

Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

Friday
Women's Volleyball
@ Penn State Altoona
7 p.m.

Men's Water Polo
@ Princeton
Invitational TBA

Saturday
Women's Tennis
@ AMCC Tournament
@ Frostburg 9 a.m.

Men's Soccer
Frostburg
Behrend Fields
1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
@ Frostburg
1 p.m.

Women's Soccer
Frostburg
Behrend Fields
3:30 p.m.

Men's and Women's
Cross Country @
Rennselear Poly Institute
TBA

Men's Water Polo
@ Princeton Invitational
TBA

Monday
Men's and Women's Golf
@ La Roche
12 p.m.

Tuesday
Women's Soccer
Buffalo State
Behrend Fields
3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
Pitt-Bradford
Junker Center
7 p.m.

Wednesday
Women's Volleyball
Thiel
Junker Center
6:30 p.m.

Thursday
Men's Soccer
Thiel
Behrend Fields
3 p.m.

Friday Oct. 26
Women's Soccer
AMCC Tournament
Place TBA
Time TBA

Intramurals Schedule

Friday Oct. 26
Intramural Bowling
Men's and Women's
Singles, Teams, and Coed

Intramural Billiards
Men's and Women's Singles,
Doubles, and Coed

Friday Nov. 9
Intramural 3 vs. 3 Basketball
Men's and Women's Teams-
Competitive and Recreational

2-Ball Competition
Men's, Women's, and Coed
Teams (2 players)

All entries must be at the
intramural office
by 4 p.m.
on the scheduled date

Men's soccer team stalls after fast start

by Mike Francis
staff writer

The men's soccer team has been very busy since the last publication of Behrend's newspaper two weeks ago. The fall break gave most students time to relax, but not the soccer team. The Lions played five games in those two weeks, tying one, winning one, and losing the other three to drop their record to 8-6-1.

Behrend began the stretch with a home game against Grove City on Oct. 3.

Behrend jumped out on top first, as Dan Falk received an assist from Andy McCormick 35 minutes into the first period to put Behrend up by one. The team held off Grove City for the rest of the period.

In the second period Behrend had trouble. Grove City's Dustin King got a little help from Jon Veschio to get a shot by Jake Hordych to tie the game 1-1. Then, five minutes later Grove City scored again to put the finishing touch on a 2-1 win.

Overall, it was a pretty close game between the two teams. Behrend had 15 shots on goal compared to 17 for Grove City. The same goes for goalie saves, as Jake Hordych tied Brad Smith with eight saves apiece. The loss dropped Behrend's record to 7-4.

The Lions played their next game at home against Westminster on Oct. 5.

The men were determined to defeat Westminster on their home field. Westminster diminished that dream of coming true early on by putting a point on the board early in the game. Chris Lightner would relight that dream by scoring a goal of his own seven minutes later which kept the game even going into

the second half.

The seesaw battle continued. Westminster would score another goal putting them back on top 2-1. Mark Steigerwald tied the game once more by scoring the last goal of the second period, sending the game into overtime. Behrend fought hard to try to defeat Westminster but in the end it was Mother Nature who brought an end to the game, which was called off in overtime due to darkness.

Hordych had a big day, stopping 10 of the 15 shots given to him as opposed to six that were stopped by Westminster goalie James Houser.

The tie gave Behrend's record a new look of 7-4-1, with another home game against Carnegie Mellon on Oct. 10.

The Lions did a good job holding the visitors off for the first period, but the second half was a different story. Mellon's Adam Hishman was the first to put a point on the board. Behrend did not let this go unanswered. Lightner scored three minutes later, putting the team back into the game. Nearing the end of the game, Carnegie Mellon sneaked one by Hordych to finish off the Lions by a 2-1 score.

There was not too much action in this game, according to the statistics. There were not many shots on goal, as Behrend had four and Mellon managed eight. Although the team lost, Hordych had six saves, three more than Mellon's Tom Dougherty.

Having lost two home games, the team



PHOTO BY KRISTIN RODGERS

Senior midfielder Dan Falk (#8) fights for control of the ball against a Westminster opponent on Oct. 5 at the Behrend Fields. Freshman Andy McCormick (#4), right, watches from the background.

morale might have gone down a little and could explain the loss to Carnegie Mellon.

With the team's record down to 7-5-1, the Lions desperately needed to win Saturday afternoon game against Pitt-Greensburg, one that was televised on the Image Sports Network. The pressure was too great for the Lions, and they suffered a heart-breaking loss to Greensburg.

Wasting no time, Bill McIntosh put a score on the board nine minutes into the game. Dave Tintera felt he needed to show Behrend what he had by scoring a goal of his own. Behrend finally got the chance to score, when Lightner shot one past Mitch Paterline to get Behrend on the board at the very end of the first period. Lightner would make his presence felt again one minute into the second period, tying the game 2-2. Just when things were looking up for the Lions, McIntosh put

the icing on the cake and scored again, handing another defeat to Behrend.

Losing the last four home games, and dropping their record to 7-6-1, the "home field" advantage was not working for the Lions. But they changed that on Wednesday when they hosted La Roche.

Senior Chad Droz and freshman McCormick found the back of the net to give Behrend a 2-0 lead going into the half. The Lions did not let up in the second half, as junior Ryan Ohl and senior Falk both scored to propel Behrend to a 4-0 win. Hordych had to make only one save to preserve the shutout.

The Lions play two more home games. On Saturday the team plays Frostburg at 1 p.m., and then on Thursday they play against Thiel at 3 p.m. The Lions will need to use those games to prepare for the AMCC tournament on Nov. 2 and 3.

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Anthony Pagliari



Pagliari, a senior from McDowell High School shot a 75 for Penn State Behrend and made the AMCC Men's Golf All-Conference Team. Behrend shot 330 as a team and placed fourth in the conference. Next up for the Lions is a match at La Roche on Monday.

The weekly senior athletic profile

Laura Furko: Soccer star sets records and life priorities



PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO

Laura Furko has been one of the major reasons the Lions are in the hunt again for an AMCC title.

by Kate Levdansky Petrikis
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Laura Furko recently became Behrend's all-time goal scorer, but she said playing in California was just as exciting.

"Our trip to California was one that I will never forget," said Furko. The Lions played two competitive teams while they were there, the Redlands and Claremont. They suffered two difficult losses, especially the 2-1 overtime loss against the nationally ranked Redlands.

"The environment was incredible for both games," said Furko, "with the (mountains) surrounding the game fields.

"Enough about soccer though, we got to go on 'The Price Is Right,'" said Furko.

She said it was a long process to get on the show, but the team made sure

they had a lot of fun while they waited. Bethany Cummings, soccer alumnus, was chosen for the contestants' row. She never made it up onto the actual stage, but she won consolation prizes. The show will air on Nov. 30.

"I am sure that you will see the women's soccer team being obnoxious and jumping around in the audience," said Furko.

The Lions also got to travel on Rodeo Drive, view the famous Hollywood sign, and tour Beverly Hills.

Furko began playing soccer when she was 7-years-old, but under different circumstances than now.

"I had to play on an all boys team for two years since the sport was not very popular for girls at the time."

She played in many leagues growing up, including many traveling and cup teams. Furko attended Plum

Senior High School where she continued to play soccer on the girls' team for four years.

Furko plays central midfield for the Behrend soccer team.

"I have played other positions but find my niche as a central midfielder," said Furko.

The main role of the central midfielder is to distribute the ball to the forwards and create opportunities to score goals. Furko recently broke the scoring record, which was previously held by Michelle Gutting.

"I was pretty happy this past weekend when I broke the scoring record, with 33 goals," said Furko. "I was proud of myself, but was also proud of my teammates, because I could have never accomplished it without their hard work. In all my years playing soccer, I have never played on a team who works so hard for each other like the Behrend soccer program."

The team's record so far this year is

7-9-1, but that hasn't gotten the players down.

"We have had some difficult losses but are still undefeated in our conference with a record of (5-0)," said Furko.

The Lions have yet to lose an AMCC conference game in five years, and they hope to keep the tradition alive this year. Behrend has two more conference games left this week, against La Roche and Frostburg. If Behrend remains undefeated, it will host the conference tournament in two weeks at the Behrend Fields.

"I feel pretty confident in winning the conference title again this year," said Furko. "Each player knows what she can do, and it is just a matter of doing it."

"I feel that playing soccer in college has also helped me in the classroom."

Furko has learned to manage her time effectively in order to juggle soccer and her studies. She claims that it sometimes gets overwhelming, but says she has learned to leave certain time slots open to study during the day.

"My coaches at Behrend have always stressed the importance of my education over soccer, or any other sport," said Furko. "They also make sure that each player is doing well in their studies, and offer the players assistance if they need it."

Furko is majoring in Communications and Media Studies and plans to graduate this May. This past summer, Furko had a great internship with Fox Sports Net in Pittsburgh, and would like to continue in a job similar to that one.

"I hope to remain in sports as I enter the business world, either as a public relations consultant or work in sports information," she said.

Furko has two role models in her life, her mom and dad.

"They have always supported me 100% in everything I have pursued in life," said Furko.

Furko's father has been a big influence in her soccer career. He coached Furko when she was very young, and also coached her in high school.

"He has always pushed me to be the best that I can without forgetting who I am as a person," said Furko. "I feel that my dedication and perseverance in life (have) stemmed from my parents."



PHOTO BY JEFF HANKEY

Senior Sarah Peterson jumps to prepare for a spike during a recent home game. Surrounding Peterson are from left to right sophomore Lauren Senkevich (#15), senior Brianne Engelbert, sophomore Jessica Niedermeyer (#16), and junior Danielle Bemis (#10).

Behrend volleyball team stays on hot streak

by Diane Holtsford
staff writer

Last Saturday the Behrend women's volleyball team played two matches at Fredonia. First, they took on host team Fredonia and defeated them in four games. Behrend came away from the first match a winner, 30-24, but then dropped the second one 30-27. A determined Behrend team fought back to win the match in the last two games, 30-26 and 30-28.

Jessica Niedermeyer set the pace for her team with 17 kills and 21 digs, as did teammate Brianne Engelbert with 11 kills and 14 digs on top of her 40 setter assists. Also contributing to the team's win were Sarah Peterson with 13 kills and 17 digs and Danielle Bemis with nine kills and 10 digs.

Later that day the Lions played Pitt-Bradford, whom they had just played the previous Wednesday, in another four-game match. Behrend claimed the first two matches, 30-23 and 30-24. After conceding the third match to their conference rival, 30-23, Behrend clinched the game by winning the fourth match 30-26.

Once again Niedermeyer led the way with an impressive 17 kills and 27 digs, and Engelbert added 22 digs along with her 42 setter assists. Also contributing digs were Bemis with 18, Ashley Ordy with 15, and Sarah Peterson with 13.

"We were concerned about both teams because they always play tough, but we played well together and took care of business," said coach Kellie Diehl about Saturday's performance.

On Oct. 8, Behrend played at Pitt-Greensburg in another conference match. The Lions finished off Greensburg in three straight matches: 30-23, 30-19, and 30-28.

Peterson accumulated 10 kills and 15 digs, while Niedermeyer added seven kills and nine digs. In addition to her 29 setter assists, Engelbert tallied 14 digs, and teammate Ordy had 11 digs.

Although it was a close match, Diehl was not worried. "We were surprised about how well they played because the games were close, but we were confident we would beat them," said Diehl.

This past Saturday the Behrend Lions played at Lake Erie. Behrend easily won their conference game in three games: 30-15, 30-29, and 30-21.

"It was a good match, and our non-starting players got some playing time, which reinforced our confidence that we have a good all-around team," said Diehl.

The Behrend team had a great overall performance. Engelbert amassed five kills and 13 digs to go along with her 26 setter assists, and Niedermeyer added five kills and digs. Also contributing to Behrend's win were Krantz with eight kills and 10 digs with seven digs.

On Wednesday, Behrend played at La Roche, a team with a dismal 4-17 record going into the game. Behrend played an extra hard to pull out this win.

The Lions won the first set 30-26, followed by a more difficult second set of 32-30. In the third set, La Roche again gave Behrend lots of trouble, but the Lions were able to pull out the win 31-29. Their record now is 16-9 overall and 7-1 in the conference.

Niedermeyer led all players with 15 kills while adding 15 digs. Engelbert led Behrend with 20 digs and had six kills. Peterson added 14 digs and five kills, and Ashley Ordy contributed 10 digs.

The Behrend Lions hope to continue their winning streak in the conference as they head into the weekend.