

# 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   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Buffalo vs. Cincinnati   | Cin.    | Cin.    | Buff.   | Cin.   | Cin.   |
| Seattle vs. Cleveland    | Cleve.  | Cleve.  | Cleve.  | Sea.   | Cleve. |
| Indianapolis vs. NE      | NE      | NE      | NE      | NE     | Indi.  |
| NO vs. Jacksonville      | NO      | Jac.    | NO      | NO     | NO     |
| Minnesota vs. SD         | SD      | SD      | SD      | Minn.  | SD     |
| Arizona vs. Tampa Bay    | Arizona | Arizona | Arizona | Tampa  | Tampa  |
| NYJ vs. Washington       | NYJ     | Wash.   | Wash.   | NYJ    | Wash.  |
| Denver vs. Detroit       | Den.    | Den.    | Den.    | Det.   | Den.   |
| Green Bay vs. KC         | GB      | GB      | GB      | GB     | GB     |
| Tie-Breaker              | (+13)   | (+4)    | (+17)   | (+3)   | (+8.3) |
| Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore | Pitts.  | Pitts.  | Pitts.  | Pitts. | Pitts. |

| NCAA                   | Andy    | Chris   | Ryan    | Muska   | Matt  |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Penn State vs. Purdue  | PSU     | PSU     | PSU     | PSU     | PSU   |
| Oregon vs. Arizona St. | Ore.    | Ore.    | ASU     | Ore.    | Ore.  |
| Ohio St. vs. Wisconsin | OSU     | Wis.    | OSU     | OSU     | OSU   |
| LSU vs. Alabama        | Alabama | LSU     | Alabama | Alabama | LSU   |
| Rutgers vs. UCONN      | Rutgers | Rutgers | Rutgers | UC      | UC    |
| Totals:                | 61-44   | 68-37   | 58-47   | 65-40   | 65-40 |

## Steelers to face rivals in crucial game

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Students at Penn State Behrend were up in arms last Sunday afternoon, when they realized during their hangover buzz that the Steelers/Bengals game was not being broadcasted in Erie. In case you missed it or could not find it on the radio, the Steelers solidified their first place standing in the AFC North by defeating the last place Cincinnati Bengals 24-13. Next up are the Baltimore Ravens for a Monday night showdown at Heinz Field, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Last year, the Pittsburgh Steelers went 0-2 against the Baltimore Ravens, with a total score between the two games of 58-7, (27-0 in Baltimore and 31-7 in Pittsburgh). The loss at Heinz Field was the only one in the last seven home games for the Steelers. The Ravens sacked quarterback Ben Roethlisberger 14 times, forced him to throw four interceptions, and held runningback Willie Parker to 51 yards in 23 carries. This season has been a different year for both teams.

A win for the Steelers will keep them on top of the AFC North, however a loss to the Ravens will put both teams in first place at 5-3, and if the Cleveland Browns win on Sunday against Seattle, the AFC North could potentially have a three-way tie for first place.

The Steelers are looking to perform much like

they did last week in their victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. Roethlisberger threw 19-of-26 for 230 yards including two touchdowns and one interception. The numbers for Big Ben are almost opposite this season compared to last year when he threw 14 interceptions and seven touchdowns in seven games. This year, he has 15 touchdowns and six interceptions.

Parker and Ravens' runningback Willis McGahee will have to bring their A-game to the field as Monday night will be a battle against the top two rushing defensive teams in the NFL. The number two Ravens have allowed 268 yards per game, while the number one Steelers defense have held their opponents to 258.9 yards.

The Ravens are going to be fired up to win on Monday after a disappointing loss to the Buffalo Bills two weeks ago. A few key injured players also got the chance to rest during their bye last week. Of the injured players who will most likely be ready to play Monday are quarterback Steve McNair, who was out the last two games from a back injury, center Mike Flynn (knee injury), offensive tackle Adam Terry (bad ankle), defensive end Trevor Pryce (broken wrist) and cornerback Chris McAlister (bad knee).

Baltimore has won its last five games following a bye week; however they have lost their last three Monday night road games. Pittsburgh is undefeated at home this season so far and has an 11-game Monday night winning streak at home.

## Behrend Sports Briefs

### Men's soccer team advances to AMCC title game with win over Penn State Altoona

The Penn State Behrend men's soccer team will play in the 2007 AMCC Championship after winning 1-0 over Penn State Altoona on Wednesday afternoon on the Behrend Fields.

The first half of the game was primarily dominated by Altoona, outshooting Behrend 10-6. Behrend's Dustin Walker (Apollo/Kiski Area) made eight saves in goal and Altoona's Brandon McQuillen made two stops. Behrend ended the scoreless tie, with a crucial goal from scoring machine Ahmad Salim, which ended up being the only goal of the game.

No. 2 seeded Behrend squad finished the regular season with a 7-2 mark in conference play and are now 12-4-3 overall record. Behrend will be making its first appearance in the AMCC title game since claiming the 2003 conference title and advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

### Women's soccer also advances to AMCC title game with win over La Roche

The Penn State Behrend women's soccer team looks like title contenders, dropping No. 5 seeded La Roche 5-0. Ten minutes into the game, freshman Caitlyn Elser grabbed the first goal into the game. Beth Manganaro scored late in the first half to grab the 2-0 lead at the half.

Junior Nikki Frisbee, freshman Caitlin Tschappat and freshman Kaitlin Schaefer added second period goals to end La Roche's season. Frisbee's goal marked her 12th of the season and moved her into a third-place tie on the all-time goals scored list. Behrend outshot La Roche 20-6, and goalie Kayla Frost (Venetia/Peters Township) posted four saves as the Behrend defense logged its seventh shutout in the past nine contests. Behrend picks up its ninth win in 11 games and improves to 10-6-3 on the year after posting an 8-0-1 record in regular season conference play.

## Super Bowl XLIV will be decided this Sunday

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Can the Super Bowl champion be decided this Sunday in Indianapolis? Two of the best teams in the past decade, the Indianapolis Colts and the New England Patriots, will square off on Sunday to decide who is the best team in the AFC and in the NFL.

The Colts are coming into the game 7-0 and the Patriots at 8-0, which is the first time two teams, undefeated this far in the season, will be playing each other. Many experts believe that this can be a pivotal game that will give the winner the edge going into playoffs.

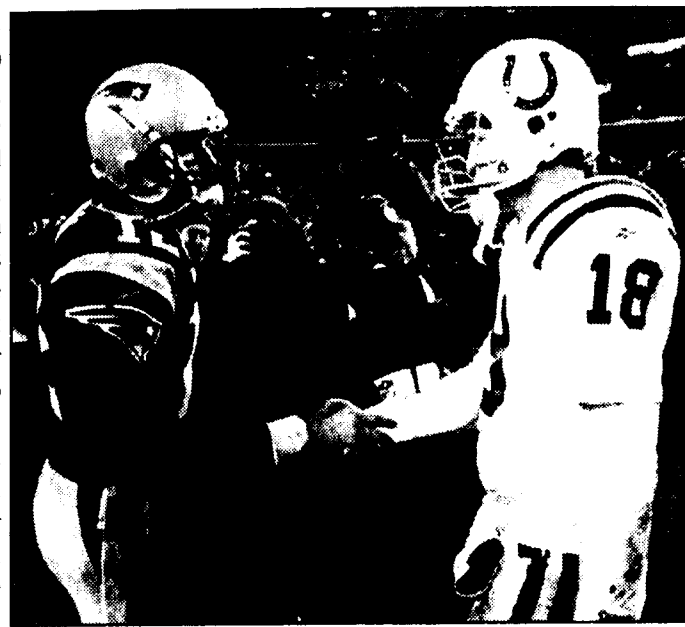
In last year's game, Indianapolis came out on top in the regular season and also upset New England in the AFC championship game. The Colts went on to win their first Super Bowl in Indianapolis and prove that they are the best team in the NFL. From their loss in the AFC title game, New England decided to juice up their offense and defense by signing some of the best free agents in the off-season. The Patriots picked up veteran linebacker Adalius Thomas from the Baltimore Ravens, wide receiver Wes Welker from the Miami Dolphins, wide receiver Donte Stallworth from the Philadelphia Eagles, and high-profile wide receiver Randy Moss from the Oakland Raiders.

Moss had been off the radar, due to his struggling Oakland team and having the description of being lazy and selfish. The Patriots decided to take a chance on Moss, hoping he can rekindle the magic that he had back in Minnesota, where he put up career numbers for seven seasons. So far, Moss has been a huge payoff for the Patriots, with 779 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns so far this season. With his current chemistry with Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, it is going to take a lot from the Colts to stop these two from putting up big numbers.

So far this season, the Patriots have outscored

their opponents 331-127, which is an average score of 42-15 in favor of the Patriots. Even though the Colts are at home in the up-coming contest, the Patriots are favored over the Colts, which is no surprise to a few football fans. "They have been easily the most impressive team this year and being a Steelers fan, it pains me to say that," says Brysten Jones, a senior at Penn State Behrend.

The Colts will have to rely on their secondary to try to stop the Patriots' passing attack, which has averaged 310 yards per game.



Brady and Manning shake hands after a playoff game

Colts' strong safety and Eric native Bob Sanders has been regarded as one of the best safeties in the game today. His hands will be full this Sunday with the Patriots, especially if tight end Ben Watson is back in action this week, after missing last week's matchup against the

Washington Redskins.

Probably the biggest matchup in the game is between two of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history in New England's Brady and Indianapolis' Peyton Manning. Both so far this year have been practically flawless, throwing for a combined total of 43 touchdowns and five interceptions. Currently, Manning has the record for most touchdowns in an NFL season with 49. Brady is on pace to pass that record, in having 30 touchdowns in eight games.

Even though Brady has the better numbers this year, he still feels that Manning is a step above him at their position. "He's probably got a better arm, he's probably faster, he's bigger, he's probably smarter," Brady said. "He's proven over the years how consistent he is, I've always looked up to Peyton and the way he plays. He's gotten the best of us the last three times we played, so we've got a great challenge. Hopefully we're all up for it."

The game will air at 4:15 p.m. on Sun. Nov. 4 and can be watched on your local CBS station.

## Intramural Deadline Update

4v4 Coed Indoor Soccer  
Deadline is Nov. 2 at 4 p.m.

Indoor Soccer  
Deadline is Nov. 9 at 4 p.m.

Team Triathlon  
Deadline is Nov. 16 at 4 p.m.

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## WE ARE...NOT ATTENDING BEHREND SPORTS

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The Behrend campus is known for many things, such as beautiful scenery, impressive facilities and an excellent tradition in athletics. Wait...what! Penn State Behrend has athletics? I always thought that they are the campus that didn't have the football team? Why is it that Behrend sports do not get the respect that they deserve? You can blame lack of coverage on TV or in the papers, but I look at the students who walk the campus each and everyday.

There is a severe lack of fans in the sporting events that take place all year at Behrend. Year after year, teams from Penn State Behrend participate in sports against teams around the area and mostly dominate the competition, leading to division titles and NCAA tournament invites. Over the last decade Behrend's 21 combined men and women's athletic programs have produced 33 AMCC conference titles, as well as numerous NCAA and ECAC tournament appearances. Just last year, Behrend's volleyball squad experienced their first 29-win season and earned second place in the ECAC tournament.

This season, the men and women's cross-country teams captured the AMCC conference title, dominating the conference championship this past weekend at Hilbert College. The men's team placed five runners within the top nine and the women's team placed an impressive six runners in the top ten. Both soccer teams are headed to this season's AMCC conference title match. Even Behrend's club teams are making a name for themselves. Behrend's club hockey team has reached the playoffs the past two consecutive seasons and is on pace to reach their third in as many years. If those aren't

impressive statistics then I'm not sure what is.

Penn State Football dominates some of the fan base at Behrend and I understand that. Going to the football games in State College are tons of fun and is an experience that every college student should take part in, but the sports that we have here in Erie are losing their fan base due to this. It is important to be proud of the sports teams that we have here and treat them like we would treat a football game. We should have tailgates before soccer or hockey games and cheer for our athletes to win big games, which apparently comes easy to us at Behrend. I know that the Behrend fields lack large bleachers for seating and there have been rumors in the past of a brand new soccer facility to be built on campus. Even though the soccer teams would greatly appreciate a new field, would anyone still go to the game?

Plus, you cannot blame the campus faculty for not letting the student body know when these games are. E-mails are sent everyday about upcoming games on and off campus that usually features free gifts, food, and beverages for Behrend students. Also, the Beacon staff tries its best to inform readers when games are coming up.

We lack Behrend pride here and that needs to change. We have a beautiful campus with a great sports tradition. We have over 4,000 students that go to Behrend. I have seen the crowds that went to major concerts and events on campus. We have the numbers to have some great crowds at the Junker Center, the Behrend Fields, and the local ice arenas. To have even a quarter of the student body go to a Behrend sporting event would be a blessing.

So when you are drinking the weekend away in your dorm room or apartment, take some time out of the day and attend a soccer game, catch a basketball game, or get a ride to a hockey game. You would be amazed how much fun they can be.