

Men's Soccer: Fall in nailbiter

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Yesterday, the Penn State-Behrend men's soccer team lost a close match to long time rival, Grove City College, by a score of 2-1.

The Lions got off to a quick start when Sean Blank managed to score on a counter attack. However, the Grove City Wolverines tied the game up later in the first half. The Wolverines slipped the game winner between the pipes in the 84th minute.

Despite the loss, Penn State goalie Phil Gouker played a tremendous game. He attributed Grove City's winning goal to "a lack of collective defending," something of which Behrend normally does very well.

When asked what the team needed to improve, Coach Dan Perritano responded with, "Quicker play."

Co-captain Kevin Rinehardt, attributed the loss to a lack of quick play as well, but looked to the bright side of the loss. "We can take it as a learning experience for the next time we play a high pressure team."

Last Saturday, Behrend tallied another close loss to Alfred University. Players agreed that they could not do much more than they did in the 3-1 overtime loss.

"It was a fun game to be a part of and I'm disappointed in the result, but not the team," commented Coach Perritano

"We adapted to some changes like playing at night and on turf;

we played a great game and had a bad break," Ryan Ruta said when asked how the game went.

The Lion's next game is Behrend's Homecoming game against a much improved LaRoche College team. Game time is at 1:00 p.m.



Photo by Dan Nowicki
Keep your eye on the ball: Freshman Chris Nelson looks to kick the ball downfield.

The battles of October

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"Refuse to lose" was their motto, and that's exactly what the Seattle Mariners did.

In a standing room only crowd of 57,000+, the Kingdome was the site of great baseball in October, not to mention where the Mariners won 16 of their final 19 regular season games.

Five games and 53 innings later, we finally have a challenger for the Cleveland Indians.

If Cal Ripken breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive game record didn't win you back to baseball, the Seattle Mariner and New York Yankee series should have.

Seattle spotted the New York Yankees a two-game lead, and returned home to the Kingdome to be rude hosts by winning three straight to take the series three games to two.

Edgar Martinez, the Seattle Mariners' designated hitter, carried the big bat through the first round of the playoffs.

Going 3-for-6 in the final game, including the game-winning double that drove home Joey Cora and Ken Griffey, Jr., Martinez ended the series with a .571 batting average.

And the scary thought is, game five wasn't even Martinez's best performance.

On Saturday evening, Martinez went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and seven runs batted in in an 11-8 Mariners' victory. Edgar's seven RBI's are the most ever for a single postseason game.

Griffey, Jr. also made a strong impact in the franchise's first playoff appearance, as well as his own. He went 4-for-9 with 2 RBI's in the last two games of the series, with a combined

playoff batting average of .391.

Griffey also hit a record-setting fifth home run in game five.

Bernie Williams and Don Mattingly lead the Yankees by hitting .429 and .417 respectively, in the series.

But the big question in New York pinstripe land continues to be the odds of Yank captain Mattingly and Wade Boggs in the Bronx next season.

Elsewhere, the Cleveland Indians made what was supposed to be a very exciting series, very boring. The Indians ended the season of the Boston Red Sox in three short games.

Mo Vaughn and Jose Canseco could not figure out the Cleveland pitching as the three and four hitters of the BoSox were held hitless the entire series.

In the first game of the American League Championship series Tuesday evening, the Indians did not take advantage of the first three batters reaching base via walk in the first inning.

But Albert Belle struck out, Eddie Murray popped out, and Joey Cora made a stellar play to rob Jim Thome for out number three.

Twenty-two year old Seattle rookie Bob Wolcott (1-0) surprised Cleveland by winning game one of the best of seven series.

Wolcott went seven innings, while scattering eight hits, two earned runs, five walks, and two strikeouts. Three of Wolcott's five walks came in the first inning.

Cleveland center fielder Kenny Lofton carried the big stick for the Tribe, while going three-for-three. Jim Thome went 2-for-four, while Indian designated hitter Eddie Murray struggled,

going 0-for-five.

Mariner second baseman Cora continued his October of surprising success as he went 2-for-4. Griffey, Jr. went 2-for-3.

Each team had a representative hit a home run, as MVP candidate Albert Belle did it for the Indians, and Mike Blowers had a two-run shot off of Indian starter Dennis Martinez (0-1).

Over in the National League, the young Colorado Rockies put up a fight, but could not defeat the arms of the Atlanta Braves pitching staff, as they fell in the series by a score of three games to one.

Marquis Grissom had a career playoff evening by going 5-for-5 in the last game of the series. Grissom crossed the plate twice, and pushed one across to aid to the Braves 10-4 win. Grissom batted .524 for the series.

Fred McGriff went 3-for-5 with five RBI's and two round trippers in game four, as he batted .333 for the series.

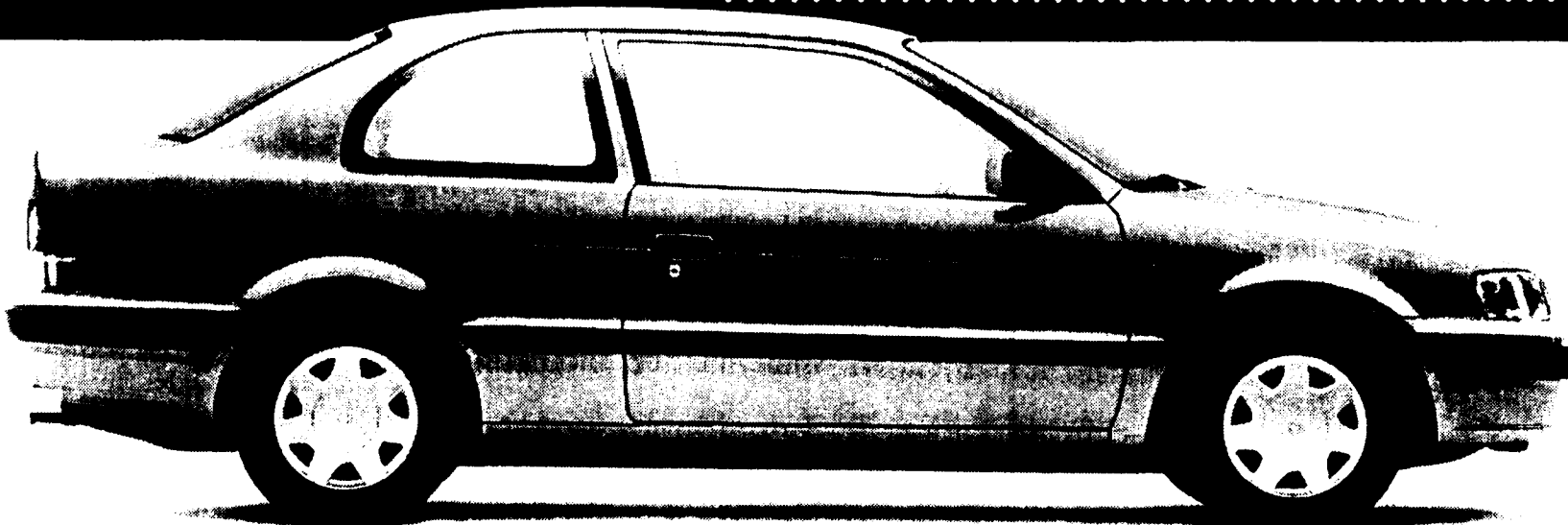
In order to play the Braves, the strongly favored Cincinnati Reds quickly did away with the Los Angeles Dodgers by sweeping the series 3-0.

Big story here: Mike Piazza had a poor postseason. He hit .214 for the series, while going 1-for-5 and leaving four runners on base in game three alone.

In Tuesday night action, Atlanta and Cincinnati battled in front of a weak crowd in Riverfront for 11 innings. Behind Mark Wohlers pitching and five defensive double plays, the Braves took game one by a final of 2-1.

Ron Gant went 2-for-4 with an RBI for Cincinnati while Barry Larkin went 2-for-5.

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