Men's tennis team hopes to learn from early-season struggles

by Mike Bello sports editor

Early-season experience can be vital to a team's success as time runs on. The men's tennis team hopes the results of this past weekend won't reflect the results two months from now.

Behrend, playing against Division II Mercyhurst and Division III powerhouse Allegheny, dropped every one of its matches in losing by identical 9-0 scores on Saturday. Behrend's first two matches of the season showed the Lions where their weaknesses are, which they believe will allow them to

"This was our first game of the season and a few of our players were playing a match for the first time on Behrend's team," said senior Jacob Cornwell. "Now that we have played a match, we can see where our strengths and weaknesses are and what we need to concentrate on to play better.

"I think we need to be more focused on playing," he added. "The team can play well but we need to focus on playing smart and setting our goals high on winning."

Dave Cooper led off the match against Allegheny with 6-3 and 6-2 losses to Gabe Higgs-Horwell, who owns a 39-15 record in singles play. Mike Oey dropped 6-1 and 6-0 decisions in the second match to Chris Howell, 36-16 in his singles career. Behrend's next four players, Jacob Hillman, Sundeep Bhatia, Sheel Galliara, and Jacob Cornwell, all dropped their matches by identical 6-0 scores.

Cooper and Oey lost the first doubles match 8-1 to Higgs-Horwell and Howell. Hillman and Bhatia dropped the second match 8-0, and Cornwell and Steve Broussard fell 8-3 in the last doubles match.

"On Saturday the team definitely was disappointed at the loss," said Bhatia. "It affected all of us as a team. So the strength "valuable to future matches that will matter," here is that everyone is very much a team

player, but it's each individual's weakness that needs to be looked at to improve our game."

"We definitely have some bugs to work out," said Broussard. "This is why we are playing a bunch of matches before the conference matches start (March 16). We played hard on Saturday. There are a lot of strong players on our team. We just were playing against a better team."

Against Mercyhurst, a school that can offer athletic scholarships unlike Behrend, the Lions showed poise. But they were unable to gather momentum for their match at Division III Baldwin-Wallace on Saturday

Cooper led off the singles competition with 6-2 and 6-0 losses, and Oey followed it up with 6-1 and 6-4 losses. Hillman and Bhatia then lost all but one set in the next two singles matches, and Galliara followed it up with 6-4 and 6-0 losses. Doug Smith lost 6-2 and 6-0 to finish out singles play.

Cooper and Oey put up a fight but dropped the opening doubles set 8-3. The next two teams, Hillman/Bhatia, and Cornwell/Broussard dropped their matches 8-0. Mercyhurst, a one-time national champion, defeated Allegheny 6-3 on

The Lakers played six matches before Saturday's game and have already participated in singles and doubles tournaments this year. The loss gives the Lions confidence knowing Mercyhurst is one of the best teams Behrend will see all vear.

"This gives us an advantage," said senior Atif Chaudry. "When you face a team that is better than you are, it allows you to play with more confidence against teams that aren't as strong.'

"The score may not show it, but the experience that we are getting is quite said Broussard.

Track and field enjoys two weeks off, anxious to compete again

by Scott Soltis staff writer

The Behrend track and field team does not know the concept of being rusty. The last time the Lions competed was two weeks ago at Slippery Rock. This weekend, they travel to Mount Union to take part in an eight-team invitational.

The teams competing are Clarion, Cornerstone, Mount Union, Muskingum, Otterbein, West Liberty, Walsh, and Behrend. The meet will be non-scored, and the Lions will try to set new records in as many events as pos-

"We are hoping to qualify more athletes to the ECAC championships in Boston," said coach Dave Cooper about this weekend's

He shares the sentiment of his team that there will not be any rust from the week off. "A week off provides time to work out and rest some of the injuries and illnesses,"

The team is anxious to be involved in competition again, but is glad for some rest

"A weekend off, however, is good for the legs," said senior sprinter Keith Cerroni.

Cerroni has been nursing sore hamstrings the past few weeks. He is also quick to point out that every meet the team can get is im-

"We have very few meets in college, so you want to have one every chance you get," said Cerroni.

Freshman Mike Barlett, on the other hand, does not enjoy the time between meets.

"I would prefer more competition," he said. "I love to race people and I can only do that through the meets." He mentioned that racing not only helps him physically but also intellectually.

"Racing helps me out mentally, because if I lose, it makes me want to work harder in practices so that the next race I am in better shape," said Barlett.

Despite his enthusiasm to break his own records week after week, Barlett is also glad to get a little rest time for aches that was not possible with two or three meets per week



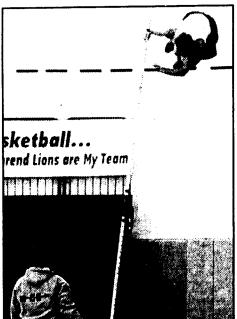
Sophomore Lyndsay Schulte, left, freshman Chris Ober, center, and freshman Josh Carmichael practice their footwork on the mats at the Junker Center.

in high school.

The women's team has mixed emotions as well. Sophomore Heather Efaw is glad the team gets some time off, but also wishes they could compete more. "It is nice to have a week off for the fact

that you can do work and go out and not worry about rushing to get everything done," she said. The indoor season is a great way for the team

to get ready for the outdoor season. Because their primary focus is outdoor, the Lions don't get as many indoor opportunities. Efaw wishes there were more chances for the team to compete in indoor competitions.



PHOTOS BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON Freshman Steve Feder completes a successful jump during practice as pole vault coach Joe Sanford watches. The Lions head to Mount Union this weekend for their last meet before the ECAC Indoor tournament March 2 and 3.

"We have very few meets in college, so you want to have one every chance you get."

-senior Keith Cerroni

"I think if we are going to be competitive, we need to go to as many meets as we possibly can," she said.

There are advantages and pitfalls to time off, but the team hopes to come flying out of the blocks either way. Their competitive drive sometimes pushes them to run on empty, but this week they had time to fill their tanks, and get some tune-ups.

Although last weekend was one less time they could have ran, they will take advantage of every opportunity to compete. The Mount Union Invitational in Alliance, Ohio is just one more opportunity to seize.

THE BEACON SCOREBOARD

THE BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

Women's Basketball			Men's Basketball			
School	C.R.	<u>Overall</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>C.R.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	
Penn State Altoona	10-2	17-6	Pitt-Bradford	11-1	21-4	
Pitt-Greensburg	10-3	13-13	Penn State Behrend	10-3	18-7	
Penn State Behrend	10-3	14-12	Frostburg	10-3	15-11	
La Roche	6-7	13-11	Pitt-Greensburg	6-7	9-16	
Pitt-Bradford	5-8	8-18	La Roche	3-10	8-18	
Frostburg	3-10	7-18	Penn State Altoona	3-10	4-22	
Lake Erie	1-12	3-22	Lake Erie	2-11	8-19	

Final Women's Basketball Stats **PPG RPG** <u>Plaver</u> **Erin Phillips** 17.5 7.5 Kate Costanzo 13.8 5.1 Christine Charnock 9.5 3.7 9.2 5.0 Erica Mozdy 3.8 Crystal McGarvey 5.9 Katie Weigold 4.0 2.1 **Carly Cochran** 4.0 2.6

PG RPG 8 7.8
0 70
8 7.8
4 3.3
5 3.6
5 6.7
3 3.5
6 1.5
0 2.0

Points (Pts)

<u>Player</u>

2

Team POS Pts

Assists (Ass.)

Team POS Ass.

Shots

258

254

252

228

227

RW

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THE NATIONAL SPORTS ARENA

National Basketball Association League Leaders

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<u>Player</u>

1 B Wallace DET

2 R LaFrentz DAN

T Duncan SA

4 A Mourning MH

2	P Pierce	BOS	F-G	26.3
3	S O'Neal	LAL	С	26.1
3	K Bryant	LAL	G	26.1
5	V Carter	TOR	G-F	25.5
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	Rebounds	Per G	ame (R	PG)
	Player	Team	POS	RPG
1	T Duncan	SA	F-C	13.1
2		GS	F	12.3
3	B Wallace	DET	F-C	12.2
4	K Garnett	MIN	F	11.8
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Team POS PPG

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	Player	Team	<u>POS</u>	<u>APG</u>
	A Miller	CLE	G	10.8
,	J Kidd	NJ	G	10.0
	G Payton	SEA	G	9.1
	J Tinsley	IND	G	8.7
,	B Davis	CHA	G	8.7

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	5	Steals (S)	
	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>s</u>
1	A Iverson	PHI	G	123
2	J Kidd	NJ	G	114
3	K Malone	UT	F	104
4	K Anderso	n BC	G	100
5	D Armstror	ngORL	G	99
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Blocks (BLK)

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	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>POS</u>	ETP
1	T Brandon	MIN	G	.988
2	R Miller	IND	G	.917
3	R Hamilton	WAS	G-F	.903
3	C Whitney	WAS	G	.903
5	S Nash	DAL	G	.892

3-	Pt. Field Go	oal Per	centag	e (FGP)
	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	POS	FGP
1	S Smith	SA	G-F	.503
2	S Padgett	UT	F	.494
3	W Person	CLE	G-F	.477
4	W Szczerb	iakMIN	G-F	.465
		MIL	G	.455

Division I College Basketball AP Top 25

	Women	asketball	
	Team !	Record	<u>Points</u>
1	Connecticut	27-0	1000
2	Stanford	26-1	947
3	Oklahoma	22-2	907
4	Tennessee	22-3	859
5	Duke	21-3	854
6	Louisiana Tech	19-3	780
7	Vanderbilt	22-6	763
8		21-4	668
9	Purdue	21-4	667
10	South Carolina	21-4	604
		19-6	543
12	Kansas St.	22-5	536
13		19-7	497
14	Texas	16-8	392
15	Florida	17-8	381
16	Colorado St.	20-5	324
17	Texas Tech	15-9	314
18	Boston College	19-5	294
19	Minnesota	20-5	290
20	North Carolina	21-6	279
21	Old Dominion	19-5	185
		16-8	149
		21-4	127
	Virginia Tech	17-7	121
25	Wisconsin	17-8	120

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES TCU 72, LSU 47, Notre Dame 43, UNLV 42, Florida Intl 38. Mississippi 4 A Nazarov PHX St. 25, Geo Wash. 22, Creighton 19 5 D Lambert ANA

National Hockey League League Leaders

<u>Player</u>

1	J Iginla	CGY	RW	64	1	A Oates	WAS	С	46
2	J Thornton	BOS	С	61	2	J Thornton	BOS	С	39
2	M Naslund	VAN	LW	61	2	J Roenick	PHI	С	3 9
3		STL	LW	58	3	A Zhamnov	CHI	С	37
5	B Shanahai	nDET	LW	57	3	J Sakic	COL	С	37
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	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>POS</u>	Goals		<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	POS	<u>+/-</u>
1	J Iginla	CGY	RW	35	1	C Chelios	DET	D	40
2	B Guerin	BOS	RW	32	1	S Gagne	PHI	LW	32
3	M Sundin	TOR	С	31	3	J Roenick	PHI	С	30
4	B Shanaha	nDET	LW	30	4	G Murray	BOS	RW	28
5	M Modano		С	29	5	K Draper	DET	С	27
	Goals Again	nst Ave	rage ((GAA)		Save Percentage (%)			
	Player	<u>Team</u>	POS	<u>GAA</u>		<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>%</u>
1	T Conklin	EDM	G	1.62	1	T Conklin	EDM	G	.939
2	I Bryzgalov	ANA	G	1.88	2	J Theodore	MTL	G	.929
3	J Storr	LA	G	1.89	3	P Nurminer	ATL	G	.928
4	D Aebische	r COL	G	1.92	3	D Aebische	r COL	G	.928
5	P Roy	COL	G	1.96	3	M Legace	DET	G	.928
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5 P Kariya

LW