

Lady Lions calm the Storm



It's Good to be the King: Amy Good slams home the kill in a recent Behrend Volleyball match. The Lady Lions suffered losses last week to Hiram, Grove City, and Westminster before beating Lake Erie College to even their record at 17-17.

By Justin Bender
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The Behrend volleyball team's eight game win streak came to a halt last Thursday when they faced Hiram.

Two more losses followed over the weekend before the Lady Lions returned to the win column. The losses came against Grove City and Westminster.

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Beth Calhoun

"These were two good programs and to win, we knew we couldn't make any mistakes, we made mistakes. We just didn't play our game" said Coach Gregory.

Angie Georg added, "This has been a long week and the team was just physically drained."

The Lady Lions put an abrupt end to the skid Tuesday night against Lake Erie College.

"This was our last home game and losing was not an option," said Beth Calhoun.

Lake Erie College was unfortunate to have to face to wrath of the angry Lions.

The Storm was blown away, 15-4, 15-0, 15-11. The victory evened the woman's record at 17-17.

"We had a very balanced attack. The defense was excellent and it set up our powerful offense, which registered 36 kills" said Gregory.

"I was also very pleased that Jessica Brody could end her Behrend volleyball career on the court" Gregory said.

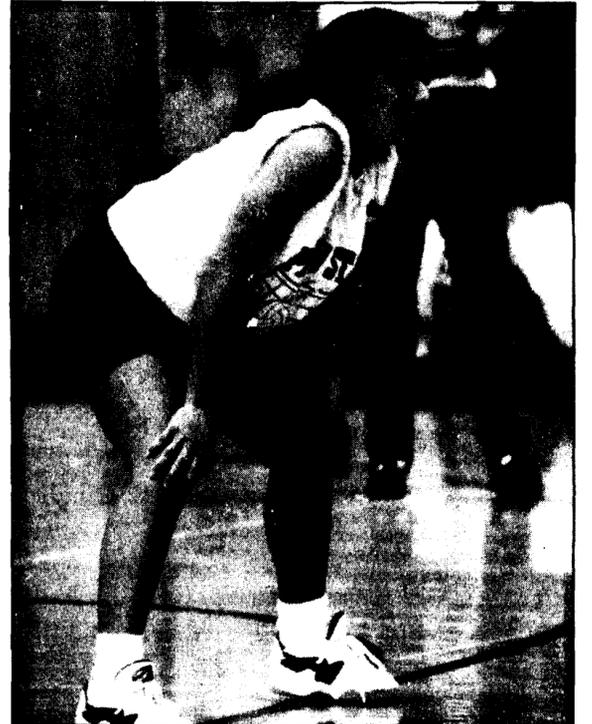
Brody served out the final 8 points of the last game, four of which were aces. She finished the match with 8 aces to go with 11 digs.

Other standouts included: Angie Georg, 24 assists and 9 digs; Erin McCormick and Heather Lerch, 9 kills each; Amy Good, 11 digs and 7 kills; and Amy Beckner, 8 digs.

"Our intensity picked up and everyone played well." said McCormick.

Tonya Bates agreed, "We were extremely aggressive, the fans really pumped us up!"

The entire team would like to thank the fans for their continued support throughout the season.



Bring it on: Jessica Brody waits to return a serve in a recent match. Brody played excellent in the match against Lake Erie College. She registered eight aces and eleven digs.

Ruta breaks record; wins ATW

By Matt Plizga
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Junior midfielder Ryan Ruta recently set a new Penn State-Behrend career assist record, earning Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week honors along the way.

"Ryan is technically gifted, he is a positive influence and loves to play the game" said Coach Dan Perritano.

Ruta's 17 career assists broke the old record of 13 held by Terry Mannering (81-84).

Kevin Ebner stated, "Ryan creates a lot of great scoring opportunities for his teammates."

So far this year, Ruta has scored five goals to go along with his team leading five assists.

"He has a great first touch and vision" said Perritano of his team's captain.

"Despite his size, he plays impressively aggressive," said teammate Brian Fisher.

"Ryan's passion for the game is evident in his play" said Perritano.

"I just try to play my best and have no regrets" added Ruta.

On top of his technical skills and passion for the game, Ruta is also valuable to the team because of his versatility.

"He can play anywhere in the midfield, he has even played up front for us" commented Perritano.

When asked to talk of his own success, Ruta would rather talk of the team's saying, "this has been a great year, we've won some games that we haven't been able to win in the past."

Ruta's contributions this year have been a key part of a breakthrough year for Behrend soccer. Not only has the team been regionally ranked (NCAA Div. III Northeast Region) for the first time ever, but they are also in the hunt for a play-off berth.

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The team's 10 victories thus far is also a record for the Behrend men's soccer program. Behrend's 10-5-2 record may also enable them to make their first play-off appearance.

"We have a good chance to make the play-offs, Wednesday's game against Allegheny is really big" said Ruta.

Your last chance to see Ryan Ruta and the rest of the Behrend Lions will be Saturday, November 2 when they face Waynesburg.



Mr. Assist: Ryan Ruta's 17 assists in his career broke the old record of thirteen set by Terry Mannering. Ruta's goal scoring and assists are one reason why Behrend has an 10-5-2 record this year. Ruta has ten points for the Lions this year netting five goals and a team leading five assists. Collegian File Photo

L. L. Soccer

By Brian Gregory
Collegian Staff

The Penn State Behrend Lady Lions finished off their season with a loss to Buffalo State.

"We played hard," commented Assistant Coach Chuck Baranich. "It was an extremely physical game. We had our opportunities, but we didn't come away with a positive result."

Earlier in the week, they knocked off the Waynesburg YellowJackets 1-0. Lara Herrmann scored the winning goal for the Lady Lions.

"Pure and simple, we out played them and as a result we won," said Coach Dan Perritano.

The Lady Lions finished the season at 11-5-1. The eleven wins were a school record as were the eleven shutouts for Behrend.

Junior goaltender Mary Anne Rupp was in the nets for all eleven shutouts. Ten of the shutouts resulted in wins, and one was in a 0-0 tie.

The Lady Lions played solid this year on all parts of the field. Next week we'll take a look back at the season with commentary from coaches and players.



Fly Finch Fly: Senior sweeper Michelle Finch kicks the ball away from an opponent in a recent match.

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ALAN TRAMMELL

DETROIT TIGERS

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Detroit Tigers fans say goodbye to ALAN TRAMMELL this season, as he completes 20 years with the team ... The shortstop and his second-base partner, Lou Whitaker, played 1,918 games together, more than any teammates in history except former Chicago Cubs stars Ron Santo and Billy Williams ... Alan, a consistent player, had his best year in 1987, with 28 home runs, 105 RBIs and a .343 batting average ... He made six All-Star teams and collected four Gold Gloves ... The card, which sells for 30 cents, is from the '88 Fleer Star Stickers set ... The stickers could be peeled off and attached to notebooks, lockers and younger siblings ...

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Seattle Mariners and Toronto Blue Jays; 2. Eddie Arcaro; 3. a home run; 4. double fault; 5. Cooperstown, N.Y.; 6. Rome, Italy;

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