

Volleyball team 3-1 in last four games

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end of September.

Ogden led the team in kills over the weekend with 18 against La Roche and 13 versus Thiel.

"I'm pretty honored," said Ogden. "It's nice when all your work gets recognized."

Junior Brooke Gallentine led the team in assists with 42 and 27 respectively against La Roche and Thiel. Against La Roche, freshman Stefanie Kelley recorded a team high of 16 digs followed by sophomore Danielle Woods with 13 and freshman Liz Emerick added 10. Against Thiel Emerick led the team with 22 digs.

Tuesday's game against the Fredonia State Blue Devils was televised on Image Sports Network. According to the Behrend website, the Image Sports Network can be found on channel 20 in the city of Erie and channel 13 in the county.

"There might have been some nervousness with some of the players, but once we start to play then the nervousness goes away along with the cameras," said Coach Pisano. "We were more focused on the team we were playing, then the cameras or crowd."

The Behrend Lions have already been victorious against Fredonia at the Behrend Invitational in early September. The Lions swept them 3-0 in the best of five games.

The Blue Devils entered the Junker Center hoping for a different outcome against the Lions. And this time, they did just that. It was now Fredonia's

turn to sweep the Lions in three games (22-25, 22-25, 19-25). Fredonia extended their winning streak to nine games.

"I am disappointed with how we played," said Coach Pisano. "We knew Fredonia had improved from the first time playing them. I'm disappointed that we didn't fight a little harder. I know we can play much better than we did last [Tuesday] night."

This disappointment was not only expressed by the coach but also the players.

"We all ended up having a bad night at the same

time," explained Ogden. "I hurt my hand on Saturday so I was trying to figure out how to play with my hitting hand being taped and everyone came out flat. It wasn't us. It's a shame it happened against a big rival but we learn from everything and it will help us in the end."

According to the Behrend website, freshman Danielle Kindle had six kills on 12 attacks and had two blocks. Also, Woods tallied four kills on six attacks and contributed ten digs. Freshman Lauren Dalton had seven kills and five digs in the game.

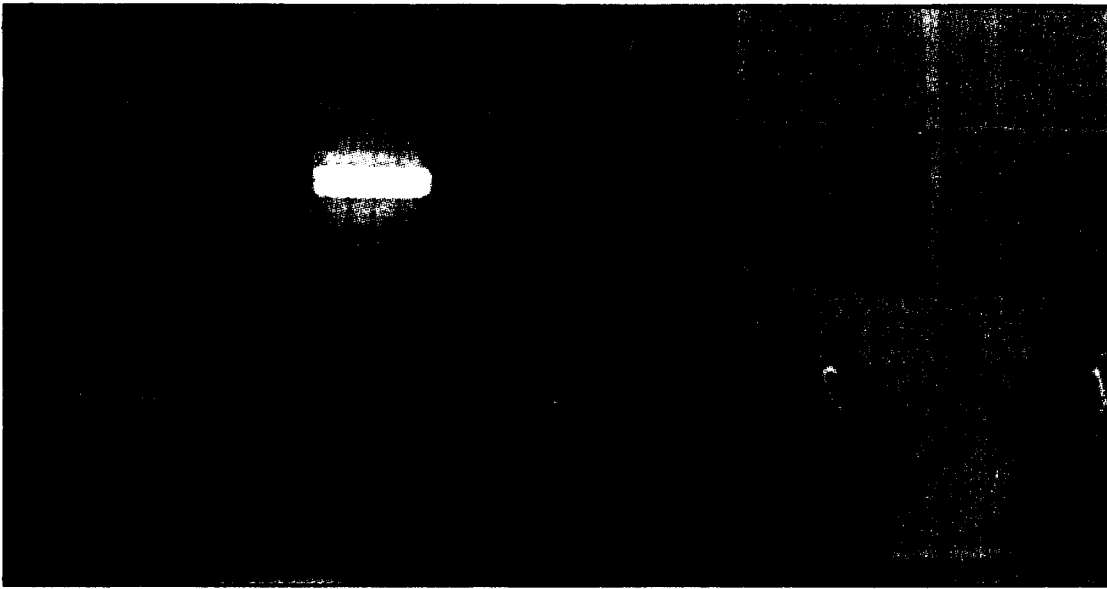
Injuries played a significant role in the loss against Fredonia. According to Pisano, the Lions have two All-Conference players, senior Brittany Hennessy and junior Carissa Johnston, both out with leg injuries. Hennessy and Johnston are expected to return within a week or two.

The Lions did not have much time to recover from the loss against Fredonia as the next night they were on the road traveling to face Hilbert for an AMCC conference game.

Sweeping Hilbert in three games (25-10, 25-13, 25-18) improved the Lions AMCC record to 2-0. Kindle had eight kills and three blocks, Gallentine led the team with 29 assists and 16 digs, and Woods recorded seven kills and four aces.

"We started off really strong, we hit the midseason slump but I feel us bouncing back really well," said Ogden. "The whole season we've been gearing towards a win against Frostburg for the AMCC title and to host the playoffs. I think we're getting closer to being ready for it. We have some more games that we will use as tests for Frostburg. We have some corrections to make and things to improve. I hope we come through in the end."

The team travels to Pitt-Greensburg Friday October 3 for another AMCC game.



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Junior Brooke Gallentine sets up sophomore Aubry Regan at the game Tuesday night against Fredonia.



ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jenna Fatica
Cross Country
Sophomore

Athlete Spotlight: Jenna Fatica

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"I know now that I'm happier here," says Behrend sophomore Jenna Fatica. "Behrend is a good fit for me."

A year ago, she wasn't so sure. Fatica, who grew up only twenty minutes from Behrend, decided to enroll in the University of Akron to participate in their Division I track program. After only a year at the school, she found herself longing for a school closer to home, closer to her desired size, and with a nicer area.

Penn State Behrend provided her with an answer. "It is a lot different, of course," Fatica says. "But we all still do the best we can, and it's still a ton of fun."

Fatica was selected as Behrend's Athlete of the Week for a sport she wouldn't have expected. "Track and field is my primary sport," she says. "To me, cross country was a fun way to stay in shape and keep running in the offseason."

Her "offseason" has brought her a surprising amount of success. She has finished in first place amongst Behrend's women in every cross country race since the end of the year. She attributes some of the team's success to the coaching staff and the practices that they run. "They're very tough practices,

and they always make you do your best," said Fatica.

Fatica knows that she was lucky to end up at a school that was a perfect fit for her. Even the coaching staff welcomed her before she even stepped foot on campus, she recalls. "The coaches are like that too, they always push you to do your best. Coaches Greg and Dave Cooper are very personable, and they're behind you on everything."

As the cross country team makes its way through the season, they will have to count on the coaches to help them reach the formidable

goals that they have set for themselves.

"The AMCC championship would be great to win two years in a row," Fatica says. "Until then, we really have to focus on keeping the group together during races and staying as a team."

After her first two months on the team, she is already emerging as a leader on Behrend's cross country team.

"I still have a lot of room to improve," she says. "That's my biggest personal goal - to keep getting better as the year goes on."



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Behrend sophomore Jenna Fatica finished first amongst Behrend's Cross Country women at the Behrend Invitational.

Number six ranked Lions extend undefeated record to 5-0

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University Park cheered Derrick Williams from the stands, as he brought our very own Nittany Lions football team to a 38-24 win over Illinois. The quick senior put on an amazing show that has never been seen in Paterno's years of coaching.

When our No.12 ranked Penn State let No.22 Illinois through the gates, we were all anticipating a very good game. They were the first ranked opponent of the season and the stands were packed in white-out style.

Early on in the game, Illinois took the lead when running back Jason Ford made a one yard run into the end zone. Quickly after that, however, it was answered by another one yard run from our very own quarterback Darryl Clark. Towards the end of the first quarter, Illinois wide receiver Arrelious Benn made an amazing catch for a touchdown. Illinois took the lead 14-7.

The legendary performance of Penn State's wide receiver Derrick Williams truly began

with a 21 yard run and his first touchdown of the game.

The second quarter rolled around with the score being 14-14. It was a defensively-based quarter, with the offensives of both teams not going very far.

Half the way through the second quarter, Williams scored again with a five yard run, which meant that Penn State was going into the second half with the score being 21-14 Penn State.

The beginning of the second half really showed the talent of the kickers. Both teams made field goals in the third quarter, moving the score to 24-17. Kevin Kelly, the kicker for the Lions, completed a 25 yard field goal and Illinois kicker Matt Eller made a 43 yard attempt.

An amazing play emerged in the fourth quarter, when Williams returned a kickoff for 94 yard which scored his third touchdown of the game. This expanded the lead to 31-17. After this return, Illinois' Arrelious Benn made another catch in the end

zone, bringing the score to 31-24. But, the Penn State Lions weren't going to see themselves beaten on their own turf. To ensure the win, Clark made a 17 yard pass to Andrew Quarless. Thus, creating the final score of 38-24 and taking our record to a perfect 5-0 season.

Upcoming Games:

- 10/11 at Wisconsin at 8:00 p.m.
- 10/18 vs. Michigan at 4:30 p.m.
- 10/25 at Ohio State at 8:00 p.m.

This week's matchup



#6 PENN STATE
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12:00 P.M. ET, OCTOBER 4, 2008



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The marching band takes the field at the Penn State vs. Illinois game.