

SPORTS

Behrend ice hockey team defeats University Park

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The Penn State Behrend Men's Hockey team departed at 4:30 p.m. from the Junker Center with much determination and excitement as they traveled to University Park to play their first game against a Division II team on Saturday.

"Being that we are a Division III team, this game will show where we stand compared to a strong Division II team," said Head Coach Giovanni Duchini prior to the game.

Pre-gaming with some "Office Space" and "300" on the coach bus, the team focused on a game that they knew would help them in their upcoming games against some of the stronger teams in their division.

"This game will also give us a feel of playing in the main campus arena, where I someday wish to play," said freshman forward Jordan Shelleby.

In the first period of play, the Penn State Behrend Lions scored first with a goal by sophomore forward Nick Winarski at 16:05. Later in the period, a goal was scored by the University Park campus at 6:12 in the first period.

In the second period, both teams came out firing. The University Park Lions scored at 13:46. Just 46 seconds later, the Behrend Lions scored with a goal by forward Chris Simanic which evened the score out 2-2.

With 9:13 on the game clock, the Behrend Lions scored yet again off a rebound, this time by defenseman Jermay McHugh.

University Park came back once again with a goal that consisted of the puck going in, and then the opposing player sliding in after.

With 2:12 left in the second period, the Behrend Lions fought back with a well earned goal by forward Ben Rock, ending the second period of play. Going into the third period the score was 4-3, in favor of Behrend.

"In the third period, the Behrend Lions came out fast," said Duchini.

A quick goal was added to Behrend's score by Winarski, his second of the game at 19:01.



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Behrend ice hockey player looks to gain control of the puck.

Later, University Park tied the game up at once again with a goal at 11:22, making the score 4-4.

With 4:51 remaining in the third and final period of play, Behrend player Simanic scored the game winning goal, assisted by Shelleby.

The Behrend Lions defeated the Penn State Nittany Lions, 6-5.

"This win means a lot for the team and Behrend college," said Duchini. "Not only did we beat a very good Division II team, but we proved that if we all play together as we did today, we can beat anyone. The win also builds

and hopefully games like these will open up things to the campus and bring larger crowds, leading to a possible arena on campus."

Goaltender Eric Thiessen of the Behrend Lions held the University Park team to only five goals throughout the game to give his team the victory.

"This game was by far the best game we've played as a team this year," said Thiessen. "It was very intense, exciting, and one that we made the best of our opportunities in. It was non-stop rubber in the net, a lot of fun, and very exciting to be apart of."

scoring twice against a Division II team, and glad that my team was able to back me up and block shots. Everyone held their own today, and I hope that we can bring this into Saturdays game [Nov. 1]. We all are hoping for many people to show up, being that it's for a good cause, and they can also see some great hockey. This is our time."

Sophomore forward Josh Welker was another player who agreed that the team played exceptionally well together.

"We really pulled together as a team, and this is a first stride towards beating last year's National Champions, California University of Pennsylvania, and St. Vincent College in the Upcoming Breast Cancer awareness game," said Welker.

Many of the players feel the Breast Cancer Awareness game on Saturday will be one that should bring the fan base needed for a team with great success. The game will be played at Mercyhurst College with the puck dropping at 4:25 p.m.

the confidence of the team, as we played the best game all year."

Hopefully the team can build from the victory and use the game as a turn around point in the season.

"We took advantage of each situation and came prepared," said Duchini. "This was a big victory and a team win, as everyone worked together. From this win our school should feel proud

Another player who contributed to the game greatly was sophomore forward Nick Winarski, who had a pair of goals.

Freshman forward Matthew Mahouski was excited about the win.

"We played real strong on the ice, and I was glad that everyone was able to contribute to a big win," said Mahouski. "I felt great

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Volleyball team #1 seed in AMCC tournament

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The Behrend Lions Women's Volleyball team remains undefeated in the AMCC after a tough game against Pitt-Bradford. With the win, the team has clinched the number one seed for the 2008 season.

"We are trying to focus on the (game) immediately ahead of us," said head coach Phil Pisano. "We are trying to think just a few steps ahead and not focus on the

end result just yet. We should feel pretty proud of what we've accomplished so far but we don't want to be content or satisfied with being undefeated at this point. We are trying to finish our regular season strong and create some momentum for the playoffs."

Injuries were a significant factor throughout the season for the women's volleyball team as they

fought on to sustain their undefeated record.

"Because we had injuries at the beginning of the season, it forced us to look at people in different spots," said Pisano.

As injuries became more prevalent, the freshman were ready to step up.

"We've got a big freshman class," said Pisano. We've got seven freshman on our team. They have all played significant moments for us. And I think that has really helped us, that they came in, ready to go and they caught on pretty quickly. Our upper classmen helped them along the way learn our system and the terms that we use."

When asked about the match against Pitt-Bradford, Pisano said, "Well, it's a big match for us. We treat all of our home games as very important. It's important for us to play well at home. This [game] is extra special because we can clinch the number one seed if we win. There are a lot of reasons why we should show up. If we play hard-nosed, aggressive style and we stay focused mentally, then I think we'll be in good shape. They have been working pretty hard throughout the course of the season. We have tried to get bet-

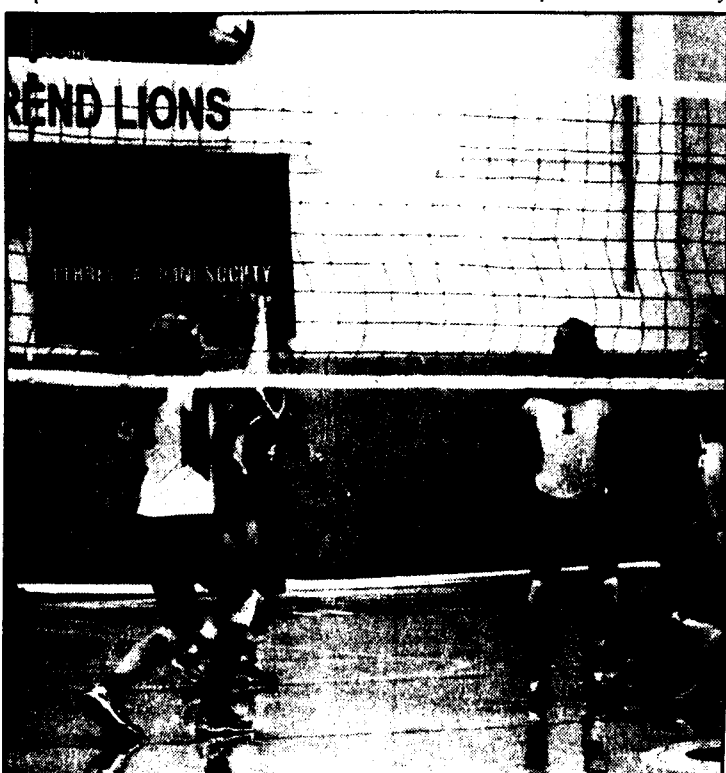
ter each day."

Pisano is proud to be coaching a team that shows a lot of heart and enthusiasm while on the court.

"It's a group that works hard, I demand a lot from them and I can be pretty hard on them at times," Pisano said. "I am pleased that we have beaten some good teams this year. And we have played well against some strong opponents. So for me the most important thing is this team getting as close as it can to its potential and make sure we are improving on a daily basis. We ask them for a lot of hard work. It's a big commitment, and we ask them for a lot of focus."

"I am always very proud and pleased when they outwork their opponents and they stay focused. If they do those things then I feel like it's my job to help them win the match," added Pisano.

Their next game will be on Nov. 1 at Penn State Altoona at 3:00 p.m. The game will be the team's last regular season matchup before the start of the AMCC tournament, which begins on Nov. 4. The location of the first playoff match is yet to be determined.



KEEGAN MCGREGOR/The Behrend Beacon
Behrend's volleyball player sets up a teammate.

PSB HOCKEY

1st Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Game

November 1st

vs. St. Vincent College

Puck Drops at 4:25 p.m.
@ Mercyhurst College Ice Center

Doors open at 3:25 p.m.

501 E. 38th St. - Erie, PA 16546

\$2 per students (with ID)

\$5 per person (without ID)

Pink PSB Hockey t-shirts will be sold at the game.

BEHREND'S SPORTS THIS WEEK:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Men's and Women's Cross Country team competes in the AMCC Championships at Penn State Altoona at 1 and 2 p.m.

Behrend Women's Volleyball (20-8) team plays in their last regular season game against Penn State Altoona at 3 p.m.

The Women's Soccer team (6-11-1) plays in the AMCC Tournament at 1 p.m.

Behrend's Men's Soccer (11-6-1) team plays in the AMCC Tournament at the Behrend Fields against Pitt-Bradford (4-12-1) at 2 p.m.

The Swim team faces Bethany at 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

The Women's Volleyball team competes in the first round of the AMCC Tournament at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Behrend's Women's Soccer team plays in the AMCC Tournament at TBA.

The Men's Soccer team plays in the AMCC Tournament at Frostburg at 2 p.m.

All team records found at time of publication.
Home games in bold text.

LAST WEEK'S

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All wins in italic text

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

M. Water Polo: Behrend 7, Gannon 14

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

W. Tennis: Behrend 3, Grove City 6

M. and W. Cross Country: Mens: 23/30

Andy Iams-104th

Womens: 23/27

Jenna Fatica-117th

W. Volleyball: Behrend 3, Frostburg State 1

W. Soccer: Behrend 0, Frostburg State 1

M. Soccer: Behrend 1, Frostburg State 2

M. Water Polo: Behrend 6, Washington and Jefferson 8

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

W. Tennis: 2008 AMCC CHAMPIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

W. Volleyball: Behrend 3, Medaille 0

Wednesday, October 22

W. Soccer: Behrend 7, Hilbert 0

M. Soccer: Behrend 3, Hilbert 0

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