

## Another frosh

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This week's Housing and Food Services' athlete of the week is freshman softball player Heather Norder.

Norder is a two-sport athlete at Behrend. Along with being a pitcher and left fielder for the softball team, she is also on the women's basketball team.

Norder attended nearby Harborcreek High School where she not only played softball for four years, but basketball and soccer as well.

She is currently enrolled in the DUS program, but she plans to major in Business Liberal Arts and Science.

Norder said she is at Behrend because of its good athletic programs. Not only that, but Norder said she chose Behrend because of its academics as well.

Norder gave a very humble answer when asked why she thought she was named ATW.

"I feel as if it's quite an honor. I've been hitting alright. It's probably my batting average," said Norder.

In the last two games for the Lady Lions, she has been the designated hitter.

Head coach Paul Benim said he is very happy with Norder's progress on the team.

"Heather has a winning attitude. She comes from a great program. She works hard and she wants to learn. She has a great work ethic," explained Benim.

Norder's teammate Julie Stocker commented on Norder being named ATW.



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**ATW: Heather Norder**

"Heather is a powerful hitter, she struggles with pitching, but she is really coming around," explained Stocker.

Fellow teammate Sue Mazur agreed with Stocker.

"Heather is a very consistent hitter. She has really adapted well to the team as a freshman."

Looking to the second half of the season, Norder said the team is planning on winning as many games as possible.

"We are just going to take the games one day at a time," she said.

## Softball still on hold

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Rain and snow, go away. Come again some other day. But, it didn't. It rained and it snowed and the Lady Lions' games were postponed and doubleheaders against W&J, Thiel, and Allegheny will have to be rescheduled.

So we'll take a quick look at the mid-season report of the Lady Lions.

"We come into every season with high expectations which sometimes could be unfair because we need to be realistic," said Head Coach Paul Benim.

"We're 13-11 but we should probably be something like 18-6 and that's because at certain points of the season we had opportunities to pick up a 'W' but we didn't execute and take advantage of it."

On the subject of make-up games, the Lady Lions were hurt a bit because some teams they were scheduled play could have been possibly victories. Coach Benim isn't so sure the games will be made up due to timing.

"With Allegheny, every day that is good for us is bad for them and vice versa. Unfortunately, these games probably won't be made up."

"In the second half of the season we look to square away the corners, execute better, and do the things we know that we can do," commented Benim.

"We're either playing very good or even worse and that's been

surprising with the group that we have. We hope to come on strong in the second half of the year."

One of the strong pieces of the Lady Lion puzzle this year was the play of the strong incoming class of freshman. Benim commented on the play seen from them so far.

"All five of them have done a great job. They've done a great job on and off of the field and have been very supportive. Four of them are hitting over .360 and driving in runs."

"Hitting has been tremendous this year," replied Benim. "We're hitting over .340 as a team this year and doing a great job of hitting line drives and ground balls to the gaps in the field."

So now the Lady Lions look to concentrate on the second half of the season and we wish them luck in continuing their winning ways.

### News and Notes

\* Becky Reed leads the team in RBI's with 26, Shannon Angel is second with 24 and Julie Stocker has 20.

\* Reed also leads the team in hits and runs with 31 and 24 respectively. Sue Mazur is second on the team with 25 hits and Megan Musante is third in hits and second in runs.

\* Reed and Stocker are tied for the lead in doubles with five. Stocker leads in triples with four and Reed leads home runs as she has gone the yard four times.

\* Emmy Arnett leads the team with 14 walks and 11 stolen bases in 11 attempts. Musante and Mazur are right behind with 10 and 6 respectfully.

\* Casey Koza leads the team in batting average with .426 in 26 at-bats. Fellow freshmen Beth Calhoun and Heather Norder are second and third.

### Career

\* Mazur needs 13 hits to move into first place all-time and pass Darcie Bradley.

\* Stocker needs one triple to set the record for most in a season.

\* Reed needs eight RBI's to set the record for most RBI's in a season, Angel needs 10.

\* Arnett needs eight stolen bases for the season record and 14 for the career record.

\* Mazur needs 12 runs for the career record. She also needs four RBI's for the career lead.

### Records Held

\* Stocker, who already is tied for the record of most doubles in a year, holds the record for most doubles in a career with 19. She also is tied for the record of triples in a year and needs four for the all-time record.

\* Mazur tied the record of 17 sacrifices which is the most in a career. She holds the record for most put-outs in a career with 274.

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