

Women run into some tough teams

by Brian Gregory
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Yesterday afternoon, the Lady Lions made the trip to Meadville to battle the Allegheny Lady Gators. The two teams battled to a 2-2 draw.

The scoring began for the Lady Lions in the middle of the first half when Trisha Baird took a pass from Julie Stocker and beat the Allegheny keeper to knot the score up a 1-1. The score came less than a minute after Allegheny had scored.

Later in the half, Baird notched her second goal to give the Lady Lions a 2-1 halftime advantage. Donielle Seifert had the assist.

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The score remained 2-1 until the 37:35 mark of the second half when Allegheny scored to tie the game at 2-2.

"I think that we can get positive results from this (tie)

even though it hurts right now," commented Head Coach Dan Perritano.

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The hurt itself can be positive," added Perritano, "because it shows they care."

The win was a big boost after a tough weekend for the Lady Lions. On Saturday, the mighty Lady Warriors of Keuka College came to Behrend and beat the Lady Lions 7-0.

"They had 11 very talented players on the field at all times," commented senior defensive back Julie Stocker. "They were a very skillful and disciplined team."

"This loss kind of put things back in perspective for us," commented Assistant Coach Rick Nese.

"We're a first year program and we're doing well, but we still have a long way to go."

Coach Perritano found a few big pluses in the loss.

"I think we got some direction," Perritano remarked. "I think always playing better teams will make [us] a better team....and they were very good."

Keuka jumped on the board early with two quick tallies, and



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Get out of the way: Sophomore co-captain Lara Herrmann (at right) looks to get the ball away from a Keuka College defender. The Ladies take on St. Vincent College on Saturday.

from there, they never looked back. Keuka's forwards and halfbacks were too fast to keep up with. When the dust had settled, (goalkeeper Katie

Thomas) was beaten seven times, and the Lady Lions fell to 3-2.

Next up for the Lady Lions are four road games beginning with St. Vincent College on Saturday.

Perritano sees the next few games as very important.

"[We can] improve our overall style of play and level of play and keep growing."

Crazy haired soccer star

by Matt Plizga
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This week's Housing and Food Services athlete of the week is Behrend's answer to Alexi Lalas. Not only does Dave Harrison's aerial acrobatics resemble Lalas, but his hair is just as wild.

"Despite not playing in a offensive position, Dave still has the ability to dominate the game from his defensive sweeper position," stated Coach Dan Perritano.

His outstanding defensive play is evident by the men's soccer team shutting out their last three opponents: Buffalo State, Keuka, and Pitt-Bradford.

"Dave is very assertive. He controls our defensive back four," stated Coach Perritano.

Team captain Kevin "Olph" Rinhardt added, "Harrison shows good leadership from the back. He is very vocal, always giving directions, keeping the defense alive."

"He has very good technique, outstanding timing and a combination of speed and strength that makes him such an effective sweeper," remarked Perritano. "He is also absolutely a great player in the air."

Harrison credits much of his outstanding play to his speed, tackling ability and of course his hair. He also takes a very simple approach to each game. "My goal is to eliminate the number of shots on goal," proclaimed Harrison.

Teammate Brian Fisher simply stated, "Dave is an intense player, a fiery competitor."



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Kickoff: This week's athlete of the week, Dave Harrison, has been a major contributor to the success of the Lion soccer team.

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