

# SPORTS

## Beat The Experts

The Beacon Staff will be using their expertise in the field of American Football to pick NFL and NCAA games for the upcoming 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](mailto:asm5006@psu.edu) or [mbw5028@psu.edu](mailto:mbw5028@psu.edu) by Saturday at 9 a.m. to enter your picks. Winners will receive gifts from the Behrend Beacon Staff.

| NFL                              | Andy        | Chris       | Ryan        | Muska      | Matt        |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Pittsburgh vs. Arizona           | Pitts.      | Pitts.      | Pitts.      | Pitts.     | Ari         |
| Cleveland vs. Baltimore          | Clev.       | Balt.       | Balt.       | Balt.      | Balt.       |
| Indi. vs. Denver                 | Indi.       | Indi.       | Denver      | Indi.      | Indi.       |
| NY Giants vs. Philly             | Philly      | Philly      | Philly      | NYG        | Philly      |
| Seattle vs. San Fran             | Seattle     | Seattle     | Seattle     | Seattle    | Seattle     |
| Chicago vs. Detroit              | Chi         | Chi         | Det.        | Chi        | Chi         |
| NY Jets vs. Buffalo              | NYJ         | NYJ         | NYJ         | NYJ        | NYJ         |
| Dallas vs. St. Louis             | Dal.        | Dal.        | STL         | Dal.       | Dal.        |
| SD vs. Kansas City               | SD          | SD          | SD          | SD         | SD          |
| Tie-Breaker<br>NE vs. Cincinnati | (+14)<br>NE | (+11)<br>NE | (+17)<br>NE | (+3)<br>NE | (+10)<br>NE |

| NCAA                    | Andy      | Chris  | Ryan      | Muska | Matt   |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Penn St vs. Illinois    | PSU       | PSU    | PSU       | PSU   | PSU    |
| Oregon vs. California   | Ore       | Cal    | Ore       | Cal   | Ore    |
| Auburn vs. Florida      | FLA       | FLA    | Auburn    | FLA   | FLA    |
| Mich. St. vs. Wisconsin | Mich. St. | Wis    | Mich. St. | Wis   | Wis    |
| Purdue vs. Notre Dame   | Purdue    | Purdue | Purdue    | ND    | Purdue |
| Totals:                 | 17-13     | 23-7   | 16-14     | 23-7  | 14-16  |

### Intramural Deadline Update

**Flag Football**  
Deadline is Friday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m.

**Dodgeball**  
Deadline is Friday, Oct. 12 at 4 p.m.

**Bowling**  
Deadline is Friday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m.

**3v3 Basketball**  
Deadline is Friday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m.

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## Behrend hockey has tools to be contender in '08

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After a big win against Allegheny, the Penn State Behrend Ice Hockey Team will look to continue their winning streak this weekend against two tough opponents. On Friday, the team travels to Pittsburgh to take on Carnegie Mellon and comes home for their home opener against Community College of Allegheny College.

The team roster is comprised of a number of upperclassmen, as well as a few younger members. Seniors include goalie Pat Laskey, forwards Dan Thiessen, Brad Alayon, Brysten Jones, DJ Craven, Andy McLachlan and defender Josh Grumski. Forward Brian Hammel and center Justin Duchini are the two juniors on the team. The sophomore class makes up a third of the roster, consisting of forwards Kevin Geibel, Chris Siminac, Matt Laskey, Eric Fry, Brian Learn, goalie Eric Thiessen and defender Aaron Marks.

The club is a part of two different leagues - the College Hockey East (CHE), and the American College Hockey Association (ACHA). The CHE expanded this year to cover teams from Fredonia, NY to West Virginia University, however most of the teams are from the Pittsburgh area. The ACHA is a national league with approximately 100 teams participating all over the country. Because of the large number of teams this year, ACHA changed their playoff format so that the top 10 teams from all four divisions will participate in the playoffs.

The Behrend Hockey Club has been around for six years and was awarded by both the school and league for being the most organized club last year. Because it is a club and not a varsity sport the players have to fund everything themselves which includes things like equipment (skates, pads, sticks) as well as paying for time on a rink which usually

runs around \$100/hour. Senior and Vice President of the club, Brysten Jones says, "We have certainly tried asking to become a varsity sport here at Behrend. The main problem...is money. In talking to the athletic directors about how much it would cost to properly run a hockey team as a varsity sport on campus, they started running estimates and stopped at \$100,000 a year, not including a decent rink for us to play on, which would be a few million dollars more."

In order to keep organized the team has a board consisting of five players who run the team:

President Craven, Vice President Jones, Secretary Thiessen, Treasurer Simanic and Fundraiser McLachlan. The board members are responsible for scheduling games and buses, ordering items for the players like hockey socks, jerseys (game and practice), bags, warm-ups, sweatshirts, etc.

Each individual player is responsible for things like their pads, sticks and skates. Skates

can range in price from \$300 - \$500. Because of the high price of equipment, transportation and ice time, players are expected to pay another \$800 in dues each season.

The price is actually down from past years. Because the hockey team has become a strong club on campus they have received a lot of funding from SGA and SAF. "When I was a freshman, our dues were \$1200," says Jones. Dues are also down this year because the club was able to start a second team, and with more players the money is spread out more.

PSB Hockey is head coached by Gio Duchini, and assisted by Aric Kopf, Daren Douglas, and Steven Hogan.

Students can get in for free with their student ID. For more information on PSB Hockey, visit their website at [www.eteamz.com/psbhockey](http://www.eteamz.com/psbhockey).



Penn St. Behrend Ice Hockey Club Logo

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## Behrend Hockey crushes Allegheny 11-1

The Penn State Behrend Men's Hockey team skated their way to victory last Saturday in their season opener against Allegheny College with a score of 11-1.

Allegheny put their only goal in just 20 seconds into the game; Behrend responded with 11 unanswered goals. Forwards DJ Craven and Brian Hammel had three goals. Hammel also had one assist.

Forward Dan Thiessen had a goal and two assists, while Chris Simanic had three assists. Forward Brad Alayon had two goals as well. Behrend has defeated Allegheny six of the last seven matches, five times in a row.

## Ex-Steelers look to upset former team

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Off to the best start since 1993, the Pittsburgh Steelers have looked at times unstoppable on the field. Led by their high-powered offense and their rock solid defense, the Steelers have set their sights to have the best start in franchise history, but looking to stop their winning streak is a dangerous team from Arizona, in an effort to turn their season around.

The Arizona Cardinals, who are coached by former Steelers offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt, are trying to get back to .500 with a win against the Steelers. Cardinals starting QB Matt Leinart has been in the news lately, after being replaced last game by backup QB Kurt Warner. After only playing two series, the Cardinals put Warner in to try to stop the bleeding. Being down 23-6 in the fourth quarter to Baltimore, Warner led the Cards back and lost to a respectable 26-23.

Whisenhunt said Monday that Leinart is still his starter, but that Warner also will see playing time. "We're going to try to find ways to keep Kurt play-

ing based on how he played Sunday," he said. "But I don't feel like Matt has done anything to lose the job." This is a big game for Whisenhunt, not only to get his team back on track, but also to beat the team that turned him down for the head coach job in Pittsburgh.

The Steelers have a lot on their minds after such a good start to the season. Not only are they looking to go 4-0 for the first time since 1979, but also are attempting to beat another quality opponent for a second week in a row. Last week, the Steelers faced their true first test in the 2-0 San Francisco 49ers. After starting off slow, the Steelers took control in the second half and came out with a commanding 37-16 win.

Even though the Steelers are favored to win against Arizona, they will have to win without former all-pro WR Hines Ward. Ward is listed as doubtful with a sprained knee. Pittsburgh Head Coach Mike Tomlin said that he is not sure if Ward will play or not. "I have learned not to count a guy like Hines Ward out," Tomlin said. "That's why I'm saying it's being characterized as doubtful. We'll take it day to day and see where he is." The game will kick off at 4:15 p.m. in University of Phoenix stadium in Glendale, Ariz.