

SPORTS

The Lady Lions annihilate Mt. Aloysius in AMCC opener

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The Penn State Behrend Lady Lions opened the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Season on Saturday with an overpowering 17-0 win over the Mt. Aloysius Mounties.

The Lions started the game with three goals within the first five minutes of play. Sophomore forward/midfielder Catilyn Elser began the scoring 1:56 into the game and added another two minutes later.

Senior midfielder/forward Nikki Frisbee, freshman Linsey Steinsdoerfer and freshman Mia Baltutat each contributed two goals a piece in the half. Brittany Barbato, a junior midfielder, added another with less than a minute left in the first half of play.

The Lady Lions finished the first half

with nine goals and time of possession in the Lady Lions favor. In the second half of play, there was much of the same domination as the Lions controlled the ball movement all over the field and scored two minutes in.

A cross from Jaelyn Stottlemeyer found the head of Steinsdoerfer and the back of the net which lead to the goal. Also scoring in the second half was Elser with two and Baltutat. Emily Lewis and Rachel Thompson adding three more goals to finish out the game.

"Behrend is typically successful against Mt. Aloysius, so it was not a surprise that we won," said Barbato after the game. She then said that she was impressed with how they kept up their intensity level in spite of playing a weak-

er team. She then finalized the conversation saying, "it was a great game to kick off conference play, while being long overdue for a win too!"

Frisbee also added that, "the game was an overall success since it allowed our team to gain confidence in both the attacking and defensive parts of the game. With the injury of our starting goalie earlier this season, this game allowed Beth Lacy to step up and receive her first shut out of the 2008 season."

"As a team, we are very fortunate to have two great goalies that can be counted on. This year is a great position to be in since we are defending two year Conference Champions, and it was a great way to start the conference season off with a win of 17-0."

Although this game against Mt. Aloysius may not have been the hardest of the season for the Lions, the team was very happy with their performance and hope to continue to work hard to win the AMCC Conference Championship for the third year in a row. The focus this weekend for the Blue and White will be utilizing the outside defenders and forwards. The Lady Lions are now 2-6-1 on the year and 1-0 in the League, while Mt. Aloysius is now 2-5-1 and 0-1 in the AMCC. The Penn State Behrend Lions will play their next AMCC game on October against Pitt-Greensburg at 1:00 p.m.

THE ROAD AHEAD

Women's Soccer
Upcoming Games

Oct. 8: @ Franciscan
2:00 p.m.

Oct. 11: Pitt-Greensburg
2:00 p.m.

Oct. 14: @ Pitt-Bradford
2:00 p.m.

Oct. 18: @ Frostburgh State
1:00 p.m.

Oct 10: Hilbert
1:00 p.m.

Steel town throw down

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Accompanied by a blur of yellow towels, Pittsburgh's steel structure was rocked Monday night in a hard hitting AFC North battle. Division rivals, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Baltimore Ravens, put on a show that won't soon be forgotten in this NFL season.

After a rough loss to the Philadelphia Eagles last week, the Steelers were looking to rebound against the Ravens. Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was sacked a staggering nine times against the Eagles, so protection was a big issue for Big Ben.

"[We've] got to give [the Eagles defense] a lot of credit. They're a very good team, very good defense and they got after us," said

Roethlisberger after the 15-6 loss to the Eagles.

The Baltimore Ravens, like the Eagles, have a very good defense, ranking first in the NFL. They were going into the game undefeated and they wanted to keep that statistic true. "We just need to go in with our game plan and stick to it, and I think everything else will just take care of itself," said Pro Bowl linebacker Ray Lewis.

So with Roethlisberger's protection issues and the Ravens angry defense, the stage was set.

The game was a defensive show down in the first quarter of play. At the end of fifteen minutes, the score was 3-3 and it appeared that it would be a low scoring contest. By halftime, it was 13-3 in favor of Baltimore and the Steelers' offense was struggling.

"I was tired of being embarrassed on offense. I told the guys that, 'There's no need for it. I had to make a statement,'" said Roethlisberger, in response to yelling at his offense.

The Ravens were in control at halftime and the Steelers needed to make some big adjustments in the locker room.

The second half turned out to be more like a second game. The Steelers were like a different team. In the third quarter, Roethlisberger hit Santonio Holmes across the middle for a 38-yard touchdown pass. On the Ravens' first offensive play after the touchdown, Steelers' linebacker LaMarr Woodley scooped up a fumble and returned in for a touchdown. In about 15 seconds of clock time, the Steelers were winning 17-13.

In the fourth quarter, Steelers' kicker Jeff

Reed hit a 19-yard field goal to make it 20-13. The Ravens weren't done yet, though. They answered with a touchdown of their own, tying the game at 20-20 to send it to overtime.

The Ravens won the coin toss and elected to receive. They went three-and-out on their first possession and were forced to punt. The Steelers then moved the ball into Reed's field goal range for an opportunity to win the game. Reed slipped a 46-yard kick inside the right post giving the Steelers the 23-20 victory.

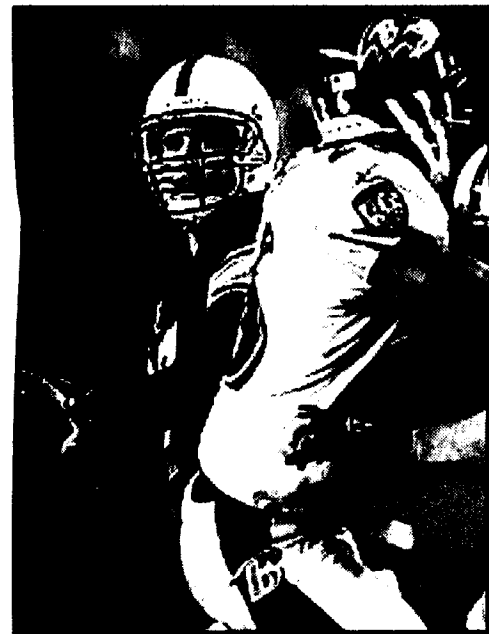
"I tell you what, it's always nice to know that, pretty much, a kicker is going to win the game. I got all of it, but I hooked it a little bit. So I'm glad it snuck through," said Reed about his game winning kick.

The Ravens are learning from the loss and are going to move on.

"It was disappointing. And, [we have] a lot of great things to build off of, and we're moving forward," said head coach John Harbaugh.

Pittsburgh's win did come with a price. With running back Willie Parker already sidelined, the Steelers lost two more running backs. First round draft pick Rashard Mendenhall fractured his shoulder and Carey Davis suffered an ankle sprain. The Steelers also lost guard Kendall Simmons to an Achilles injury.

The Steelers and Ravens will play again later in the season. Until then, it looks like both teams are going to be tough to beat. Then they do meet for the second time, expect it to be another hard fought battle that may go down to the wire again.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ben Roethlisberger searches for an open target in Monday's victory over Baltimore.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
Behrend's Women's Tennis team (11-2) will face Penn State Altoona (2-5) on the Behrend Courts at 3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
The Women's Tennis team takes on Waynesburg(1-5) on the Behrend Courts at 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
Behrend's Women's tennis hosts their third match of the week, facing Pitt-Bradford (1-6) on the Behrend Courts at 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
Behrend's Volleyball team hosts Franciscan(2-9) in the Junker Center at 7:00 p.m.

All team records found at time of publication.

LAST WEEK'S SPORTS

All wins in italic text

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Men's Water Polo: Behrend 12, Gannon 21
Women's Tennis: Behrend 3, Westminster 6

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Women's Soccer: Behrend 17 Mt. Aloysius 0
Men's Soccer: Mt. Aloysius game cancelled
Volleyball: Behrend 3 LaRoche 1
Behrend 3 Thiel 0
Women's Tennis Behrend 9 Frostburg St 0
M. Water Polo: Behrend 9 Mercyhurst 15
Behrend 9 Salem Intl. 4
Cross Country: @ Allegheny Invitational
Behrend Men 2/3
Andy Iams 9th
Behrend Women 3/4
Jenna Fatica 7th

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Women's Tennis: Behrend 7 PSU Altoona 2
Behrend 9 La Roche 0

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Volleyball: Behrend 0 Fredonia 3
Golf: @ La Roche invitational
Behrend 1/7

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Men's Soccer: Behrend 0 Geneva 3
Volleyball: Behrend 3 Hilbert 0
Women's Tennis: Behrend N/A Grove City N/A

All scores based from Sports Calendar and individual team page results. If your sport is not listed and you feel that it should be, contact cis5060@psu.edu

Beat The Experts

A week of upsets made our experts look like amateurs.

Did you predict the fall of the Cowboys, Broncos, and Eagles?

If so, we want you to embarrass us in front of 4,000 students, faculty, and staff.

Try to out-pick us; send a list of your weekend picks to cis5060@psu.edu.

NFL	Connor	Matt	Rachel	Ryan	Chris
Seattle @ N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.	N.Y.G.	Seattle	N.Y.G.
New England @ S.F.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.
Indi. @ Houston	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.	Indi.
Atlanta @ Green Bay	Atlanta	G.B.	G.B.	Atlanta	G.B.
Minnesota @ N.O.	New Orleans	Minn.	Minn.	Minn.	Minn.
Kansas City @ Carolina	Car.	Car.	Car.	Car.	Car.
Tenn. @ Baltimore	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Balt.	Balt.
Washington @ Philly	Wash.	Philly	Philly	Wash.	Philly
Tampa Bay @ Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Buffalo @ Arizona	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Arizona	Buffalo
Cincinnati @ Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Tie-Breaker	+3	+14	+7	+10	+13
Pitt @ Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Pitt.	Pitt.	Jac
Last week:	*7-5	5-7	7-5	5-7	6-6
<small>* denotes winner</small>					
NCAA					
PSU @ Purdue	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
Auburn @ Vanderbilt	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Vandy	Vandy
Ohio State @ Wisconsin	Ohio State	Ohio State	Wisc.	Wisc.	Wisc.
Oregon @ USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Florida @ Arkansas	Florida	Florida	Florida	Arkansas	Florida
Last week:	*4-1	3-2	3-2	3-2	*4-1
<small>* denotes winner</small>					
Season Totals:	50-18	36-32	45-23	37-30	37-31