together 11 different teams with an overall

record of 19-11.

Saturday will be the second Annual Super-Sport Team Tennis Tournament with teams from Carnegie Mellon, Allegheny, Waynesburg, Alfred, and Behrend.

Penn State will try to break Allegheny's stronghold on the title, including two women's championships. The matches will begin Saturday at 2:00p.m. either on campus or at Westwood Racquet Club.

Coach Gallegos believes that, "a hungry lion hunts best," and these Behrend Lions are as hungry as they have been in years.

This year's team is only 2 wins away from tying the all-time Behrend men's tennis team record of 9. They could surpass it this weekend in the finals of the Super-Sport.

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