

SPORTS

Women's soccer defeats La Roche and Lake Erie

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On Saturday, the Women's soccer team continued its winning trend by defeating La Roche by a score of 2-1.

This marked the fourth straight win for the Lady Lions and third straight over AMCC competition. The lady Lions now own sole possession of the AMCC conference after beating La Roche.

Junior Michelle Newland started the scoring for the Lions in the 19th minute of action. Newland was assisted by

freshman Emily Miller giving the Lions an early 1-0 lead. La Roche came back and in the 42nd minute when Melanie Roczko scored on a penalty kick, tying the game up. The Lions didn't give up scoring in the 60th minute of action. Junior forward, Kara Struski, scored the game winning goal giving the Lions a 2-1 victory over a talented La Roche team.

On Wednesday, the Lady Lions stomped Lake Erie 6-1 improving their AMCC record to 4-0 and improving their overall record to 8-2-1. Lake Erie falls to 2-9 and 1-2 in AMCC play.

After the first half, where the Lions took 14 shots but came away with no goals, they finally got on the board in the 50th minute when Newland scored off a corner kick from junior, Holly Greiner. Shortly after, junior, Heather Crawford, scored her first of three goals on the day. She was assisted by Kara Struski.

The Lions kept the pressure on, and goals were scored by freshman Emily Miller and Greiner.

Goalkeeper, sophomore, Christina Hickey, made one save on two total Lake Erie shots. The Lady Lions out

shot Lake Erie 30-2, and took 11 more corner kicks.

The Lions gave up only one shot per half, and controlled the flow of play. The Lions left Lake Erie College with a 6-1 victory, and a one game lead in the AMCC conference.

Four teams look to have a shot at the AMCC crown this season. Frostburg, La Roche and Pitt-Greensburg all have the potential to win the conference title.

"I see no reason why we can't be AMCC champions this year," said Head coach O'Driscoll.

Struski took home player of the

week honors. Her goal in the La Roche game gave the Lady Lions the win 2-1. Struski also scored a goal versus Hilbert and versus Lake Erie College had three assists in a winning effort. This is the second Lady Lion to win the award this season, previously the award was won by junior goalkeeper, Colleen Applebaugh.

The Lions next game is at home versus Pitt-Greensburg on Oct. 9. A Lion victory would increase their lead in the AMCC conference and help solidify a NCAA playoff bid.

Water polo team submerges Grove City in emotional game

By Kyle Woodside
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This has been a rough week at Behrend as many are mourning the loss of one of its own, junior women's water polo member Faith Campbell.

"She was a completely genuine and humble person," said teammate Samantha Cibula.

Both the men's and women's teams are having a tough time dealing with Faith's passing.

"She was as real of a person as you will ever find," said Coach Tristan. "She was well mannered, worked hard, and took everything as it was. Going to the funeral helped everyone gain some much needed closure."

A 10-minute ceremony was held for Faith before the men's Grove City game on Tuesday. Last year's women's team lined up on one end of the pool while Faith's #6 cap was placed on a goalpost at the opposite end of the pool.

Team captain Tara Braden led the line, swam with the ball toward the cap, shot at the goal from four meters out, then touched Faith's cap. The rest of the team followed Tara's lead and teammate Colleen Applebaugh ended the tribute by

grabbing the cap off the goalpost after shooting her shot.

The ROTC was there as well. They walked in unison toward the middle of the pool while the girls were doing their tribute, and shortly after the National Anthem began.

As for the game that followed, it was only fitting that the men's squad emerged as winners against Grove City, 16-7.

"It was 5-0 after the first quarter," said Tristan. "We had control and everyone played well. We practiced a lot of things in this game since we had a comfortable lead."

Freshman Anthony Spoto led the victors with four goals. Sophomore Justin Ryder and freshman Andre Prankevicius each had a hat trick while freshman Rodolphe Acelor had two goals. Juniors Steve Schleicher, Brandon Sieber, sophomores Danny Ball and Brandon Thiel, had one goal apiece.

Last week, Behrend played two games. Friday's game versus Gannon was a loss, 19-6.

"Until we become a better team, we can't be making some of the mistakes we were making in this game," Tristan said.

The highlight of this game was the play of goalie Nick McGrady. He made 23 saves, which is a new men's varsity single game record. He also had three steals. Spoto netted two goals in this contest. Ryder and Schleicher had a goal each.

On Saturday, the Lions played tough against W&J. It was a two goal game for the majority of the contest, but foul trouble enabled W&J to come out on top, 15-9. Spoto had five goals for Behrend and Prankevicius had two. McGrady made 19 saves in goal.

Three stellar players on this year's squad are already on the verge of breaking the Behrend men's water polo record for career goals, which is 53.

Mark Ostrzeniec and Carl Ward hold this record, but Ryder is closing in with 52 goals. Spoto has 47 goals already as a freshman and is merely six goals away from the record.

Behrend plays at W&J on Saturday, and then has a week hiatus in their schedule in which the team can practice for the upcoming games against Slippery Rock, Mercyhurst, and the Division III Eastern Championships.

"We're going to work hard," said Tristan. "We don't want to get pushed around come game time."

In loving memory of Faith Campbell



Faith Nicole Campbell
March 15, 1983 - October 3, 2004

A memorial service will be held at the Smith Chapel. For more information contact Sr. Mary Drexler, SSJ, Campus Minister at 814-898-6245.

Faculty, staff and students show school spirit

Pizza Hut contributes to spirit days

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Oct. 1, started this year's annual *Pizza Hut Spirit Days*. Spirit days are opportunities for students and faculty to show their spirit for the Penn State Behrend Sports teams.

The object of Spirit Days is to have the faculty and staff show students that they can be excited and supportive about the sports teams that compete on campus. The faculty, staff and student body are encouraged to wear the Penn State blue and white.

"We try to get the office staff to wear blue and white on Fridays so students can recognize there is something going on that weekend," said Mr. Brian Streeter, Director of Athletics.

For the last five years, the Athletic Department has been organizing Spirit Days. Stacy Pondo is the head organizer this year, and is also in charge of promoting for the *Pizza Hut Spirit Days*.

Every two Fridays, all year, there will be a sporting event here on campus. If a student dresses in blue and white, they will receive a free gift from the athletic department. For the faculty and staff, the person who dresses up the most gets to put his/her name in a bucket and then one winner is randomly chosen. That person's department will

receive a free pizza from Pizza Hut.

"At the basketball games last year the first twenty-five students that dressed up, or were acting crazy received a Lion's Den t-shirt," said Streeter.

All pizza that is given to the faculty and staff is donated by Pizza Hut. All of the free gifts given to students are donated or are bought with money from fundraising from the Athletic Department and other campus organizations.

"The spirit towels were supported by the Student Activity Fee Committee; we actually ran out for the Water Polo game", said Streeter.

Spirit days are mostly for the faculty and staff. When Mr. Streeter first took his position seven years ago as Director of Athletics, he felt the faculty was not enthusiastic enough for school spirit. So to get people to support Behrend Athletics, he created *Spirit Days*.

"It's hard to build spirit without football, very difficult, but I think we've changed the attitude on campus," said Streeter.

Last week, the Women's volleyball game became the biggest sporting event yet this season, where over 400 people attended. Spirit Days are not just for indoor sports. The Spirit Days are for all sports that Penn State Behrend hosts here on campus. Two weeks ago, Sept. 18th, the Cross Country team

hosted a *Spirit Day*; where free water was given out.

"We want students to be doing something outside of the classroom, and outside of the dorm room," said Streeter.

"I like the idea that we can get free stuff for just wearing Penn State gear and acting like idiots," said freshman Andrew Marshall.

The next spirit day is to be on today. Both men's and Women's soccer, along with the Women's volleyball team, will be hosting the Pizza Hut Spirit Day.

Suggestions wanted

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Women's tennis undefeated in AMCC regular season play

By Christopher LaFuria
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With the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference championship in sight, the Penn State Behrend women's tennis team is creating a lot of racket, winning seven straight matches, including six straight AMCC contests.

The most recent squads to fall victim to the Lady Lions are Chatham College, who were shut out by the score of 9-0, and Waynesburg College who were defeated 6-3, both wins taking place on the Behrend Courts.

Behrend had somewhat of a struggle against Waynesburg College, earning a 6-3 victory, the closest margin in any Lion triumph. The young Lions on the squad showed no signs of rookie blunders in the win.

Freshman Shelley Goodpastor defeated Waynesburg's Sara DePiano 6-0, 6-1, the most dominant performance of the day. Also Freshman Allison Mudrey overpowered her opponent, Mindy Hall, 6-2, 6-4.

"I think the younger players have really picked it up and done a great job for us," said head coach Jeff Barger.

Sophomore Mindy Calvert brought her unbeaten doubles record to 10-0 as she and Mudrey defeated Chatham 8-2 to pilot the Lions to a 6-3 score. In the match against Chatham Col-

lege, senior right-handed powerhouse Christie Leininger improved her singles record to 9-1 with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Chatham's Sarah Steward.

"I feel Christie Leininger has really helped this year as captain getting the most of the team," said Barger.

Sophomore Jenna Yankowski shut out Chatham's Erin Spangler 6-0, 6-0 to help Behrend's cause.

"Our strategy going into each match is to win all three doubles matches, or at least two of the three. If we accomplish that then we only have to win two out of six singles matches," said Leininger.

Behrend did exactly that, winning all three doubles flights. In the doubles matches, the team of Yankowski and Leininger defeated Spangler and Vanessa Close by the score of 8-4. All bouts against Chatham College resulted in victories by the Lady Lions to produce a 9-0 outcome.

As the end of the season approaches, Behrend has lofty goals in mind.

"Going into the conference tournament Behrend has a number one seed in every singles and doubles flight. We have a really good chance this year to sweep AMCC's and receive first team all conference in every flight," said Leininger.

The next competitions for the Behrend Lady Lions are Thiel and Bethany, in which they look to extend their winning streak.