

Lions bag two vs. Allegheny

Women's softball team finish up week 4-4, moving their record to 8-12

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The Lion softball team just finished up an even 4-4 week, which included a first ever two game sweep of powerhouse Allegheny, moving their record to a respectable 8-12.

The one-run ballgames have recently been falling Behrend's way, as they picked up two of their four victories by a single tally, while also coming up clutch for a win in extra frames against St. John Fisher.

The Behrend Lions started their week off with a double dip against regionally ranked Buffalo State University. The Lions came up a bit short, as they dropped both contests by scores of 4-10, and 2-7.

"We had a some trouble getting the bats going that day," said head coach Cindy Jacobelli. "They threw a few tough pitchers at us," added Jacobelli.

Beth Calhoun had maybe her only rocky outing of the year, as she surrendered ten runs on eighteen hits in seven innings pitched, as the Lions dropped game one by a score of 4-10.

Calhoun however did come through

on the offensive end, going 2-3 at the plate, with two doubles and two RBI's.

Meeghan Trumbull and Lisa Fox also contributed on the offensive, with both players smacking two hits apiece for the Lion squad.

There were a few less fireworks in game two, as Buffalo State only had one more hit than the Lions at a count of 8-7, with the Lions falling short by a score of 2-7.

Mandy Bodnor had a 2-3 day at the plate, including a double and two runs scored, while Lisa Fox also came through with two hits for the Lions.

On the mound Bodnor was solid, giving up eight runs on eight hits, with only six of the runs being earned.

The Lions next traveled away to St. John Fisher, where they came away with a split, by scores of 8-6, and 3-6.

After a handful of tough extra inning losses earlier in the year, the luck finally fell on the side of the Lions, as they scored four runs in the top of the eleventh inning to land the game one victory by a score of 8-6.

"It was really nice to come out on

top in the extra innings. It was a hard fought victory for the whole team," commented Jacobelli.

Lisa Fox had a huge game at the plate, as she went 3-4, with a double and two runs scored.

Sophomore Tanya Deats also contributed two hits for the offense, while scoring one run and banging in one RBI.

Beth Calhoun went the distance, pitching all eleven innings with five strikeouts and two base on balls.

Game two however belonged to St. John Fisher by a score of 3-6.

Although Mandy Bodnor took the loss on the hill, she carried the team offensively with a 2-3 plate performance, which included a home-run and two RBI's.

Lisa Fox was again consistent at the plate, as she was 2-3, with one run scored.

This past Tuesday, the one-run ballgames again fell into the hands of the Lions, as they accomplished a first for the Behrend softball program by sweeping two from powerhouse Allegheny 5-4, and 7-6.

"It was a very exciting day for us,"

said Jacobelli. "It's the first time we have swept them in Behrend history," added Jacobelli.

In game one the Lions banged out twelve hits, which they turned into five runs, as they took the opening ballgame by a score of 5-4.

A trio of Lions had multi-hit games for Behrend, with six other players coming up with one hit, as every starter in the lineup had a base knock for the Lion nine.

Meeghan Trumbull went 2-4 with a double, while Tanya Deats was 2-2 with a triple, while last but not least was Stacy Blass who went 2-3, with two RBI's.

Beth Calhoun picked up the win going the full seven innings, while only allowing four earned runs.

Besides hitting and pitching, defense also seemed to play a large role in the Lions two victories, as junior outfielder Lisa Fox pulled in some spectacular catches to save a few Allegheny runs.

"Lisa Fox had some incredible catches in the first game, not to mention going over the fence to save a home run in the second," said

Jacobelli.

The Lions again pulled out a one-run victory in game two by a score of 7-6.

Although Behrend was outthit by a count of 8-13, their strong defense and five errors committed by Allegheny prevailed them to the second game win.

Mandy Bodnor was the woman of game two, as she not only picked up the win on the hill, but went 2-3 at the dish, with two triples and two RBI's.

Stephanie Roberts and Lisa Fox also chipped in two hits for the Lions in the game two sweep.

The last matchup of the week came as a split decision with visitor LaRoche by scores of 4-0, and 10-12.

"We had an emotional letdown in the second game against LaRoche," said Jacobelli. "We all seemed to be a little drained from the emotional wins against Allegheny the day before," commented Jacobelli.

The Lions took game one 4-0, with Mandy Bodnor pitching the complete game shutout for the victory.

Tammy Marsh, and Lisa Fox each had two hits for the Lions, while Tanya Deats banged out a triple and Jennie Duchnowski added a double.

With starting pitcher Beth Calhoun unavailable to pitch game two with an ankle injury, the opponents run column just seemed to never stop piling up in the nightcap, as Behrend dropped a 10-12 decision.

"Not having Beth available really hurt us," said Jacobelli. "We made too many mental errors in field which cost us. It was a frustrating loss for everybody," finished Jacobelli.

Becky Rishel, Stacy Blass, and Lisa Fox each had two hits for the Lions in defeat.

The Lions next return to action this Saturday when they host AMCC rival Frostburg State at 2:00 p.m. They then stay at home to host Pitt-Bradford on Monday the 13th, at 3:00 p.m., and Geneva College on Tuesday the 14th, at 3:00 p.m. before traveling away to Pitt-Bradford on the 15th for a 3:00 p.m. contest.

Men's tennis overtakes AMCC standings

by Art Faix

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The Behrend Men's Tennis team cruised through a demanding stretch of tennis and emerged with an 8-5 record this week. The team is also in prime position to capture the inaugural AMCC Championship.

The team started its amazing run with a 9-0 mauling of Waynesburg on Friday. The win was highlighted by the strong play of sophomore Phil Defabio. Defabio breezed through his singles match and then teamed with his former high school teammate Art Faix (both are from Warren) to win the final doubles match.

"I really felt invincible today. I could do no wrong," commented Defabio.

The team headed into the Gamma Invitational with a record of 3-4. The team suffered a minor setback losing its first match to defending champion Allegheny. As Allegheny went on to defend its title, Behrend headed to the consolation bracket to make a name for itself. The team rallied behind the strong singles play of Matt Weber and Wes Miller to defeat St. John Fisher and Lake Erie to become the consolation bracket winner. Weber finished the day with a perfect 3-0 record in his three singles matches. Miller and Faix added two wins each to lift the team to its strong finish.

"I'm really proud of how the team responded to the challenge of the Gamma invitational. We beat two very tough teams today," noted Coach Chuck Keenan.

Keenan went on to praise the play of Freshman sensation Matt Weber.

"Matt came out today with a fire in his eye I haven't seen in quite a while, he could have beaten anyone today," claimed Keenan.

The team had little time to rest as it woke up bright and early on Sunday to start the AMCC season. Daylight savings time robbed the Lions of an extra hour of rest, but you'd never have guessed by the poise of the team. The team battled division rivals Frostburg State and Lake Erie in two back-to-back dual matches. When the dust cleared the Lions proudly stood as front runners in the AMCC standings.

The 8-1 thumping of Frostburg State was topped by the 9-0 thrashing of Lake Erie.

"The guys may have been tired, but

they rose to the occasion and played like champions today," described Keenan.

Matt Weber kept his winning ways going with four victories. Miller, Faix, and freshman Matt Carlson also contributed four victories to the netters. The team then took a brief rest before heading to Alfred on Tuesday afternoon. The match with Alfred turned out to be one of the most exciting of the season.

The team headed into the match carrying a four match winning streak, and weren't about to give it up that easily. However, things didn't look good as first singles player and Captain Art Faix lost the first set of his singles match and fell behind 3-0 in the second set. Coach Keenan then pulled out one of his legendary pep talks, and the match took on a different look. Faix, pumped up from hearing his coach's advice, won 12 of the next 13 games to win the match 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

"I don't really even remember what I said to him, but whatever it was it sure as heck worked," modestly commented Keenan.

Faix's victory was matched by the always consistent play of Wes Miller. Miller won his match with relative ease.

"Wes is definitely our most consistent performer, the team can always count on him for a victory," described Keenan.

Matt Carlson added the third singles win to even the match after singles and send the match into the deciding doubles matches. Miller teamed with Defabio to win at third doubles and Carlson and Ivan McCracken dropped a close match at second doubles. The match stood at four points all with Weber and Faix playing first doubles. Weber was fighting off fatigue after dropping a heartbreaking singles decision. Weber battled through the pain and helped pull out the deciding match. With the 5-4 victory the team moved to 8-5.

"This is a big win for the team, we showed a lot of poise in today's victory," stated Weber.

The Lions now will take a well deserved break for the Easter holiday, before they resume their season Monday at Baldwin-Wallace. All systems seem to be go as the Lions strive to complete its best season in years.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Pitching and offensive threat Mandy Bodnor earns ATW

by Dave Reynolds

staff writer

Women's softball standout Mandy Bodnor turned in strong showings in Behrend's games this past week, helping to lead her team to four victories.

Along the way, the talented sophomore picked up this week's Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week.

In the first game of a doubleheader against the Allegheny Gators, Bodnor doubled and scored a run, en route to a 5-4 Behrend win.

The second game of the twin bill saw Bodnor take to the pitcher's mound, striking out one and lasting the full seven innings to pick up the win.

The complete game victory improves her record to 2-7.

The Gators were able to hit Bodnor up for six runs, however she was able to help herself by having a remarkable offensive day at the dish. In three trips to the plate, Bodnor ripped a pair of triples, while posting two RBI's and scoring one run, as Behrend defeated Allegheny 7-6 in the nightcap.

So far this season, Bodnor has been tearing things up at the plate. In sixteen games, she has ripped 25 hits in 27 at-bats, batting a whopping .532.

Bodnor, who splits her playing time

between pitcher and third base, has scored fourteen runs and has knocked in 13. In addition, she leads the Behrend team in triples and home runs, with two of each.

Bodnor, who is originally from Pittsburgh, is a graduate of Shaler High School. Though currently enrolled in DUS, she plans to declare history as her Behrend major. Off the field, she spends her time "watching TV and hanging around with friends."

Bodnor and the rest of the Behrend Lions continue their season Saturday with a 2:00 p.m. home doubleheader versus Frostburg State.

NOTICE

All students and faculty are invited to the "All Sports Tailgate Party" on April 14 at 1:00 pm. The event is free of charge and will be held next to the Behrend softball and baseball fields. There will be refreshments provided and a variety of activities between innings and games.



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