

# Women's soccer to host AMCC championships



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Freshman Maria Gahagen attempts a fake-out against her Buffalo State opponent on Tuesday. Gahagen was instrumental in her midfielder position in the Lions' 2-0 victory. The win boosted their record back to .500 at 9-9-1.

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Playing flawless ball in the last third of the season has led Behrend's women's soccer team to an undefeated record in conference play. Dan Perritano, who is 88-37-10 as head coach, said that the team came up with a goal when it was at California. This goal was to go the rest of the season without a loss. This is exactly what the Lions did. In their most recent win against Buffalo State, sophomore Aubrey Nicksich led Behrend offensively. Both of her goals came in the first half of play. Senior Laura Furko assisted on Nicksich's first goal and freshman Natasha Edrington assisted on her second goal.

Senior Michelle Malatesta held strong throughout the game, claiming yet another shutout for her goal-tending career. On the year, Malatesta finished with seven shutouts. During the past week, Behrend played Frostburg (a televised game) and La Roche at home. Frostburg gave the people of Erie a game to watch last Saturday as they challenged the Behrend women into the second half. In the first half, Frostburg and Behrend went back and forth. The first half of the game ended in a 1-1 standstill. Come the second half, Behrend scored two goals on Frostburg to give the team a 3-1 lead. Frostburg was not finished though. Amy Foole brought the game within reach again, scoring on a

penalty kick. The score remained 3-2 and Behrend walked away with the victory. Both Nicksich and freshman Maria Gahagen scored for Behrend. Senior Diane Holtsford walked away with an assist. The game against La Roche on Oct. 17 was equally exciting. The score also ended up 3-2 in Behrend's favor. In the first half, Behrend left the field scoring two and La Roche walked off the field with one goal. Both teams managed to score a goal in the second half which gave Behrend the 3-2 victory. Gahagen and Furko both had goals for Behrend. Gahagen also walked away with an assist. Now Perritano and his team look forward to hosting the AMCC



PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO

Freshman Aubrey Nicksich fights off a Buffalo State opponent on Tuesday. Despite wearing Halloween-colored uniforms, Buffalo State played no tricks on Behrend, getting shut out 2-0 by the Lions.

Conference Tournament today and tomorrow. Going into the tournament ranked as the first seed, the outlook is good for Behrend, which has won the tournament the last four years. However, Perritano knows that the team must play well to win, because Frostburg is a tough team to beat. The first team Behrend faces is Pitt-Bradford on Friday at 12 p.m. Bradford comes into the tournament as the fourth seeded team. When asked about his game plan against Pitt-Bradford, Perritano said, "We must take care of our opportunities and play well."

Perritano does not plan on changing any of the team's game plans going into the tournament. In a final note, Perritano said for the fans to, "come out this weekend and watch the game. We would like to have fans support the team in a positive way." Furko leads the team with 10 goals and six assists, with Nicksich contributing six goals and Gahagen four goals and two assists. The Lions have gone 35-0 in league play the past five years. Behrend heads into the tournament with a 9-9-1 overall record and a 6-0

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Hanhauser, a freshman from McDowell High School, broke the water polo record for assists with 22. Hanhauser has 40 goals in 87 attempts this season for the Behrend Lions. Hanhauser is also third in career steals and attempts with 54 and 87, respectively. The Lions next play in the Southern Championships at the U.S. Naval Academy on Nov. 2, 3, and 4.

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with more questions than answers. So just how are they doing it? It's because first-year head coach Butch Davis has the team playing as a unit, not as 11 individual players on the field. The team is not overwhelming offensively by any means. Wait, that was an understatement. The Browns are horrendous on offense. They have the second worst offense in the NFL, as only one other team has piled up fewer yards per game than Cleveland, and that's Washington, a team that scores only eight points a game. Although Couch is throwing the ball real well - he has more than 1,100 yards so far - it's his lack of targets, as well as the lack of any sign of life in the running game, that's killing Cleveland. The defense, however, has kept the Browns afloat. It is 10th in the league, but more importantly are allowing only 15 points per game, meaning it's doing their damndest to keep the game close. Like the Steelers, the Browns are winning with a defense full of "Who the hell are these guys?". There are more recognizable people on UPN shows (minus "Buffy") than this defense. Don't get me wrong, the team is doing well, but let's not forget: it's still early in the season and this is Cleveland, the city of perpetual losers. The Indians fall apart faster than a Chinese motorcycle come playoff time, the Cavs will never be anything but a mediocre team, and the new Browns are still living in the shadow of the old Browns (who sucked too). The team leaves Cleveland and a few years later wins the Super Bowl. That can only happen to a town that sets its own waterway on fire.

# Men's soccer rebounds to prepare for AMCC championships

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The men's soccer team is back and playing the kind of soccer it played at the beginning of the season. The Lions shrugged off a couple of home upsets by defeating Frostburg and Thiel. Those two wins at home ran Behrend's record to 10-6-1. The Lions, playing on a field that was half mud as much as it was half grass, used a strong first half to easily handle Thiel on Thursday. The scoring began in only the third minute of play, as junior Ryan Ohl one-touched a pass from freshman Andy McCormick to give Behrend the early lead. The scoring didn't stop there, though. Three minutes later, sophomore Andy Laver put a header from McCormick past Thiel goalie Jeremy Rutzell. Then, three minutes later, senior Chris Lightner put an unassisted "shot from the 18" into Thiel's goal to put Behrend up 3-0. Senior Dan Falk scored at the 18-minute mark, with an assist from sophomore Travis Lightner. Two minutes later, Chris Lightner scored his second goal of the game to give Behrend a 5-0 lead, all before the first half was half over. McCormick recorded his third assist of the day on Chris Lightner's goal. The Lions then hit a dry spell - for 12 minutes - before scoring their sixth goal of the day. Sophomore Andy Laver scored Behrend's final goal of the game to essentially put the game out of reach. Thiel avoided a shutout with a minute left in the game, as Mike Perry put one past a clearly disgusted Bill Fader. The Lions dominated the whole game, as they outshot Thiel 15-6. Rutzell saved nine of those shots, while Fader and starting goalie Jacob Hordych saved a combined five. With their spirits rekindled after a 4-0 win against La Roche on Oct. 17, the Lions hosted Frostburg on Saturday. The weather was good and just right for soccer, at least for Behrend. R.J. Purnel of Frostburg got the lucky "off the post" shot to put the visitors in the lead early in



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Junior Matthew MacArthur (#21) gets ready to send the ball downfield as a Frostburg opponent closes in on Saturday. Senior Mark Szczykowski, with a clean uniform, trails on the play.

the game. Before the period was out, senior Chris Lightner put one past Mike Pregnall to make things even before the half. In the second period the Lions held Frostburg to that one goal. With the game nearing its end, Ohl scored on Pregnall, putting the Lions up 2-1. They continued to hold off the opposition for the rest of the game. There was not much action in this game according to statistics. In total, Behrend had four shots on goal. Hordych, who is having a great year in goal, only saved three out of Frostburg's four total shots. Frostburg's Pregnall managed to stop two shots. There was not much action according to the statistics, but there was a lot of action on the field. One could say that the referees worked

harder than the players did in this game, due to high emotions, especially for Behrend. Wanting and needing a win at home took its toll on the team mentally. The men worked up 10 fouls and were offside three times. Frostburg, thinking that Behrend might have been a pushover, got extremely frustrated. Everyone on the team must have had a foul at one time or another in order to rack up the 21 total fouls they received. With only one game before the AMCC tournament on Nov. 2 and 3, it seems like the team is back in the winning mode, which it will need in order to do well. The Lions last game is on Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Buffalo State.

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