

After finding heartache in California, soccer team comes home to nothing but success

by Bob Palivoda
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While many Penn State students sat back and relaxed over the fall break, the Penn State Behrend women's soccer team traveled to California to focus on stronger competition.

Their first game was against nationally ranked Redlands.

In the first half of play, Redlands was able to strike first by slipping a shot into the goal.

Behrend did not let that goal affect its game plan. Coming out in the second half, Behrend's women were on a mission. With an assist by Laura Furko, Aubrey Nicksich blazed one into the net. This was the only goal of the second half as goalkeeper Michelle Malatesta made her defensive play known to the state of California. Malatesta had 17 saves on the day.

After grinding through both halves of play, the two teams had to face off in overtime. This match-up was decided when Redlands narrowly dumped a shot in the net for a 2-1 win.

Behrend then went up against Claremont, but the Lions were not up to the task.

The game did not end up to Behrend's liking. Claremont dominated against the Lions. In the first half Behrend let up one goal. Coming back to the field for the second half of play, the women were still not able to get it together. Getting hammered with shots on goal, Malatesta was not able to stop them all. A total of three goals were scored in the second half of play leaving Behrend with a 4-0 loss.

After their second loss of their trip to California, Behrend's record dropped to 5-9-1.

After coming back from California, the women's first match-up was a conference game against Pitt-Greensburg on Oct. 13. Behrend beat Greensburg 3-1, increasing their conference record to a still undefeated 4-0 (overall 6-9-1).

The story of this game was when Furko surpassed Behrend's scoring record of 31 goals. Michelle Gutting, whose career at Behrend was from 1998-00, held the record. Laura currently holds the record at 33 but being that the season is not finished yet, that record has no where to go but up.

On Wednesday, the Lions played La Roche



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Senior midfielder Diane Holtsford blows by her opponent while maintaining control of the ball against Pitt-Greensburg on Saturday. The Lions did some maintaining of their own, defeating Greensburg 3-1 to keep alive their perfect AMCC record over the last five years.

at home. La Roche put the ball in its own net for Behrend's first goal, but came back to tie the score off a corner kick three minutes later. Maria Gahagen scored later in the first half to give Behrend a 2-1 lead. Furko scored the last goal of the game, at the 72 minute mark. The win ran the Lions' record to 7-9-1 overall while maintaining a perfect conference record at 5-0. The Lions play two more home games before

the AMCC championships on Oct. 26 and 27. On Saturday at 3:30 p.m., the Lions play host to Frostburg in their last regular season conference game. If the Lions pull out the win against Frostburg, they will host the AMCC championships next weekend. On Tuesday, the Lions play Buffalo State at 3 p.m. in the last regular season game.

Cross country teams finish in second place at Grove City

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The Behrend cross country teams competed in a much smaller meet at the Grove City Invitational this past Friday than the Loyola Invitational two weeks before. What the race lacked in quantity, the Lions made up for with quality team and individual performances.

"I was very pleased with the performance of both teams," said head coach Dave Cooper.

The Behrend men finished second in the meet behind host Grove City. Sophomore Kevin Ritzert won the men's race with a time of 31:18. Dan Croft and Mike Bartlett finished in the top 10 to give the Lions a boost in the team standings. Croft finished the race in fifth with a time of 32:27, followed in seventh by Mike Bartlett at 32:40.

Other finishers for the Lions were Matt Sprang (33:07) in 12th, Tim Schultheis (33:23) in 14th and Matt Heidecker (33:29) in 15th. Clayton Kirschner crossed the line at 33:44.

The Lions' times weren't as fast as previous meets, but according to Cooper, there was a reason for that.

"The course was measured wrong and, therefore, much too long," said Cooper. "So we were disappointed that our times didn't reflect the good efforts."

The women also finished second as a team, behind Grove City, which swept both races.

Andrea Sanko and Jessica Knapp again finished together, in fifth and sixth place, respectively. Sanko finished with a time of 22:01, followed by Knapp one second later.

Lyndsey Boor continues to catch up to the Lions "one-two punch" of Sanko and Knapp, finishing in eighth at 22:20. Sue Szafran finished just behind Boor in ninth at 22:44.

Other finishers for the Lions include Jessie Coe (23:59) in 19th, Claire Manelick (24:00) in 20th and Marlene McNatt (24:20) in 21st.

"The women are closing in on Jessica and Andrea, and that will provide for an outstanding team performance when they do get there," said Cooper.

The Lions' final meet before the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championships will be this weekend at the Rensselaer Poly Institute Invitational. The competition will be mostly Division III schools.

Erie offers many opportunities for skaters/bikers to practice their skills

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It is said that Erie is a Mecca for BMX (freestyle biking). Why? Consider this: Erie is a big city, so the street riding is plentiful. Pennsylvania itself has excellent dirtpaths for trailblazers. Shebang, an indoor skatepark and the Zuck Park trails are here, and on a teeny, tiny note: Kris Bennett and Chris Doyle, both pro bikers, reside here. In fact, I've spied Bennett at Eat'n Park at 2 a.m., but that's another story all together. Doyle recently won bronze at the Gravity Games for dirt jump.

The street scene here can only be explained in these two words: Go downtown! There among the fish you'll find enough rails, ledges, and gaps to appease even the pickiest of street destroyers. Always remember that when riding the streets, the cops will bust you for seasoning public property, so be careful. If you skate or inline there is plenty to do, but these downtown streets are more bike oriented.

As the winter season grows nearer, skateparks become the warm, year-round riding alternative. Erie's

own Shebang skatepark, located at 2411 West 12th St., covers not only bike-riding pleasures but also skating and inline. The park actually is aimed for the skaters though.

The park has a nice mini, some either way box jumps, various grind boxes, several wall rides, and a backroom filled with spine combos. The park has a circle flow design so you can keep going almost indefinitely. Newer riders should probably stay away from the spines and work on the boxes. The park also has a well-stocked pro shop. Their rates and hours vary so call at 879-0809 or visit www.shebangskatepark.com.

Without access to a car, riding Erie's golden streets, trails, and parks are out of reach. The campus scene is in full blossom with the rediscovered art of bank riding. The whole campus can be transformed into a land of endless grassy quarter pipes with all of these hills and slopes. If you love to 180, faplant (use of foot for boost), or just launch off stuff this campus is great. There is some stuff to slide and grind here but doing so is not suggested; the Campus Police would not be too happy. So for all those who are bored grab a board, some fruitboots, or a bike and ride.

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La Roche	3-2	8-7	Penn State Behrend	4-1	8-6-1	Penn State Behrend	4-3	8-9	Pitt-Bradford	5-2	10-15
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