

SPORTS

The battle of Ohio begins Sunday in Cincinnati

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This Sunday, the state of Ohio will be rocking when the Cleveland Browns visit the Cincinnati Bengals at Paul Brown Stadium.

The Browns are coming off a 34-7 loss to their Steel City archrivals, the Pittsburgh Steelers. In the aftermath of the loss, the Brownies dealt their starting quarterback and Cleveland native Charlie Frye to the Seattle Seahawks for a sixth round pick in next year's entry draft. Braylon Edwards, a third-year wide receiver out of Michigan says that the team just needs to move on and focus on Sunday's game. "Our job is to work with whoever is in there. Obviously, the more chemistry you have makes it better, but we're professionals, those kinds of adjustments we can make."

Backup quarterback Derek Anderson, who filled in for Frye after he was pulled in the second quarter, was named starting quarterback. The third-year veteran from Oregon St. will look to bring home a victory that the Browns and Brownie fans are looking for.

Even though Anderson came in and played a valiant effort against the Steelers, Cleveland fans are looking for head coach Romeo Crennel to put in rookie quarterback Brady Quinn as the starter. Quinn, who was a four-year starter at Notre Dame, was the 22nd pick in the entry draft this past April. Even though he only appeared in three preseason games, Quinn statistics were excellent with three touchdowns passes, one interception, and a passing

rating of 96.5.

The Bengals are coming off a 27-20 win against division rival Baltimore Ravens. Cincinnati quarterback Carson Palmer threw two touchdown passes to receivers Chad Johnson and TJ Houshmandzadeh and the Bengals defense came through forcing six turnovers, one setting up the game-winning touchdown with 1:13 to go in the game. Even though the offense came through, helping put together a 27-point performance against the Ravens, the Bengals totaled 236 yards against the Ravens, after averaging 341.4 last year, which was eighth-best in the NFL. Palmer, a fifth-year quarterback out of USC, says that the Bengals defense showed and proved that their defense has improved. "I think the defense answered every question, what did they have, six, eight, seven turnovers? Every time I looked up, I heard the crowd and I figured it was another turnover." In two games last year against the Browns, Palmer threw five touchdowns with 627 passing yards with three interceptions. He topped 275 yards in both games and has hit that number in three of his last four against the Browns.

Cleveland is looking to end their woes against the Bengals. The Browns have lost their last five meetings with the Bengals and six of their last eight meetings. Crennel, who has not won against the Bengals since he took over as the Browns head coach, needs a big win like this to keep his nay sayers off his back, at least for one week. The teams will kick off at 1p.m. and will meet later this season in December.

Men's Soccer reaches 300

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Behrend men's soccer passed a milestone on Sept. 12. With their 6-1 win against Washington and Jefferson, the Blue and White recorded their 300th win in the team's history. Six different players scored goals for the Lions, who improve to 3-2 overall after the home victory.

Scoring for the Lions were Jarrett Carlson, Mike Seth, Ahmad Salim, David Baleno, Jamie Thomas, and Lance Sabol.

"Washington and Jefferson has a traditionally strong program. It was a surprise that we beat them by such a large margin," said the Men's head coach, Dan Perritano. After speaking with Perritano, it's safe to say that the boys are looking forward to a good season. "I wouldn't pick any key players. The team is very balanced, competitive at practice, and the talent is outstanding throughout the team," he said.

This year's Herb Lauffer tournament came to an end with a win and a loss for the Lions. The game versus the D'Youville Spartans resulted in an 11-0 victory, and although the final game versus the Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets ended in a 4-2 loss, the boys played a great game. Despite the end results, Perritano agreed that the tournament was a good way to kick off the season.

"We've played traditionally strong programs in

this tournament over the years," he said. When asked how the team fell into place, he explained, "We're connected offensively, and well-organized defensively." The season is looking promising for the team.

"You want to be playing best by the end of the season. We're just trying to get better. The guys have very specific goals this year, and I like that," he said.

This year's incoming freshman class has some talent, too. "We have a decent freshman class; in fact the past two freshman classes have been decent. They have good speed and athleticism. They're very balanced as well." It seems to be a team tradition that all of the freshman boys shave their heads, too. That, however, is a team ritual, organized by the upperclassmen each year.

We hear a lot about their team abilities, but now we'll hear about what their team chemistry is like. "The guys are receptive and enjoy each other's company," Perritano tells us. Sophomore goalkeeper Dustin Walker agrees.

"We have a close-knit group of guys. We're a young team, and we play with a lot of heart. That'll carry us through for a successful season," says Walker.

The Lions play the Titans in Westminster this Saturday at 1 p.m.



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PSB Men's Soccer cruises against W&J for their 300th victory.

Beat The Experts

The Beacon Staff will be using their expertise in the field of American Football and pick NFL and NCAA games for the up-coming weekend. We would like to see if anyone on the Behrend campus can not only keep up with our brilliant minds, but possibly beat the experts. Email asm5006@psu.edu or mbw5028@psu.edu by Saturday at 9pm to enter your picks. Winners will receive gifts from the Behrend Beacon Staff.

NFL	Andy	Chris	Ryan	Muska	Matt
Pittsburgh vs. Buffalo	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.	Buff.
Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	Cin.	Cin.	Cin.	Cin.	Cin.
Indianapolis vs. Tenn.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.
Houston vs. Carolina	Hou.	Caro.	Caro.	Caro.	Hou.
Seattle vs. Arizona	Ari.	Ari.	Sea.	Sea.	Sea.
Minnesota vs. Detroit	Det.	Minn.	Det.	Det.	Minn.
NY Jets vs. Baltimore	NYJ	Balt.	NYJ	Balt.	Balt.
KC vs. Chicago	Chi.	Chi.	KC	Chi.	Chi.
SD vs. New England	SD	NE	SD	NE	SD
Tie-Breaker	(+17)	(+9)	(+13)	(+3)	(+7)
Washington vs. Philly	Phi.	Wash.	Phi.	Phi.	Phi.

NCAA	Andy	Chris	Ryan	Muska	Matt
Penn St vs. Buffalo	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
Florida vs. Tennessee	Tenn.	FLA	FLA	FLA	FLA
USC vs. Nebraska	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Michigan vs. ND	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	ND
Ohio St. vs. Wash.	Wash.	OSU	OSU	Wash.	OSU

Intramural Sports Schedule

- Flag Football (Sept. 14-15)
- Dodgeball (Oct. 1-2)
- Bowling (Oct. 3-4)
- 3v3 Basketball (Oct. 5-6)

Women's US Soccer Team favored to win World Cup

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On Tuesday, the 2008 Women's World Cup tournament kicked off in China with 16 countries in hot pursuit of finishing on top. In the first round a number of games ended in a tie leaving most of the point standings of the teams to be equal. The teams are divided into four groups, A, B, C and D, with four teams in each group. A team is awarded three points for a win, one point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. After three rounds of matches the two teams with the most points from each group advance to the quarterfinals of the tournament to be played on Sept. 22.

Group A consists of Germany, who leads the group with three points after a huge victory over Argentina with a score of 11-0, Japan with one point, England with one point and Argentina with 0. On Friday, Sept. 14, Germany is to face-off against England, and Japan is to take on Argentina for round two.

Group B, nicknamed the "Group of Death" may be one of the most competitive groups, as it holds three of the top five ranked teams. World No. 1 ranked USA has one point after an unfortunate tie to North Korea who also has one point in the group standings and is ranked fifth in the world. Rounding off Group B is world No. 3 Sweden and Nigeria, both also standing with one point after a 1-1 battle.

Group C is made up of Australia, Norway, Canada and Ghana. Australia and Norway are leading the pack with three points each; Canada and

Ghana each have 0. Last but not least, Group D holds some competitive teams such as Brazil and China who lead with three points each. Also in the Group are Denmark and New Zealand who have 0 points.

Friday's game is a must-win against Sweden in order for the U.S.A. to move onto the next round. "There's pressure on everyone. Pressure is everywhere," says U.S. coach Greg Ryan, whose team has not lost in 47 straight games (their most "recent" defeat was three years ago).

U.S. leading scorer Abby Wambach says, "the destiny is in the hands of each team." Wambach has scored 78 goals in her last 97 games, and had to be taken out of the game against North Korea to get stitches in her head. She returned to the field 10 minutes later to find that North Korea had scored two goals during her absence.

Not much was known about their opponent going into the game against North Korea. However, it is just the opposite when it comes to playing Sweden. The U.S. has defeated the Swedes 14 of their 22 matches. The last two victories were close with the U.S. just squeaking by both games with a score of 3-2.

In order for the U.S. to be mentally prepared, Ryan says the team is focusing on the next game rather than dwelling on the mistakes that caused the tie against North Korea. On the topic of close play and results from Tuesday's matches Ryan comments, "this is the best World Cup there has ever been - until the next one."

USA vs. Sweden at Chengdu, China will be televised on Friday at 5 a.m. (yes a.m.), ET, on ESPN.

Local favorites continue their rivalry

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On Sunday, Sept. 16, the Buffalo Bills will be forced to cast their emotions aside and focus on game two of their regular season when they travel to Heinz field and go against the Pittsburgh Steelers. After a rollercoaster ride of tragic events and injuries, including the traumatic spinal cord injury of TE Kevin Everett the Bills have to work hard and remain focused on the game tactically.

Although the Steelers put a stomping on the Browns, there were still key mistakes made in the game that must be corrected in order to continue winning games. Against the Browns there were four dropped passes, a sub-par running game performance from Willie Parker, and heavy pressure on Ben Roethlisberger in the second quarter. "We're definitely not a finished product in a lot of areas," commented head coach Mike Tomlin.

Although the running game was not all that strong last week, this week may prove to be better. You can expect Parker to be running the ball a lot on Sunday; last year the Bills defense was ranked 28th against the running game. The only noteworthy addition to the Bills defense is rookie draft pick

Paul Posluszny from Penn State University.

On the defensive end for the Steelers, they must focus on making a decision to blitz heavy or cover the Bills four receivers closely. With four sacks and five turnovers last week against the Browns, it will most likely be a blitzing game.

The Steelers are well aware of the fact that the first month of their season ought to be relatively easy as their first four contests are against teams that did not make the playoffs last season. Their game plan is to do the same thing that they did against the Browns, which is to mix things up on offense and put Bills quarterback J.P. Losman under plenty of pressure.

As for the Bills, they have a lot of work cut out for them. In order to have a chance at a win, the offense must execute well with their passing game. They also need to keep the clock running and Big Ben off the field for as long as possible. The offense needs to work hard to make up for its defense, or a lack thereof, with three of Buffalo's starters and two key backups out due to varying injuries.

The Bills are playing at Pittsburgh for the first time in 11 years and will make their debut at Heinz Field, which was constructed in 2000 to replace Three Rivers Stadium.