

Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

- Friday**
Women's Tennis
Pitt Greensburg
Behrend Tennis Courts 4 p.m.
- Men's Soccer
Westminster
Behrend Fields 5 p.m.
- Men's Water Polo
@ Washington & Jefferson Invitational TBA
- Saturday**
Women's Volleyball
@ Fredonia 10 a.m.
- Women's Soccer
@ California Trip vs. Redlands @ Claremont 11 a.m.
- Men's Water Polo
@ Washington & Jefferson Invitational TBA
- Monday**
Women's Volleyball
@ Pitt-Greensburg 7 p.m.
- Women's Soccer @ California Trip vs. Claremont TBA

- Tuesday**
Men's Golf
@ Allegheny 12 p.m.
- Women's Golf
@ Mercyhurst TBA
- Wednesday**
Women's Tennis
@ Hiram 3 p.m.
- Men's Soccer
Carnegie Mellon
Behrend Fields 4 p.m.

- Friday Oct. 12**
Men's and Women's Golf
@ Mt. Aloysius 12 p.m.
- Men's Water Polo
@ Eastern Championships @ Grove City TBA

- Saturday Oct. 13**
Women's Tennis
La Roche
Behrend Tennis Courts 12 p.m.
- Men's Soccer
Pitt-Greensburg
Behrend Fields 1 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball
@ Lake Erie 1 p.m.

- Women's Soccer
Pitt-Greensburg
Behrend Fields 3:30 p.m.
- Men's Water Polo
@ Eastern Championships @ Grove City TBA

- Sunday Oct. 14**
Men's Water Polo
Grove City
Junker Center TBA
- Wednesday Oct. 17**
Men's and Women's Golf
@ Penn State Altoona 12 p.m.
- Men's Soccer
La Roche
Behrend Fields 2 p.m.

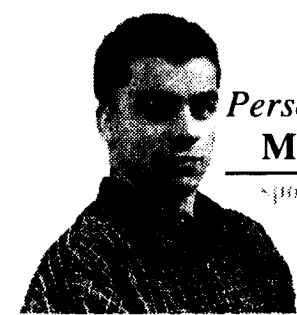
- Women's Tennis
John Carroll
Behrend Tennis Courts 4 p.m.
- Women's Soccer
La Roche
Behrend Fields 4:30 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball
@ La Roche 7 p.m.

- Friday Oct. 19**
Women's Volleyball
@ Penn State Altoona 7 p.m.
- Men's Water Polo @ Princeton Invitational TBA

Intramurals Schedule

- Friday**
Flag Football
Men's, Women's, and Coed
- Friday Oct. 26**
Billiards
Men's, Women's, and Coed Singles and Doubles
- Bowling
Men's, Women's, and Coed Individual and Team
- All entries must be at the intramural office by 4 p.m. on the scheduled date

Penn State football, where have you gone?



Personal foul
Mike Bello
sports editor

My, oh, my, what is going on in Happy Valley? Just when you thought their season couldn't get any worse, those Nittany Lions go out and stumble once again, this time to Iowa of all teams.

The 24-18 score does the Lions justice. Say that score in your head, and you may think the game was close. Well, a 21-5 Iowa halftime lead is not close. Ninety-nine yards in the first half will not keep the game close. Only after a blocked punt by Omar Easy and a 15-yard run after that with three minutes left were the Lions able to get close. It's sickening that a team that Penn State used to walk all over is now returning the favor.

The Lions have dropped to 0-3, as in zero wins, not a single one. This is almost unprecedented. Only one other time has that happened, that

back in 1983. Of course, that team went on to finish 8-4-1. This year's team will be lucky to finish 4-6-1 (they play two fewer games than '83). Or maybe they'll finish 1-6-4. Nah, no team can have four ties, so it would be something like 1-10-0. No matter how you put it, we are looking at possibly the worst season in Paterno's 36-year coaching history.

Penn State can forget cracking the Top 25. First they will want to crack the "one" in the wins column, which would give Paterno a tie with Bear Bryant for most wins at the Division I level. Even that's not looking too good right now. Penn State's next opponent? Well, that would be Michigan, and we all know what kind of pain the Wolverines will inflict on the Lions. Physical and emotional pain, and lots of it. In fact, Michigan will inflict more pain than Danny Almonte on his Little League opponents.

The Lions also play at Northwestern, Illinois, and Michigan State, all teams that were in the Top 25 before last weekend. They also play Ohio State and Virginia, two teams that aren't far away from cracking the Top 25. The other two games on their schedule are home

games against Southern Mississippi and Indiana. The combined record of all these opponents is 19-8. Take out Indiana and the combined record improves to 19-5. That 1-10 record is looking pretty realistic right about now.

Luckily, I've had to work each Saturday when Penn State played, so I haven't had to witness the horrors of a 33-7 loss to Miami and then an 18-6 loss to Wisconsin as well as the Iowa game. From what I've heard from people who've watched the games is that Penn State is playing with no intensity. They're not fired up and as a result all they are doing is performing like robots, or Frankenstein, or even Al Gore. Heck, Al Gore is more alive in a two-hour speech about preserving the habitat of the endangered Horned Puffin than this team.

One thing noticeable about this year's team is the lack of big name players. There are no LaVarr Arringtons, Courtney Browns, Curtis Enises, Kerry Collins, or Ki-Jana Carters on this team. The biggest name on the roster has to be Eric McCoo. Even he's not close to being an All-American. Then there's the quarterback situation. Senior Matt

Seneca has proven he's unreliable while freshman Zack Mills just doesn't have the experience yet to be able to lead the team to victory. In fact, they haven't had a great quarterback since Collins. Anyone remember Wally Richardson, Kevin Thompson, or that redheaded kid? I didn't think so.

Maybe Penn State has hit a low spot. Every team has its ups and downs, except that they are never as extreme as this season is going. When it gets this bad, some things have to be questioned. It can't be recruitment, because Pennsylvania is always one of the top states as far as high school football goes. PSU is very prestigious and has a rich history. Plus, University Park is known for its wild, out-of-control parties and riots, so why would players NOT want to go there. Oh, yeah, and I'm sure the curriculum is excellent too.

Does this mean it's almost time for Paterno to retire? Can he not compete anymore as far as recruiting goes? It's tough to say. Some say Mr. Floodpant is getting too old and has lost his touch, but others say he brings so much experience to the sidelines that replacing him would be a downgrade to the program. He might

just be waiting for two more wins so he'll own the record. Whatever his reason is for staying, Paterno really needs to think long and hard if it's time he passed the torch to someone else. Someone younger and fresher is needed to hold down the fort, because Paterno's career is quickly fading away.

At least the fan base is still there. No matter how well or poorly the team does on the field, Beaver Stadium is packed to capacity every single game. It's hard to find more fan support in this country than the 112,000 screaming, white-and-blue clothed crazed spectators who jam the stadium every fall. Penn State not only has a cult following in PA, but in many other areas of the country the Lions are popular.

I can still remember visiting the L.A. area the week leading up to the '94 Rose Bowl. On almost every street corner there were people selling PSU sweatshirts and hats and many other types of apparel. Places like Disneyland and Universal Studios had stands where they sold Lion merchandise. Of course, that year's team also went undefeated and should have been number one in the country. Ahhh, those glory days.

Men's soccer about to find there's no place like home

by Mike Francis
staff writer

Halfway through the season, the men's soccer team is at the top of its game with a 7-3 record after losing to Bethany in overtime on Saturday. After a disappointing loss to Elizabethtown at home on Sept. 23, the Lions took their frustrations on the road to Bradford on Sept. 26.

The game was a seesaw battle in the opening half, with neither team scoring a goal. The first goal came from Pitt-Bradford's Jerome Lewis 70 minutes into the game. Chris Lightner, assisted by Andy Laver, answered Bradford's goal six minutes later to tie the game.

At the end of regulation, the game was still tied 1-1, sending it into overtime. This time, Andy Laver lent Dan Falk the helping hand to score the winning goal, allowing Behrend to come from behind and defeat Bradford 2-1.

Behrend kicked 17 shots on goal opposed to Bradford's four. Jason Kuzmanski, Pitt-Bradford's goalie, had his work cut out for him. After a flurry of shots from Behrend, Kuzmanski managed to save 10. Jacob Hordych, who is having a great season in goal for Behrend, stopped three of the four shots Bradford mustered.

The team brought the momentum of that win to their last road game for a month on Saturday, facing Bethany in the season's 10th game. Once again the first period went scoreless, but this time it was Behrend jumping out in front first with a score by Lightner. Shortly after, Stuart Bracher was able to put a score on the board for Bethany. This game also retreated into overtime, but Behrend was not so lucky this time. Bracher again managed to find a hole in Jake

Hordych's wall of defense.

The game was a very intense one with penalties being handed out like candy on Halloween. Bethany drew seven penalty cards (six yellows, one red), while Behrend was able to keep its cool a little better, drawing only three.

After winning so many of their games on the road, Behrend has the advantage for the rest of their schedule with the exception of one game, which will be played at Buffalo State on Oct. 30.

Behrend's record dropped to 7-3 with its streak of home games still to come. The first game of the homestand was Wednesday against Grove City.

The Lions struck first, as Dan Falk, with an assist from Andy McCormick, put one past Grove City goalie Brad Smith. Smith held his ground for the rest of the game, but Grove City's Dustin King scored 75 minutes into the game. Five minutes later Grove City put the game winner past Hordych.

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Both goalies made eight saves, while Grove City took 17 shots compared to Behrend's 15. Freshman Eric Nyberg, Perritano, and assistant coach Nate Wiley all received yellow cards in the game. Grove City improved its record to 9-2 while the Lions dropped to 7-4, their third loss in the last four games.

Today they play Westminster at 5 p.m. at home. After the fall break, the Lions play Carnegie Mellon on Wednesday at 4 p.m., followed by Pitt-Greensburg on Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. On Oct. 17, the Lions welcome fellow AMCC foe La Roche to the Behrend Fields at 2 p.m.



PHOTO BY KRISTIN RODGERS

From left to right, senior Chris Lightner, assistant coach Nate Wiley, junior Ryan Ohl, and senior David Snook prepare for their game against Grove City on Wednesday.

The weekly senior athletic profile Allen Haywood: Enjoying a season that almost never was

by Kate Levdansky Petrikis
assistant sports editor

Allen Haywood, also known as Big Al, started playing water polo in the 2000-2001 season when Behrend first started the program. He credits head coach Josh Heynes for molding him into the player he is now.

"Coach Josh Heynes taught me polo from the ground up," said Haywood. "I had swimming experience when I started to play water polo, but that was all. Individually he teaches the players the skills needed for the game. As a whole he teaches us how to work together as a team and motivates us to do our personal best, which in turn makes the team as strong as possible."

However, a mistake was made last year, which resulted in Haywood being marked as ineligible. A student only has 10 semesters of eligibility to compete in college varsity sports. Thus, a little more than half-way through the year Haywood had to stop playing water polo and become the team manager.

"When the mistake was realized it was too late to play that year," said Haywood. "I brought the entire situation to Brian Streeter, Director of Athletics at Behrend, and he played a vital role in petitioning the NCAA for another semester of eligibility." The petition was granted, and Haywood is now playing his senior year.

The Behrend Lions have three captains on the team: Allen Haywood, Chad Holzshu, and Jon Harding. Big Al plays the positions of the 2MD/2M/Driver. 2MD stands for 2-meter defense, which is the position that defends what is known as the 'hole' position in water. 2M stands for 2 meter or hole position, which is the area anywhere inside the "penalty throw zone" where the 2-meter man sets up offensive play. The drivers are the positions on the top line of an offense. These individuals execute plays in order to set up a scoring advantage.

Practices are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., and Monday through Friday evenings from 4 to 6 p.m. "There is not much time outside of water polo and school. You just have to keep your mind in focus, know your priorities, and not go too far off that track. The key is to enjoy personal time when you get it."

The Behrend Lions are 2-8 but continue to improve their game.

"The team is working well together and improvements can be seen weekend to weekend," said Haywood. "I think we will surprise some teams at Division III finals."

One way Haywood prepares for games is getting lots of sleep and



PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO

Allen Haywood has led the men's water polo team into uncharted waters this past year, only its second year in existence. The Lions have remained competitive despite playing more experienced teams.

eating a light breakfast. Heynes also plays a part in getting the team ready before a game.

"Our tournaments are on the weekends where we compete in up to five games in two days, which is a lot," said Haywood. "The main thing that gets me prepared for games, is right before game time, when Coach Heynes builds up the teams morale and everyone is pumped and ready to go!"

Haywood is majoring in Electrical Engineering Technology and Management Information Systems. He would like to be a networking specialist or a chief information officer at a well known company.

"I feel the combination of the two

degrees will help me achieve this," said Haywood. Haywood already co-owns a company based out of Stanford, Conn., and is the active CEO.

In Haywood's spare time he builds custom cars and spends time with his girlfriend. After graduation, Big Al is taking a cruise for two weeks and then starting his job as a networking specialist.

"The water polo team has improved greatly over the past year, plus there is a lot of new talent added this year," said Haywood. "I see the water polo program striving to the top of the Division III standings within the next five years."