

Offensive weapon

Volleyball leader is Athlete of the week

by Paul D. Young
Collegian Staff

The greatest testament to the improved play that junior Carrie Grzejka, the Athlete of the Week, has brought to this season's edition of the Lady Lion's volleyball team, came during a conversation involving her coach, Jan Wilson.

Immediately following a game an opposing coach approached Wilson with the question: "Where did you get her?" in reference to Carrie's impressive performance.

Coach Wilson replied that Carrie had been with the team for the past two seasons.

Grzejka, playing the middle hitter position, led the team with some impressive statistics in a week that saw the Lady Lion's post a 2-2 record.

She posted 73 kills for a 44% kill ration, which means nearly half the time Grzejka got her hand on the ball she

put it away. Can you say: offensive weapon?!

The plastics engineering major from Union City, PA is adept defensively as well. She recorded seven solo blocks, six block assists, and 14 digs in addition to her kill totals.

Grzejka played solidly even in two defeats at the hands of Westminster and Grove City. She led the Lady Lions with 28 kills, two solo blocks, and three block assists during the trimatch.

Coach Wilson attributes Carrie's improved performance to her off-season work. "She came in in good shape and is much quicker," remarked Wilson. "Carrie comes to every practice and I enjoy working with her."

Grzejka, who played three years of volleyball in high school, believes that the current squad is "the best team we've had since I've been here (at PSB)." We communicate



Holly Beary/Collegian Photographer

slam (slam), v.t. to hit, throw, or put in place with force and noise: as, Carrie (this week's Athlete of the Week) slams the volleyball past two Westminster, G.C. opponents.

well and have a peppy coach," added Grzejka.

In the model of all stellar athletes, Grzejka is constantly

seeking improvement in her abilities. She is currently working at developing her backcourt game in order to

become a more all-around player.

One game away



Darren Schilberg/Collegian Photographer

Keep on your toes!: Junior forward Rusty Brown maneuvers around Jason Freer in practice.

by Glee Jesteadt
Collegian Staff

7-8-1.... The Men's Soccer team is one game away from their .500 season.

On October 26, the men traveled to Hilbert to pull out a strong victory with a 2-0 score.

"Mike Maiello scored one goal and had an excellent game," said Coach Dan Perritano.

"We overcame the field to win," added Doug O'Donnell.

The Lions traveled to St. Vincent on Saturday, October 23 and brought back a 0-0 tie

with the excellent goaltending of Dave Stochr.

"We showed a lot of character and played even with the St. Vincent team," commented O'Donnell, "They are a very good team."

"The team is traveling to Slippery Rock still in the hunt for their .500. It will be a game of two teams matching up for the end of the season. If we play well and the effort is there, we should be successful," claimed Coach Perritano.

Rick Nese added, "The team has showed a lot of character as a young team, which makes Slippery Rock a big game."

"The offense has really come together and the team has got the momentum. We're keyed to win at Slippery Rock and accomplish our .500," commented Sean Tucker.

"I am more than satisfied with the season thus far, and as for my last season it would be a great accomplishment to defeat Slippery Rock and go .500 for the season," said Rusty Brown.

The men will travel to Slippery Rock University on Tuesday, November 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Almost done

by Michelle Bauer
Collegian Staff

The Lady Lions volleyball team holds a record of 14-17 with two games to go in the season.

On October 26, the Lions took on Lake Erie, winning 15-4, 15-6, 15-8. The team had ten serving aces and 28 kill percent.

Key players in this game were Amy Stranahan, who was four for eight with a 50 kill percent, Carrie Grzejka with 48 kill percent, Molly Samuels with 36 kill percent, and Jen Leone with 29 kill percent.

Leone had one of her best matches with four serving aces.

Coach Jan Wilson commented, "Stranahan and Leone added good support for the middle hitters."

This game was the last home game for Jen Spencer who will be transferring to University Park next semester. Spencer was decorated with an autographed jersey by the team.

The Lions' last game of the season is on November 2 at 3:00 p.m. against Slippery Rock University.

The team had 22 digs in all.

Coach Wilson said, "We were hitting real well out of the middle, they just outlasted us."

In the Westminster game, again the Lions were defeated 6-15, 15-13, 3-15. Samuels and Grzejka were again among the top players with over 30 kill percent each.

Coach Wilson commented, "Carrie (Grzejka) had good all around effort with 18 kills, two solo blocks, three blocking assists, and four digs."

October 21 brought Hiram College to Erie Hall and the Lady Lions a victory. The score was 16-14, 15-3, and 15-8.

Middle hitters Samuels and Grzejka had over 40 kill percent in place. Jen Spencer and Leone led in digs with a combined 27.

Coach Wilson said, "We did not play as well as a team with 28 kill percent."

The Lions' last game of the season is on November 2 at 3:00 p.m. against Slippery Rock University.