

Playoff bound?



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Sitting and waiting: Carrie Grzejka and the rest of the Lady Lions are hoping for an ECAC playoff bid.

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Some say winning isn't everything, but don't tell the Behrend women's volleyball team. Last weekend the team battled adversity and fatigue to win the Messiah Tournament held at Messiah College near Harrisburg.

Behrend defeated Messiah in the semifinals by scores of 9-15, 17-15 and 15-10. Then then defeated Catholic College of Maryland by scores of 15-13, 3-15 and 15-12 to win the tournament.

All-tournament selection, Mitzi Carter, led Behrend with 63 kills. She also had 25 digs and 10 blocks through the

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tournament. Molly Samuels also had a consistent tournament collecting 33 kills. Back court players, Jen Leone and Jen Taylor, kept the ball in play, each compiling 44 digs. Angie Georg eclipsed the century mark in assists, passing out 108.

The adversity the team faced came before the tournament even started. Seniors Amy Stranahan and Carrie Grzejka never made it to the tournament because Stranahan's car broke down driving to the tournament.

With the team's victory, it set a new record for the number of victories in a season. Its record now stands at 27-14. The previous record for victories was 26. With 27 wins an ECAC playoff bid is still possible. The team will not find out until tomorrow at the earliest whether it will receive one.

Head Coach Jan Wilson felt an outstanding effort was given by her team during the tournament.

"We played from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Fatigue really was a factor during the tournament. Amy (Good) and Kim (Vollmer) really gave us a lift off the bench. Being able to rest some of our starters made the difference. We played and won against some teams ranked regionally in ECAC."

Samuels felt the Messiah tournament was the culmination of a marvelous regular season.

"This tournament was very competitive. We were mentally prepared for it. We got very tired but we didn't lose our mental composure."

Taylor, a middle-hitter, agreed with Samuels' comments. "We were equal with many of the teams in the tournament which made it so competitive. We wanted to prove to everyone that we could win this tournament without Amy (Stranahan) and Carrie (Grzejka)."

Earlier last week the Lady Lions suffered an emotional defeat at the hands of Washington and Jefferson. The team lost by scores of 10-15, 10-15, 15-13 and 10-15.

Carter 17 kills and added 10 digs. Grzejka had 10 kills in her final home match, while George added 35 assists.

Stranahan's final match was not a happy one. She hurt her ankle during warm-ups and was unable to play.

Wilson said having Stranahan on the court could have made a big difference in the match.

"She makes such a difference out on the court. She doesn't let any balls hit the floor. Losing Amy put us at a disadvantage before the match even started."

Men's Soccer

by Erin Morrell
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The men's soccer team finished its season with a win due to a forfeit by Allegheny College. They finished the season at 7-9-2.

With any sport there are always changes in the lineup. Coach Dan Perritano used younger players because they were a good nucleus of the team.

"I'm very pleased with the whole team. I don't like to single anyone out because the whole group collectively worked hard. I'm also impressed with the freshmen and sophomores - they've really worked hard," said Perritano.

"Our season is not over, just our traditional season. The hard work is just beginning; to build and prepare for next season. I'm very optimistic and I look forward to adding new talent to the team."

Sean Blank said, "We've improved over the season, learned to play together and most of all learned how each other play. We've established a backbone for next season."

Sports Quiz

by Larry Duncan

1. Which pitcher is the only one who started for both leagues in baseball's all-star games?
2. Who was the victor in the "Fight of the Century" on March 8, 1971?
3. Which racquet sport gets its name from the resilience of the ball?
4. What is the distance you need to run if you've hit a home run?
5. How many sets make up a full-length men's championship tennis match?
6. What two teams played in the 1969 World Series?
7. Who is the only golfer to have a biographical movie made on him?
8. From what yard line do NFL teams kick off?

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Vida Blue; 2. Joe Frazier; 3. squash; 4. 360 feet; 5. 5; 6. N.Y. Mets and Baltimore Orioles; 7. Ben Hogan; 8. 35

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