

Faix named ATW, men drop first two

by Matt Plizga
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"Art is a very steady player. He is consistently good," Tennis Coach Chuck Keenan stated. Art Faix earned this weeks Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week for his outstanding performance Saturday vs. Grove City.

Faix, a freshman, on the men's tennis team won both his doubles and singles matches vs. the Wolverines. In his singles match he won 6-4, 6-3 as the fourth seed for the Behrend Lions. He and doubles partner Trent Goerk defeated Grove City's third seed 6-4, 7-6, and 7-1 in the tie breaker.

The freshman from Warren Area High School is used to winning on the court. As a junior he was District 10 doubles champion and a state qualifier. He returned to state as a senior topping off a four year varsity career.

"Mentally staying on top of the game is the most important part of tennis. I never give up on a point," said Faix. He did a fine job this weekend earning both of the teams two points.

Faix has no preference between singles and doubles, he just points the advantages of each. "I like singles because of the individual achievement possible, but I also enjoy the teamwork

involved in doubles play."

"Art is very level headed. He wins by keeping the ball in play," said teammate Greg Best. Faix attributes his tennis success to the "head game;" "Once you are mentally strong, everything else falls in place," he added.

Faix and the rest of the Lions have played two matches this season. Behrend has fallen in both of them, 7-2 to Grove City and 9-0 to Allegheny.

Keenan stated, "Allegheny has always been strong. I don't remember the last time we beat them."

This season's club consists of seven members, two seniors and five freshmen. Best and Brant

Suhrie are the two seniors and make up the top doubles combination for Behrend.

Behrend has been forced to have all of their practices and matches at the Pennbriar Athletic Club because of the weather.

"We always practice and play all of our matches at Pennbriar for the first month and a half of the season. We take it outdoors when the weather breaks,"

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Keenan said.

Keenan knows his team is young but feels there is great potential for the club.

"A winning season would be good, but our season is pretty tough. We are pretty talented but those first two matches are probably the toughest we'll play all season. So the team is a little discouraged right now," explained Keenan.

The Lions host their own tournament Saturday April 6. A total of eight teams including Allegheny, Waynesburg, Alfred, Frostburg State, Washington and Jefferson, St. John Fisher, Carnegie Mellon and Behrend are all participating.

In the world of sports

by Nick Zulovich
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Down and out in Texas

Texas does not seem the place to be for two NFL stars. Byron "Bam" Morris was arrested in Rockwell County Texas Tuesday. The Pittsburgh Steelers running back was said to have had six pounds of marijuana and 1.5 grams of cocaine in his Mercedes-Benz. Morris was a key member to the Steelers team that made it all the way to Super Bowl XXX.

Morris and his pasenger, Rodney Dwayne Reynolds, were released on 25,000 dollars bond. Neither Morris or his attorney made any comment. [Big suprise]

Steelers Head Coach Bill Cowher could have an interesting dilemma regarding his offense when training camp starts this summer. Quarterback Neil O'Donnell left to sign a fat contract with the New York Jets and Morris could be spending his time in the big house.

But Morris was not the only NFL player getting himself in trouble in Texas. Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin failed to show up at a grand

jury last Thursday. He said he did not realize he was to be present because he said he did not receive a subpoena.

But Irvin was present in front of the grand jury on Tuesday. The jury has taken no immediate action on how to punish Irvin for not appearing last Thursday.

Irvin's entire mess stems from a incident of he being present at a hotel room in Dallas where two women were arrested for drug possession. The incident which occured March 4, also involved former teammate Alfredo Roberts.

Irvin and his attorney, Kevin Clancey had no comment after the appearance. [Big surprise II]

Its amazing that Morris and Irvin have nothing else better to do than be involved in drug trafficking. And wasn't the controversery on whether or not these players should be role models? Professional atheletes are becoming very overrated.

The streak is over

No Cal Ripken's games played streak is not over. [Baseball doesn't officially start until next week.] But Orlando's home court winning is over thanks to the Los Angeles Lakers. Nick Van

Tournament cancelled men still prepare for playoffs

by Nick Zulovich
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The Penn State-Behrend club volleyball team thought they were going to have a tournament at Erie Hall this past weekend. Unfortunately, there were no participants and the tournament did not happen.

Player/Coach Dave Stoehr said, "it didn't turn out to be. We sent out letters, but no teams came because they were either finished for the season or getting ready for the playoffs."

Fortunately, the Lions are in the latter situation, getting ready for the club volleyball playoffs.

The Lions are the number one seed in their division for the

playoff tournament set for Sunday at IUP. The Lions will face Westminster and Penn State-Beaver in their first matches.

If the club wins their first round matches, they will move on to the University of Maryland and the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association tournament set for the second week of April.

Stoehr feels the success of the team is due to the fact the members have come from winning high school programs. The team has been able to use their prior high school experience

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to put together a quality team.

Stoehr and Lions are going into the tournament Sunday feeling they have nothing to lose.

"We feel pretty good. Everybody is very excited about going. Nothing could replace the success all of us enjoyed in high school, but this is still pretty good."

Exel led the Lakers with 22 points and Cedric Ceballos returned from his "vacation". to score 15 in the Lakers 113-91.

For 40 straight games, Orlando dominated the opposition. But Shaq, Penny and company could not get the job Tuesday night. It certainly helped that Ceballos was back with the team.

Ceballos said he left the team for personal reasons. It just happened to be that Ceballos' absence happened right after his playing time had been diminished.

At least he blew off his steam off the court instead of taking his aggresion out on his teammates, coaches or the refs [i.e. Rodman's headbut].

Camby collecting more trophies

UMass center Marcus Camby was named the Player of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Camby, who averages 20.3 points and 8.2 rebounds, was named both the

Atlantic 10 Player of the Year and the Boost/Naismith Player of the Year. But the best piece of hardware Camby would like to put his hands on is the National Championship trophy. He and the rest of the Minutemen take on Kentucky on Saturday.

Some predictors including this one feel that it could be the Minutemen cutting down the nets at the championship game. For that to happen, Camby will have to play as well as his awards say he is.

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