

Lions beat Alfred; fall to CMU

Only two games left in season

by Brian Gregory
Sports Editor

The Penn State Behrend Lion soccer team suffered a setback on Tuesday but still finished the week at 1-1 to move their record to 10-5-1. They have won four of their last seven and ten out of thirteen.



Lions still kicking: Despite a loss to CMU, the Lions are still hoping to make post-season.

The Lions fell 1-0 to Carnegie-Mellon Tuesday night. What was more heartbreaking was that the winning goal came with just under

seven minutes to play. "We played very hard," commented Head Coach Dan Perritano. "We did some things at the half to get opportunities (and they didn't play out.)"

"We were playing pretty good," agreed goalkeeper Phil Gouker. "We let them get in on late. It was really no one's fault."

The Lions beat Alfred 2-0 on Saturday in poor field conditions at Behrend. The Lions avenged a 3-1 overtime loss last year.

"The conditions suited us because the players were conditioned to play that way," said Perritano.

Matt Kapral and Ryan Croyle scored the two goals for the Lions.

The Alfred game was the first for Coach Baranich against the team he starred for last year as a sweeper and stopper.

"Last year's game was nice," commented Baranich. "The players and coaches both agreed. (Alfred) won in overtime."

Perritano was a bit disappointed with the loss this week to CMU, but wanted to stress that the season was by no means over.

"The team has really turned the corner. They're a hard working team. It's been a very, very enjoyable season and it will really

"We HAVE to win the last two games."

--Phil Gouker



A Lion Breaks Loose: Kevin Rinehardt goes toward the goal in a recent soccer match. Bad weather slowed Behrend this week, but they managed to beat Alfred 2-0 at home.

pay off in the end." The Lions still have a good shot at a playoff bid. They have games

remaining against Allegheny on Wednesday and Waynesburg on Saturday. The Lions will be lucky

to have a home crowd on hand for both games. Gouker says they are "must-wins" for the Lions.

"A chance at playoffs are slim, but possible. We HAVE to win the last two games," said Gouker.

From Alfred to Behrend

Ex-Alfred player helps coach Behrend to victory

by Brian Gregory
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The Lion soccer team's win over Albert was especially special for one member of the team, Assistant Coach Chuck Baranich.

For Baranich Saturday's game had a different perspective because he was watching the game from the opposite team's bench.

For four years, Behrend has been an enemy and rival to Baranich who was a member of the Alfred soccer team.

"It was good to see the old team and old friends," said Baranich.

Baranich came to Behrend this year after playing four years for Alfred. He was a starter for three years and played sweeper and stopper. He's the third leading scorer in Alfred history.

"I talked a lot with them when they came in and I saw my old roommate," said Baranich.

Last year the got to taste victory as Alfred beat Behrend 3-1 in overtime. This year, as a coach of

the Behrend program, he got his second victory 2-0.

"We all joked around after the game and they told me, 'We'll get you next year.'", commented a laughing Baranich.

But what was the toughest part about watching the game. For Baranich, it wasn't that it was his old team out there. It was that, "I knew the guys playing out there. I saw the old guys and knew exactly what they were going to do...and I couldn't be out there."

Knowing a lot about the Alfred players' strengths may have helped Behrend. But Baranich wasn't to sure if his knowledge really made a difference on Saturday.

"(It didn't) really help because of the weather. It was a sloppy game and we just did the best we could do in the conditions."

Baranich enjoyed the game a lot and you can bet that whenever the Lions battle Alfred in soccer, they are quite glad that they don't have to play against Baranich out on the field.

Lady Lions look marvelous

Kickers win another game late in overtime

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The Penn State Behrend Lady Lions finished off another

successful week by going 2-0-1 to raise their record to 11-4-1 on the 1996 campaign. The Lady Lions beat Carnegie-Mellon University,

tying Mt. Union in sloppy conditions Saturday, and then beat Oberlin last night at home 2-1 in overtime.

The Lady Lion win last night was spectacular. For the third time this year Behrend won a game in the last two minutes of overtime.

The Lions led early 1-0 on a goal by Lisa Fox. But, halfway through the second half, Oberlin scored off the post on a direct kick to tie the game at 1-1.

The scored stayed the same through the first overtime stanza. Then with time running out in the second, Fox got a pass from Laura Perry. On a breakaway, she beat the Oberlin goalkeeper who was way out of position for the 2-1 victory.

"We like to give our coach a heart attack," joked keeper Mary Anne Rupp. "We get him hyped up throughout the game and then let him down easily."

"You gotta give our team a name," said Perritano. "They're like the Cardiac Kids or something."

The Lady Lions had a tough game on Saturday against Mount Union. The kickers escaped with a 0-0 tie in horrible conditions.

"The conditions were totally the story," said Coach Perritano. "There was standing water on the field; there were very few scoring opportunities."

The Lady Lions won against CMU on Wednesday 1-0 in overtime. Jen Bargiband scored the winning goal.



You Look Marvelous: How sweet it was for the Lady Lions this week as they beat Oberlin with less than two minutes left in overtime. The Lady Lions only have two games left.

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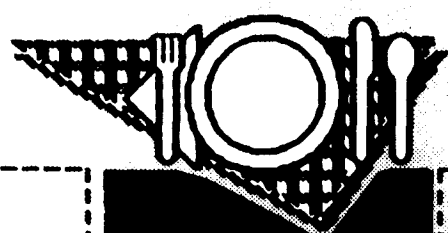
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- Head Coach, Dan Perritano

Perritano was speechless when asked about the way the team keeps pulling out victories late in games.

"I think our players have a mentality. I can't even put it into words. They don't give up, even when they aren't performing well."

We haven't been playing very well, but we finish well in the end," agreed Rupp.

The Lady Lions have two games left as they make a quest for the playoffs in only their second varsity year. They battle Waynesburg on Saturday and Buffalo State on Tuesday.