

Martin and Sieg proving to be real Lion leadersBy Jeanine Noce
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They came from Monroeville, Pennsylvania, and Westminster, Colorado, on August 18, 2000, and began conditioning for the Behrend Lions Soccer Team. These two experienced men are the captains of the men's soccer team and are seniors here at Behrend. Their goal: to successfully lead the Behrend Lions toward the title of conference champions. With this in mind the two fearless leaders, Tommy Sieg and James Martin, are working each and every day to assist the Behrend soccer team towards successfully defeating the competition.

Sieg and Martin have collectively been playing soccer for thirty-three years. Sieg began at the age of six and Martin at the age of four. Martin said he chose to come across the United States for school because his father is from Pennsylvania. Martin was looking at Penn State University Park at first, but after talking to the coach at Penn State University Park, he decided that Behrend was the best choice for school and sports.

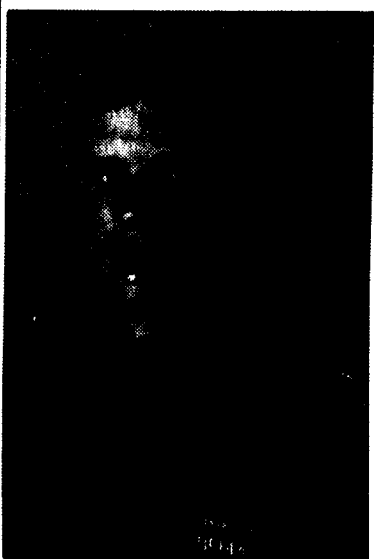
Sieg and Martin are both MIS majors and agree that it is difficult

activities that they are involved in. Sieg belongs to the Student Athletic Advisory Council where he is a goalkeeper coach in Monroeville. Martin belongs to the Lake Erie Soccer Club and is the coach of a youth team.

Sieg and Martin's coach is Dan Perritano, who was a goalie during his college days at Slippery Rock University and also has played at several other locations.

Sieg said he enjoys playing for Coach Perritano: "I love it, and it is the reason that I am still here. We began here at Behrend with fourteen freshmen and now are only three left. We have decided to stay at Behrend instead of transferring to University Park."

The two captains both agree that their favorite experience at Behrend was last year when they won the title of Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference champions. This season the team has extremely tough competition near and far from Behrend. Over fall break the Behrend Lions will be traveling to Colorado for two games against Colorado College and Mountain State Billings. They will depart on October 5 and return on October 10.



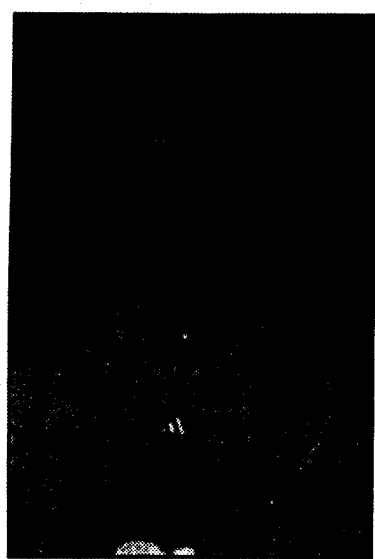
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James Martin has been a constant offensive force for the men's soccer team this year.

to juggle playing soccer and the large amount of schoolwork.

Martin stated, "Soccer and school are difficult time wise and energy wise."

Sieg is the goalkeeper for the Lions, and Martin is a utility player for the team. Their practices are held daily from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sieg also has goalie practice on Mondays from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. One day off is customary for the team and Sieg and Martin use this time for the additional soccer related



FILE PHOTO

Tommy Sieg has been strong in goal this season, but now sports blonde hair.

So far, the team has defeated Hiram College 2-0 and SUNY New Paltz 3-2. They also played several nationally ranked teams in the past two weeks, losing 3-1 to Fredonia and losing to Bethany 3-1.

The continuous dedication and hard work from their teammates has shown Sieg and Martin that the Lions play with a lot of heart, and that this is one of the closest teams that Behrend has ever had. The Lions' next game will be at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 23 at La Roche.

Coach reaches milestone with help from winning streak by women's soccer teamby Douglas Smith
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The Penn State Behrend women's soccer team is back on the winning track following this past weekend. The women fell twice in a row last week and began to rebound last Thursday. Most of the games have been close, but Behrend has pulled them out.

Behrend took on Grove City last Thursday, September 14. This game went one minute into overtime until Michelle Gutting ended it. Behrend had 21 shots on goal, but did not manage to score until the overtime period. Michelle Malatesta had three saves in goal for the shutout.

The game that took place this past Saturday, September 16, was televised. The opponent was Mount Union, who had encountered trouble of their own this season. Behrend came away with the 2-0 victory, scoring both goals early in the contest. Betsy Cummings scored in the twelfth minute and Laura Furko added the second goal a minute later. Malatesta had seven saves this time around for the shutout.

These two victories allowed for the women's soccer team to receive national recognition. They moved up in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Great Lakes poll. Behrend was



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Behrend anticipates a free kick at Wednesday's game.

ranked tenth last week, but the victories moved them to eighth in the poll. DePauw (IN) is the team everyone is shooting for as they are ranked first. Local college Allegheny is ranked fifth.

Coach Dan Perritano has something else to be proud of after the recent victories; Perritano was on the verge of career victory number two hundred. He has accumulated 198 victories in his twelve-year coaching career. Perritano's initial coaching job was at the University of the Redlands in California and then he moved to the junior college level. Perritano came to Behrend in 1993 having coached the men to a 72-59-7 mark in eight years and a 68-25-9 mark for the women in six years. He adds to the long line of successful coaches here at Behrend, especially the late Herb Lauffer, former men's tennis and soccer coach.

The 199th victory came in the first game of a soccer doubleheader on September 20. The opponent, Pitt-Bradford, could only manage one shot on goal as Behrend won 3-0. Bethany Cummings, Laura Furko, and Jill Barbisch added the goals. Michelle Gutting and Jen Baker added the assists. The women managed sixteen shots on goal. Victory 200 indeed followed

about two hours later. The Behrend men's team blanked Pitt-Bradford 8-0 for a convincing win. Mike Fry had three goals. Aaron Pentz added a goal and an assist, while James Martin had two goals. The sterling defensive performances by Behrend continued as the men only allowed one shot on goal as well. The men's team may have gotten coach Perritano his 200th victory, but it was the women who got him close.

The women's team will face La Roche on September 23 as they continue play and continue their battle to regain the AMCC Championship.

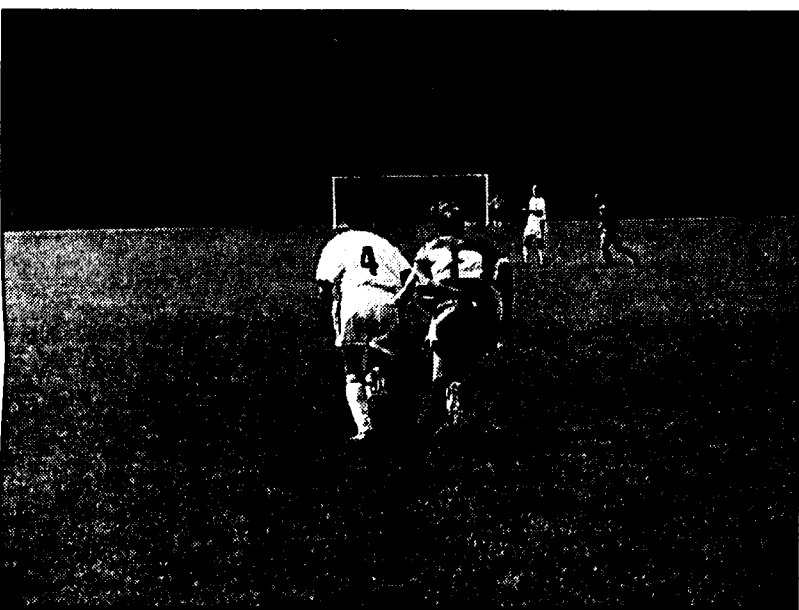
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The women's soccer team is now 6-2 overall and 1-0 in AMCC play.

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Bethany Cummings chases after the ball as a Pitt-Bradford defender bears down on her.

Tennis team remaining strongby Kate Levdansky Petrikis
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The Penn State Behrend women's tennis team had a big week of match play, winning two matches against conference rivals, but losing a heartbreaker to Allegheny in the championship game of the third annual Behrend Lions women's tennis invitational for the second straight year.

The Invitational took place on Saturday, September 16, and Behrend took second after losing to Allegheny. This year's participating teams include Frostburg State, Fredonia, John Carroll, Bethany, Edinboro, Alfred, and Allegheny.

Behrend's senior tri-captains are Jamie Brubaker, Christine Chan, and Jen Morton. All three players were all-conference performers last season. The juniors include Angela Albertson, Michelle Brendel, and Lennys Redonabo. Albertson was first team all-conference at the fourth singles position in 1998. Also returning are sophomores Julie Leininger and Becky Snyder; Jenny

Zhang and Michelle Juneau are new recruits on the team.

Play began for Penn State Behrend on Saturday at 10:30 A.M. when they swept the opening match against Bethany 5-0. The Lions went on to play John Carroll and won 4-1. Penn State played Allegheny in the championship game and lost 2-3.

Julie Leininger, AMCC Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week, went 4-0, winning all of her matches, finishing in second place. Leininger was named the Most Valuable Player of the AMCC in 1999.

Penn State Behrend had a busy agenda with matches scheduled on the Sunday and Tuesday after the Saturday Invitational. On Sunday, Penn State Behrend beat Frostburg 9-0. Leininger won 6-0, 6-0, in AMCC singles against Frostburg and won at number-one doubles. Behrend won again on Tuesday, when they played at La Roche and won 9-0.

Penn State Behrend's conference record is 2-0 and their overall record is 7-2. Their next matches are September 23 at Frostburg and September 24 at Penn State Altoona.

Women's volleyball team secures fourth victoryby Abby Long
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The Volleyball Lady Lions improved their record to four wins versus seven losses against the Buffalo State Lady Bengals on Tuesday night. Beginning in game one Penn State and Buffalo State played very equal the first ten points, until the Lions ran away with the game. Lions senior Mary Good finished off the serving duties to a win of 15-12.

Trailing by one game, the Bengals jumped to an early lead. An ace by Jessica Niedermeyer of the Lions brought the Lions into the lead at 6-

5. This didn't phase the Bengals. They stayed right with the Lions throughout the game, and came up with the win by a score of 15-12. This brought the match to an equal one-win tally for each team. Throughout the middle of the game the Lions showed excellent teamwork to stay with the Bengals. The enthusiasm of the Bengals continued into the third game. They started with a quick 4-1 lead over the Lions, but the Lions responded with 14 unanswered points for the win. Danielle Bemis, a sophomore for the Lions, showed excellent serving ability with six consecutive points to bring the lions to a 7-4 lead.



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The volleyball team huddles during their match against Buffalo State.

The Lions' hitting talents were unstoppable throughout the third game. The Lions ended with a commanding 15-4 win over the Bengals.

The Bengals finally answered with a rally to take a 10-5 lead over the Lions early in the fourth game. Behrend fought back to a tie at ten points. This didn't stop the Bengals, though. They continued on to a 13-11 lead. A key side-out for the Lions brought Good to the serving line once again. She finished off the last four points with strong support from the whole team. The Lions ended the match with a 15-13 win for a total of 3 games to 1.

Head Coach Cindy Jacobelli was impressed with the maturity of this young team. Jacobelli pointed out, "The team started out slow in the beginning, but pulled themselves out—this takes a lot of maturity." As conference play begins on Thursday, this close match-up with the Bengals gave the Lions quality competition to get ready for the conference play. Leading in the winning effort was Danielle Bemis with 13 kills and 20 digs, along with Jessica Niedermeyer with 12 kills and 24 digs. Also, Mary Good contributed 10 kills and 26 digs.

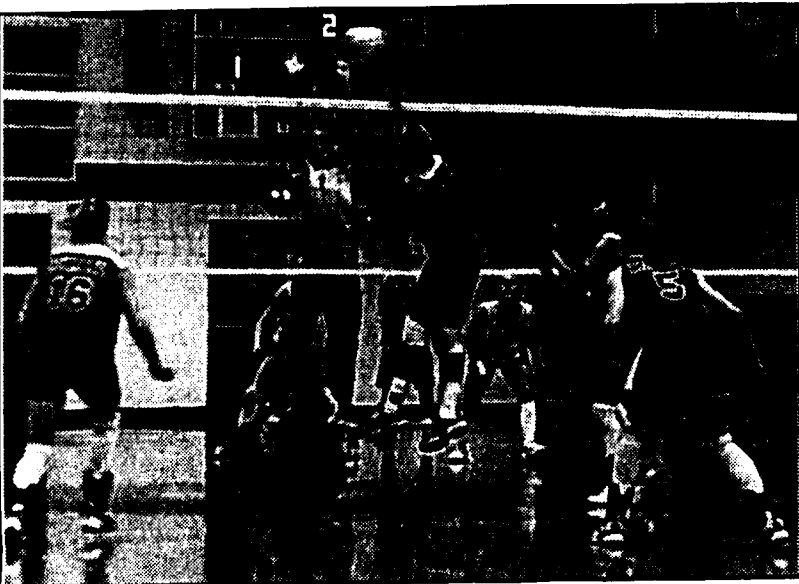


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The women won three sets to one against Buffalo State.

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