

# 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. Denver	Pitts.	Den.	Pitts.	Pitts.	Den.
New England vs. Miami	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Tennessee vs. Houston	Hou.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.
NY Jets vs. Cincinnati	Cinn.	Cinn.	NYJ	Cinn.	Cinn.
Minnesota vs. Dallas	Minn.	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Arizona vs. Washington	Wash.	Wash.	Arizona	Arizona	Wash.
Baltimore vs. Buffalo	Buff.	Balt.	Buff.	Balt.	Buff.
Tampa Bay vs. Detroit	Detroit	Tampa	Tampa	Detroit	Tampa
Chicago vs. Philadelphia	Chicago	Philly	Philly	Philly	Philly
Tie-Breaker Indi. vs. Jack.	(+3) Jack.	(+11) Indi.	(+13) Indi.	(+14) Indi.	(+6) Jack.
NCAA					
Penn St vs. Indiana	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
Auburn vs. LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	Auburn	LSU
Florida vs. Kentucky	FLA	FLA	FLA	FLA	FLA
Michigan vs. Illinois	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.
Michigan St. vs. Ohio St	Mich St.	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU
Totals:	40-35	48-27	38-37	45-30	42-33

### Women's Soccer Team streaks to first place in division

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Most of the time, you will hear a story like this from a film or a book, but for the women's soccer team, it is the story of their 2007 season.

Coming into the season, the Lady Lions were defending champions of the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference and had high hopes for another successful season in '07.

After a disappointing showing at their annual Herb Lauffer Tournament, the girls struggled to get back on track and found themselves with a 1-5-2 record, going into divisional play. Senior Jess Carlson said that she felt her final season at Behrend was slipping from her fingers. "We just could not get it going in the early part of the season. We struggled a bit, but we knew if we stayed together as a team, we could get back on track."

With the team in disarray, the girls pulled it together and walked away with big conference victories over Mt. Aloysius, Medaille, and La Roche. The girls found themselves one game under .500 and the momentum that they needed to save their season. Senior Emily Rogan said she felt the confidence of the team start to shift after the win against La Roche. "We always had great team chemistry; it just took us a while to get everything working on the field. Having this winning streak really got the wheels turning."

The ladies went on to beat Lake Erie, Pitt-Greensburg, and Pitt-Bradford and took their six-game winning streak into their biggest game of the year, Frostburg State. In the AMCC's ten-year existence, Frostburg State and Penn St. Behrend

have met for the women's soccer title eight times, with the series tied at 4-4. Last year, Behrend lost to Frostburg in the regular season, but beat them in the AMCC title game. Frostburg State came into the game with a 12-game winning streak. Carlson believed that the regular season champs could come down to this game. "We have been taking things one game at a time, but Frostburg is always our biggest focus. We beat them last year for the title and chances are, it will come down to us again this year."



CONTRIBUTING PHOTO Senior Katie Ritchey helps Behrend down Frostburg

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Behrend beat Frostburg 1-0 in Behrend's final home game of the year. It was the first time Behrend beat Frostburg in the regular season since 2001. Senior Danielle Demay said it was one of the goals she wanted to accomplish before her career ended, here at Behrend. "We got a taste of what it is like to beat Frostburg last season, so I really wanted this win bad."

Now, our goal is to win the AMCC's and return to the NCAA Tournament again," said Demay. Junior Kim Chapman was named AMCC player of the week after scoring the only goal in the contest against Frostburg State.

Without having a loss since Sept. 20, Behrend finds themselves in first place in the AMCC, with one game left against Penn State Altoona on Saturday. Penn State Altoona has been a surprise this year, improving their record from last year's finish of 6-7-2 to currently 10-4-1. "They have a new coach this year, which obviously has helped them become one of the better teams in the division. It is going to be a challenge this weekend," Carlson said. The Lady Lions will try to continue their amazing streak and win their first regular season conference title in Altoona.

### Intramural Deadline Update

#### 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 4 p.m.

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## Behrend Sports Briefs

### Men's Soccer team crushes Hilbert in conference victory

The men's soccer team won their fifth conference victory in a row by beating Hilbert 5-0. In the win, Behrend improved to 6-2 in their conference and sits comfortably in third place in the AMCC. Leading in scoring for Behrend was sophomore Jerry Tortella, who tallied two in the win. Also scoring for Behrend was sophomore Eric Murillo, senior David Baleno, and freshman Lance Sabol. Behrend will end their regular season with a crucial game on Saturday against rivals Penn State Altoona.

### Ice Hockey team grabs second place in home tournament

The Penn State Behrend ice hockey suffered its first two losses of the season to Fredonia State this past weekend. After beating Edinboro University 14-2 and Alfred University 16-0, Behrend met their toughest match of the season in Fredonia State. In the first matchup, Fredonia State downed Behrend 2-1, ending in a shootout. Scoring the only goal for Behrend was junior Brian Learn. In the title game, Behrend led 5-2 in the beginning stages of the third period and watched Fredonia State score six unanswered goals, ending in an 8-5 loss for Behrend. Scoring for Behrend was Learn, junior Brian Hammel, senior DJ Craven and sophomore Chris Simanic. Behrend hosts the University of Pittsburgh this weekend, 3:50 p.m. at Mercyhurst Ice Arena.

### Steelers visit Denver in '06 AFC title rematch

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On Sunday, the Pittsburgh Steelers (4-1) will head to Invesco Field to take on the Denver Broncos (2-3). Both teams will be coming off of a bye week with two very different mindsets. The Broncos are coming into the game on a three-game losing streak, while the Steelers are coming into the game with high momentum after a victory over Seattle.

The bye week seemed to be somewhat of a blessing and a burden for the Steelers. The time off gave a few key injured players the chance to rest and be ready for this week's game, while on the other hand it interrupted the momentum they had after beating the Seahawks.

Of the injured players were Hines Ward, who missed the last two games due to a sprained knee, Troy Polamalu (abdomen), and Santonio Holmes (hamstring). All three players are expected to play on Sunday.

The game plan for the Steelers is to run the ball as much as possible. Denver is in last place in the NFL in rushing defense, allowing an average of 187.6 yards per game. The Steelers are in second place on the offensive rush, averaging 167 yards a game. Willie Parker carries the majority of the yards averaging around 100 yards per game. Also

contributing to the rushing game recently is Najeh Davenport with 205 total yards, averaging 7.5 yards per carry. With two key receivers back in the game however, you can expect to see some passing as well early on in the game. Aside from Ward and Holmes, Heath Miller leads the Steelers with 17 receptions.

As for the Broncos, they come off of their bye week simply looking to end their three-game losing streak, including their most devastating home game loss on Oct. 7 against the San Diego Chargers, 41-3.

If Denver wants any chance of winning the game Sunday, they need to focus on shutting down Parker and Davenport. Cornerback Champ Bailey will most likely give the receivers and Big Ben some trouble like last year when he nabbed two interceptions off Roethlisberger.

Denver has made a few positions changes, making you wonder how stable a team can be when they are changing positions this far into the season. Some of the changes include Chris Myers for Tom Nalen at center and Chris Kuper will start in his first offensive regular season game at guard.

The Broncos have defeated the Steelers in three straight regular season home games, however lost to Pittsburgh in the AFC Championship two seasons ago, 34-17. Kickoff in Denver is set for 8:15 p.m. and will be broadcasted on NBC.