

# Ladies show improvement

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Improvement. That's what the Lady Lion soccer coaches and players say they are seeing at the midpoint of their season.

The Lady Lions went 1-1 last week despite only playing one game. On Saturday afternoon,

they lost a tough game to Alfred University 2-0. They also found out that Hilbert no longer had a program and would have to forfeit. Thus, the Lady Lions improve to 5-3-1.

The game against the Alfert Lady Saxons this weekend was particularly tough. They had played strong against Keuka (a

team Behrend lost to 7-0) before losing in overtime 1-0. Penn State held the Lady Saxons scoreless through 70 minutes before giving up the late goals.

One big adjustment that the Lady Lions had to make was playing on AstroTurf for the first time.

Julie Stocker thought the team played well. "We played well against a very skillful team," she commented. "They were very fast and talented, and we were able to stay with them on defense. The two goals they got, they really had to earn."

Coach Dan Perritano agreed saying, "We really defended well. We did a good job of handling adversity in terms of playing on a surface we're not used to, playing on the road, and playing in front of a Homecoming crowd."

Assistant Coach Rick Nese was impressed at how well the Lady Lions stopped one of Alfred's best players.

"They had one dominate player in the middle of the field," said Nese, "and some of our players, such as Lara Herrmann, realized her dominance and gave a good effort to mark her and stop her."

"We have a lot of speed up front and we like to try to hit balls through to them," commented Nese. "But if we tried to hit balls through to them on the turf, the balls would just take off, so we had to change our game plan."

As the season has progressed, the Lady Lions have improved excessively.

"[Everybody has improved] first touch and preparing the ball," said Nese. "Also, cohesively we are defending well together and playing well in the midfield."

Perritano emphasized that the team had grown and improved as a whole. "EVERYBODY! Everything has improved. Player's technique and coaching

has improved...our overall level of play has improved both individually and as a team.

Homecoming for the Lady Lions is Friday afternoon against Pitt-Bradford. "We need to play the way we are capable of playing in order to win," stated Perritano.

"We have a great opportunity for success this weekend. Kickoff is Friday at 5:00 p.m.



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## Season ends

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The 1995 edition of the Penn State Behrend women's tennis team ended their season this past weekend in Rochester, NY. The team finished their season 1-11, with a 5-4 loss to St. John Fisher.

Tennis Coach Chuck Keenan sized up the season by stating that the tennis team "went on the court and gave a good effort, they had fun and learned a little bit."

With the season over, a few players added their thoughts about the season.

Sophomore Elizabeth Aistad explained that the season was a "challenging learning experience and I improved a lot."

Sophomore Shanna Cotti added that it was a "pretty rough season." Cotti plans on coming back to the Penn State Behrend tennis team next year. Cotti also added, "I had a good time, and we did our best".

Debra Korinchack also enjoyed playing this year, and said "I really had a lot of fun, and we worked well together, I made quarterfinals this past weekend, and I plan on coming back next year".

Keenan when asked about the prospects for next season stated, "I am looking forward to next season, I expect a few players coming back. I need to recruit from the local High Schools a few players for next season".

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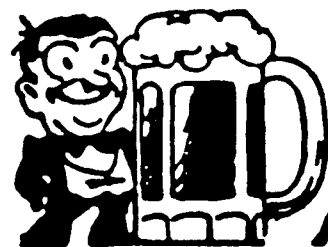
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