

22 million dollar woman



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Scoring touch: Lara Herrmann is the leading scorer on the women's soccer team. She also scored the first goal for the team in the school's history

Freshman captures

Athlete of the Week honors

by Brian E. Gregory
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"She's a deceiving finisher with 22 million dollar shoes," is Coach Nese's characterization of Athlete of the Week, Lara Herrmann, and her magic feet.

Herrmann is a freshman striker for the new Penn State-Behrend women's club soccer team.

"Her greatest strength is finishing," said Coach Nese. "Anywhere from 12 to 14 yards she knows how to put the ball into the net."

So far this year she has done just that. In the team's opening game against Allegheny College Herrmann had a hand in three of Behrend's four goals.

Twelve minutes into the game she scored the first official goal in Penn State-Behrend women's soccer history. Then she contributed two more assists in Behrend's 4-1 win. She had seven total shots.

"She really runs the offense well," said Coach Nese. "(We) have everybody behind her kick balls at her feet and she finishes the play."

Coach Nese was not the only one to give praise to Herrmann. Teammate Julie Stocker said, "She's a very disciplined and unselfish player. She really plays smart."

The element of Herrmann's game that makes her a smart player is that she "thinks soccer." "I have a desire to score and win. I think about my next move before I make it," she said.

"Thinking soccer" has made Herrmann a real threat up front this year.

"We use her as a target. People concentrate on her skills and that allows other people to be open to score," said Nese.

In the future, Herrmann will have to use these skills to help lead the team to success. When asked how he would go about doing this Nese said, "We just need to make her a little meaner."

Before coming to Behrend Herrmann played four years of soccer for McDowell High School in Erie. She is a DUS major but says she is leaning toward Education.

The 22 million dollar shoes is an inside joke that refers to her new pair of spikes. Coach Nese joked that, "she shines them before every game. She even refuses to walk on the concrete with them. When I asked her how many goals she would score (in them), she said, 'Around 22.'"

Judging by her first game Herrmann is well on her way to reaching this goal.

Unstoppable train

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Using the tremendous play of the whole squad, the Behrend Lady Lion volleyball team continued its torrid play, winning the Alfred Tournament Sept. 23-24.

In the preliminary rounds of the tournament, the Lady Lions started with a victory over Russell Sage 15-2 and 15-11. They continued preliminary play with wins over host Alfred 15-0 and 15-1 and then over Nazareth 15-4, 8-15 and 15-6.

On the second day of the tournament, the Lady Lions opened with a quarterfinal victory over RIT 15-3, 14-16 and 15-8. They continued with a victory over Sage in the semifinals 15-3 and 15-10 before

defeating RIT once again 15-5 and 15-7 to capture the title.

Carrie Grzejka continued her record setting pace with 31 kills, 22 blocks and 13 service aces during the two day tournament. Mitzi Carter also had an outstanding tournament with 31 kills and 16 blocks.

Coach Jan Wilson was delighted with the entire team's effort. "Our whole team has practiced hard, and in the Alfred Tournament everyone got to play. It allowed me to rest some players during the tournament and kids like Melissa (Fishel), Erin (McCormick) and Kim (Vollmer) gained valuable experience."

With the use of the bench, many other Lady Lions compiled big numbers during the tournament. Molly Samuels had

24 kills, 14 digs and 8 service aces. Jen Taylor had 18 digs and 9 service aces. Jen Leone added 14 digs, while Angela Georg racked up 73 assists.

Coach Wilson commented on the play of Georg. "She really had a tough weekend. I played her in every game and she played great."

Freshman Amy Good did not play in the tournament due to injury, while senior Amy Stranahan continues to play but not at 100% due to her injury.

With their outstanding tournament play, the Lady Lions raised their record to 14-6. With matches against Hiram and Grove City this week, they hope to be included in the NCAA regional volleyball rankings.

Early going

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Penn State-Behrend's baseball team participated this past weekend in the annual Erie County Fall Classic held at Edinboro University.

On Saturday the Lions were pitted against the Gannon Knights.

Sophomore pitcher Bob McLaren took the mound and threw his best stuff for six innings.

The third inning proved to be the decisive inning of the game with the Knights scoring four runs on three hits and one walk.

Senior Mike Kriuda pitched the final three innings allowing only two hits and two runs

along with four strikeouts.

The Lions made it interesting the final three innings by scoring four runs on five hits.

Freshman Ricky Bowers led the comeback with a double and two runs batted in. Bowers led the Lions with three in four hits at bat and Pitt transfer John Matson contributed a double and single in four plate appearances. The Lions lost 7-5 to Gannon.

On Sunday in the consolation game the Lions played the Mercyhurst Lakers. Though the final score was 17-1, it does not indicate the unearned runs scored by the Lakers.


The Lions were stung early and mental errors cost them eight runs.

Assistant Coach Matt Palisir

remarked, "The errors we committed early on in the ball game affected our play throughout the game, just as the case was Saturday when the opposing team had one big inning that we were not able to come back from."

Senior shortstop Derrick Haynes had the lone run batted in when he doubled in Quinn McQuire, who had just stolen second base.

Though the Lions had a rough weekend Coach Palisir foresees a great season in the spring. "There is a lot of improvement at all the positions since last year and I can expect to see the team blend together as they play together more."


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