

Freshman phenom

Scores six goals in three games

by Ilia Belkin
Collegian Staff

This week's Athlete of the Week is a member of the men's soccer team.

This past week, freshman forward Andy Lafferty from South Park, PA scored a combined six goals against three teams.

He scored one against Allegheny, four against Pitt-Greensburg, and added another one against Waynesburg, helping the Lions go 3-0 in the passed week.

Lafferty has been playing soccer since he was seven years

old. However, he also played baseball, basketball, and ran track in high school.

As an engineering major, Lafferty doesn't have much free time to do anything.

In his limited free time Lafferty hangs out with his friends and his twin brother Matt, a goalie on the team.

When asked about the team Lafferty said, "We are really improving. This is a bunch of young guys who are only going to get better."

Lafferty likes playing at Behrend, but hasn't decided if he will stay here for a full four years.



Jen Colvin/Contributing Photographer

Athlete of the Week: Matt Lafferty

Where no one has gone before

by Paul D. Young
Collegian Staff

Competing in her final semester as a member of the Lady Lions' tennis team, sophomore Annmarie Faso of North Allegheny has saved her best tennis for last.

This past weekend she became the first Behrend player in history to be invited to compete in the Rolex ITT Championships.

The event was held at Kenyon College in Ohio and featured some of the strongest Division III players in the region.

As the tournament unfolded, however, it became apparent that just being invited to the event was not going to be enough to satisfy Faso.

The unseeded Faso coasted to a first round victory over Toni Olmos of host Kenyon College, dropping just a single game

along the way.

In the round of 16, she found herself pitted against second seeded Hallie King of Dennison College. Unfazed by the level of competition, Faso played one of the greatest matches of her tennis career and advanced to the next round with a 6-3, 7-5 straight set win.

Though very deserving of a break, the Lady Lion still had one more singles match to go. A win would place her in the semifinals.

Unfortunately, Faso simply ran out of gas and fell to Shelly Rice of Oterbein College by a 6-3, 6-2 score.

"Her heart didn't give out, but her legs failed her," explained coach Dan Gallegos.

Behrend was represented in the doubles competition by "ironman" Faso and sophomore Jennifer Puerto of Miami. They

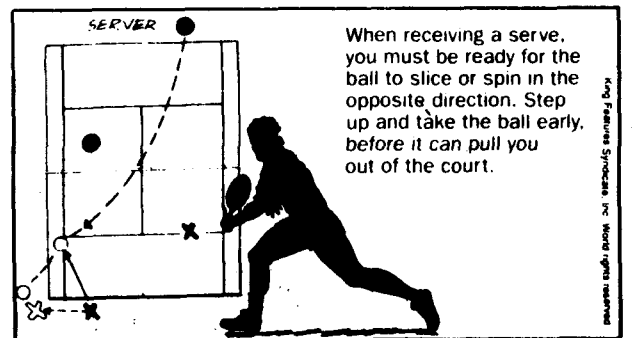
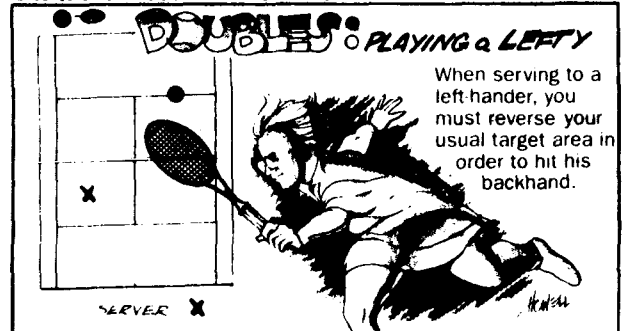
were defeated in the first round by an aggressive team from Capital with a 6-3, 6-3 result.

"I was mentally and physically drained," Faso said after her long day of tennis. "It was a learning experience," added Puerto.

In addition to her exploits at the Rolex tournament, Faso led the women's tennis team to a 6-3 defeat of Buffalo State last Thursday here at Behrend. After splitting the six singles matches, Buffalo State was forced to default all three doubles positions. This allowed the lady netters to avenge an early season 5-4 loss to Buffalo State.

The Lady Lions currently hold a 9-6 record, and as Coach Gallegos so eloquently put it, "The tennis program is like Star Trek. The players continue to go where no Behrend players have gone before!"

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

