

## 5 Reasons Why...

# Major League Baseball should have went on strike

1. The new revenue sharing. Revenue sharing is when the big teams in major cities (New York, LA, etc.) have to give some of their profits to the smaller city teams (Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, etc.). Going into labor negotiations the big teams were giving the small teams 20% of their locally generated income. As part of the deal that averted the strike the small teams now get 34%. This would be great and help the underprivileged teams get better players and become more competitive, that is IF they weren't



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already in major debt. This will just prevent the teams from going bankrupt, not necessarily make them any better.

2. The new luxury tax. A tax levied for excessive spending for players sounds like a good idea. This was another policy instituted by the new labor agreement. Unfortunately, it only applies to the New York Yankees, Los Angeles Dodgers, and

Texas Rangers. Next year it will only apply to the Yankees and Rangers. Furthermore in 2004 if the teams don't add payroll only Yankees will be affected. Therefore, only three teams will be punished for spending an exurbanite amount of money.

3. No contraction thru 2006. Would baseball fans really be hurt if there were no Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Florida Marlins, or Montreal Expos? Granted there might be a backlash from all 3000 Canadian baseball fans and the 6000 retired people who heckle the Devil Rays and Marlins about how bad they suck.

4. In four years we'll go through this

all over again. Baseball didn't solve any of its problems, it just patched them up to avert a strike. Just think of Major league Baseball as a damaged ship. Instead of docking the ship for some repairs, they opted to just bust out the duct tape to stay afloat. Unfortunately, the temporary fix will give way and the league and fans will go through strike talks again in 2006.

5. The New York Yankees. The Yankees have a good team, again. They will go to the playoffs and possibly the World Series, again. Although I do not hail from Boston, I hate the Yankees. If baseball would have went on strike, then

the Yankees could not have had the chance to win at least for awhile. Granted, baseball screwed the Yankees over a little, and for that I sincerely thank them. Alas, the strike was averted.

Damn Yankees.

## Behrend cross country sweeps team titles at Westminster

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History was made on Saturday as both the men's and women's cross country teams took home team titles in their season opening invitational at the Fisher Cross Country Invitational at Westminster College. Saturday marked the first time in the team's history that both the men's and women's teams captured team titles at the same invitational.

The men's cross country team literally ran away with the title, placing three runners in the top five. Sophomore Tim Schultheis, who was selected as the men's team captain for the 2002 season, led the way for the men's team with a time of 27:32, placing him second overall.

Schultheis was followed closely by a pair of first year runners.

Sophomore Brent Beauseigneur followed closely behind with a time of 27:46, capturing the third spot. Senior Brian Wheeler completed the speedy



Runner Mike Bartlett.

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trio with a fourth place overall finish, crossing the line with a time of 27:51. The Lions also had strong contributions from returning sophomores Clayton Kirschner (28:31), Steve Werner (28:39), and Dan Alvis (28:58).

The women's team also took home top honors Saturday with strong performances by the 2002 women's

team captain Jessie Coe and Jessica Sarver, who both crossed the finish line with an identical time of 20:34, placing the duo second and third overall. Sophomore Claire Manelick finished third for the Lions with a time of 21:28, and was soon followed by senior Jessie Coe (21:55) and sophomore Susie Szafran (22:09).

The teams are back in action the Sept. 14 when Behrend will host its own invitational. The event is expected to attract numerous teams and excellent competition for the Lions. When asked about the upcoming home invitational, Kirschner said, "I think everyone is really excited about finally having an invitational here at Behrend. We didn't get to have one last year because of the construction on campus, so we've been waiting awhile for this. We're all going to be ready to go and show what we have as a team. I hope to see some supporters around campus on the day of the race."

## Season outlook strong for men's soccer

by Jen Henderson  
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The Behrend Lions Men's Soccer team started off its season at the Herb Lauffer Tournament on Aug. 31. The tournament was hosted at Behrend where in its first game the Lions were pitted against Lebanon Valley. It was a tough battle, but the teams ended in a 0-0 tie after double overtime. Behrend goalkeeper Jake Hordych stopped 12 shots for the shutout.

To determine who would advance to the to the championship game, the two teams had a penalty kick shoot-out. The Lions emerged victorious winning the shoot-out 3-2.

The Lions then faced Ohio Northern in the championship game on Sept. 1. After another valiant attempt the Lions ended up losing a tough game 1-0. Behrend had six shots on goal, while Ohio Northern had eight. Behrends' overall record thus far is 0-1-1. They have yet to play an AMCC game.

Ten year coach of the Lions and 1997 AMCC coach of the year Dan Perritano is returning this year to try and lead the team to victory. Coach Perritano is very confident about this year's team and the season ahead. He said his goals for this year's team are to "have a productive year, win the AMCC, and above all to improve every day". Thus far, the Lions have obtained two of five AMCC

Championships throughout the years. Coach Perritano will be joined by Eric Kunzinger will be the team's new assistant coach.

The 2002 men's soccer team is comprised of 25 students including 11 returning players, six of them starters. Last season the lion's had a great record of 12-7-1. There are many exceptional freshmen on this year's team, which should provide a good opportunity to help lead this team to hosting the AMCC tournament.

Co-captains this year are Matt MacArthur and Hordych. MacArthur is a central defender and Hordych earned 2nd team all-conference last season at goalkeeper. Other returning players are Brian Hesch (Campbell, NY/Campbell-Savona), William Fader (Pittsburgh/Avonworth), Brian Volland (Erie/McDowell), Jeff Morris (Renfrew/Butler), Jason Falk (Erie/Iroquois), Eric Nyberg (Erie/Cathedral Prep), Jason Ferrier (Medina, OH/Highland), Andy Laver (Erie/McDowell) and Andy McCormick (Pittsburgh/Mt. Lebanon).

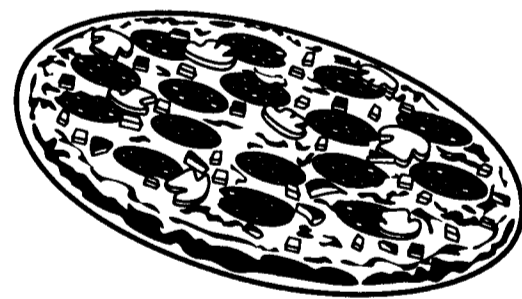
There are six conference matches that are to be played this season prior to the conference semifinal on Nov. 7 and the conference final on Nov. 9. This weekend the Lions face Juniata and Fredonia at the tournament at Fredonia State. This tournament hopes to serve as another good stepping stone for the season ahead.

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