

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Track team sets records at first invite

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Although the Behrend Indoor Track team did not finish first at the 2010 West Virginia State Farm Games, the season has gotten off to a good start with several individual first place finishes and record-breaking performances.

The 60-member indoor track team traveled to West Virginia University for the games with Bethany College, the only other Division III school participating in the games.

Senior Dana Turnley and junior Mike Stark impressed both the team and crowd when they broke the 60m hurdle records for the Behrend women's and

men's teams, respectively. Turnley broke Brittney Williams's record in the preliminary rounds with a time of 10.54, while Stark broke his own record (8.79), finishing third in the finals.

Other outstanding performances from the Lions came from junior Michael Johnson earning first place in the 500m dash, with a time of 1:12.70.

Along with Johnson, junior Ronzon Mazany earned first in the men's long jump (6.62 m), high jump (1.83 m), and the triple jump (12.90 m). Mazany credits his dedication to his success.

"My strength comes from dedication and determination," Mazany said. "I want to get better each and every day, so I

push myself at practice to do so."

For such a large team, it is impressive that they can come together and support each other in every event.

"As a team, our strength is the strong support we show for each other," junior Jenna Fatica said. "We are with each other everyday, and we each practice. We all try to push ourselves and our teammates to perform at the highest level possible."

The season is long from over, and this opener has given the track team a great place to start the season. With the next meet on Feb. 6 at Mount Union College, the team feels prepared to improve for next time.

"Most of us can say that the first meet at West Virginia was



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Jenna Fatica credits teamwork to Behrend's early success.

not a disappointment," Fatica said. "I feel that meet was a great starting point to set the tone for the rest of the season."

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NFL Saints and Colts meet in Miami for Super Bowl XLIV

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The Indianapolis Colts versus the New Orleans Saints. Peyton Manning versus Drew Brees. Super Bowl XLIV will feature two of the NFL's top quarterbacks in what is sure to be an offensive shootout.

Manning led his Colts to a 14-2 regular season record this season, winning the first 14 games of the year.

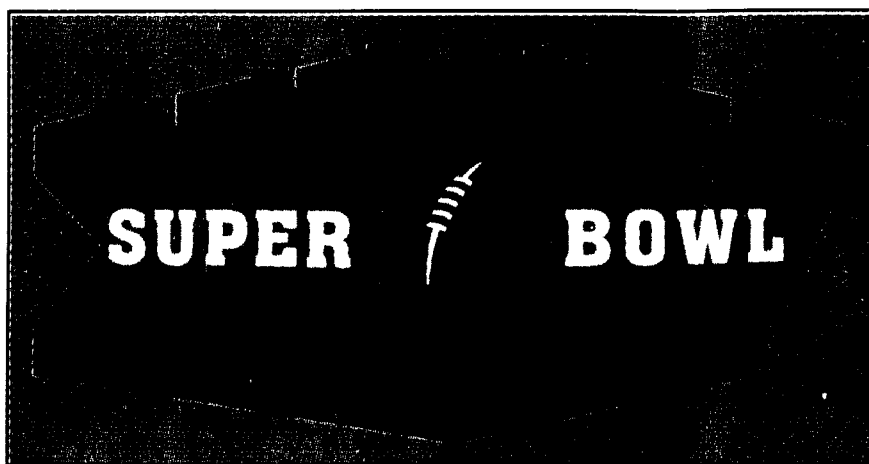
Manning had his typical stats this season, throwing 33 touchdowns, passing for 4,500 yards and posting a 99.9 passer rating.

The Colts pushed through the post-season with relative ease. Manning dissected the New York Jets' league leading defense for a 30-17 win in the AFC championship.

This will be the fourth Super Bowl appearance for the Colts' franchise.

Indianapolis' most recent appearance was Super Bowl XLI in 2007, a 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears.

Jim Caldwell is in his first season as head coach for Indianapolis but has



THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Quarterbacks Drew Brees and Peyton Manning will square off in Super Bowl XLIV.

had a football coaching career for over 20 years.

Caldwell was the assistant coach at Penn State from 1986-92, where he won a national championship in 1986 with the Nittany Lions.

What may be the most interesting story line of Super Bowl XLIV is the fact that the New Orleans Saints will be competing in it.

time to send the Saints marching into the Super Bowl.

In the Saints' 43-year existence in the league, they have never been to the Super Bowl, and it has been a long awaited experience.

"It's a pretty surreal moment," quarterback Drew Brees said. "You think back to four years ago, coming here post-Katrina, Sean Payton's first year. We had a goal and a dream back then. It was an opportunity to play for a Super Bowl, and it feels great."

Brees led the Saints to their best regular season record in franchise history at 13-3, and the offense was at the top of nearly all offensive categories.

New Orleans ranked first in points per game with 31.9, first in yards per game with 403.8 and were in the top 10 for passing and rushing yards per game.

Brees had a stellar year with 34 touchdowns and only 11 interceptions. He put up 4,388 passing yards and a 109.6 passer rating.

Head coach Sean Payton is in his fourth year as head coach for the

Saints, and this will be his second trip to the Super Bowl.

He was the offensive coordinator for the New York Giants when they reached the Super Bowl XXXV in 2000.

Both teams have a great deal of respect for one another, and the head coaches stress this fact.

"They present a lot of problems, obviously," Caldwell said of the Saints. "They have a number of weapons. Drew Brees is certainly a talented quarterback, extremely accurate guy, who spreads the ball around quite a bit. With the weapons he has, he can give you some problems."

Payton has just as much respect for the opponents' quarterback as Caldwell does.

"He does a great job with the snap count, he's got a great grasp of the offense," Payton said. "As to his ability to direct traffic and put them in the best place possible, I think he does that better than anyone."

Super Bowl XLIV will take place Sunday, Feb. 5 at 6:25 p.m. in Miami.

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