

Gouker and Lions blank Bradford



Yeah, Chlco. Ryan Croyle battles with a Bradford defender during Behrend's 2-0 victory.

Ashley Newhouse/Collegian Photographer

Championship Soccer Team to be Honored at Behrend

Behrend- Alumni of various soccer teams at Penn State-Behrend will gather together on Saturday, Oct. 5 to don blue or white scrimmage vests and test their skills against each other in the popular annual alumni soccer game.

The team will meet at 10 a.m. with kick-off slated for 10:30 a.m.

At the game, which is being held in conjunction with the college's Homecoming and Parents and Families Weekend, members of the 1971 Men's Commonwealth Championship Soccer team will be recognized on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. Alumni from Texas, New Jersey, Maryland, and Pennsylvania are planning to attend.

According to Coach Herb Lauffer, who coached the championship team and continues

to coach at Penn State-Behrend today, the idea for a championship match between the teams of various commonwealth campuses began in 1970 when Penn State-Behrend hosted a tournament.

"It went so well, that University Park sponsored a university-wide event involving all of the commonwealth campuses beginning the next year," said Lauffer. "We won the title, and the following year the team following year became a 4-year institution, so we never played in the tournament again."

Among the alumni scheduled to return for the game is John Hoge, who was a freshman the year the team took the trophy.

Hoge came to Penn State-Behrend from North Allegheny High School where the soccer team had not been very successful. At Behrend, we

experienced success right off the bat, and that was very pleasant," he said.

Alumni matches started back in the mid-seventies according to Lauffer. Until about five years ago, the alumni played the Behrend Lions' varsity team.

"The core group of alumni who return for the alumni games is aging," admitted Hoge. "We actually won some of the matches through the mid-eighties, but it was getting increasingly difficult to give them a competitive game."

According to Hoge, the games today are informal and played for fun.

Hoge is one of eight athletes who will be inducted into the Penn State-Behrend Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Bel Aire Hotel on October 26.

(ERIE)--The Penn State Behrend Lions (8-3) suffered a setback against St. John Fisher over the weekend, but rebounded to beat Pitt-Bradford in order to remain regionally ranked.

On Saturday, the Lions lost 4-1 to St. John Fisher to end a six game win streak.

So, last night, they turned to one of the backbones Matt Kapral to beat Bradford. Kapral came up big as he notched a pair of goals and goalkeeper Phil Gouker got a shutout as the Lions won 2-0.

The win was big for the Lions as they set the record for most wins in a season with eight. They are poised for an over .500 hundred season, and may even have a chance to win 67 percent of their games.

The Lions have been

consistent throughout the 1996 campaign. The offensive fireworks have been led by Kapral, Ryan Ruta, and Kevin Rinehardt. The defense has been steady. And Gouker has been solid in the nets for Behrend.

The win was also big for the Lions as they look to move up in next weeks poll. The Lions are currently ranked in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division III poll. Behrend is ranked tenth in the Northeast division.

With the exception of the Gannon Golden Knights who are ranked third in Division II, the Lions are the highest ranked team in the collegiate Erie area.

Next up for the Lions is a tough match-up against the Washington & Jefferson Presidents.

Rupp wins ATW

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"Rupp's personality and knowledge of the game help make her a good goalie" said captain Lara Herrmann.

Junior Mary Ann Rupp's play at goalie for the Lady Lions also earned her Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week.

"Mary Ann is just phenomenal" said teammate Lisa Deemer.

On the year, Rupp has six shutouts and is giving up less than a goal per game. "She has played exceptionally well; she has been an important asset to the team" said teammate Cathy Rodgers.

"Mary Ann is very athletic, moves well and has excellent hands" said Coach Perritano.

In just her first year at the goalie position, Rupp has been a standout. "Rupp has adjusted well to the keeper position, she has become a very good keeper" said Robyn Wholey.

Despite all of her success, Rupp is quick to give all the credit to her teammates. "We are

a strong defensive team. We pride ourselves on our defense" said Rupp.

Mary Ann also added "They do all the hard work, I'm just here to back them up."

While recording nearly 50 saves in the box, she has allowed just seven goals all year.

"My goal each game is to play aggressive, limit my mistakes and allow as few goals as possible" said Mary Ann.

"Rupp has made a great sacrifice for the benefit of the team. She is a big reason why we are 7-3" said Perritano.

"I miss playing the field, but we needed a goalie and coach felt confident that I could do it" said Rupp.

Teammate Lisa Fox added "Rupp has stepped up when we needed her. We have a lot of confidence in her."

"Mary Ann motivates the team from her position" said Herrmann.

"I try to keep the team together and confident throughout the game" added Rupp.

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- 10/8 Apartments Community Center 9pm
- 10/9 Perry Lobby 8pm
- 10/10 Lawrence Lobby 7pm