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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER



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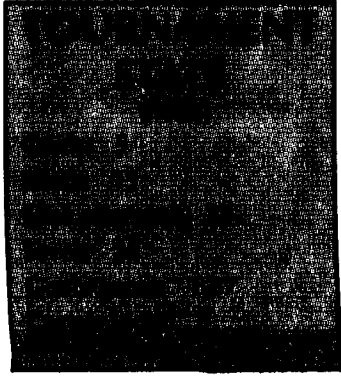
Senior captain Jerry Tortella fights for a ball, as he works to become the top scorer in Behrend history this season as he trails by only 5 goals.

Men's soccer capture title in Herb Laufer Invitational, women take second

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After a week of blistering heat, the weather cooled down enough to allow eight soccer teams from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York to make their way to compete in a tournament dedicated to someone who made huge advancements in Behrend athletics, the late Herb Laufer.

Penn State Behrend hosted the annual Herb



Laufer Tournament with both the men and women's squads finding success. The men went on to win

the tournament with a 2-1 victory against Utica on Saturday, and another 2-1 over Baldwin Wallace on Sunday. The women took second place after handing Hiram a 6-0 loss, but were defeated in overtime by Baldwin Wallace with a 2-1 loss. They took second behind Moravian College.

This was the men's second consecutive win at the annual tournament. They were led by sophomore forward Jake Gamble who scored both goals against

Utica. Gamble also scored the lone goal in their game earlier in the week, a draw with Geneva. Gamble has been a real spark to the offense along with senior captain Jerry Tortella, who scored the first goal against Baldwin Wallace in the Championship game.

Gamble was named the athlete of the week, after such a tremendous performance in both the tournament and earlier game.

"It's been great to score some important goals,"

said Gamble. "I've been fortunate to be in the right place at the right time."

Tortella hit a perfect chip over the keepers head only 30 seconds into the game. Two minutes later senior Joshua Teti finished a penalty kick, enough for the win. Junior keeper Chris Boella had 6 saves in the championship game. Senior captain Lance Sabol was honored as Tournament MVP.

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MEN'S WATER POLO

Team takes first win in Navy open



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Sophomore Ali Khan plays center for PSB.

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The men's water polo team came back from the Navy tournament in Annapolis, Md. a little battered, but with their first win of the season safely secured.

This is one of the youngest teams in Behrend history with six sophomores, seven Freshman and only one senior currently on the roster. To say the least, it is a rebuilding season for men's water polo.

"It was great experience for both the freshmen and the returners to play such incredible teams in our first games," said sophomore captain Nick Loukides. "Our freshmen did a great job in their inaugural college games. They really stepped up and helped the team out in our

incredible finish."

Navy, ranked fourteenth in the country, was Behrend's first opponent in the tournament, and they came out scorching against the Lions putting 19 goals up on the scoreboard throughout the game.

Loukides and his squad had similar results against George Washington (ranked in top 30 in the country) as they beat Behrend by 10 even after putting up seven goals against the Colonials.

In the second and last day of the tournament, the Lions had much more success after defeating Lindenwood University 11-8 in the first game of the day. After falling behind 6-5 at the half, sophomores

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NFL

Steelers name Dixon starter against Atlanta

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Football is full of untested quarterbacks starting their seasons, and Dennis Dixon has been added to that list.

"We'll try to accentuate his positives and minimize his negatives in an attempt to get the job done," head coach Mike Tomlin said to ESPN about Dixon starting this week against Atlanta.

"Injuries are part of the game. They're unfortunate, but they also provide op-

portunities for others. What others do with those opportunities oftentimes determines what happens going forward."

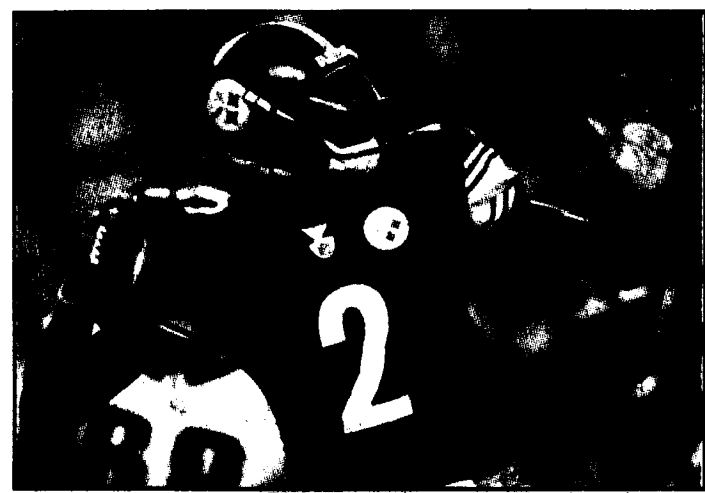
The key word from Coach Tomlin's above quote is the word "opportunity." It's funny, seeing the team achieve a measly record of just 9-7 in the 2009 season after winning their 6th super bowl championship didn't cut it.

Not only did the 9-7 record cry mediocrity, but also the 6-6 record within the Steelers AFC North Di-

vision should be seen as a tragedy. The cherry on top was the fact that it had been many years since the Cleveland Browns beat the Pittsburgh Steelers, but in 2009, they achieved just that.

However, it was a season seen full of opportunities thrown out the window. Remember the potential interception by Joe Burnett against the Oakland Raiders that was botched? Of course you do.

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Dixon has big shoes to fill as he is to start in season opener.

Uncertainty on minds of Nittany Lion fans after home opener

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The stomach hasn't settled in Happy Valley after missed tackles, dropped passes, and a first quarter deficit to FCS Youngstown State. Fans are still uncertain of what is to come in this week's matchup with

#1 Alabama. **Opinion**

After attending last weekend's game a few things were certain to me.

Robert Bolden is the real deal, the offensive line will make or break our season, and the defense is in for a long year, and the kinks in the special teams are worked out.

Bolden had the full support of the 109,000 fans that were there as he got off the bus and entered the stadium. Despite offensive coordinator Galen Hall limiting the play calls, Bolden gave the fans reason to believe he can lead this team.

His first touchdown pass to Brett Brackett had flair. He even looked off to the safeties, which is unusual for a true freshmen, especially in their debut. His passes were all in the right spots.

The one thing Bolden must improve on is his reading of the defense. Numerous times he was late on reads, but got away with them. This week any late reads will result in big plays for the Tide and will send Bryant Stadium into a frenzy.

The offensive line was awful to say the least, particularly in the run game portion. Despite the right side being anchored by seniors, the left side is new, and it showed. It's promising that the line did not give up a sack and they looked decent in pass blocking. The running backs had nowhere inside to run and Penn State ended the game with only 132 yards rushing.

From a fans perspective you have to be worried big-time if Youngstown State linebackers and defensive line was so successful, what does Saturday have in store? The fourth quarter did not look so well for the Blue and White.

The defense is getting praised for their performance on Saturday for the 17 straight game limiting a team to not having a 100-yards rusher. Was everyone else watching the same game as I was?

You could be rich if you got a dollar every time Penn State missed a tackle.

Both groups should be working on wrapping up, linebackers working on pass drops, and the secondary working on their coverages. The linebackers were torn apart in the

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Behrend Bottom Line

GOLF

Junior Kevin Koerbel named AMCC golfer of the week after taking medalist in the Pitt-Bradford Invitational.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sophomore Julia Schroeck was named the AMCC offensive player of the week

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Lady Lions defeat Mt. Aloysius 8-1 in AMCC play last Saturday on campus