Men's soccer hosts home tournament this weekend

By Tommy Phillips

Offensive struggles were the theme for the Behrend men's soccer team in their first three games, as they scored only one goal over their

first three games, which were all losses.

The Lions opened their season on September 8 at the Fredonia State Tournament, where they played two games. Their opener was against Hiram College. Despite five saves by goalkeeper Dustin Walker, the Lions fell by the final score of 2-0, allowing a goal in each half. A key statistic was in shots; Hiram recorded seventeen shots, seven on goal, while Behrend was only able to record seven shots, with three on goal.

In their second game of the Fredonia State Tournament, the Lions were able to score, although the result was the same, as they lost to Mt. Union, 3-1. After falling behind 2-0 in the first half, Joe Romanelli scored the first goal for Behrend in the 78 minute. However, they were

not able to score again, and a Mt. Union goal just over four minutes later sealed the Lions' fate. Behrend did outshoot the opposition in this one, recording nineteen shots on goal opposed to eighteen for Mt. Union. The Lions did get two players on the all-tourney team, Sean Ruhlman and Chris Ream.

Behrend traveled to Alfred University for their third game of the season on Monday. This game turned out to be very similar to their first game, as they lost again by the score of 2-0, allowed a goal in each half, and managed seven shots on goal. In fact, they were outshot by the same margin as in their first game, with Alfred recording seventeen shots to the Lions' seven. Dustin Walker recorded a season-high seven saves in this game.

Despite the slow start at 0-3, none of these games were Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference games, so they do not hurt the Lions in the conference standings. Their conference schedule does not start until September 23, when they welcome Mt. Aloysius.

This weekend, Behrend starts off their home schedule by hosting the Herb Lauffer Tournament, in which they will play two games, on the 16th and 17th. They will first take on Thomas Moore in their game on Saturday, with La Roche playing Westminster in the other game of the day. On Sunday, the Lions will play Westminster, while La Roche and Thomas Moore will play in the other game. Behrend's games start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Although the Lions have scored only one goal overall with an 11 shots-per-game average, they have been able to get over half their shot attempts on goal. David Baleno currently leads the team with six shot attempts, while Jerry Tortella leads the team with four shots on goal. And while it may have been a slow start to the season, there are still a lot of games remaining in the season, with the most important games still ahead on the schedule.



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Golfers to tee off season on Saturday

By Alexis McKnight staff writer

The 2006-2007 golf year has begun for Penn State Behrend, with a roster consisting of six former players and five new rookies. The six returning players are seniors Josh Loaney, Josh Hull, Gary Dillaman and Dave Kostanich, and sophomores, Rick Davis and Bill Weeks. The five new players

are Dan Russo, Pat Petraglila, Joe Nelson, Mike Sabolcik and Jon Arrigo.

Coach James Bowen is eager for the new season and is "looking forward to a great season with this group of men!" The new Nittany Lion golf team can overcome and win back their title as AMCC Champions, which they had received back in 2004.

The men's golf team is chosen

and finalized, but Coach Bowen urges players who are interested to try out next year. It is a fun environment to be in and no golf experience is needed, but it is definitely helpful.

The kick-off for this season is September 16, at the Pitt-Bradford Invitational, Also, check out the team at their first home match, the Behrend Invitational September 21, 2006.



Sports Trivia

Angels' rookie pitcher Jered Weaver won his first nine decisions, tying Whitey Ford, Kirk Rueter and Livan Hernandez. Only one pitcher had a better start to his career, winning his first 12 decisions. What was his name, the team he was playing for and the year he broke into the league?

The answer will be posted in next week's Beacon issue. Email your answers to Nick Underhill (nru100@psu.edu). The first person to answer correctly will have their name printed in next week's issue.

The week ahead in Behrend sports

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9/15	9/16	9/17	9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22
Women's Tennis @ Chatham 4:00 PM Women's Volleyball @ Westminister Tournament TBA	Cross Country 11:00 AM Men's Soccer 10:00 AM Women's Soccer 1:00 PM Women's Tennis 3:30 Women's Volleyall TBA	Women's Tennis @ Bethany 2:00 PM Men's Soccer vs. Westminster 3:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Thomas Moore 4:00 PM	3:30 PM Women's Volleyball @ Buffalo State 7:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Case	Men's Water Polo vs. Mercyhurst 7:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Grove City 4:00 PM	Women's Soccer vs. Allegheny 4:30 PM	Women's Tennis @ Westminster 3:30 PM Men's Soccer vs. Fredonia 4:00 PM