

# SPORTS

## Lions open league play in remarkable fashion

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The women's soccer team opened up Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference play with two key victories including a 5-0 triumph over Penn State Altoona and a 6-0 win over the newest AMCC team, the Hilbert Hawks.

In the match against Altoona on Sept. 25, junior goalie Colleen Applebaugh recorded three saves in the shutout, bringing her shut-out total to a conference leading four.

"We moved the ball pretty well," said head coach Pat O' Driscoll. "We improved on last year's 2-0 win against them, and, even though there are things we need to work on, I feel we can win the rest of our games."

Goals we scored by juniors Holly Greiner, Kacie Burns, and Michelle Newland. Sophomore Stephanie Ivancza and Freshman Julie Quail each added a goal.

On Sept. 28, the Lady Lions defeated the Hilbert Hawks in a game that saw very little action by the Lions' goaltender. Behrend came to the field with a loaded arsenal that saw many different players contribute to the scoring.

In the first half, sophomore, Kara Struski, opened up the Lions scoring with a shot from outside the 18-yard line. Junior midfielders, Kacie Burns and Heather Crawford, each added a goal to build a 3-0 lead going into the half. Behrend picked up right where they left off after halftime, with a goal from freshman defender, Emily Miller, a little more than ten



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Freshman Danielle DeMay drives past Hilbert sophomore Michelle Greco.

minutes into the period.

Junior forward Holly Greiner added two quick goals to increase the lead to 6-0. Late in the second half, senior forward, Jen Baker, and sophomore forward, Stephanie Ivancza, each added a goal and with stellar defense and precision passing, validated an 8-0 victory over the Hawks.

"Since this is Hilbert's first year in the AMCC, we wanted to give them a nice welcom-

ing gift," said junior defender, Stephanie Bowen. "We're trying a new formation and we're using everybody on the field." "We have a really good chance of winning the AMCC this year if we can win a key game against Frostburg."

The Women improved to 6-2-1 in the season and 2-0 in the AMCC. The women travel to La Roche and Lake Erie where they will try to extend their winning streak.

## Men's soccer prepares to heat things up

By Colleen Applebaugh  
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The men's soccer team pummeled Hilbert on Tuesday with a score of 6-1. Junior midfielder Brian Blaszczyk, scored the first goal within 33 seconds of the game. "We accomplished what needed to be done successfully," Blaszczyk commented on the game.

Junior, Justin Reese, put goal number two away in the fifth minute of play. Four more goals followed in regulation time. The win bumped the men to a 6-2-1 overall record and a 1-0-1 conference record.

The team tied Penn State Altoona on Saturday with a 0-0 outcome. They played 90 minutes of regulation proceeded by a double overtime. "We were unlucky in the Altoona game, there were several opportunities for us to put one in," said Blaszczyk.

Goalkeeper, Matt Zimsak, and his defense played exceptional to keep Altoona from their chances. Zimsak made several saves, including a penalty kick which are near impossible to grab. His performance this week has earned him a consecutive goalie of the week recognition by the AMCC with six shut outs on the season.

This Saturday the men face arch-rivals La Roche in what will be a battle to the finish. The game is to be played at La Roche and the fans there hold the reputation of greatly disliking Penn State Behrend in general. "We must play composed and be aware of the rowdy atmosphere," claims Blaszczyk. "We have to keep our focus on the field and disregard any distractions."

The team beat La Roche twice last year, once in the regular season and then again at the AMCC tournament. The men anticipate the La Roche team will come out playing hard.

Blaszczyk says that the team started off slow, but is "gelling" together as a team. "If we keep playing together we'll continue to be successful," said Blaszczyk. "Our goal is to win the regular season and the conference title, both are definitely achievable."

The next home game for the men in blue is Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. Come on out and support the Men's soccer team in their efforts to retain their title!

## Men's water polo team treads their way through Grove City

By Kyle Woodside  
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Those who have played a sport before can most likely feel the men's water polo team's pain of playing a good game, but having that overshadowed by the refs somehow forgetting their rulebooks at home.

Last Thursday, Slippery Rock came into the Lions den and was caught off-guard by a superb first half effort by the home team.

After halftime, the game became more physical; so much in fact that one of the Lion's caps came off numerous times, putting him in risk of injury to his eardrums.

Seemingly, the so-called "referees" were making every call the opposite of what it should have been.

"We became intimidated by the referees and we went from being right on the ball to falling victim to a lopsided score," said head coach Joe Tristan.

A 10-minute delay in the third period due to the cap controversy sparked many of Behrend's fans to shout out at the referees. A 5-3 halftime deficit suddenly turned to a 16-4 defeat.

"The first half was what a water polo game should be like. The second half was more like a WWF grudge match," Tristan joked.

Andre Prankevicius scored two goals in the loss, and Steve Schleicher and Anthony Spoto chipped in with one goal apiece.

Next up for the Lions was the W&J Invitational. Behrend played a very good team-oriented game in both exhibition games and emerged victorious, 15-6 against Carnegie Mellon and 16-9 against Yale.

Versus Carnegie Mellon, Prankevicius led the charge with seven goals. Spoto had four, Justin Ryder netted two, and Schleicher, Rodolphe Acelor, and Brandon Sieber added one each.

Vincent Brewer was top scorer against Yale with four goals. Acelor had 3, Stephen Sopher, Brian Kustra, and Kent McKee had 2 each, and Brandon Thiel and Danny Ball also had a goal.

"We didn't play four of our starters against Carnegie Mellon and we still dominated. My second string played very well," Tristan said.

The only game Behrend played that counted toward their record was against the host, W&J. Behrend fell 16-5 due to a lack of mental intensity.

The Lions pounced on Grove City on Wednesday for their first conference win, 13-5.

"We played OK, but we can play at a higher level," Tristan said. "We have intense morning practices on game days, and I think it showed for this game."

The highlight of this game was Kustra's goal while he was playing goalie. This event happens only once or twice a season out of 30 whole games.

"It's like those toy balls with stubs that they sell which go in random directions without you knowing which direction it will go next. Brian shot it and the goalie guessed the wrong direction," Tristan said.

Behrend plays two home games this weekend. Come support the team when they play Gannon on Oct. 1 and on Oct. 2 against W&J.

"Hopefully we can give the fans something good to watch," Tristan said.

## Upcoming events

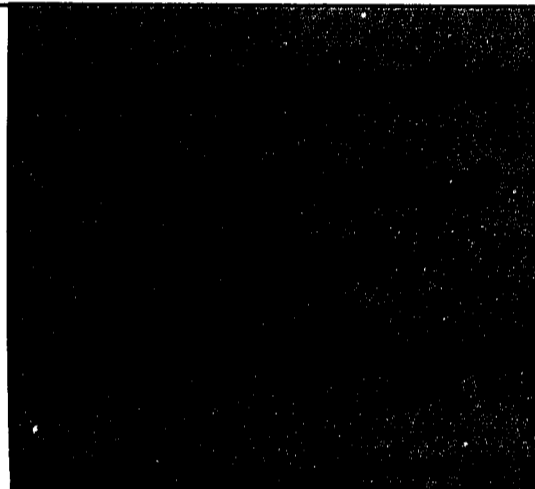
Oct. 1  
Men's water polo  
vs. Gannon, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 3  
Women's tennis vs.  
Chatham, 1:00 p.m.

Oct. 2  
Men's water polo vs.  
Washington and  
Jefferson, 8:00 p.m.

Oct. 5  
Men's water polo vs.  
Grove City, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 2, Golf, at ECAC  
Championships at Rochester, N.Y.



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