

Calendar of
EventsBehrend
Athletic
Events

Friday, Sept. 6
Women's Tennis
vs. Westminster, 3:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer
@ Days Inn Tournament
vs. Juniata, Noon

Women's Soccer
@ Days Inn Tournament
vs. Buffalo State, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7
Women's Volleyball
@ Allegheny Tournament
9 a.m.

Men's Soccer
@ Days Inn Tournament
vs. Fredonia, 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer
@ Days Inn Tournament
vs. Fredonia, 4 p.m.

Women's Tennis
@ Allegheny, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 10
Women's Volleyball
@ Grove City, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 11
Women's Tennis
Hiram, 3 p.m.

Men's Soccer
W&J, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12
Women's Soccer
Thiel, 3:00 p.m.

Golf
@ Pitt-Greensburg, Noon

Intramurals
Schedule

Tennis

Men's, Women's, & COED
Entries Due Friday,
Sept. 6
Schedules Posted By 9-10

Slow Pitch Softball
Men's, Women's, & COED
Entries Due Friday,
Sept. 6
Games Begin 9-10

Sand Volleyball

Men's, Women's, & COED
Entries Due Friday,
Sept. 6
Games Begin 9-10

Golf

Men's, Women's, & COED
Entries Due Friday,
Sept. 6
Event on 9-15

Cross Country

Men's, Women's, & COED
Entries due Friday,
Sept. 27
Includes Individual and
Team Competition
Races begin at 6 p.m. on
Monday, September 30

Flag Football

Men's, Women's, & COED
Entries due Friday,
Oct. 4
Games begin Oct. 8

Women's soccer
prepared for 2002

There are two words that can be used to describe this year's women's soccer team: young and talented.

On an 18-player roster they have 12 freshmen and six sophomores, making this year's team the youngest team in school history.

Usually such a young team brings about a sense of doubtfulness and gives more questions than answers. But head coach Dan Perritano feels it is a strength, not a weakness.

"The strength of our team is our younger players," said Perritano. "We keep improving each day."

Despite being a young team, the Lions are looking to improve upon last year's 10-10-1 finish and add to Behrend's amazing league record of 35-1. A fifth AMCC title appears to be an attainable goal this year for the Lions.

The team opened their season at home last weekend in the Herb Lauffer Memorial Tournament. They were put to the test in their first game of 2002, taking on Ohio Northern, which they lost 1-7. It didn't get much easier for the Lions in their second game against Keuka

College; they came up short, losing 2-3. Although they lost both games, valuable lessons were learned which will help the team out in the long run.

"We learned we could compete successfully," Perritano said.

One of the strengths of this year's team is their never-give-up attitude, a quality that will be a big boost in every game that they play.

"We play hard and we play with enthusiasm," said Perritano.

The team's chemistry is improving and the team's identity is taking shape. With every game, the team should continue to improve and come together.

But there are some areas of concern according to Perritano, "we're pretty banged up and we have some tactical flaws."

The Lions won their first game Wednesday night against John Carroll University, shutting out the Blue Streaks 1-0. Heather Crawford scored the only goal for the Lion, and brought their record to 1-2.

The Lions are in action again this weekend at the Fredonia Tournament.

Women's volleyball
is ready to rumble

by Zoë Rose
sports editor

Fall is just around the corner, and it's time to shift gears to women's volleyball.

Excitement is thriving as the Penn State women's volleyball team has started competition in the 2002 season with a 3-3 (no conference) record. The Lions opened 2002 with a 3-2 record in the Oberlin Tournament with the semi-final loss. Behrend then evened their record playing a tight game against Thiel last Tuesday. Next up for the blue and white is the Allegheny Tournament, hosted away this week-end.

With only one senior remaining on the team, Rose Boni, leadership will be a key element in boosting the team's confidence throughout the season. This year's squad has five upper classmen who will hopefully provide vital skills and experience, and several top freshman are entering the scene. Earning spots on this year's team are juniors middle hitter Lauren Senkevich (with 198 kills and led the team with 30 block attempts), outside hitter Danielle Bemis (with 388 digs and 742 TAs). Newcomers include middle hitter Katie Butler, outside hitter Patricia Adams, and outside hitter and setter Jessica Long.

Skilled freshmen include setter Amanda Evens, defensive specialists (DS) Elizabeth Bello and Emily Gabrys, middle hitter Amanda

Steinke, and outside hitter Erin Bennett. Adding depth to the roster will be sophomore outside hitter and setter Ashley Ordy and DS Emily Waters.

"She has good leadership qualities as well as having excellent court sense, so she will lead both by her play and her enthusiasm," Diehl said, commenting on Boni's responsibilities as the only remaining senior.

The game against Thiel revealed the areas of improvement in order to earn the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference title. The Lions lost a very close match in five games, 30-28, 27-30, 18-30, 30-21, and 13-15.

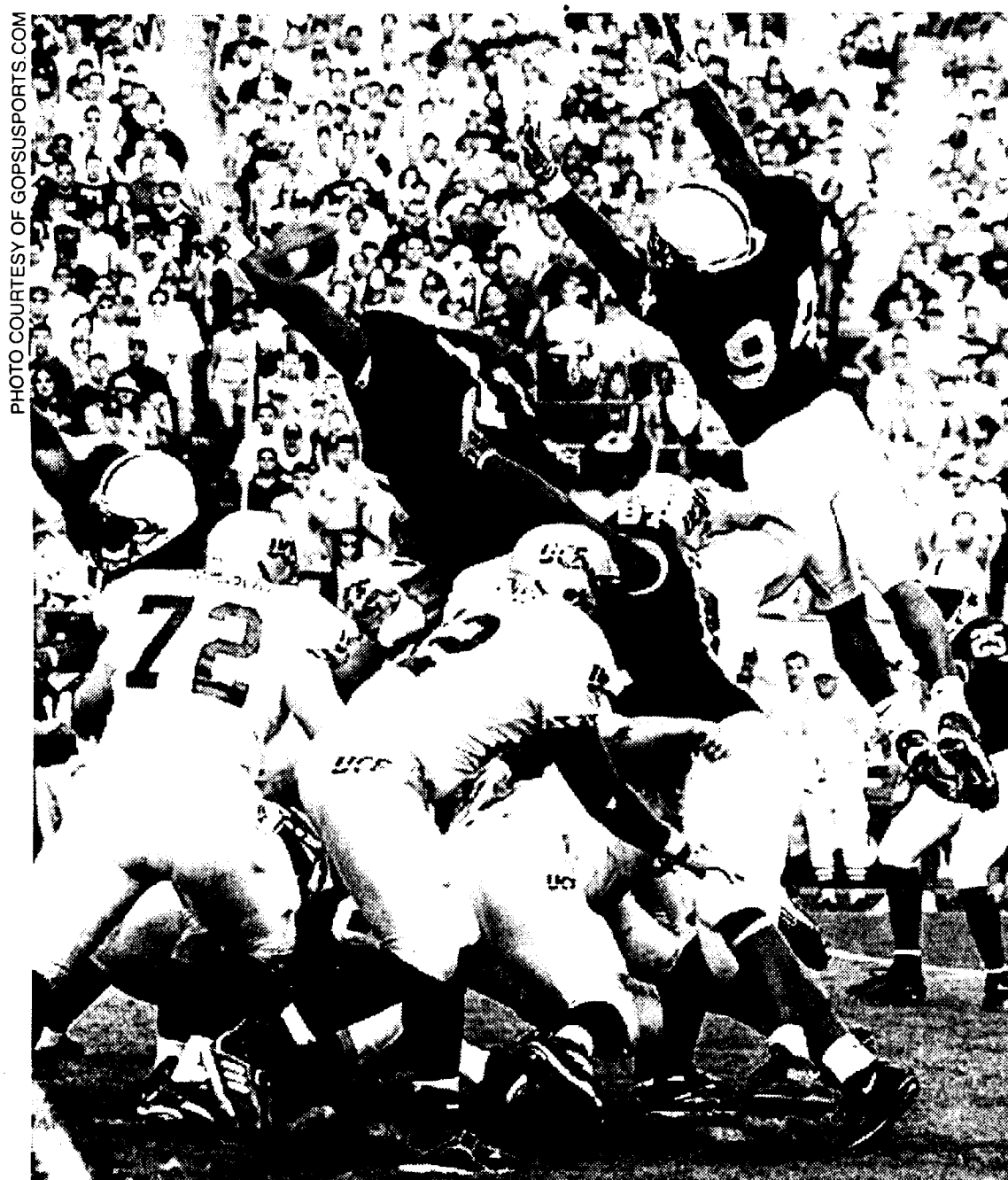
One item that needs the most attention is the Lions' freshmen setter, Evans.

"She has the potential to do very well here and we're lucky to have her, she just needs some experience to get a little more consistent," said Diehl.

"Winning three games at the Oberlin Tournament did help our confidence level and it also showed us our strengths and weaknesses," junior Katie Butler pointed out.

The Lions will travel to Allegheny this weekend, followed by the last away match at Grove City. The Lions will also attend the Behrend Tournament September 13-14. The blue and white play their first conference game away against La Roche on September 17.

Nittany Lions jump all over UCF



Junior linebacker Derek Wake blocks a pivotal field goal.

by Scott Soltis
sports editor

The Penn State Nittany Lions kicked off their season last week against the Knights of the University of Central Florida. The Lions are coming from back to back losing seasons for the first time in head coach Joe Paterno's illustrious career. Both of those seasons the team lost its opener, that's one streak that ended Saturday.

But the Lions defeated UCF 27-24 in a game that should not have been as close as the final score.

The first quarter started with UCF Matt Prater's 26 yard field goal to put his team up 3-0. Penn State quickly answered when junior quarterback Zack Mills led the team on a 74 yard drive, capped off by a strike to running back Larry Johnson for a touchdown that put the Lions in favor, 7-3.

Penn State added to this lead with a Robbie Gould's 23 yard field goal attempt, widening the gap at 10-3. At the end of the quarter, the Lions' passing game appeared unstoppable with Mills' 140 passing yards in the opening period. Mills finished the game with just under 200 yards due to more conservative play calling the rest of the game, and some passes that looked tentative.

The second quarter was a forgettable

one for Penn State as they watched their offense struggle and UCF's Prater hit two more field goals. Prater hit an easy 32 yarder with nine minutes until halftime, and also nailed a clutch 53 yard field goal with 1:09 left in the half. At the end of two quarters, Penn State had a mere one point lead.

The second half saw some brilliant running by PSU senior Larry Johnson. Johnson averaged 5.6 yards per carry on his way to a 92 yard performance. The team utilized their talented defense as well with ball control in the third quarter. The only freshman to make the Lions roster this year, safety Calvin Lowry, came up big in the third quarter as he intercepted a Ryan Schneider pass that would lead to Gould's 34 yard field goal.

Later in the quarter, another Johnson would get his chance to score. Junior wide receiver Tony Johnson caught a 21-yard pass from Mills to put his team up 20-9 mid-third quarter. The Penn State defense held the rest of the quarter to shut the Knights out.

Penn State continued their momentum through the final quarter. The special teams play by junior linebacker Derek Wake was phenomenal as he blocked a UCF field goal early in the quarter. Penn State marched the ball downfield with a

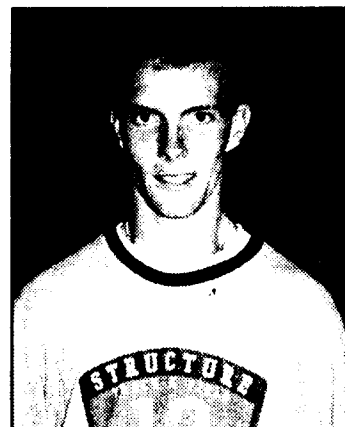
brilliant combination of rushing and passing to score an 8 yard touchdown on the option. Pounding it into the end zone was 258-lb. fullback Paul Jefferson, giving the Lions 17 unanswered points after halftime.

Penn State's secondary failed them on some big third down plays, but held the prolific Schneider to a single touchdown. Until the middle of the fourth quarter the secondary bend but did not break. After that point it collapsed allowing UCF to forge two successful touchdown drives led by Schneider's passing. Fortunately, Penn State recovered an onside kick with 24 seconds left to play and secured the victory.

The game resulted in a win, but a collapse in the secondary would be fatal against Nebraska (8th ranked team in the nation) in two weeks. The less-convincing fourth quarter caused Penn State's national rank to fall from 23rd to 25th, even though they came away with a victory.

The team showed promise and will be put to the test in two weeks at Happy Valley. If the Lions can send the Cornhuskers home with a loss, then the sky is the limit for Penn State football this year.

Housing
and
Food Service
Athlete
of the Week
PENNSTATE
Erie
Tim
Schutheis



SPORT: Men's Cross
Country
CLASS: Sophomore
DATE: September 2,
2002

Tim Schutheis
(Latrobe/Greater
Latrobe) was named
this week's Beacon/
Food
and Housing Athlete
of the Week.

Tim finished second
overall this past Sat-
urday at the Fisher
Cross Country
Invitational at
Westminster College.
He led the Behrend
Lions with a time
of 27:32, and led the
Behrend team to a
first place finish.

Housing and Food
Service Athlete of
the Week is selected
by the Sports
Information Staff.