

Tennis team drops two Lions baseball team gets knocked twice in Frostburg

Behrend pulls off four run seventh to pounce LaRoche 7-6

by Art Faix
staff writer

The Penn State Behrend Lions tennis team, coming off a week of near perfection, suffered through a week of misery.

"We really struggled this week, we had to play two tough teams, and the wear and tear of the season is starting to catch up with us," noted Head Coach Chuck Keenan.

The Netters saw their record drop to 8-7 with losses to both Edinboro and Baldwin Wallace. The team's only bright spot was the sensational play of freshman Matt Weber. In the Lions 7-2 defeat to Edinboro, Matt recorded the only two victories. He breezed through his singles match and teamed with team captain Art Faix to win at first doubles.

"All my hard work is starting to pay off, I'm playing really well right now, and I feel like I'm getting stronger every time I set foot on the court," exclaimed Weber.

The win at first doubles was especially sweet for Faix. It came against his former high school doubles partner Adam Bartsch. Fellow Warren native and current Behrend netter Phil Defabio commented on the situation.

"It was weird to see Art and Adam on different sides of the net, it seems like just yesterday we were all on the same team in high school," observed Defabio.

With the help of Matt Weber's re-

markable play the team salvaged two wins of nine against Edinboro, however the netters weren't as fortunate against Baldwin Wallace, as the team dropped a 9-0 decision.

"We can't let this defeat get our spirits down, we lost to a tough team today, there will be brighter days in our future," predicted Keenan.

The future looks promising for the Lions. Despite the two losses, they are still in prime position to end the season with a winning record for the first time in several years. Their

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schedule is clear until a semester end trip to Frostburg State for the AMCC Championships. The Lions are heavy favorites in this inaugural event.

"We are going to go to Frostburg and show those kids how to play tennis, this is our conference and it will be our championship," boldly stated sophomore Mark Marini.

With confidence like that it seems the netters can do no wrong. A winning season and an AMCC Championship seems like a sure thing.

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The Lions of Penn State Behrend traveled last weekend to their AMCC archrival school of Frostburg State, where they were sent back on their way with two tough losses to drop their AMCC record to 3-2, two games behind first place Frostburg State.

Although the first game was a lost cause with the Lions bowing out by a score of 9-1, game two came down to the wire, with the Lions losing on a solo home run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh by a score of 3-2.

In game two, sophomore pitcher Ryan Frederick fired a gem, striking out twelve in seven innings, while also only giving up only three earned runs on four hits.

"Game two against Frostburg was a good college baseball game," said head coach Paul Benim. "Frederick pitched an outstanding game, but we didn't score any runs for him. Marc Burchanowski was clutch driving in both runs to keep the ballgame tight," finished Benim.

"Frostburg State has a lot of quality hitters in their lineup, and I haven't seen one of our pitchers dominate a good team like that up until now," said senior Marc Burchanowski. "Our missing offense, and some lack of offensive execution lost us that ballgame. Frederick deserved the win," added Burchanowski.

Marc Burchanowski carried the Lion offense in game two, going 2-3, with a double and the only two RBI's.

Jeremy Brubaker, Matt Slavonic, Ryan Smith, and Corey Walters each chipped in one hit for the Lion offensive attack.

Although Behrend now stands two

games behind Frostburg in the hunt for AMCC supremacy, the Lions will get a chance to even up the score when they host Frostburg within the next few weeks at home.

"We are still challenging for the AMCC crown," said Benim. "We just need to get on a roll and put together a stretch of games where we do everything well," added Benim.

Game one of the doubleheader was not a pretty sight as the Lions giftwrapped a 9-1 win for their gracious hosts Frostburg State.

One terrible fourth inning for the Lions proved to be the nail in the coffin, as they gave up six runs with the help of two fielding errors to fall apart and never again regain composure.

Sophomore pitcher Rob Green took the loss to move his record to 4-1, pitching four innings, giving up a total of six runs (only two of which were earned), while also striking out three and walking four.

Freshmen David Oldach closed out

the final three innings, giving up three runs on three hits, while also walking two and striking out one.

Once again the Lion offense was a bit stagnant, as they only came away with three hits, while striking out ten different times.

"Game one just wasn't our game," said freshmen David Oldach.

Sophomore outfielder Corey Walters provided much of the offense in game one with two hits, including a double and the only Lion RBI. Jeremy Brubaker had the only other Behrend hit, going 1-3 with a double.

The last game of the week came as a single home game against AMCC foe LaRoche. The Lions reeled off a four run seventh inning to pull off the comeback by a score of 7-6.

The second game was postponed because of rain.

"It is always nice to win, but we did not perform nearly as well as we expected," said Benim. "Ryan Smith held LaRoche in check for three in-

nings and we were fortunate to scrape for four runs in the bottom of the seventh. Corey Walters' hit in the seventh was very clutch to tie it," finished Benim.

Corey Walters had a big day at the plate as he smacked a two run single in the bottom of the seventh to help bring the Lions back for the win.

Brian Connolly also had a tremendous day, as he went 2-2, with two stolen bases and one run scored. Michael Thompson was the only other Lion to come away with a base hit on the afternoon.

The Lions finish the week at 12-8, and 3-2 in the AMCC.

Behrend will next swing into action this Thursday when they travel to take on Allegheny in a nine inning contest at 1:00 p.m.

Their next home game will be on Saturday when they host AMCC Pitt-Greensburg at both 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.



photo by Jason Blake

Freshman third baseman Joe Thompson takes a hack during the Lion's contest against LaRoche.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball 12-8

PSB 1, FROSTBURG STATE 9
PSB 2, FROSTBURG STATE 3
PSB 7, LaROCHE 6

Softball 11-14

PSB 10, FROSTBURG STATE 6
PSB 6, FROSTBURG STATE 5
PSB 5, PITT-BRADFORD 1
PSB 3, PITT-BRADFORD 9
PSB 0, GENEVA 3

Men's tennis 8-7

PSB 2, EDINBORO 7
PSB 0, BALDWIN WALLACE 9



Intramural Swimming

ENTRIES: Deadline is **Friday, April 17 at 4:00 pm**
Entries are to be turned into the IM Office

ENTRY FEE: \$1.00 charged to your student account for every event entered with \$2.00 being the minimum charge and \$4.00 being the maximum charge.

DIVISIONS:
Individual - Men's, Women's, Coed:

For those individuals who do not represent a men's, women's, coed or point system team. You may swim in as many events as you wish.

Team - Men's, Women's, Coed:

For those individuals who are not participating for a point system team but wish to compete for the team title. Teams will be made of at least 6 people (coed - 3 men/3 women) and may enter up to 2 people (coed - 2 of each sex) in each individual event and 1 relay team for each relay event. However, the same person may only swim in 3 of the 5 individual events. Points are awarded in each event to the top 12 finishers.

Point System Teams:

May enter up to 5 individuals in each individual event and 4 relay teams in each relay event. However, the same person may only swim in 3 of the 5 individual events and both relay events. Points are awarded in each event to the top 12 finishers. The coed relays will not be part of the point system teams events.

TYPE TOURNAMENT: There will be 9 events, each of which will have a champion.

EVENTS: 50 freestyle 200 medley relay (back, breast, butterfly, free)
50 breaststroke 100 freestyle relay
50 butterfly 200 coed freestyle relay
50 backstroke 200 coed medley relay (back, breast, butterfly, free)
400 freestyle

TIME AND PLACE: Sunday, April 26 at the Eastside YMCA
Meet begins at 11:00 a.m.
Check-in and warm-up time is from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.