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**Mens and womens soccer teams earn tournament wins**

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The Behrend Lady Lions are starting their season off strongly this year with a 3-0 record and a home tournament win in the Herb Lauffer Memorial Tournament under their belt.

This weekend, Behrend competed on Saturday and Sunday and won in the championship game against the Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets in overtime on Sept. 6, by a score of 2-1.

The first goal of the game was scored by the Yellow Jackets Noelle Fox during the 16th minute of the first half. The Lady Lions had several chances against the Yellow Jacket goalie, but came up short.

The game would remain a battle on both ends of the field, through the heat, until 24th minute of the second half.

Behrend sophomore Glennis Robash put one into the back of the net with the assist from Valerie Wagner.

"Scoring the tying goal was very exciting and I couldn't have been even happier," said Robash. "Valerie gave me the perfect cross and there was no way it wasn't going in. Valerie is such a great player and assets to the team just like the freshman class. She's been a hard worker all through press season"

The game continued with both goalies having close shots just missing the net on both ends of the field to end in regulation.

While in overtime, junior Caitlin Elser had a throw-in 25 yards from the Yellow Jackets net. Finishing the shot was freshman Kourtney Gasparovic to win the tournament for the Lady Lions.



Photos by Jon Klein/The Behrend Beacon  
Top: Sophomore Lindsey Steinsdoerfer challenges for the ball.  
Bottom: Freshman Heather Klimuszka tees up a shot.

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The Nittany Lions men's soccer team defeated the Geneseo Blue Knights 2-1 for the Herb Lauffer Memorial Championship, a four-team tournament hosted by Penn State Behrend.

Behrend's senior goaltender Dustin Walker received the Most Valuable Player Award for his incredible performance in each of Behrend's games.

"He kept us in the game against Lebanon Valley on Saturday," said head coach Dan Perritano. "He definitely deserved MVP."

Behrend barely advanced to the Championship game. They were forced into a shootout with Lebanon Valley after scoreless play during regulation and overtime in the semi-finals.

The men were in for a tough contest against Geneseo in the championship match. The Blue Knights played a disciplined game and had almost complete control of the ball for the first 10 minutes.

Afterwards, the Blue Knights played more aggressively, creating a scoring opportunity when senior goaltender Dustin Walker was caught out of the net. Luckily, freshman defender Danny Poljak was in the area to ward off the Blue Knights attack.

Nittany Lions junior midfielder Lance Sabol scored the game-winning goal, assisted by junior forward Jerry Tortella, to put Behrend up 2-0.

Geneseo came out in the second half and continued pushing the pace of the game with more physical play.

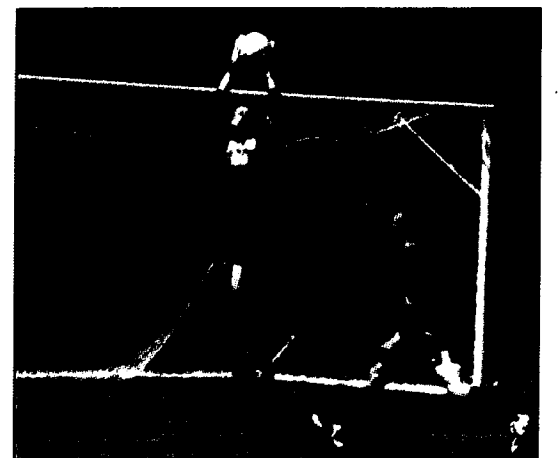
"I felt that the team handled themselves well,

as well as the environment of the game when it got a little more physical, which is important down the line," said Perritano.

The Lions were able to keep their composure and not make any mistakes until the Blue Knights senior defender Jeff Rahmlöv scored with 10 minutes left in regulation to close Behrend's lead to 2-1.

Geneseo's players pushed the Lions team to the limit with extraordinary physical and skilled play in the waning minutes of the game, but Behrend's men held off the onslaught to win the game and the tournament.

"We played good enough to win," said Perritano. "We have had good practices, which translated into having good games."



Jon Klein/The Behrend Beacon  
Senior Dustin Walker makes a big save for the Lions.

**ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR  
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**



Daniel Smith/The Behrend Beacon  
Kevin Gorny runs hard in the Westminster Invitational.

**NAME:** Kevin Gorny  
**SPORT:** Cross Country  
**CLASS:** Senior  
**DATE:** Sept. 11, 2009

Senior Kevin Gorny has named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of September 7, 2009.

Over the weekend, Gorny placed first at the Westminster Invitational. Gorny ran the course in 26:52 as the men's cross country team finished in first place out of 14 teams.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**Penn State routs Akron, 31-7**

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Coach Joe Paterno returned to the sidelines for his 60th straight season as a Penn State coach, 44th as the head coach and for the first time since Sept. 27, 2008.

The Nittany Lions' first-half 31-0 run marked the start of season with a lot of potential. Even then, Paterno was not completely satisfied in a quick half-time interview.

"We're not playing good enough, and we're not consistent [on offense]," said Paterno. "We had some great catches and some drops. The defense is playing well."

The defense stonewalled the Akron offense, allowing only eight total yards of offense and no first downs in the first half.

The return of graduate linebacker Sean Lee helped to spark the defense's dominating performance. It was the first time Lee has played since being named the Most Valuable Defensive Player in the 2007 Alamo Bowl, before he tore his ACL in the summer of 2008.

"I know [Sean] Lee," answered Paterno in his post-game conference when asked what he thought of Lee's performance. "I'm more likely to watch [back up sophomore linebacker] Nathan Stupar or a [new to starting] defensive back."

The two other standouts on the Nittany Lions defense were tackles Ollie Ogbu and Jarred Odrick. Who provided a relentless pass rush and run stopping performance in the Zips backfield.

The Lions offense was led by the strong performance of senior quarterback Darryl Clark. Clark completed 29 of 40 passes for 353 yards,

three touchdowns and an interception.

Back up Nittany Lions quarterback Kevin Newsome got some playing in the fourth quarter and completed three of four passes. The two Penn State quarterbacks spread the ball around to 12 different targets for 379 yards.

Nittany Lions receiver Chaz Powell led the game in receptions with seven catches, and his fellow Lions wideout Derek Moye led the game with 138 receiving yards.

"I thought we had good timing [in the passing game]," noted Paterno in his post-game conference.

Akron's defense did a decent job of concentrating their efforts on stopping the run. Penn State's Evan Royster was held to 61 yards on 14 carries and the first score of the game off of a five yard run.

The second half belonged to Akron, as they got their only points on the board and held Penn State scoreless.

Akron got their first of eight first downs on the second play from scrimmage in the first half.

The Zips later got their only score on a 40-yard pass from Chris Jacquemain to Daryn Bowser with 6:07 left in the third quarter.

Penn State's defense rotated their first and second string players in the second half and gave up 178 yards. For the entire game they gave up 186 yards, which only 28 of those yards were gained off of 30 carries.

For next week's game against Syracuse, Penn State will need to improve in run blocking and protecting the ball for a more balanced, technically sound offensive attack.

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