

Defensive breakdowns plague Behrend



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He shoots, he scores: Another Behrend Lion looks to score.

by Bryan Harkins
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Last Saturday, the Behrend mens soccer team was trounced by St. John Fisher College 5-1.

The Lions got off to a bad start giving up three unanswered goals in the first half.

When talking to some of the

players about what went wrong, Matt Murphy commented, "We broke down defensively."

Dave Harrison replied with, "We broke down everywhere."

The players agreed that their problem was a lack of composure.

For the second half of the game, the team made some

changes. In order to gain some offensive power, the Lions played with three forwards.

This resulted in the only goal for Behrend. Sophomore Jay Hodkinson managed to slip one past the St. John Fisher goalie.

The goals scored in the second half by St. John Fisher College were a result of Behrend pushing forward for offensive power.

Behrend also substituted Murphy for the starting goal

keeper Russ Akers with about 36 minutes left in the game. Murphy did not allow a goal in his time between the pipes.

The loss puts the Lions at 1-5 for the season.

Head coach Dan Perritano's reason for the team's current lack of success is that, "We are [normally] a team that defends well and we're not defending well. We are making mental mistakes in terms of defending."

Perritano is still optimistic about the men's team success. "I think we're going to be on a bit of a roll. I think you'll get some opportunities to see some good soccer."

The team's next home game is this Saturday against Keuka College. Game time is 3:00 p.m.



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Looking to pass: Junior Kevin Rinehardt looks for a teammate in the Lions recent game against St. John Fisher.

Behrend Tennis:

Photo by Dave Boulos/Collegian Photographer
Returning serve: The Behrend women take on Frostburg State Friday at 3 p.m. This Saturday, they hold their annual tournament starting at 9 a.m.

Women looking for some respect

by Chad Clouse
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The womens tennis team at Behrend has over the last three years retained a winning record on the court. However they lack the fanfare of the other sports at Behrend.

The team consists of seven young women, two seniors, four sophomores, and two freshmen. Of these, only three are returning from last year.

In a conversation with Rhonda Dennison and Melissa Barger, who are co-captains for the team, they expressed their concerns about the team.

"We'd like to be in a conference. Right now we're only in division three and we'd like to compete for a title," said Barger. This means that they play only

individual teams.

"We play teams that really really bad or teams that are really really good. There's no competition. We never have a score that's five to four," added Dennison.

Being in a conference would eliminate this problem and let the team travel out of the immediate area for games.

The two co-captains were very upset about the lack of exposure for the team.

"People don't come and watch us play. We've had a winning record for the last three years and still..." said Dennison.

"It gets discouraging after a while," added Barger. This hurts the team. The tennis team had a high turn over with women leaving because they get

discouraged.

When asked about Coach Chuck Keenan the girls sounded more positive.

"He's grown as a coach for us too. Last year was his first year as head coach," Dennison added. "He helps us with our game. He changes your game and tries to improve it."

They seemed happy with the coaching situation. "He's very knowledge, too," added Barger. "He keeps the team spirit high."

They wanted everyone to know they have lots of matches this week and to come out and cheer them on. They play a match on Friday and a tournament on Saturday.

It's a young team and hopefully with some more participation and support,

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