

On Deck

Behrend Athletic Events

Saturday

Men's Soccer @ AMCC Championships
TBD

Friday

Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving @ Fredonia State
5 p.m.

Club Schedule

Saturday

Men's Hockey vs. California University of PA
8:15 p.m.

Sunday

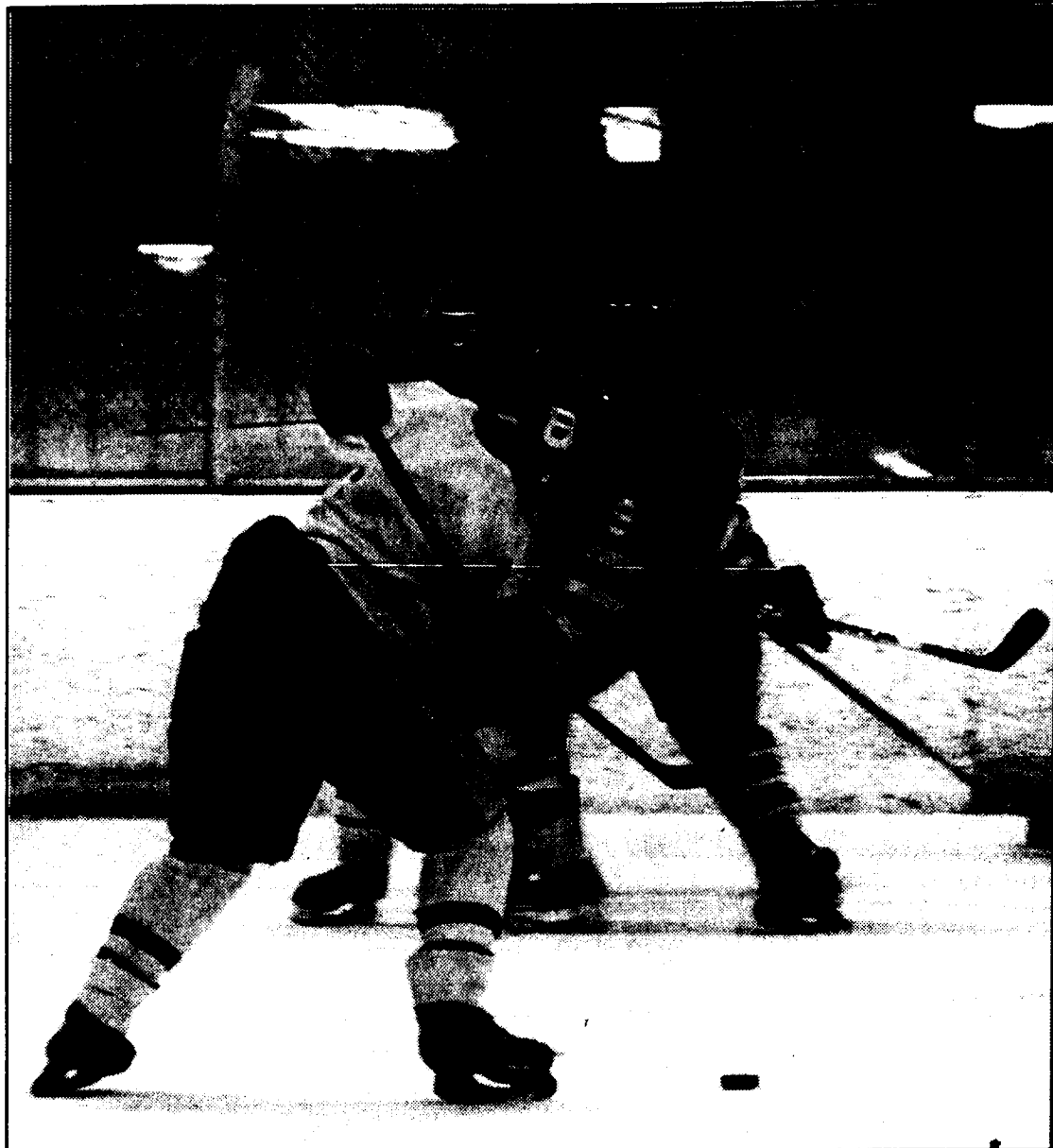
Men's Hockey vs. Carnegie Mellon
7:45 p.m.

Intramurals Schedule

Men's & Women's 3 vs. 3 Basketball
Games begin Nov. 16

Men's, Women's & COED 5 vs. 5 Basketball
Entries due Dec. 12

Hockey team looks to improve



The hockey team hopes to improve in its upcoming games against California Univ. of Pennsylvania and Carnegie Mellon this week. The team's current record is 1-3.

by Greg Smith
contributing writer

Coming off its first win of the season a week earlier, the Behrend men's club hockey team suffered two tough losses this past weekend.

On Saturday, the Lions came out strong in the first period against Pittsburgh's Division III team, but played a poor second period and lost the game 5-1. Junior James Wyble scored Behrend's only goal, and goalie John Stull made 25 saves on 30 shots.

On Sunday, Behrend again came out strong, dominating the first period against Edinboro. But once again, the men faltered in the second, allowing five goals on their way to an 8-3 loss. Wyble, John Romanelli and Josh Smith each tallied for Behrend in the loss.

"We played six periods of hockey this weekend and just had two really bad periods, the second period in both games," said senior captain and center Mike Fritts.

"We dominated Edinboro in the first period and just blew it in the second," said Wyble of the team's mid-game troubles.

The Lions, whose record fell to 1-1 in the College Hockey East North Division and 1-3 overall, are now looking forward to this weekend's games. On Saturday, they'll face off against California

University of Pennsylvania at the JMC Arena at 8:15 PM. Cal and Behrend were both provisional members of College Hockey East last year and formed a bit of a rivalry as they split the season series 2-2.

"The Cal game is going to be close," said Coach Dan Fritts. "They didn't lose too many players from last year, but I feel we're a bit stronger than we were last season."

Mike Fritts said, "Cal is a pretty hard-hitting team, they have speed and they move the puck well. They're a well rounded team and I'm expecting a good game."

While the Fritts brothers were a little more candid about the game, Wyble offered his own prediction, saying confidently that, "if we come out strong in the first period and stay tough throughout the game, I have a good feeling we're going to destroy these guys."

The Lions are pitted against Carnegie-Mellon for Sunday's 7:45 p.m. game at the Mercyhurst Ice Arena. This will be the first meeting between the two teams and Behrend is unsure of what to expect. Coach Fritts has been monitoring Carnegie-Mellon's results so far, and he thinks that this is a team that the Lions should be able to defeat.

If the Behrend men can shake their second period blues and put together two games of strong, hard-hitting hockey, then they have an excellent shot at pulling their record back up to the .500 mark.

Volleyball falls to Altoona in first round of AMCCs

by Amy Hiles
staff writer

The volleyball team finished out its season on Friday against Altoona in the AMCC tournament. The tournament was scheduled for Friday and Saturday; however, the Lady Lions took a loss of 3-1 from Altoona, ending their tournament a little sooner than planned.

The Lady Lions finished the season 17-17 overall. The women have been working and playing hard and for the most part, they all agreed that the season went very well.

Head Coach Kellie Diehl was unable to be at the women's final tournament because she was unable to travel due to her pregnancy. This was a bit of a discouragement for the players but they still managed to play as a team even without her being there.

Junior Ashley Ordy said, "Our head coach couldn't make it; however, our assistant coach took over and he did a great job."

Sophomore outside hitter Trisha Adams said, "Even though our head coach couldn't be there, everyone still played their hearts out."

As for the tournament, even though they came out with a loss, the girls all agreed that they played a great game.

"It was a good game and we definitely played our hardest," freshman middle hitter Elaine Voltz said.

"It was tough because we had some injuries going into the tournament so we didn't have some of our starters," said Ordy. "It was a really disappointing loss. The girls gave it all they had and it was the first time in a long time that it didn't work out for us."

The women were also disappointed because they were unable to pull out a victory in what turned out to be the seniors' final game.

Senior middle hitter Katie Butler said, "For the three seniors on the team, this was our fourth year showing up at the tournament. One of our team goals was to capture the AMCC title, however, making an appearance at it was something to be proud of as well."

"We have a young team and I think that it is great that they were all able to experience this level of competition their first year. And even though we didn't make it past the first round, I feel it was still well played," she said.

Even though the season ended on a down note, the team is optimistic about its chances next year.

Butler said, "I feel that we have many accomplishments to be proud of throughout the season; we rounded out the season with a winning record. I feel that the program will make strides next year because of the talent that will be returning and I wish them the best of luck next year."

Water polo ends season at CWPAs

Team hopeful for next year and new talents

by Adam Massaro
staff writer

In the eyes of head coach Joe Tristan, the men's water polo team graduated this season—from middle school, that is.

"From day one till now, we have gone from first grade to high school," said Tristan.

As a first year head coach of the Lions, Tristan was faced with the daunting task of rebuilding a program from the ground up. The team only had one senior (Dario Kis) and over half the roster consisted of incoming freshman.

The players had to learn on the clock, as Tristan continued to teach them the basics of the sport in season. Toward the end of the season, the players had grasped the basics and began to play the sport at a more advanced level.

"It takes about three to four years to rebuild a program. As these guys return next year and the new recruits come in, these guys are going to know what we are working on," said Tristan. "The new recruits will then learn from them and then we can start pushing things forward much quicker."

The team concluded its season last weekend at the CWPA tournament, where it placed eleventh overall.

As expected, the team faced Grove City in a crossover game. The



The Lions ended their season with a record of 4-25.

Lions stood within striking distance, trailing the Wolverines 3-1 after the first quarter and 5-3 after the second.

"Our six on five was probably the biggest thing throughout the tournament. Against Grove City we drew five ejections and only

scored on one of them," said Tristan. "In the past, if we drew five ejections we scored on four of them."

Grove City finally put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter, beating the Lions 12-6. The Wolverines took advantage of timely Lion ejections in the fourth quarter and countered with effective scoring drives.

Physical fatigue was another factor the Lions fought, as Grove City could more effectively use reserves to keep the starters rejuvenated.

After suffering an emotional loss to Grove City, the Lions finished the season on a high note, beating Mercyhurst 12-9 for third consecutive time this season.

"We feel that we accomplished about as much as we could, and that the progress is coming along well," said sophomore Brandon Sieber. "It seems that we're going to get a lot better."

With a year under their belts, the players look to the future with optimism.

"I think we were going to get a lot better for next year. We have a lot of people returning who are going to be used to playing together now, and hopefully we will be getting some recruits that will bring some new talent," said Sieber.

Kis, the only member of the team to have played since the program began at Behrend, finished atop the career assists mark with 35. Kis is also tied for all time career kick-outs with 41.