

Calendar of
Events**Behrend
Athletic
Events****Friday**Women's Tennis
vs. Alfred, 3:30 p.m.Women's Volleyball
Behrend Invitational, 4 p.m.Men's Water Polo
@ Grove City Invitational**Saturday**Women's Volleyball
Behrend Invitational, 9 a.m.Men's Water Polo
@ Grove City InvitationalMen's & Women's X-Country
Behrend Invitational
11/11:45 a.m.Women's Tennis
Behrend Invitational, 9 a.m.Men's Soccer
@ Brockport, NoonWomen's Soccer
@ Brockport, 2:30 p.m.**Sunday**Women's Tennis
Frostburg, 9 a.m.**Monday**Golf
@ Penn State Altoona, Noon**Tuesday**Women's Tennis
@ Fredonia, 4 p.m.Men's Soccer
Carnegie Mellon, 4 p.m.Women's Volleyball
La Roche, 6:30 p.m.Men's Water Polo
@ Gannon vs. Grove City
7:45 p.m.**Wednesday**Women's Tennis
Thiel, 4 p.m.Women's Soccer
Wooster, 5 p.m.**Thursday**Golf
Behrend Invitational, NoonWomen's Volleyball
@ Lake Erie, 6 p.m.**Intramurals
Schedule****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**Lions on the prowl, win two of last three**by Lauren Packer
staff writer

The women's soccer team took its 1-2 record on the road to Fredonia this past weekend. The young squad won its first contest, beating Buffalo State 2-1.

Holly Greiner, freshman forward, scored Behrend's first goal in the 47th minute. Sophomore Maria Gahagen put the Lions up 2-0 with her goal in the 65th minute, securing the victory.

The women were not as lucky in the following contest, as they could manage only one goal, losing a hard fought battle to host Fredonia, 3-1.

In the second half, the Lions executed a beautiful play involving captain Erin Mauer and Jen Baker. Mauer dribbled down the sidelines and passed to Baker, who one-touched the ball into the goal, scoring the first goal for either team.

However, the Lions lead did not last long as Fredonia battled back and scored three goals in the remainder of the second half. The loss dropped the Lions' record to 2-3.

The team followed up this hard loss with an impressive win on Thursday. The Lions shutout Thiel winning the non-conference game 3-0. Freshman goalkeepers Chrissy Harvey and Colleen Applebaugh combined to keep their opponents from scoring. Knocking the goals home for the Lions were

Gahagen, Mauer, and AMCC Player of the Week Heather Crawford. Crawford earned her honors with outstanding offensive efforts of the past few games.

The young squad possesses a valuable quality in its "never give up" attitude. The team will try to put the loss to Fredonia aside and begin preparing for two tough non-conference games. The team will face Brockport on Saturday and Wooster the following week. The Behrend women's team has never faced Brockport in competition. "We do play tough teams that aren't in our conference...but they make us more prepared for our conference games," said returnee Carrie Smock.

And preparation, especially mental preparation will be key. With two-thirds of the team freshmen and collegiate experience found only in the five upperclassmen, the team will need to come together and improve.

"The upperclassmen try to keep everything going as smoothly as possible, try to keep everyone in focus. Everyone gets along really well and we have a good time together. I think we have improved a lot since the first game. I think we are playing more like a team," said Smock.



Freshman Holly Greiner chases down a pass as the Lions beat Thiel 3-0 Thursday.

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FILE PHOTO

Last year, coach Kellie Diehl and the Behrend women's volleyball team concluded its spectacular season with its first AMCC Championship. The team finished 22-10 after starting the year 2-6. The Lions also won 16 of their last 18 games.

by Zoe Rose
Sports Editor

It takes individuals functioning as a team to get wins, right? That's precisely what the Penn State women's volleyball needs to do to reach this year's Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Tournament finals.

Facing Geneva, Allegheny, and Oberlin in last week's tournament in Allegheny, the Lions pulled out with a 4-8 non-conference record. Last Tuesday, the Lions had another tough competition against rival Grove City, going into the Behrend Tournament this weekend with a 4-9 record.

It wasn't an easy contest at all for the Lions as they had three close games against Geneva in the opening round of the Allegheny Tournament. The competition was intense with Geneva winning 30-22, 30-24, and 32-30.

Next up was the host team, Allegheny, a game which also tested

Behrend's capabilities of unifying as a team. Allegheny ended up with the win, 30-25, 30-25, and 30-13. Cooperation as a team will be vital when the Gator's visit Behrend Thursday, Oct. 3rd.

Oberlin was next, making the Lions fight for the win in this tough game. Behrend handed the Oberlin College the loss, winning three out of four games, 30-13, 30-25, 29-31, and 30-24.

In their final round, the blue and white played against Washington and Jefferson. W&J swept Behrend pulling out 3-0 in games, 30-27, 30-23, and 30-22.

Following the Allegheny Tournament, the Lions faced Grove City, and lost in three games. Afterward Junior Lauren Senkevich said "As a team we need to keep the mental game at 100% and not let ourselves get caught up on the mistakes that we make. None of us

are perfect individuals, but everyone can do more if we do it together."

Senkevich led the team with seven kills and five digs.

Commenting on the few upperclassmen on the team, freshmen Erin Bennett said, "I think that the upperclassmen show a lot of leadership for the team and they are always willing to help you improve in any way that they can."

The amount of freshmen on the team is a big factor that will determine how quickly the team can come together against conference schools.

The Lions hope to improve their record at the Behrend Tournament this weekend on Friday and Saturday. Conference play starts against La Roche on Sept. 17th, followed by five conference road games in a row.

**Volleyball
team
almost
ready for
AMCC play****Come out and support the Lions!**

Tuesday Men's Soccer vs.
Carnegie Mellon 3pm
VB vs. LaRoche 6:30pm

Wednesday Women's Soccer vs.
Wooster 5:00 pm
Women's Tennis vs.
Thiel 4:00pm

Friday Women's Soccer vs.
Carnegie Mellon 3:00 pm

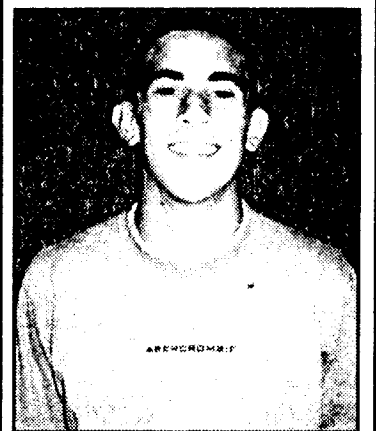
Saturday Men's Water Polo vs.
Washington and Jefferson 1:00pm

Win Free Prizes when you show up to the games!!

**Housing
and
Food Service
Athlete
of the Week**

PENNSTATE
Erie

Mark
Cipriani



SPORT: Men's Soccer

CLASS: Freshman

DATE: Sept. 7

Mark Cipriani (Erie/Cathedral Prep) was named this week's Beacon/Food and Housing Athlete of the Week.

Cipriani scored two goals against Fredonia this past Saturday in the second game of the Fredonia Days Inn Tournament. Because of his offensive efforts throughout the tournament, Cipriani was selected to the Fredonia All-Tournament Team.

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