

Lady Lions claw to victory

by Brian Gregory
Sports Co-Editor

The Penn State Behrend Lady Lions are off to an impressive start in women's soccer with a 3-0 record early on in the 1996 campaign.

On August 31st, the Lady Booters walloped Pitt-Bradford (a team they also whipped 16-0 last year) 8-0. Then in the Behrend Tournament this weekend they beat Juanita 6-0 and Lycoming 1-0 to post a second place finish due to a technicality.

"It feels great to start the season on a winning note," said Robyn Wholey who is lost to the Lady Lions for four weeks with stress fractures in her legs.

Lara Herrmann echoed this feeling saying, "It's very exciting to start off 3-0. Hopefully it sets the tone for the rest of the season."

On August 31st the Lady Lions came out fresh off an 8-2-2 opening season without a couple of their stars. Senior co-captain Julie Stocker had graduated and goal-scoring leader Trisha Baird declined to return this year.

But returning starters for Behrend are star midfielder and leading goal scorer in the 1994 campaign, Herrmann, wingers Lisa Fox and Wholey, defensepersons Kristen Gontar and Lisa Deemer, sweeper Michelle Finch, and goalie Mary Anne Rupp.

The Lady Lions still were too much for Pitt Bradford as Jenifer Bergiband, Michelle Finch, and Laura Perry notched goals in the first eleven minutes en route to a 8-0 shutout. For the game, Perry had two goals and Casey Cirullo added two assists. Rupp didn't even have to back a save.

"Wholey crossed it to me and I had an open net and headed it

in," commented Perry of one of her goals that was a header.

The first game of the Penn State Behrend Invitational Tournament was much the same for the Lady Lions as they stomped Juniata College 6-0. The Lady Kickers jumped out to a 4-0 halftime lead en part because of Lara Herrmann's second and third goals of the season. She also sandwiched an assist between them on a shot by Lisa Fox. Brittany Frederick added a direct kick tally in the twenty-eighth minute.

Wholey and Lauren Arrigo added second half goals and the defense kept Rupp from notching a single save for the second game in a row.



Lycoming College proved to be a tough match for Penn State Behrend as good defense by both teams took over and the game remained notched at 0-0 until the 82nd minute.

Michelle Finch scored her second goal of the season off an indirect kick to give the kickers a 1-0 victory. Rupp made her first save of the season to preserve the victory.

"It was a set-up play," commented a happy Finch. "I wanted to put the ball in the net and I did."

Though the Lady Lions finished 2-0 they finished second because another team also finished 2-0 and scored more goals. The Lady Lions elected not to play them because of a match-up later in the year.

"They played extremely hard," commented Head Coach Dan Perritano. "The players left everything they had on the field."

Gontar agreed with Perritano saying, "We moved the ball well and really played well as a team. Defensively we came through in clutch situations."

Keeper Rupp who has a 100% save percentage (1 save

of 1 shot) admitted that Lady Lion defense has made her job very easy. "(They're) very solid. They don't allow opponents to get shots off."

Next up for the Lady Lions is Grove City today.

Sports Quiz

by Larry Duncan

1. What boxer lost the most heavyweight title fights?
2. What late sports broadcaster graduated Phi Beta Kappa from law school?
3. Who was the first major league baseball player to have his number retired?
4. What was Hoyt Wilhelm's favorite pitch?
5. What did "The Gas House Gang" play?
6. What shot is the hammer shot in a shuffleboard end?
7. What tennis term is said to come from the French word for egg?
8. In what sport can a player double-fault?



Lead, Follow, or Get Out Of The Way!
Behrend's first Cross Country team is ready to take that lead position.
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Cross Country Inaugural Season

by Kevin Schaaf
Collegian Staff

On Saturday, September 7, Behrend's first-ever men's and women's cross-country teams competed in the Buffalo State Daniel Walker Invitational.

Senior Joe Trettel finished 48th with a time of 29:57 to lead the men's team to an eleventh place finish.

Junior Sandy Stanko came in 42nd, clocking in at 21:14, leading the women to a tenth place finish.

Coach John Drew said he was pleased with how the teams performed. According to him, they did very well, especially since they ran against quite a few Division II teams, which they hadn't expected.

In particular, Coach Drew was pleased with how the women ran. "They followed their race plan really well. They worked together," he said.

During this season, Drew expects seniors Trettel and Justin Ropele to be the leaders on the men's team. He expects them to provide leadership, as well as being the team's top runners. Juniors Brett Kocijan and Randy Harris should also be strong runners for the men.

Seniors Kristen Ballard and Sara Guthleben, along with junior Sandy Stanko, will lead the women.

Coach Drew would like both the men and the women to be near the middle of 30 or so teams in the region at the end of the year.

Although no meets are being held at Behrend this year, the trails here will help the teams from a training standpoint. "There aren't many schools that have this kind of access to trails, and that's a huge advantage," said Drew.

The Lions and Lady Lions will get a better idea of where they stand this Saturday at the Thiel College Invitational.

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