

McCormick blocks her way to ATW

by Brian Gregory
Co-Editor Sports

"She controls the net well," said junior co-captain of the women's volleyball team Angie Georg of this week's Athlete of the Week Erin McCormick.

This weekend at the Baldwin-Wallace Tournament, McCormick set the Penn State Behrend record for most blocks in a career with 446.

She passed up Kathy Ott who had 445 blocks in the years 1981-84.

Ott still holds the record for most blocks in a single season, but McCormick had 331 last year and hopes to break the record later on this year.

"It feels great (to get the record)," said McCormick who last year led all of Division III in blocks. "I don't try to go out and do it, but I just go out and play and whatever happens, happens."

Through twelve matches this year, McCormick has 117 blocks for a 9.7 blocks per match average.

"She's a great blocker in the middle," said teammate Amy Good.

McCormick sat aside most of her freshman year as she watched all-star Carrie Grzejka finish out her career here at Behrend. Grzejka is third on the all-time list for blocks in a career with 402. McCormick admits she learned a lot for her.

"She gave me a lot of inspiration and I picked up a lot of skills from her," McCormick said.

Erin's sophomore year she was on fire as she blazed her way to the Division III record. Much of the reason for her success comes from the intimidation she gives the other team.

"She's probably the tallest player on the floor," said sophomore Jessica Brody. "She's very intense and that scares the other team."

Georg agreed saying McCormick "gives us a sense of confidence on the floor. She's gonna get her hands on a lot of balls."

McCormick has worked hard throughout her career to get better. Coach Gregory

helped her out this year by moving her to up-front outside hitter so she has three rotations up front. McCormick has adjusted well to the change.

"It's easier for us with one setter," replied McCormick. "I adjust well to Angie's (set)."

In addition to leading the team in blocking, McCormick also leads the team in kills with 108. Good is right behind her with 102.

"She has good court sense," replied Brody of the 6' 2" McCormick. "If we need a side out, she knows exactly where to put the ball."

With still well over a year and a half left at Behrend, McCormick may have a chance to double the career record.

"We're a young team learning to play together right now. We're working out the rough spots."

Your next chance to see McCormick in action is Tuesday against Pitt-Bradford.

| Blocks in a Season | |
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| Kathy Ott | 364 |
| Erin McCormick | 331 |
| C. Shoemaker | 223 |
| M. Mallory | 194 |
| Kim Vollmer | 180 |
| Kim Keller | 174 |
| E. Scribner | 172 |
| Blocks in a Career | |
| Erin McCormick | 473 |
| Kathy Ott | 445 |
| Carrie Grzejka | 402 |
| E. Scribner | 360 |
| M. Mallory | 327 |
| Mary Toboz | 273 |
| Kim Keller | 250 |

Sports Bits

Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Week

Governor Tom Ridge has declared the week of September 22-28 Athletic Trainers Week. The purpose of the campaign is to provide public recognition to the profession, as well as prepare for future legislative action (licensure).

The certified athletic trainer is a highly educated and skilled professional specializing in athletic health care. The athletic trainer functions as an important member of the athletic health care team in secondary schools, colleges and universities, sports medicine clinics, professional sports programs, and other athletic health care settings.

Anyone who has ever had an injury that required the care of an athletic trainer knows just how

important they are to athletics and your recovery. Be sure to support the Athletic Trainers Society not only this week but also in the future when they seek licensure for their profession.

Yankees play Orioles in crucial AL East series

Old Mother Nature rained on the Yanks, O's parade Tuesday. The teams will try to commence their key AL East three-game series Wednesday in the Bronx. With the Yankees holding a three-game lead over Baltimore, the Orioles need a sweep in New York. Weather permitting

the Yanks will send ace Andy Pettitte up against the steady Scott Erickson. Baltimore still leads the Seattle Mariners by 3-games in the wild-card race.

Baranich named Coach

ERIE-- Penn State Behrend has announced the appointment of a new men's and women's assistant soccer coach Chuck Baranich. Baranich will assist Head Coach Dan Perritano.

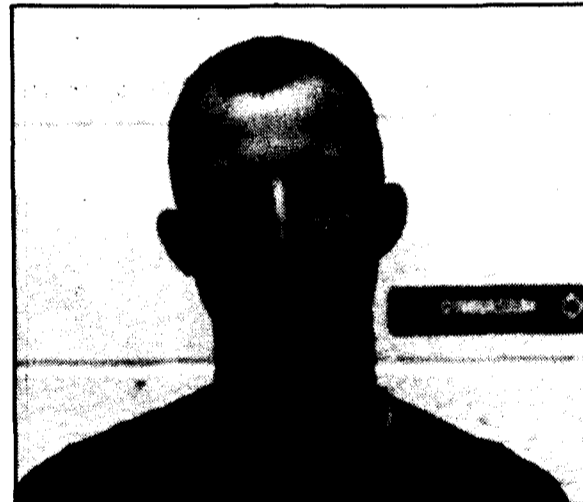
Baranich comes to Penn State Behrend after playing for Alfred University in New York. Baranich, a four-year letter winner anchored the Saxons defense and was also the captain for the purple and gold.

"Chuck is a real hard worker as his playing career at Alfred would indicate," said Perritano. "Having coached against him, I am confident that he is going to be a positive addition to our soccer programs."

"I am very excited about the impact that Chuck will have on the program," responded Perritano. "He has a critical understanding of Division III soccer which will enable him to make immediate contributions to the men and women in our programs."

Baranich comes to Behrend ready to assist Perritano. "Coach Perritano really enjoys the game and the players certainly enjoy his style," said Baranich. "I am looking forward to a great opportunity to coach at Penn State Behrend."

Baranich takes over for Rick Nese who left Behrend to pursue a master's degree in political science.



New assistant Soccer coach Chuck Baranich.
Bob Misulich/ Collegian photographer

NFL Players of the Week

Chiefs running back Marcus Allen, Indy kicker Cary Blanchard and Denver defensive end Alfred Williams were named AFC Offensive, Special Teams and Defensive Player of the Week. Running back Rickey

Watters, of the Eagles, and Green Bay teammates, punt returner Desmond Howard and safety Leroy Butler earned honors in the NFC. Blanchard made four field goals helping his Colts beat Super Bowl champs the Dallas Cowboys. Desmond Howard won honors with an electrifying punt return

in the Packers drubbing of San Diego.

Kemp reneges on Hollywood, faces lawsuit
Seattle SuperSonics star Shawn Kemp may face a lawsuit for his failure to appear in a basketball-themed film. Phoenix filmmaker Tito Salgado may sue the All-Star forward for "sabotaging



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