Friday, September 26, 2003

The Behrend Beacon

# Athletic **Events**

Saturday

Women's Soccer vs. La Roche 1p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Grove City 11 a.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Frostburg 3 p.m.

> Men's Soccer vs. La Roche 3:30 p.m.

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner 6 p.m.

> Women's Tennis @ Frostburg 12 p.m.

#### Sunday

Women's Tennis @ Penn State-Altoona 10 a.m.

#### Monday

Men's Golf @ La Roche 12 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Women's Soccer @ Carnegie Mellon 7:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball @ Pitt-Bradford 7:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Hiram 3 p.m.

### Wednesday

Men's Soccer vs. Grove City 4 p.m.

### **Friday**

Women's Volleyball vs. Pitt-Greensburg 7:00 p.m.

## **Intramurals Schedule**

**Cross Country** Men's, Women's,

Co-ed entries due Sept. 26. Individual & Team competition begins Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.

### Flag Football

Men's, Women's, Co-ed entries due Oct. 3. Play begins Oct. 7.

### **Dodgeball**

Men's and Women's entries due Oct. 3. Play begins Oct. 14.

## On Deck Women's soccer Behrend | continues winning

by Amy Frizzell sports editor

So far this season the women's' soccer team has been blazing a path towards conference play. They've bowled over almost every team they've encountered this year

and their record can only back up their hard work at 5-1. Their only loss coming from Westminster College, with a score of 3-1.

On Wednesday the Lady Lions added another notch in their belt boosting their record to 6-1, shutting out Pitt-Bradford.

"I think we have a lot further to go, but winning this game defiantly put us in the mindset to continue winning our conference games," said sophomore, Holly Greiner. Contributing to the 7-0

win was Greiner with two goals, one assist and senior year. Erin Mauer also with two goals. Also chalking up one goal each was junior, Jen Baker, junior Carrie Smock, and sophomore Kacie Burns.

Sophomore, Heather Crawford had two assists, sophomore Jill Vroman one assist. and also sophomore Michelle Newland, freshman Stephanie Ivancza, and freshman Markay Bresser all with one assist.

"This was our first conference game, so it was definitely a success and a good

way to set the road ahead to clinch the AMCC title," said Newland.

The womens' next conference game will be played on Saturday the 27th against La Roche. The Lion's lost to La Roche last year during AMCC playoffs



Women's soccer is off to a great start this

with a score of 2-1, ending their season at 8-12.

"It is still early in the season and La Roche this Saturday will be a competitive battle for us, but we plan to go and win it," said Burns.

"Since La Roche knocked us out of AMCCs last year I think we're all ready to face them again, but we're going to need a big fan base to support us," said Newland.

## Tennis heats up

by Lauren Packer editor-in-chief

When asked how he felt about his team playing three tough matches over three consecutive days, head coach Jeff Barger didn't flinch. Not even when two of those three matches are against conference opponents Frostburg and rival Penn State

"It's pretty common. We normally play two to three matches in a weekend," said Barger.

"In fact, we had on the schedule this past weekend four matches."

This past Friday, the women took on conference foe Chatham and lost a closely fought battle 5-4.

"The game could have gone either way," said Barger.

"It came down to winning two out of the three doubles matches and we just didn't do it. Every match we try to win two out of three doubles matches. It has been the determining factor in all of our games. However, this year we just have not been consistent in doubles. We really need to work on it in practice. Winning those doubles matches really make a difference in the outcomes."

But the doubles situation that has been plaguing the women all year didn't play a difference against a tough John Carroll squad, who blanked the Lions 9-0. The Lions could not match the talent level of John Carroll.

Behrend's final action of the weekend came against Alfred on Sunday and the results weren't much better than the previous day. The Lions did not play well and dropped for the third time in three days, 8-1.

The women rebounded against Thiel on Tuesday and came out looking like a different team from the one who showed up to play Alfred. The Lions roared their way to an impressive 9-0 win, raising their overall record to 3-8.

With roughly a month left in their until the AMCC season championships at Penn State Altoona, the Lions are looking to gain ground in the conference this weekend and gain confidence.

"We need to win both nonconference matches this weekend against Frostburg and Altoona," said Barger. "We only have two conference games left after that. Altoona is our rival and they have won the crown the past couple of years. We're looking to knock them off. We could really use the confidence of a win over them this weekend to build up more confidence," said Barger.

Not to be overlooked, Coach Barger also said that Waynesburg would prove to be a battle.

"We just have to play to our abilities in every match. Try to play our best day to day, week to week, and we should be okay," said Barger.

## Golf team off to promising start

by Greg Smith contributing writer

The men's golf team headed into its own invitational tournament at Peek n' Peak on September 18 looking to kick off the season with a strong finish it its first full match. The Lions blue squad finished tied for third place with Pitt-Bradford and Pitt-Greensburg with a team score of 301.

The team was paced by junior Jeff Black's impressive round of 73. Anthony Pagliari, Kevin Thieman, and Ryan Deimel all fired scores of 76 at the invitational, while Daniel Russo shot an 82 (the team's final tally is comprised of the four lowest scores). Daemen College captured the team crown at the invitational with a score of 294, and Penn State Altoona finished second with a 297.

The Lions were pleased with their performance at Peek n' Peak, but they are still looking to improve. Pagliari, a junior, says, "The entire team shot around a score of 76. Those are good scores, but when you have Daemen College shooting 70s, they just aren't enough." Pagliari adds, "We have a great group of guys this year. We have a couple guys returning and some stellar freshman. I have high hopes for the team this year and I think they[the team] have them as well."

The Behrend white team, comprised of four of the team's freshmen, finished sixth at the tournament with a score of 312. Josh Loanev and Josh Hull each shot a 77 for the Lions.

On Saturday, September 20, the men traveled to Pine Acres Country Club for the Pitt-Bradford invitational. The course was rain soaked due to the effects of Hurricane Isabel, and the harsh conditions took their toll on the Lions.

The team finished with a collective 334 at Bradford, good for just seventh out of 11 teams. Pagliari and Russo had low scores of 83 with Black and Aaron Becker not far behind, each shooting an 84. Josh Hull was forced to withdraw after a back injury suffered on the 4th hole.

"We just couldn't get anything together," explains Black of the Bradford match. "I think everyone had something that wasn't going their way that day... and when you have a couple things that aren't working, it tends to be a long day."

Despite their frustrations over the Bradford invitational, the team is hungry and determined to get their first win of the season. They'll get their shot at the ECAC qualifier on September 25 at University Park.

"We have a number of guys who can shoot low, giving us a good chance to win at ECACs," says Black, confidently. "We are looking to light it up at UP," exclaims Pagliari, obviously excited at the team's chance to display their talent in front of a number of tough competitors. The Lions just need a solid team effort at University Park.

"Most of our players are capable of shooting in the low 70s when they're on top of their game. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to get all the players on top of their game at the same time," says assistant coach James Bowen. "Myself and head coach Murphy are looking for the guys to come out and shoot some low scores [at ECACs]. I think we will do well in the event.'

The golf team is packed with talent and confidence this year, and when they put it all together, they will be a force to be reckoned with.

On a side note, freshman women's golfer Shelley Leonard is off to a great start this season. Shelley finished with a 92 at the Behrend

Invitational, good for the second lowest score among the women. Leonard also went on to take medalist honors among the seven women competing at the Bradford Invitational with a first place score of 97.

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