

SOFTBALL

Lady Lions sweep Thiel in double header, 6-3 and 2-1

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The Behrend Lions swept the Thiel College Tomcats Tuesday.

In game one, Behrend defeated Thiel by the score of 6-3. In game two, Behrend won 2-1. It was a true pitchers duel.

Game one had plenty of action. Thiel put pressure on starting Lions' pitcher Brooke Tarasovich right off the bat, who had to deal with runners at first and second base with two outs.

Behrend avoided early trouble as Thiel's first basemen Elise Moore would line out to the Behrend shortstop.

Behrend would also leave runners stranded in the bottom half of the first inning.

With the bases loaded and one out, Behrend could not put up runs early in the game.

However, they put up a three run third inning.

With runners on every base, sophomore third baseman Ashley Gruber hit a bases-clearing triple to give Behrend a three run lead into the fourth inning.

"I had all the faith in the



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Freshman Kessi Osborne ducks away from a high and inside pitch. Osborne went 3-4 in the double header against Thiel.

world in my team today," Gruber said. "I just wanted to pitch in."

Thiel would answer their deficit in the top of the fifth in-

ning. Thiel's Melissa Rankin finished off the inning with a two-run single to add on to their previous run scored, to tie the

game at three. Penn State Behrend's Marissa DeMino brought in three runs with her inside the park homerun in the bottom of

the sixth inning.

"I tried to relax with everyone on base," DeMino said. "I wanted to do this for my team." Thiel did not have an answer

to Behrend's late-game showing, as the Lady Lions would go on to win 6-3.

The second game turned out to be a defensive struggle.

Behrend jumped out to an early lead as freshman Kessi Osborne singled home Mary DeMino.

Thiel would not answer until the fifth inning, when they tied the score up at 1-1.

But, yet again, Gruber would come through in the clutch with another timely hit.

She singled in Amy Greene, who sat on third base. Gruber would finish the day with four runs batted in.

It was a successful day for Behrend as they swept the Thiel Tomcats and improved their overall record to 6-6 on the year.

"We came out to play ball today. The focus was here, and we played hard," said head coach Stacy Pondo following the game. "We want to continue this type of play."

Behrend will now focus on their upcoming game against Pitt-Bradford, AMCC Conference rivals.

MEN'S TENNIS

Behrend defeats Alfred St., extend win streak to 6 games

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The domination continues on the courts for Penn State Behrend's men's tennis team. The team has increased their winning streak to 6-0.

The team defeated Alfred 5-4 during a non-conference match-up. The Lions won four of six matches.

Elliot Blackstone went 6-3 and 6-2 at No. 1 singles match, and Chris Galvin went 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 during the No. 2 singles.

"Despite some setbacks,

Shane [Mosier] and Kelly [Manning] being injured, we have been playing strong and pulling out the wins," Galvin said. "Our future will look much better after we get those players back."

Manning and Brad Nagel each finished their singles matches with a win. Blackstone and Galvin made up the doubles team, winning their match 8-5.

The Lions swung past Frostburg State to an 8-1 conference victory. Blackstone continued to bring in the wins with a 6-3,

6-2 match in the No.1 singles. Galvin also defeated his opponent during a No.2 singles, 6-1, 6-4.

Manning and Nagel each contributed a winning singles match. The team also prevailed during all three doubles matches.

Galvin has played consistently well during his freshman year. He has made a large impact on the team. With Shane Moiser and Manning injured, the team will need his talent.

Galvin's capabilities were strongly demonstrated during

the matches mentioned.

Both at home, and at their indoor facility, The Westwood Racquet Club, Galvin received more of an edge over his competition.

"I prefer playing indoors rather than on outdoor courts because the elements are constant," Galvin said. "The sun

and wind affect your play a lot more than most people think."

The Blue and White traveled to Pitt-Bradford to pick up another AMCC conference win, 8-1. Traveling did not affect this team's poise, boosting their streak to 6-0.

The Behrend Lions are now 12-5 overall and 7-1 in conference play. The team has not let the

injuries affect their success. The Lions have enough talent to fill in the gaps and motivated players to step up.

In the AMCC conference, the team still has to face Pitt-Greensburg, Penn State Altoona, Frostburg State, or D'Youville. Behrend has played each team already, the only loss was the Penn State Altoona during a 5-4 match.

The Blue and White are confident this time and will look to maintain their winning streak during the four remaining conference games.

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Chris Galvin
freshman

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