Lions optimistic despite loss

The Penn State Behrend Men's Soccer team finished the week last night with a 4-0 loss to Grove City College.

Earlier in the week, the Lions tied Washington and Jefferson 0-0 during) Homecoming festivities.

"We didn't play well (last night)," commented Head Coach Dan Perritano. "More than that, (Grove City) played really hard against us tonight."

to a 0-0 overtime tie against the Presidents. Goaltender Phil Gouker came up big with several good saves down the stretch.

"Phil has been playing well this year," said Perritano. "He's been very consistant."

"The team played well, but we gave up a lot of corner kicks" said Gouker, "We can't let that happen in big matches."

"In order to be successful down the stretch, we need to play much more physical and aggressive" said sophomore defenseman Brian Fisher.

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The Lions (8-4-1) are still ranked tenth in the NCAA Division III rankings in the Northeast Region.

"We need to have will and desire to win. We have to play with emotion" said Mike Gullo "All of that comes from within."

They will be back in action at LaRoche on Saturday, and they will play at home against Albert on the 19th.



You're Out! Freshman Rich Beam slides into a Washington and Jefferson player in an attempt Beam, Derek Lawrie (9), Gouker and the rest of the Behrend defense combined to shut out W&J. Collec: Gnizer/Photo Editor



Ruta looks to score: Ryan Ruta tries to score against W&J. 4

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by Brian Gregory Sports Co-editor

The Penn State Behrend Lady Lions have run into a lot tougher teams as of late and Saturday they met another tough team in Nazareth. The Lady Lions dropped their fourth decision of the year 2-0.

"We competed well," commented Perritano. "(Nazareth) has the opportunity to go to the playoffs and we competed well. We've competed against everyone (we've played)."

Nazareth's Rita Bartucca and Cara Perry scored to lift the Nazareth women over Behrend 2-0. The loss dropped Behrend to 7-4.

Perritano Coach compimentary of his team's performance after the game. "You have to stay positive about it. We are playing better teams than in the past and we're not intimidated. We play very physical."

Perritano went on to say that you can't always measure a team by wins and losses. He stressed that progress should be measured by improvement and they overall

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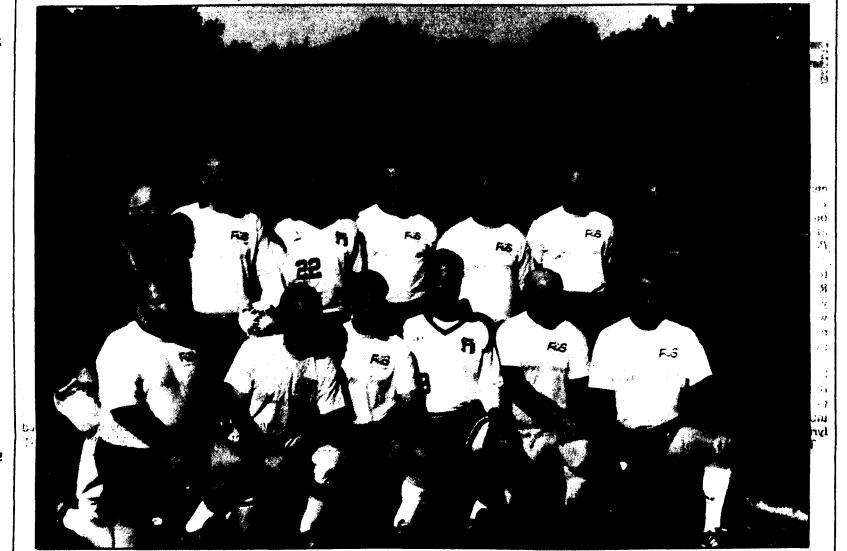
way the team performs against the level of their opponent.

Sophomore Kristen Gonter agreed with Coach Perritano saying, "we're playing well but in a slump. We hope to get back on the winning track Saturday against LaRoche."

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Gonter will return to the lineup after being out only two of the six weeks for a MCL injury. Freshman Lauren Arrigo will be out on Saturday with strept throat. Robin Wholey is also still out with a leg injury.

The Lady Lions are back at home against LaRoche on Saturday. Admission is free



Back in Action: The Men's Alumni Soccer team was back on the field Saturday as part of Behrend's Homecoming weekend. At the game, members of the 1971 Men's Commenwealth Chamble backer team were recognized. Herb Lauffer, the Behrend Athletic director, was the coach of the team. John Hoge, a member of the team, will be inducted into the Behrend Hall of Fame on October 26th.

by Jeff West Collegian Writer

Sandy Stanko, a Kane High School grad, was named this week's Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week.

Stanko, who finished in the top seven in Behrend's last two track meets, was especially present in the last one in which she finished in the time of 20:12

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to help the Lions to a fourth place finish out of twelve schools.

"Sandy is an excellent cross country runner, but she is better in short distances," commented Coach Drew. "She has a lot of leg speed."

This is the first year for cross country at Behrend. Last year, Behrend had only club teams.

"It's really great that Behrend

decided to get cross country," said Stanko. "I was hoping that there would be a team in my freshman year, but I'm glad that it's here now.

Stanko, a junior majoring in Biology, suceeds because of her hard work ethics.

Teammate Kathy Sheridan said, "she is a strong team player and works hard in every practice." Coach Drew agreed saying,

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"She does what everybody does to be an excellent runner. She practices all the time, even in the summer."

Not only is Stanko

consistantly placing at every

invitational, but she is also a valuable leader to her teammates. "She is very motivational and pushes the team hard in

workouts," said senior Sara Guthleben. Justin Ropele agreed with Guthleben. "She is always first

in the practices and that pushes

the rest of (us) to work harder." Stanko is also shooting to be an Academic All-American, which will be announced at the end of the season.

The cross country team will round out the year at the Grove City College Invitational on

October 19th, followed by the regional race in November.

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