

1999 Fall Sports Preview

Lions outlook positive; despite early loss to Fredonia State



The men's soccer team talks strategy in preparation for this weekend's Herb Lauffer Memorial Soccer Tournament. *photo by Jeffrey Miller*

by Matt Wiertel
sports editor

The Behrend Lions men's soccer team is looking to build on their past success. Coming off a 13-9 record from last year and an Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference title in 1997, the Lions are prepared for another productive season. "We

have a very promising outlook, said seventh year head coach Dan Perritano. "This is a good veteran group with an outstanding work ethic. This could be one of the most veteran teams in Behrend history," continued Perritano.

Leading the charge for the Lions this fall are co-captains Chris Kennelly and Tom Seig. Kennelly is

at the forward spot while Seig anchors the Lions defense from goal. In addition to Kennelly, other forwards are senior Thomas Pflieger, Chris Lightner, and Dave Kowalezyk. Leading the charge from midfield are Anthony Pollack, Mark Szcwyzkowski, Leo Hanley, Dan Falk, Dave Snook, and All-AMCC performer James Martin.

The Lions opened the season against nationally ranked Fredonia State on Wednesday. But they were dealt a difficult 1-0 loss after going into sudden death double overtime. They continue their early season play in the annual Herb Lauffer Memorial Tournament on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. against Misericordia and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. against Hiram.

Behrend Lady Lions look to three-peat as conference champs

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The Penn State Behrend women's soccer team is looking to three-peat as AMCC Champions. Under head coach Dan Perritano the program has compiled an impressive record of 50-18-6 over the last four seasons. "We have a very competitive crew," said coach Perritano. "This is a hard working group. They have a positive outlook on the season."

Returning players to watch out for include senior Jill Yamma, junior Katie Giles, and Laura Furko. Each earned All-AMCC honors with Furko being named co-MVP of the conference in 1998. Also returning is the '98 co-Newcomer of the Year in the AMCC recipient Michelle Malatesta. Adding strength to this year's squad are returning players Lauren Arrigo, Jill Barbisch, Bethany Cummings, Kristin Gansberger, Diane Holtsford, Terry Lampman, Amy LaRocca, Kelly Maze, and Shannon Wroblewski. The overall experience and talent of the upperclassmen will increase the possibility of the Behrend Lions three-peating.

Coach Perritano and the Behrend Lions are eager to build on past successes and improve on last year's record of 15-3-3. The team anticipates competing for the AMCC title considering they have not lost a conference match in two years. On tap for this year's schedule are four conference matches and the AMCC at the end of the season. This weekend the Behrend Lions host Hiram, RIT, and Wilkes for the Lauffer Tournament on Friday and Saturday. The Lions will play Hiram on Friday at 2:00 p.m. while Wilkes and RIT battle at 4:00 p.m. The consolation game is set for Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and the championship game is at 1:00 p.m.



Cross country teams look to take over reigns of AMCC

by Jason Snyder
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The Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference may have a challenge from the Behrend men's and women's cross country teams this season. The men and women come off a second place finish in last year's championships behind Frostburg State under the direction of then first year head coach Rich Hoffman.

This season, Hoffman returns as head coach and will be assisted by Ray Shroud. Shroud comes to Behrend from Slippery Rock.

The women have two returning runners this season including Tina Rubay and Keri Lowman. This year's roster also consists of senior Kristine DiMarzo and several freshmen.

Both Lions' teams will open their respective seasons at Buffalo State on September 4 followed by the Penn State Behrend Invitational on September 18. The Lions will also compete in the Alfred, Frostburg, Dickinson, Pitt-Bradford, and Gettysburg Invitationals before racing for AMCC supremacy at the championships on October 30.



Rich Hoffman, second year cross country coach. *file photo*

Lady Spikers look to improve on rough '98 season

by Craig Hazelwood
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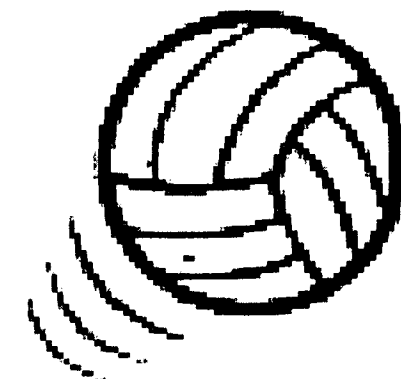
The Penn State women's volleyball team starts its season Friday, September 3rd and September 4th with the Cortland State Tournament. The Lions feel they have a lot to prove this season after a tough Fall last year.

Third year coach Cindy Jacobelli stated, "They worked hard in the off-season, and look to be ready for a very

successful '99 season." Senior Tanya Deats and junior Mary Good return from last year to lead this young team.

Sophomores returning are Allison Millet, Jessica Long, Sarah Peterson, Brianne Englebert and juniors Sarah Fry and Jamila Ortman. The freshmen are headed by Karen Walters, who is expected to take over the setter's position this season.

Other freshmen joining the team are Vanessa Kruse, Stephanie Phillips, Karrie Crooks and Rose Boni.



From the Athletic Office

YOU ARE A WINNER!!!...MAYBE...

Do you want to WIN CASH this semester? Well, your name along with the entire Behrend student body has already been entered into a random cash drawing. The drawing will be held at every fall home athletic contest (men and women's soccer, volleyball, tennis, and cross country). The cash pot will never go under \$25.

Even though your name has already been entered into the drawing you can increase your chances of winning at each athletic event. During the first half of every home game, students will be able to enter their name in the drawing again by signing up at the Random Cash Drawing station located by the PEPSI BIN. The drawing station will only take entries before halftime.

The actual Cash Drawing will take place during the second half. The time of the drawing is not set, it will vary. You must be PRESENT to win the cash. If the winner is not present at the time of the drawing the cash will roll over into the next athletic contest with an additional \$5 added into the drawing. Hope to see you at our athletic contests!!!

YOU CHEER ...WE TREAT!!!

Come support the men and women soccer teams this Saturday as they battle in the Herb Lauffer Tournament. Students will receive FREE FOOD throughout the games and FREE ADMISSION with ID. The women take the field at 11 a.m. and the men's game begins at 3 p.m. BE THERE TO CHEER ON YOUR LIONS!!! We've got the spirit!

CRAZY, FUN, and FREE!!!

All students can participate in halftime contests during soccer and volleyball athletic events this fall. There will be a halftime contest at every event and students will be able to sign up for the event during the first half of the game. COME TO CHEER ON YOUR BEHREND LIONS, WIN PRIZES, AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!!!

Penn State Behrend Herb Lauffer Memorial Soccer Tournament '99

Women's Schedule:

Friday, September 3rd
Penn State Behrend vs. Hiram 2:00 p.m.
Wilkes vs. RIT 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 4th
Consolation Game 11:00 a.m.
Championship Game 1:00 p.m.

Men's Schedule:

Saturday, September 4th
Misericordia vs. Penn State Behrend 3:00 p.m.
Hiram vs. Alfred 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 5th
Alfred vs. Misericordia 11:00 p.m.
Hiram vs. Penn State 1:00 p.m.