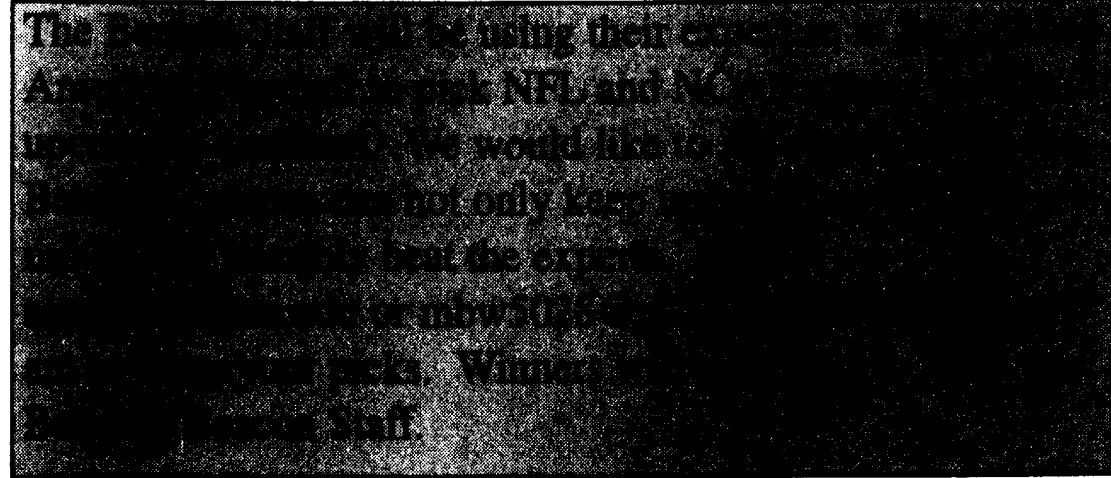


# SPORTS

## Beat The Experts



NFL	Andy	Chris	Ryan	Muska	Matt
Pittsburgh vs. Seattle	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.	Sea.
Cleveland vs. NE	Clev.	NE	NE	NE	NE
Indi. vs. Tampa Bay	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.
NY Giants vs. NY Jets	NYG	NYG	NYJ	NYG	NYG
Baltimore vs. San Fran	Balt.	Balt.	SF	Balt.	Balt.
Washington vs. Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Wash.
Green Bay vs. Chicago	GB	GB	GB	GB	GB
Carolina vs. NO	NO	Caro.	NO	NO	NO.
SD vs. Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	SD	SD
Tie-Breaker Buffalo vs. Dallas	(+20) Dallas	(+1) Buffalo	(+6) Dallas	(+17) Dallas	(+10) Dallas
NCAA					
Penn St vs. Iowa	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
Oklahoma vs. Texas	Okla.	Texas	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.
LSU vs. Florida	LSU	LSU	LSU	FLA	LSU
Ohio St. vs. Purdue	Purdue	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU
Wisconsin vs. Illinois	Illinois	Wis.	Illinois	Wis.	Wis.
Totals:	22-23	29-16	20-25	29-16	20-25

### NHL skates into 07-08 season this weekend

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Now that football season is underway, the next sport to start its season is the NHL. Last year, the Anaheim Ducks took home its first Stanley Cup as league champs. With younger talent emerging and teams loading up to become contenders, the NHL is as wide open as it has ever been.

The early favorite going into this season are last years representatives in the Stanley Cup finals, the Anaheim Ducks and the Ottawa Senators.

Anaheim is led by a powerful defensive core of defenseman Chris Pronger and goaltender Jean-Sebastian Giguere. Pronger, who is the captain of Anaheim Ducks, is a past Norris Trophy winner (Best Defensemen) and Hart Trophy winner (League MVP).

Since being traded to Anaheim in the summer of '06, Pronger has brought a physical presence on the ice that Anaheim lacked over the prior years. Giguere, who has been their starting goaltender since 2001, is coming off a career year with Anaheim, with 36 wins and 2.26 goals against average. He will start the season on injured reserve, due to a hernia.

Ottawa just came short last year of winning their first Stanley Cup in almost a century, but they come back this year with a determined team that wish to return to the finals and walk away with the title. Led by captain Daniel Alfredsson and forwards Dany Heatley and Jason Spezza, the Senators have the grit and the speed to win the Northeast division title and return to the playoffs

for an 11th year in a row.

The local teams near the Erie area also have strong teams that look to make a serious push towards the playoff and more this year. The Pittsburgh Penguins were the surprise team in 2006, increasing their win total by 25 games from the year before and making their first playoff appearance since 2001. Led by reigning league MVP Sidney Crosby and last year's Calder Trophy winner (rookie of the year) Evgeni Malkin, the Penguins have a dynasty that could potentially rival the Edmonton Oilers of the 80's. The Penguins will rely on young goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury to carry a defense that was ranked at the bottom of the league last year.



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Forwards Sidney Crosby and Alexander Ovechkin look to lead the youth movement in the NHL.

Marc-Andre Fleury to carry a defense that was ranked at the bottom of the league last year.

Another local team that has potential as the Penguins have is the Buffalo Sabres. Led by scoring machine Thomas Vanek and the explosive Maxim Afinogenov, the Sabres will look to

get back to the Stanley Cup finals, which they have not been to since 1999. Vezina Trophy (top goaltender) finalist Ryan Miller will be counted on to anchor the Sabres to another Northeast division championship. The Sabres biggest task this year will be replacing last year's co-captains Chris Drury and Daniel Briere, who left via free agency over the summer. Drury and Briere combined for 164 regular season points for the Sabres last season. Look for young centermen Tim Connolly and Derek Roy to fill the shoes for their departed captains.

This years NHL season is looking to be one of the more exciting years the league has had. You can see all the exciting action on local Fox Sports Networks or on Versus.

### Intramural Deadline Update

**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 improve to 3-0

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The Penn State Behrend Men's hockey team skated their way to victory last Friday against Carnegie Mellon University obliterating them with a score of 21-2; almost doubling the score of the previous game.

CMU scored the first goal of the game early in the first period and did not score again until the middle of the third. The Lions however, responded with goal after goal. Justin Duchini, Brian Hammel, and Dan Thiessen each had three goals and two assists a piece. Brian Learn had two goals and two assists while Chris Simanic contributed two goals and one assist. DJ Craven also added a goal. Additionally, Eric Fry had five assists.

The team skated for the second game of the weekend that Sunday facing the Community College of Allegheny County. Once again the team proved their talent and won against CCAC with a score of 9-2. Even though the opponents scored first again, the Behrend team pulled through with another high scoring game. Brian Learn put in two goals while Chris Simanic had four assists.

Goalie Eric Thiessen had 24 saves. Freshman Center Josh Horvath played a remarkable game

scoring four goals. "I just have had a lot of opportunities for open shots thanks to my teammates, Horvath said." Horvath went on to say how he is looking forward to their next opponent. "The first three games were not difficult match ups for us, but they were a good way to bring the team together and unite the lines. This weeks game should be a tough test but we will continue with our solid offense, defense, and goaltending, try to score first for a change, and play a full sixty minute game."

The team has begun with an outstanding start, already having four players with hat tricks, which include DJ Craven, Justin Duchini, Brian Hammel and Josh Horvath. The team is optimistic for another winning season but on the downside first line senior, left-winger Dan Thiessen was injured in the second period of Sunday's game against CCAC.

He suffered what seems to be a separated shoulder and looks to be out for approximately three weeks, after being slammed into the boards. He will not be playing in this weekend's game against Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Behrend looks to continue its winning streak this weekend against a highly skilled IUP team. The game will take place Saturday with a face off time of 9:20 p.m. on home ice at the Igloo. There is free admission to Behrend students.

### Behrend Sports Briefs

#### Volleyball sweeps Pitt-Greensburg, now undefeated in AMCC

The Penn State Behrend volleyball team swept conference rival Pitt-Greensburg this past Saturday and improved to an undefeated 3-0 in AMCC league play. The Lady Lions surged ahead to an early lead in game one and posted a decisive 30-17 victory. Behrend was able to pull out a victory in the other two games, defeating a tenacious Bobcats team 30-28 and 30-27 in games two and three respectively.

Contributing in the winning effort was sophomore Carissa Johnston who posted 10 kills and junior Jenna Benzenhoeffer who added five kills and three blocks. Freshman Jenna Kelly had five kills and two crucial blocks, while senior Deanna Ciccarella tallied an impressive 15 digs and three aces for the Lady Lions.

#### Behrend Men Lose Heartbreaker in Overtime 1-0

The Penn State Behrend men's soccer team lost a heartbreaker this past Saturday against conference opponent La Roche College. After a scoreless regulation period, the visiting Red Hawks scored the deciding game winner in the seventh minute of overtime play stealing a 1-0 victory from the hosting Lions. La Roche's Ousman Jaiteh scored the decisive goal.

Behrend out-shot the Red Hawks 29-13. Defensively, Behrend's sophomore goalkeeper Dustin Walker had six saves on the day. With the loss the Lions are 5-4-3 overall and 1-2 in AMCC league play.

#### Women's Soccer Downs Lake Erie 3-0, still undefeated in AMCC

The Behrend Lions began controlling the game from the very beginning and kept that momentum throughout the game. Scoring for the Lady Lions were sophomore Jenna Hashets, freshman Jaclyn Stottlemeyer, and junior Beth Manganaro.

Goalkeepers Kayla Frost and Beth Lacy split time in net, having nine saves total throughout the game. The women now are 5-5-2, 4-0 in the AMCC.