

Ladies regroup

by Michael Coursey
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On Tuesday, the Lady Lions volleyball team fell in straight games to the Lady Scots of Wooster by scores of 15-12, 15-6, and 15-5.

In the first game Angela Georg started the match serving one point. Erin McCormick chipped in with steady play at the net. Later in the game, Kimberly Vollmer picked up her play with a couple of blocks at the net.

McCormick's kill broke a 7-7 tie. The game then moved to a 10-10 knot. Despite a good effort by the Lady Lions, Wooster pulled ahead to win 15-12 in the first game.

Wooster started the second game serving themselves to a early 7-1 lead. Behrend tried to pull closer but Wooster stretched the lead to 11-6.

Paige Stanton of Wooster had consecutive kills to pull the Lady Scots to a 14-6 lead, which they finally won 15-6.

The third game started with Georg serving. After some active play around the net the score was tied at 5-5. This is where the Lady Lions last hope of a comeback flickered out.

Wooster went on a 10-0 run to win the game and the match with a 15-5 victory.

Co-captain Vollmer said the lack of communication led to the Lady Lions' demise.

"We just didn't talk out on the court. When we communicate well, we also play very well," explained Vollmer.

McCormick agreed about the team's lack of communication.

"Talking out on the court just wasn't there. We all tried to step up our play at one time or another. Last night just wasn't our night," stated McCormick.

McCormick led Behrend with eight kills. Vollmer added four kills and six blocks. Georg passed out 11 assists and added six digs.

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- Kim Vollmer

McCormick feels that new Head Coach Sharon Gregory is a quality individual.

"She tries to get your intensity level higher. I really enjoy playing for her," explained McCormick.

Vollmer feels that the freshmen players on the team are making a significant contribution.

"The freshmen fit in well with the team. We [the sophomore players] know how they feel adjusting to a new team," stated Vollmer.

One freshman expected to give a big contribution was Maria Madigan. But due to a severely injured ankle suffered earlier in September, Madigan will miss the rest of the Lady Lions season.

The Lady Lions next game is at the Ohio Wesleyan University Tournament this weekend. Their next home game is October 3rd against Oberlin College and SUNY-Fredonia at 6 p.m.

Golf star named athlete of the week

by Matt Plizga
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"A model of consistency" is how golf coach Herb Lauffer described Dave Koster, this weeks Housing and Food Services' athlete of the week. Dave is a two-year letter winner and captain of this year's squad.

He has excelled in both tournaments this fall. At the Edinboro Invitational, he shot a five over par round of 77 at the difficult Culbertson Hills Golf Course. He followed up that performance with a score of 79 at the Gannon Invitational. That score was good enough to earn a tie for seventh, out of 104 other

golfers.

He was also one of only 11 golfers to shoot under 80 at the Lake Shore Country Club.

What was particularly impressive was that both Coach Lauffer and Koster felt he did not have it all on Tuesday.

"Despite not having his best stuff, Dave worked hard and maintained the confidence to come in with a 79, a true sign of his maturity and positive thinking," stated Coach Lauffer on Koster's performance.

"Dave is a well-rounded golfer, strong in all aspects of the game. He hits an outstanding percentage of greens and displays a lot of confidence on the green."

proclaims Coach Lauffer.

Both Coach Lauffer and Koster agree his short game is his strongest asset.

Despite his team low average of 78, Dave refuses to become complacent with his game.

"I still haven't been able to put all the aspects of my game together in one match. I'm always looking to improve my game," explained Koster.

Perhaps the most impressive part of Koster's golf game is the mental aspect.

"He is a smart golfer and performs well under pressure. He always seems very calm and prepared when faced with a crucial shot," stated Lauffer.

Catch the Behrend athletes at their next game...

Tennis

Frostburg State University	3:00 PM
Penn State-Behrend Tournament	9:00 AM
U. of Rochester/St. John Fisher Col.	11:00 AM

Soccer

Wm. vs Keuka College	1:00 PM
Men vs Keuka College	3:00 PM

Playing ball in the fall

Benim sees potential in young squad

by Julie Stocker
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The Penn State Behrend men's baseball team recently completed a challenging three and a half week fall season. Featured in the Lions tough schedule were such powerhouses as Fredonia State and Allegheny.

Despite the unfavorable ratio in the win-loss column for the fall, first year Head Coach Paul Benim remains optimistic for the upcoming spring schedule.

"We have good people who will do good things on the baseball field," commented Coach Benim. "We're going to go through some growing pains, but our work ethic will continue to improve."

In order to find success, Coach Benim and Assistant Coach Bill Graham will have to form cohesiveness between the two juniors, three sophomores, and 15 freshmen that compose the roster.

Although the Lions sport several young faces, Benim refuses to call the upcoming year a rebuilding one.

"It's our starting point, but the expectations are still high for our ball players."

"The freshmen will have a big impact on the success of the program this year,"

said Benim. "[The fall season] was a very good opportunity to get to know one another."

"We improved game by game," said junior infielder Justin Uhron. "Our last game versus Allegheny was the best team effort of the fall season."

Though the fall season is not a strong indicator of what is to come in the spring, Benim and Graham immediately learned Behrend's main strength; the Lions can run like cheetahs.

At the end of the fall season, the Lions stole 28 bases in 31 attempts.

"Base running is a constant. Hitting and pitching comes and goes, but our team speed will show up everyday," commented Benim.

The Lions now face a three-month workout program in the weight room with plans for March spring training in Florida.

The fall roster consists of Marc Burchanowski, Ryan Camuso, Phillip Carper, Graig Coughenour, Bart Gaskey, Jon Green, Ben Hager, Matt Holian, Jeff Horstman, John Matson, Quinn McGuire, Tim Oknefski, Nate Orend, Tom Revak, John Ronan, Darryl Schmidt, Justin Uhron, Bill Vitron, Jim Weaver, and Neil Zubaty.

New coach brings enthusiasm and experience to talented team

by Nick Zulovich
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Even though their season does not begin until next spring, the Behrend Lady Lion softball team has been hard at work preparing for next season.

New head coach Sharon Gregory is using this practice time to get her players adjusted to her coaching style.

"Basically the fall season is used to evaluate talent and for the team to get used to me," explained Gregory.

Coordinating practice time is one obstacle Gregory has had to face. Gregory is not only the softball coach, but the volleyball coach as well.

"Daylight has been a problem. This time of the year, it gets dark by 7 pm. It cuts down on the amount of practice time," stated Gregory.

Many of the current softball players also play sports in the fall, either soccer or volleyball. Gregory understands the conflict and does not put her players in jeopardy for injury.

"When a player is in season with

another sport, that is where she stays for that entire season," explained Gregory.

The team split a doubleheader with Allegheny College on Saturday. Each squad used this game to play as many players as possible to evaluate talent.

"I have been very pleased with our pitching so far," added Gregory.

Sophomore pitcher Heather Norder feels the transition to another coach has been an easy one.

"It is a big change but, coach Gregory has made it very easy for us to adjust. We've learned quite a bit during fall practice," explained Norder.

Senior outfielder Julie Stocker feels her new coach is bringing a steady influence to the team.

"It's very apparent she knows the game of softball. She relates very well with us. She's excited about the program, and that has spilled over on the players," explained Stocker.

With the combination of returning pitching and team enthusiasm, the Lady Lions are on their way to successful season next spring.