

# Lions claw to end of season

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Last Saturday, the Behrend men's soccer team obliterated Hilbert College by a final score of 14-0. In the win, the Lions put on a beautiful display of soccer.

Not only did the defense hold strong to preserve the shutout, but Behrend's offense exploded through the skill of their great versatility.

"We knew that we were going up against a team that wasn't very difficult and we handled it with maturity. We put the game away early and that was good," said Head Coach Dan Perritano.

"It felt good to get everyone involved," commented Mike Gullo.

Jay Hodkinson crawled out of the wood work and lit up the score board for four of Behrend's 14 goals.

Co-captain Sean Blank said of Hodkinson's performance, "Jay is a machine."

"Jay was in the zone," said Lion goalkeeper Phil Gouker.

Blank and Chris Heh played excellent offensive games, as each slipped two shots between the pipes. Ryan Scheck, Steve Gibbs, Mark Jackson, Pat Kairys, Chris Nelson, and Ryan Croyle each hopped on the scoring wagon to notch a goal.

The Lions ended their season Tuesday as they traveled to Meadville to battle the Allegheny

Gators.

At the end of regulation, the score was tied at 1-1. Into the overtime period they went, with Allegheny coming out on top, 2-1.

Blank scored the lone tally for Behrend.

If the Lions (8-10) would have won against the Gators, their season would have ended at .500, with a 9-9 record. But that's a

mighty big "if."

"The Allegheny game resembled our whole season. We were so close, but we just couldn't stretch that extra inch to pull through and come out on top," said Hodkinson.

Ryan Schenck echoed Hodkinson's words by saying, "We've improved over last year, but we've lost a lot of close games."

"We have a bunch of new guys, and that will enable us to remain competitive," said Coach Perritano on the outlook of next season.

Assistant Coach Rick Nese agreed with Perritano, "We played well in times during the year, but we also had some disappointing moments. We should be back and ready to go for next year."

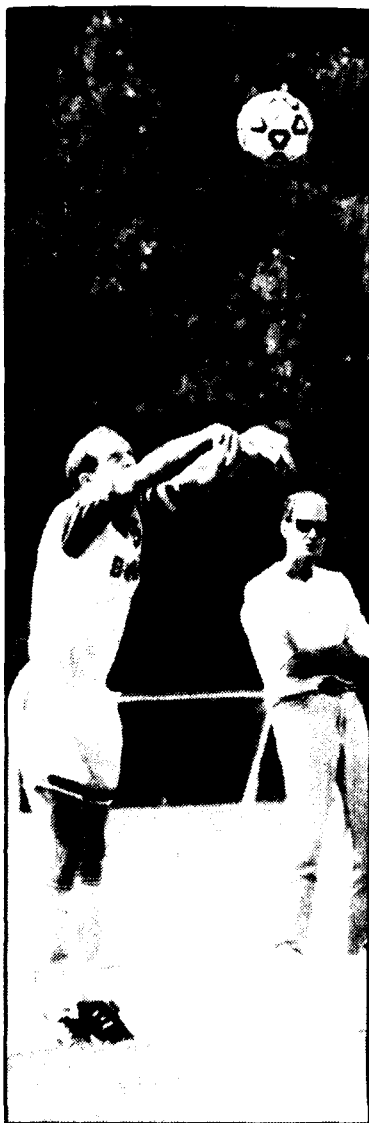


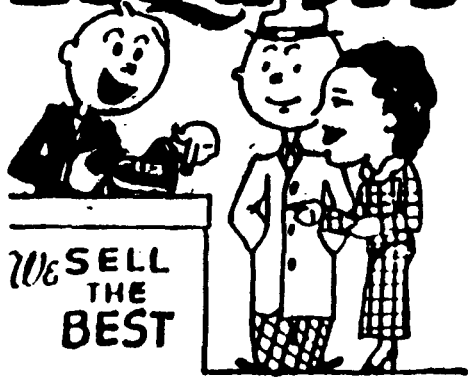
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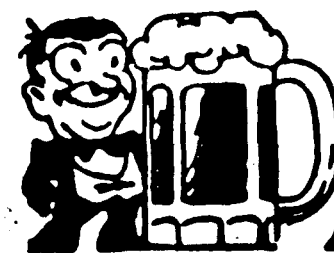
Protecting the family jewels: The Behrend wall puts up a wall of their own during a direct kick in recent soccer action. Kevin Rinehardt (far left) prepares to throw the ball in during recent action.

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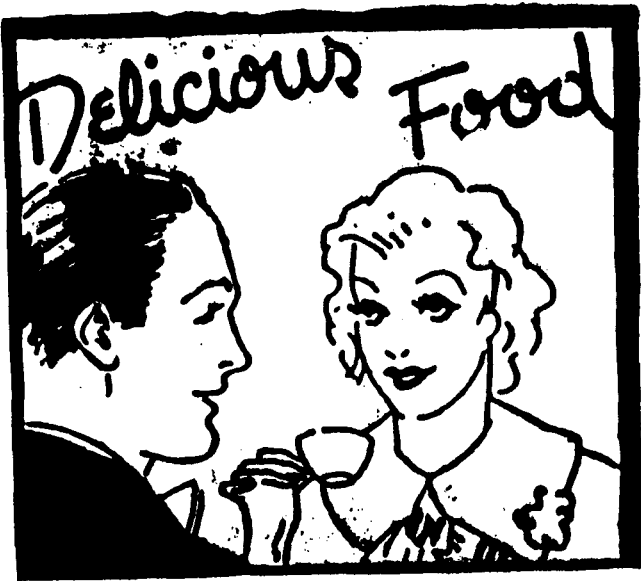
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