

Women post win over Allegheny



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Concentration and precision: The Behrend women know where to put the ball.

by Julie Stocker
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The Penn State-Behrend women's club soccer team rounded out its season last Thursday with a 5-1 win over the visiting Allegheny Gators. The Lady Lions finished their rookie season at 6-0, and are looking for bigger things in the future.

"The Allegheny game was a very nice way to end a successful season," said Head Coach Rick Nese. "I have confidence in this program for the future."

Nese has reason to be confident in the play of the Lady Lions this season. The powerful offense scored a total of 27 goals, while the stingy defense allowed only two.

Both of the goals scored against Behrend were tallied by Allegheny. The Lady Gators scored once on the Lady Lions late in the first game of the season, and once in the game last Thursday.

Behrend matched Allegheny's lone goal last Thursday with five

Rookie season shows promise

of their own. The scoring once again was wide spread, and a variety of Lady Lions gathered assists.

Lara Herrmann started the attack, as she beautifully directed a Lady Lion corner kick off of her head into the back of the net.

Halfback Michelle Carino scored her third goal of the season, while halfback Bridgette Jesek had the assist.

Forward Fabienne Duchini sported the talented toe as she chalked up Behrend's fourth goal of the game. Obmann had the assist.

Nese describes Mary Wilhelm's contribution on the fifth and final goal as "a great individual effort with hustle."

Wilhelm provided the assist to goal scorer Becky Eckendorf, who is usually the Behrend goalkeeper. The netminder, while playing a forward position, scored her first goal of the season.

"We accomplished what we set out to accomplish this season. In the process, we gained the respect of some varsity coaches," Nese said.

During the off-season, Nese plans on strengthening the schedule for next year, whether it be at the club or varsity level.

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Michelle Finch picked up the assist, as she booted the ball from the corner.

Corner kicks proved to be an offensive weapon for the lady kickers, as Finch netted another assist on Missy Obmann's goal near the end of the first half.

Men get blown-out



Getting ready: Men prepare for Monday.

by R. Carl Campbell III
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The Behrend men's soccer team has dropped its record to 6-9-2 with losses to Mountain Union and Slippery Rock.

The men lost to Slippery Rock, yesterday, 9-0. The score of Saturday's game at Mountain Union was 4-1. Sean Blank contributed the only Behrend score.

Sophomore Jeff Keene said of Wednesday's blow-out, "We weren't prepared to play the game. We basically let them do what they wanted."

Of the Mountain Union game, Keene said, "We played a good game until the last twenty minutes. That's when all the goals were made. We basically gave up."

The men's soccer team hopes for a win Monday at home against Allegheny.

Setters prepare for final match

by Nick Zulovich
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The Penn State-Behrend women's volleyball team had its five game winning streak snapped losing dual matches against Grove City and Westminster.

The Lady Lions lost to Grove City by scores of 15-9 and 15-11, then later in the day succumbing to Westminster by scores of 16-14 and 15-11.

Carrie Grzejka and Mitzi Carter each pounded out 11 kills in dual match play. Molly Samuels led Behrend in digs with 20, while Angela Georg dished out 31 assists.

Head Coach Jan Wilson was disappointed with her team's play over the dual match with Grove City and Westminster.

"We just came out awfully flat. Our back row played really well. We had 90 digs over both matches, but our hitters just didn't put the ball in play."

Earlier in the week the Lady Lions defeated both Bethany College and Pitt-Bradford in separate matches.

Against Bethany, Grzejka led Behrend with 13 kills. Amy Stranahan added seven digs and Georg had 19 assists and three service aces.

Samuels, an outside-hitter, was happy with the team's play against Bethany.

"We play really well when we're having fun. When we're relaxed we can play well in all areas."

Against Pitt-Bradford, Grzejka once again led the Lady Lions in kills while 12 with Georg racked up 18 assists and eight digs.

Coach Wilson still has confidence in her team's abilities. "We match up player for player with every team we play. We just have to play to our potential. An ECAC playoff bid is still a possibility, but we have to play consistently

in our last match against Washington and Jefferson as well as the Messiah Tournament in Harrisburg. Many of the teams in that tournament are ranked nationally."

With the season nearing an end, senior co-captains Stranahan and Grzejka have different feelings on playing their last home match of their college careers.

Stranahan said, "It's just another game for me, but this is the best season the team has had since I've been here."

Grzejka has a different view on the culmination of her career. "It's kind of depressing that my career is almost over. I reached one of my goals to set the school record for kills, but an ECAC playoff bid would be nice to get as well."

Stranahan, Grzejka and the rest of the Lady Lions play their final match at home tonight at Erie Hall at 7 p.m. against Washington and Jefferson.

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