

# Bump, set, spike



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Point of no return: Lady Lions volleyball team shows its tough defense in a recent match.

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The Behrend Lady Lions volleyball team continued their steady play with convincing wins over Hilbert and Theil.

With good all-around play from the entire team, Coach Jan Wilson said she had an easy evening. "When they play the way they can I don't even have to think."

The Lady Lions won their match against Hilbert 15-5 and 15-13. During the second game, the Lions were down 13-9 against Hilbert.

The Lions used the momentum of Carrie Grzejka to come back and win the match against Hilbert. Grzejka holds Behrend's record in kills with a current posting of 905.

Later that evening, the women had an easy victory over Theil, winning the match in straight games 15-7 and 15-1. Jen Taylor's serves broke one early deadlock in the first game and put the first game away. Behrend also won the second so easily that seniors Grzejka and Amy

Stranahan got a rest on the bench.

Stranahan, still nursing her shoulder injury, did get some playing time in both matches. "Last Thursday, Sept. 15) was the first night I played in the front row. I hope to be playing all the time by the Alfred tournament."

Sophomore Molly Samuels, wearing a large brace on her right knee, knows what it's like to play with a nagging hindrance.

"I hurt my knee a couple of years ago in high school and, I've gotten used to wearing it. So far this season I have been in pretty good overall health," Samuels said.

In the two matches Samuels led the Lions in kills with 10, while Mitzi Carter added 9 kills and Grzejka 8 kills. Taylor, Angela Georg and Jen Leone each had 7 digs. Taylor also had 3 service aces.

Coach Wilson added, "Credit isn't given enough to players who lead in digs, that is one of the most important things in volleyball."

# Off and running

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Under the direction of new head coach, Chuck Keenan, the women's tennis team is burning up the courts. The lady netters have started the season with a 6-0 mark.

Sunday, the Lady Lions played an away match against Alfred. Last year, Alfred defeated the Behrends ladies 7-2. Fortunately this year the Lady Lions

conquered, winning 6-1.

When coach Keenan was asked to comment on his best performing player(s), he replied, "I can't pick out anyone in particular. The whole team is winning."

Keenan is extremely impressed with his freshman players: Melissa Webber, Christine Hughes, Steph Nelson, and Shanna Cotti, along with the veterans.

"Our matches are won because

we are solid all the way down the line," Keenan said.

Keenan has high expectations for his team, considering they already established the record for the best start in Behrend's history of women's tennis, this season. He wants his team to continue to play the way it has been.

Apparently, he still wants his team to improve in a few areas. The team needs to work on its volleys and getting up to the net.

Most of the players are baseline players, and he would like to see them become more aggressive and attack the net more often. This would be beneficial for the players while adding variety to the game.

The women are playing home on Friday against Frostburg. Saturday is their first tournament of the season, the Varsity R.C. Chase Insurance Classic. A tri-match on Sunday against

Carnegie Mellon and the University of Rochester ties up the rest of their weekend.

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