

Women's soccer team wins AMCC title

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Get back here. Sophomore Jill Yamma chases down a loose ball while battling with a LaRoche defender.

The Penn State-Behrend women's soccer team had a successful homecoming weekend. The Lady Lions were able to pull out two Allegheny Mountain Collegian Conference victories.

The first victory came on Saturday against LaRoche and gave Coach Dan Perritano's troops momentum heading into Sunday's action versus Frostburg State.

Sunday's battle against Frostburg State was much more than just another game. The winner of the game came away with the first AMCC regular season women's soccer title and earned the right to host the conference tournament.

The Lady Lions came away with an impressive 3-0 win. Senior Lara Herrman, freshmen Jill Barbisch and Katie Giles each beat the Frostburg goalie for goals to lead Behrend's offense.

The defense was led by Mary Ann Rupp, who recorded the shutout. The win was the Lady Lions eleventh of the year.

Saturday's game matched Behrend up against a solid LaRoche team. The Lady Lions were able to come away with a 2-1 victory.

Senior Michelle Finch scored Behrend's first goal while Barbisch. "We finished our opportunities and got the wins we needed," said Coach Dan Perritano.

Thanks to the two victories, the Lady Lions finished the AMCC regular season with an undefeated record. "It is really exciting winning the conference for the regular season," said Jill Barbisch.

With the first place finish, Behrend has earned the right to host this year's AMCC tournament. "Hosting the tournament was one of our goals for the season. It is should be a positive experience and a fun atmosphere," says Coach Perritano.

Next up for the Lady Lions is an important game with rival Allegheny College.



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Get up. Bodies were flying during a heated contest between the Lady Lions and LaRoche this weekend.

Lady Spikers 5-0 in AMCC play

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The Penn State - Behrend women's volleyball team has been virtually unstoppable so far in AMCC conference play this year.

The Lady Spikers won their fifth straight conference game last Saturday against Pitt-Bradford, 15-6, 15-10, and 15-7. The win moved the Lions record to 5-0 in conference play, with five conference games left.

Leading the Lady Spikers in victory were both Amy Good and Erin McCormick with five kills apiece. Also playing a role in the win was Angie Georg with 20 assists, and Mary Good with 4 digs. Beth Calhoun led the way at the service line with 3 service aces.

The Lady Spikers second match of the day came against Washington & Jefferson. The Lady Lions fell in three straight games, 11-15, 3-15, and 15-17.

"They are a very good team," said freshmen Mary Good. "They just played a better match than we did," she said.

Amy Good led the attack with 7 kills, while Mary Good and Erin McCormick each had 6 kills along the way. Also lending a hand was Angie Georg with 28 assists, and Angela Traister with 9 digs. Heather Learch excelled at the service line with 3 service aces.

The Lady Spikers next played against Oberlin on Monday, winning in three straight, 15-13, 15-7, and 15-5.

Once again, Amy Good led the way with 7 kills, while Angie Georg chipped in with 21 assists. Megan Ross played a key role, leading the team with 7 digs.

"The seniors are really finishing out strong," said head coach Cindy Jacobelli.

The Lady Spikers move their overall record to 14-12 with the win.

The Lady Lions will next be in action this Friday when they travel to play Frostburg State.

Frostburg is in second place in the AMCC conference, with their only conference loss coming earlier in the year to Behrend.

"Frostburg is a very big match," said Jacobelli.

"We all feel very confident that if we play our game, we will come out on top," added senior captain Angie Georg.

The next home date for the Lady Lions will be October 25th, when they host both Westminster and Grove City at 11:00 a.m.

Women's tennis team wins conference tournament, brings home several awards

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The Lady Lions tennis team completed their season with a perfect weekend of conference action. The weekend started with a Friday afternoon rout of Pitt-Greensburg.

The victory was keyed by the impressive comeback by freshman Jo Ann Fabraizo at second singles. Fabraizo fell behind 5-2 in the first set and was in danger of losing her first set in conference play.

"I got off to a shaky start, but then Coach (Keenan) had a talk with me and I calmed down and turned on the jets," commented Fabraizo.

The victory completed Fabraizo's perfect season in conference matches, both singles and doubles.

"Jo Ann really stepped in as a team leader this year, she is very deserving of this honor," claimed Keenan.

The Lady Lions didn't stop there in their collection of post season

awards. Coach Keenan received the highly coveted "Coach of the Year" award.

This award stems from his strong off-season recruiting job. The Netters returned only one player from last year's squad.

Keenan replaced last years lost talent with an impressive group of freshman that earned Behrend's first winning season in quite a while.

Fellow freshman Jamie Brubaker and sophomore Emily Rubin on the first team all-conference singles squad joined Fabraizo.

More impressive was the Lady Lion's sweep of all three spots on the first team all-conference doubles team.

The pairings of Gabby Carroll and Fabraizo, Emily Rubin and Becky Davis, and Christen Chan and Jamie Brubaker, each had solid seasons at their respective spots.

With the majority of post season awards in hand, all that was left for the Netters to conquer was the Conference Championships, which were held on Saturday at the Pennbriar Athletic Club.

The surging Lions easily won the round robin event. The victory was scarred by an ankle injury suffered by Gabby Carroll against Lake Erie College.

Ahead 6-1 against her previously unbeaten foe, Carroll was struck with a mild strain in her ankle causing her to forfeit the match.

"I was playing the match of my life and this happens, I'm proud of how my teammates stepped their game up in my absence," commented Carroll on the team's impressive day of tennis.

This tournament ended the Lady Lions season. They finished with a 15-6 record overall, a perfect 12-0 in the conference.

The Netters now can take some time off to relax before they start thinking about next year's season as they defend their AMCC championship.

Freshman Jaime Brubaker also earned the Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week award for her play at the AMCC tournament.

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