

ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Kim Chapman
SPORT: Women's Soccer
CLASS: Junior
DATE: Oct. 15, 2007

Kim Chapman (Cranberry/Seneca Valley) has been named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of Oct. 15, 2007.

Chapman scored the game-winning goal this weekend against rival Frostburg State, beating the Bobcats 1-0. This marks the first regular season defeat of Frostburg for the women's team in five years. The women remain undefeated in their conference and lead the AMCC with a record of 7-0.

This week the women's soccer team will travel to Hilbert college on Wednesday, Oct. 17. They will take on the Hawks at 4 p.m. They will then head to Penn State Altoona on Saturday, Oct. 20 for their last conference game of the season.

Volleyball sweeps Medaille at home

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There's no place like home for the Penn State Behrend volleyball team. After a series of eight road games over the past two weeks in which the team lost six of their eight match-ups, the young Behrend squad couldn't be happier to return home to the Junker Center. In their first game at home since Sept. 29, the Lady Lions snapped a five-game losing streak with a sweep of visiting conference foe Medaille College. The 3-0 victory this past Tuesday evening brought Behrend's overall record to 15-11.

"It was definitely nice to be back at home," said head coach Phil Pisano. "We still have a young team, and usually younger teams have more difficulty winning on the road. Being back at home really helped and allowed the team to start to relax and play better. Overall the team played a really nice match against [Medaille]. They played with a lot of energy."

Behrend entered the match-up with Medaille riding an uncharacteristic five-game losing streak, however despite playing tentative early in game one, the Lady Lions wasted little time taking over the series. Behrend beat the Mavericks by an average of 13 points each game, recording victories of 30-20, 30-13 and 30-17. Contributing to the winning effort was sophomore Shelia Ogden who tallied a team high 10 kills and five blocks. Senior Deanna Ciccarelli posted an impressive 17 digs, while junior Jenna Benzenhoefer added eight kills and four blocks.

With the win against Medaille, the Lady Lions' conference

record stands at 5-1. Although impressive, the team is still in search of answers regarding their single blemish in conference play. That sole imperfection came as a result of this past weekend's trip to Frostburg State. The Bobcats, Behrend's talented conference rival, swept the Lady Lions in three games and handed the team their first conference loss. Against Frostburg State, the Lady Lions kept each game close, however were never able to pull out the victory. Behrend lost by scores of 30-28, 30-24 and 30-26.



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Junior Brittany Hennessy returns a serve.

"They [Frostburg State] had a couple of strong hitters," noted Pisano. "They were able to get the ball to their big guns and overall they just played very aggressively. I felt that we played a little flat and didn't give ourselves enough momentum. Each game we just came up a little short."

The loss drops the Lady Lions into third place in conference standings, while with the win Frostburg State remains undefeated in conference play. Penn State Altoona remains atop conference standings with a perfect 6-0 conference record. Although not devastating, Pisano realizes the loss puts Behrend in a more difficult and uncertain position as they face the final stretch of their season.

"The loss might not have the impact we thought it would," said Pisano. "We'll most likely be on the road for the conference tournament, but like we found out last year it's how you finish the season that matters. It comes down to who plays well that week and if we keep improving we'll be able to give

ourselves a good opportunity to win."

The Lady Lions' final three regular season games are crucial conference match-ups. Behrend will host Mount Aloysius this upcoming Saturday, travel to play Pitt-Bradford next Wednesday, and then close out the season at home against conference-leading Penn State Altoona on Oct. 30.

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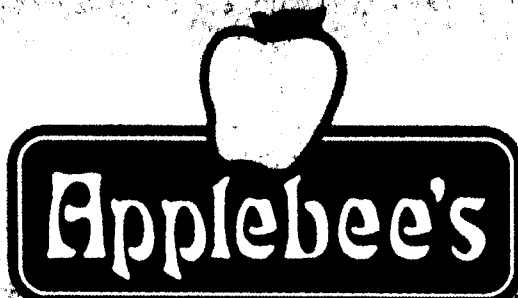
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