

SPOOTS

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 or 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
Minnesota vs. Chicago	Chi.	Chi.	Minn.	Chi.	Chi.
Cleveland vs. Miami	Clev.	Clev.	Clev.	Miami	Clev.
Tenn. vs. Tampa Bay	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tampa
Philly vs. NY Jets	Philly	NYJ	NYJ	Philly	Philly
Cincinnati vs. KC	Cinn.	Cinn.	KC	Cinn.	Cinn.
Washington vs. GB	Wash.	GB	GB	GB	Wash.
Houston vs. Jacksonville	Jack.	Jack.	Jack.	Hou.	Jack.
San Diego vs. Oakland	Oak.	SD	Oak.	SD	SD
New England vs. Dallas	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Tie-Breaker NYG vs. Atlanta	(+13) NYG	(+9) NYG	(+6) Atlanta	(+3) Atlanta	(+10) NYG
NCAA					
Penn St vs. Wisconsin	PSU	PSU	PSU	Wis.	PSU
Oklahoma vs. Missouri	Okla.	Okla.	Mizz.	Okla.	Okla.
LSU vs. Kentucky	Kentucky	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Michigan vs. Purdue	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.
BC vs. Notre Dame	ND	BC	BC	ND	BC
Totals:	31-29	38-22	29-31	39-21	31-29

Behrend Sports Briefs

Men's Soccer team pull out victory against Pitt-Bradford
Coming off of two straight wins, the men's soccer team had to make sure not to look ahead of the struggling Pitt-Bradford team. After a slow start, Behrend did enough to walk away with a 3-0 victory. Scoring for Behrend was sophomore Jerry Tortella, senior Jamie Thomas, and freshman Ryan Banks. Senior Matt Zirnsak made three saves in the winning effort. With the victory, Behrend has not only won three games in a row, but three shutouts in a row. They play their final home game on Saturday at 1 p.m. against divisional rival Frostburg State.

Women's Soccer crushes Pitt-Bradford 9-1, winning streak at six
The Lady Lions did not take Pitt-Bradford lightly and controlled the tempo throughout the game. Leading the Lions in scoring was junior Nikki Frisbee with four goals. Freshman Jaclyn Stottlemeyer tallied two goals and senior Jess Carlson, freshman Caitlyn Elser and sophomore Jenna Hashet added a goal each.

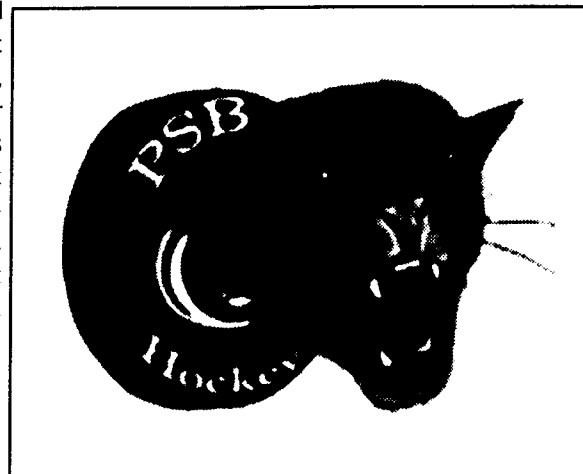
Goalkeepers Kayla Frost and Beth Lacy split time in net, having four saves total throughout the game. The Lady Lions domination on offense and defense showed, with them outshooting Pitt-Bradford 37-5. The women now are 7-5-2, 6-0 in the AMCC. They play their final home game on Saturday at 1 p.m. against divisional rival Frostburg State.

Behrend Hockey 4-0 going into tournament

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The Behrend hockey team went into last Saturday, winless against IUP all-time. Off to their hottest start in club history, Behrend came in with momentum and set the tone in a 6-1 victory over the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Senior Brysten Jones tallied within two minutes into the game on a power play. Behrend added two more goals from junior Brian Hammel and senior DJ Craven in the first period to take a commanding 3-0 lead going into the first intermission. Jones, who has started for Behrend since his freshman year, knew it would take three periods of intensity and hard work to pull out the victory. "We had never held a lead against IUP, so we knew it was going to take a lot from us to hang on to the lead and win the game."



Sophomore Chris Simanic added three assists and junior Eric Fry added two assists. Thiessen had 25 saves in the winning effort. Even being outshot in the second period to IUP, Behrend still dominated in shots 42-26.

Thiessen improved to 3-0 on the season, with a goals against average of 1.33 and a save percentage of .930. When asked about his recent success, Thiessen looks not at his pads, but rather his teammates that are around him. "There is no way I could have this kind of success without the supporting cast around me. The defense has been stellar around me and the offense is giving me leads to work with."

This weekend, the Behrend hockey team will host their second annual tournament, held at the Erie Civic Center. Last year, Behrend went perfect throughout the tournament and walked away with the title. This year, Behrend will compete with Alfred, Fredonia State, and arch rival Edinboro to win their second title in a row.

With Behrend outscoring their opponents 47-6 this year so far, Behrend is the odds on favorite to win the title on Sunday. Behrend's first game is Friday at 5:30 p.m. against Edinboro, at the Civic Center. You can find the weekend schedule on the Penn State Behrend website or the Behrend Hockey website. Penn State student admission is free with Penn State ID.

IUP came back in the second period, scoring their first goal of the game and cutting the deficit to only two, but stellar goaltending from sophomore Eric Thiessen and going six for six on penalty kills in the second period from Behrend kept the lead of two going into the second intermission.

Behrend scored three more in the third period from junior Justin Duchini, junior Brian Learn, and another from Craven, finishing off IUP.

CONTRIBUTING PHOTO: Behrend Hockey off to best start in team history

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.

4v4 Coed Indoor Soccer

Deadline is Friday Nov. 2 at 4p.m.

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Indians vs. Red Sox make up stellar ALCS

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The Cleveland Indians will battle the Boston Red Sox in a best-of-seven series which starts on Friday Oct. 12, 2007. Finishing with the same overall record during the regular season, which was tied for the best record in baseball, Cleveland and Boston are American League powerhouses. The much anticipated series will start at Boston's Fenway Park.

It has been said that pitching wins championships in baseball. What better example than the Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox. Cleveland's Cy Young hopefuls C.C. Sabathia and Fausto Carmona only gave up eight hits over the first two games last series against the New York Yankees, which Cleveland went on to win in four games. Boston may also prove to hold this year's American League Cy Young award pitcher in 27-year-old right-hander Josh Beckett. Finishing the regular season at a league best 20-7, Beckett pitched a shutout in his first postseason start against the Angels in a series where the Red Sox went on to sweep them in just three games.

Sabathia will square off against Josh Beckett in game one, in what will be an excellent pitching showdown. The pitching match up for game two will be Cleveland's Carmona against Boston's veteran hurler Curt Schilling. Game three is predicted that Cleveland's Jake Westbrook will face Boston's Daisuke Matsuzaka. Veteran knuckleballer Tim Lincecum will get the start in Game four after being left off Boston's roster in the first round because of a sore back. He will most likely square off with Cleveland's Paul Byrd. Both teams have a strong bullpen to backup their starters, so the series could come down to which offense is on during the series.

Boston sluggers Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz are as hot as they have been all year, each with two homers and batting averages of over .350 in the three game sweep of the Angels. The Indians batting has been solid as well. 40 year-old Kenny Lofton led the team with .375 for the first series and batted five for seven with four RBIs in the first two games of the Yankees' series.

The ALCS has the potential to be one of the best in years. As Boston looks to get their second title in the past three years, Cleveland will try to win their first title in 59 years.