

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 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
Pittsburgh vs. Cincinnati	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.	Pitts.
New England vs. Wash.	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Indianapolis vs. Carolina	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.
St. Louis vs. Cleveland	Cleve.	Cleve.	Cleve.	St. Louis	Cleve.
Houston vs. San Diego	SD	Hou.	SD	SD	SD
Jacksonville vs. Tampa	Tampa	Tampa	Jack.	Jack.	Tampa
NYJ vs. Buffalo	Buff.	Buff.	NYJ	Buff.	Buff.
Chicago vs. Detroit	Chicago	Detroit	Detroit	Chicago	Detroit
Minnesota vs. Philly	Philly	Minn.	Philly	Philly	Philly
Tie-Breaker	(+6)	(+3)	(+10)	(+7)	(+8.3)
Green Bay vs. Denver	Denver	GB	GB	GB	GB

NCAA	Andy	Chris	Ryan	Muska	Matt
Penn St vs. Ohio St.	OSU	PSU	PSU	OSU	PSU
Oregon vs. USC	Ore.	USC	USC	USC	Ore.
Florida vs. Georgia	FLA	FLA	FLA	FLA	FLA
Rutgers vs. WVU	WVU	WVU	WVU	WVU	WVU
Cal vs. Arizona St.	ASU	Cal.	Cal.	Cal.	Cal.
Totals:	50-40	60-30	48-42	55-35	54-36

Behrend Sports Briefs

Men's Soccer team finished regular season with 3-1 victory.

The men's soccer team won their final conference game of the year, beating Penn State Altoona 3-1. With the win, Behrend clinches second place in the AMCC, which grants them a first-round bye in the AMCC playoffs. Scoring for Behrend were sophomore Jerry Tortella, sophomore Eric Murillo and junior Adam Cline. Sophomore goaltender Dustin Walker had three saves in the shutout. Walker was named AMCC goalkeeper of the week in his win against Penn State Altoona. Behrend's next game will be against the winner of the Penn State Altoona/Lake Erie matchup on Wednesday at the Behrend Fields.

Behrend Ice Hockey delivers big win against Pitt

The Penn State Behrend ice hockey team ended their losing streak in a 10-3 win against the University of Pittsburgh. Senior DJ Craven, senior Dan Thiessen, junior Justin Duchini, and junior Brian Hammel each had two goals. Also scoring for Behrend were freshman Ben Rock and sophomore Chris Simanic. Behrend will host defending CHE champion California University of Pennsylvania on Friday, 8:35 p.m. at the Igloo Ice Arena and travel to St. Vincent on Sunday.

Women's Soccer team grabs regular season title in win over Penn State Altoona

The ladies soccer team beat Penn State Altoona 2-0 to capture their first AMCC regular season title. In a low-scoring affair, junior Beth Manganaro was the difference maker, scoring both goals for Behrend. Sophomore goalkeeper Kayla Frost had two saves in the shutout win. Behrend will play the winner of the Medaille/La Roche matchup on Wednesday at the Behrend Fields.

The most hated team in baseball is not in New York

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As the MLB playoffs begin this week, I sit and ponder the two teams that are playing. You have the Colorado Rockies, the unknown underdogs who have taken their unbelievable winning streak to the playoffs and all the way to the World Series. Then, you have the Boston Red Sox, who are going to their second World Series in three years. Thinking into the series a little deeply, I have come to this conclusion. If the Red Sox win, they are the new "Yankees" of the baseball world.

Everybody knows the New York Yankees for being the arrogant team from the Bronx that flaunts their money by purchasing big name talent and putting together all-star type team's year in and year out. Many baseball fans over the years have come to hate the Yankees for those reasons and for their hot-tempered owner George Steinbrenner.

With high profile players like Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez, Andy Pettitte, Bobby Abreu, Mariano Rivera, and Roger Clemens possibly leaving the team during the off-season and with manager Joe Torre not returning to the team, it looks like the Yankees will have a much different and younger look next year. With the Yankees not having the dominant talent, there has to be a team in Major League Baseball to hate and all fingers are pointing to the Boston Red Sox. If they beat the Rockies in the World Series, that will make two titles in three years, which is the starting point for a dynasty. I remember growing up and absolutely hating the Atlanta Braves for their win over the Pirates in the '92 NLCS (thanks, Bonds, for your noodle arm) and for their dominance during the 90s. Now that they are basically a middle of the pack type team, my hatred has stopped.

The Red Sox have all the ingredients for the next

team to hate in Major League Baseball. For one, they have tons of talent on their depth chart. All their veteran bats can tear the cover off the ball, the younger players are some of the best in the majors, and their pitching is probably the best in baseball. They also have the big name talent that can rival the Yankees, with Curt Schilling, David Ortiz, Manny Ramirez, J.D. Drew, and Josh Beckett.

Also, the Red Sox are obviously not afraid to use the wallet to get the players they need. This year, they were second in payroll with \$143,123,714, only trailing the Yankees. With young guns like Jonathan Papelbon, Kevin Youkilis, and Dustin Pedroia getting massive pay raises in the near future, you better believe that those numbers will increase. They also have their Japanese import in pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka, who the Red Sox paid 50 million dollars just to talk to him to work on a deal.



CONTRIBUTING PHOTO

Red Sox David Ortiz

The last ingredient that the Red Sox have to be the next hated team is

their fans. I have seen some real annoying fans before, but Red Sox fans are some of the worst in the world. The chowder-eating fans of Boston not only come off as "jerks," but they do it in a way that makes it dangerous when Boston comes into town on nickel beer and mini wooden bat night at the ball field.

I know the Red Sox have become a fan favorite for most baseball fans throughout the country. Their first perception was the team that was going to try to keep the mighty Yankees from winning another title and people cheered for them. Now, times are changing and there are other teams keeping the Yankees out. The Red Sox are the mighty team. They are the powerhouse that we are looking for other teams to beat. If they lose to the Rockies, then it changes everything, but the odds are not in favor of the Rockies. With the Patriots and the Red Sox, Boston is turning into the "new" New York and I see this lasting awhile. Sorry Boston, but we hate you.

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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Browns' eyes are not on NFL draft anymore

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As one team thinks about going over .500, the other team looks to grab its first win of the season. This Sunday, the Cleveland Browns will travel to Edward Jones Stadium to take on the winless St. Louis Rams.

The Browns are coming off their bye week, with a record of 3-3. Their last game, which was a 41-31 win against the Miami Dolphins, put the Browns at .500 on the season, which has surprised many people around the league and has made playing for the Browns a lot more exciting. "It's a lot of fun to come to work," says wide-receiver Braylon Edwards. "That's not lying, before it wasn't fun. Guys didn't really want to be here. It was like, 'Let's just get practice over with and go home' ... Things are fun right now. It's just a whole different atmosphere."

Even though the Browns are feeling good about

their team, they will not take the 0-7 Rams lightly. The Rams had high hopes on the 2007 season after going 8-8 last season. Injuries have plagued the Rams, losing quarterback Marc Bulger and running back Steven Jackson to lengthy injuries early in the season. With Bulger getting back into a groove and Jackson returning this week, the Rams' offense should be much improved against the Browns. "Any play Steven (Jackson) touches the ball, we can take it all the way and I think that's something we've been missing," Bulger said.

Even with Jackson in the lineup, the Rams will still have to worry about the surprisingly powerful offense of the Cleveland Browns. Led by second year quarterback Derek Anderson, the Browns offense has been averaging 28 points per game, which is the same average the Rams defense has been giving up each game. The Rams will have to rely on veteran leadership on defense to try to keep the Browns' offense off the field.

The game time is 1 p.m. and will be televised on CBS.