

# Lady netters perfect in conference as season nears an end

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The Penn State-Behrend Lady Lions tennis team started their week off with an impressive win at SUNY-Fredonia.

This victory helped avenge an earlier loss to the talented netters from Fredonia.

The Lady Lions achieved their redemption with an 8-1 rout on Fredonia's home turf.

Freshman Gabby Carroll led the way with an impressive win at first singles.

She attributed the team's success to the mental preparation imposed on the team by Coach Chuck Keenan.

"Coach really got us up for this match, our confidence was way down before this match, he (Keenan) went over the scores of the last match and developed the strategy we needed to win," said Carroll.

The Lady Lions overcame strong winds and miserable court conditions to obtain victory.

"I thought it was windy in Erie, this place is like a wind tunnel," exclaimed freshman Becky Davis.

Davis was victorious in both singles and doubles at Fredonia.

"I'm really proud of the way the team bounced back in this match we showed true heart today," said Keenan.

The Lady Lions enjoyed a well-deserved break from the world of tennis over the weekend.

They returned to action on Monday for a showdown with local rival Edinboro.

Freshman Christine Chan overcame several questionable line calls to gain a victory in sixth singles.

"I think my opponent could have used a pair of glasses, but you have to block those things out of your mind and focus on the match," said Chan.

Another freshman Jamie Brubaker rallied to win her singles effort in three sets, after a heartbreaking doubles loss.

"After doubles I had to re-focus my energy to the task at hand, it took me a while to get going, but once I did I was on fire," said Brubaker.

Unfortunately these two wins were all that the Lady Lions could

muster, as the Lady Scots dropped Behrend 7-2.

Jill Kacprowicz, special assistant coach and former number one player, observed the Lions defeat.

"Edinboro is a tough team. The girls should be proud of how tough they played them, if a few key points would have went our way, it may have been a different story," said Kacprowicz.

The lady netters have a record of 8-6, with a perfect 6-0 record in their conference.

Just two matches remain on the Lady Lion's schedule before the

AMCC Conference Championship.

"We have to focus on the next two matches and not look ahead to the conference championships," said Keenan.

With a winning season almost certain and the first AMCC Conference Championship within their sights, the future looks bright for the young Lady Lion's tennis team.



Photo by John Hodemy

Not today boys! Graham Rudolph catches an attempted shot on goal during their contest against Grove City.

## Men's Soccer team defeats Grove City, 1-0

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It was rivalry day for much of the men's soccer team on Wednesday as Grove City came into to Erie to battle with the Lions.

"Our upperclassmen are upset with last year's performance, they would like to prove themselves," said assistant coach Chuck Baranich before the game.

The Lions then went out on the field and proved to Grove City who the better team was.

Powered by an Andrew Kariotis goal in the 13th minute of action Behrend held on for a 1-0 win.

The win was even bigger for one member of the team. Grove City transfer Aaron Pentz helped defeat his former teammates by assisting on the Kariotis goal.

"It felt great. It's a big boost for us to beat a huge rival," said Pentz.

The win gave Behrend a 7-4 record and put them in line for another winning season.

The win over Grove City will hopefully complete a turn around for the Lions that began during a 2-1 double-overtime loss to Mount Union on Saturday.

"We played hard, could have played better, but the effort was there," said Baranich.

Travis Lang scored the lone Behrend goal on a penalty kick that forced the overtime session.

Although they lost, the performance by the Lions was a promising sign for the struggling team.

The Lions next game will be this Saturday when they travel to Oberlin College.



Photo by Mike McCrackin

No thanks, I don't dance. Drew Kariotis scored the only goal in Behrend's recent 1-0 victory over Grove City.

## Cross country runners win at LaRoche

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The Penn State-Behrend cross country team had another outstanding showing this weekend at the LaRoche Invitational.

Both the men's and women's teams finished the day with impressive victories over a number of teams.

The win was the first for the women's cross country program and the men's third in the last four meets.

"We ran well and had good times on a very difficult course," said Coach John Drew.

Senior Sandy Mishic led the women's team with a course record

of 21 minutes and fifty seconds. The win was Michic's second of the year.

Sophomore Mark Huether helped the men's team earn a victory by finishing second overall with a time just under thirty-one minutes.

"It was by far the best effort of the year. Everybody got together and ran well," said Drew.

A core of four freshman runners joined Michic to power the Lady runners.

Sheila Rivera and Joet Kolano finished in the top five at third and fourth place for the Lions.

Claudia Vila and Nicole Curry gave strong performances finishing seventh and eleventh place for Coach Drew.

Four freshman runners also enabled the men's team to earn the victory.

Greg Cooper, Tyler Travis and Dennis Halaszynski followed Huether's run with third, fourth and fifth place finishes respectively.

Chris Reed also finished in the top ten in eighth place

The performance in the hot and humid weather of Saturday's meet by both teams can be attributed to their fine conditioning.

"Ordinarily heat in October is not a concern. If you've been running in cold weather, warm weather can really fatigue you," said Drew.

Carlow College finished second in the women's meet with Pitt-

Bradford and Waynesburg placing third and fourth.

In the men's meet Pitt-Bradford took second place, while the host LaRoche finished third.

Although both teams defeated conference opponents at the meet, the big test for the teams will occur at the AMCC Championships on November 1.

"We are looking forward to the conference meet. The team to beat is Frostburg State but we should be able to compete with them," said Drew.

Both teams of runners will have plenty of opportunity to build on this weekend's outstanding performance with two more matches before the November 1 meet.

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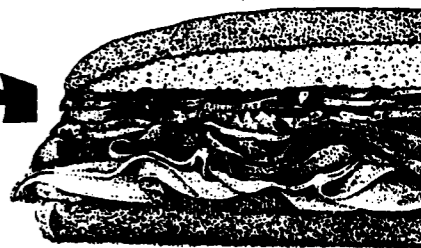
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