

# Women playing for pride

by Michael Coursey  
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The Penn State-Behrend 1995 Women's Tennis Team continued their fall season against Frostburg State last Friday night. Though the Lady Lions put on a great effort, Frostburg State defeated them 7-1.

The match had to be moved to the Pennbriar Tennis facility because the steady rain made outdoor courts unplayable.

Behrend Head Coach Chuck Keenan commented, "We lost four players from last year; we are a young team."

Co-Captain seniors Rhonda Dennison and Melissa Barger started the doubles match with a 8-6 victory. Using lobs and strong backhands, they defeated their Frostburg state opponents.

The other doubles team of Elizabeth Alstad and Shanna Cotti did not fare as well. They fell to Frostburg after a valiant effort 8-2. The night really unraveled for Behrend in the remaining matches.

Frostburg won the final doubles match 8-4 and then swept the remaining singles matches 6-0, which included a forfeiture due to injury.

The scores for the single matches were 6-7, 3-6/1-6, 0-6/6-7, 3-6/2-6, 3-6/1-6, and 2-6.

The team's spirit was not shaken, though they had higher expectations for the match against Frostburg State.

Coach Keenan commented, "We are in a rebuilding year after

last year, and numbers [players] are down from last year. It has been hard to recruit on campus."

Assistant Coach, Karl Van Tassel, felt there are many positives about the Behrend program. "The team is unified, they're having a fun time, and these are good facilities at Pennbriar."

The Lady Lions continued their weekend play in the Annual Penn State-Behrend Tournament.

This was a round robin tournament including St. John Fisher, Frostburg State, John Carroll and Allegheny College. The tournament started at 9 a.m. and finished around 6 p.m.

Behrend started slowly, losing four singles matches and one doubles match to Allegheny.

The day did not brighten, however, for the Lady Lions as they were defeated by Frostburg State 1-4, John Carroll 1-4 and St. John Fisher 0-5.

Allegheny went on to win the tournament with 17 team points.

Van Tassel commented, "The girls worked hard, played well and continue to improve. They need to work on some other areas of their game."

The Lady Lions next game is tomorrow at Grove City and then October 2 against Buffalo State.

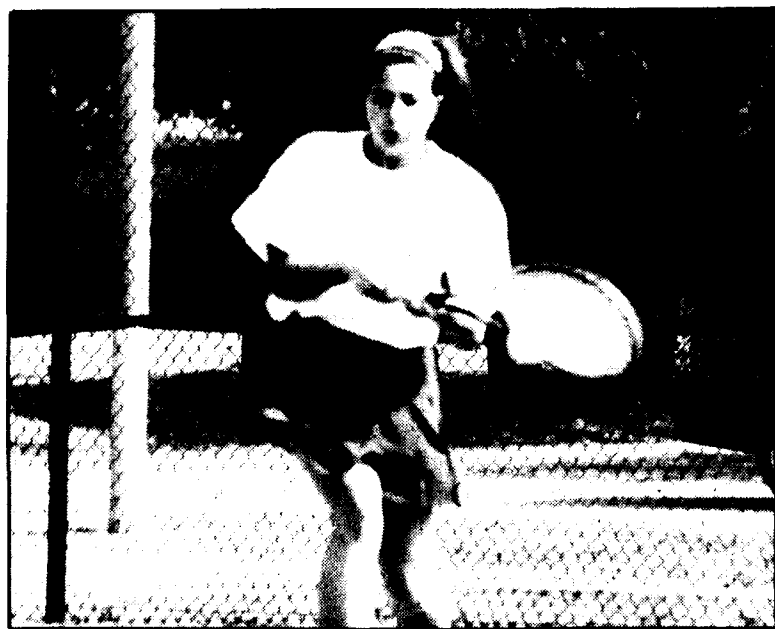


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Keeping your eye on the ball: Behrend tennis player Shanna Cotti prepares to return a serve during a recent match. The Lady Lions continue their season tomorrow against Grove City.

# Men's Golf: Preparing for ECAC tourney

by Nick Zulovich  
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Though sometimes Erie weather does not look like conditions for golfing, the Behrend men's golf team continued its season Monday at the Mercyhurst Invitational.

Behrend finished seventh out of twelve teams in the tournament held at the Lakeview Country Club in Northeast.

Dave Koster finished with the best round from a Behrend player at 79. Chris Donnalies and Blake Caldwell finished with rounds of 83 and 84 respectively.

Coach Herb Lauffer was happy with his teams effort at the tournament.

"It was a little disappointing where we finished, but the effort by the team was very good," commented Lauffer.

Overall Koster was happy with his individual performance. "I played pretty well. I didn't finish [the round] as well as I'd like to, but sometimes that's the way it goes," stated Koster.

As expected for this time of the year, the course was not in absolute perfect shape.

"Some of the players missed some putts that could have gone in if the course was in perfect shape," explained Lauffer.

In order to keep greens in decent shape, courses must install airing plugs which makes the green not as smooth.

As a player, Koster explained how it can sometimes be difficult to play this time of year because of the weather.

"It can be tough. It's colder and much windier, but you can't let that get to you."

The next event for the Behrend squad is the ECAC qualifying tournament next Wednesday and Thursday.

"I think they will do fine. We have a couple of players on the team that have a legitimate shot to qualify for the championship tournament," concluded Lauffer.

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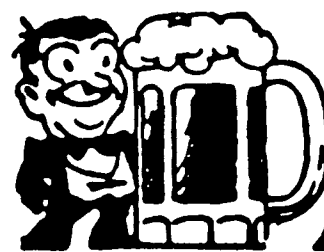
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