

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kelley kills the competition

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Stephanie Kelley has launched a great start this season. In just nine matches, Kelley has accumulated 80 kills and 127 digs. Kelley has shown she can lead her team both offensively and defensively.

Kelley was selected the All-Tournament Team during the Penn State Behrend hosted tournament including Grove City, D'Youville, and Carnegie Mellon.

"I performed better than I expected," said Kelley. "I played with a lot of confidence and made smart plays. The team exceeded my expectations. We played

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hard, smart, and together."

During the first night of the Behrend Invitational, Kelley made 10 kills in the 3-1 win against Carnegie Mellon. The Lions kept up their performance throughout the following day.

Kelley lead her team to the tournament title with the 3-0 win against D'Youville and the win over Grove City. Kelley finished the tournament collecting a total of 30

kills and 34 digs. The women's volleyball team also participated in the Marietta River City Classic earlier in the season.

Behrend split the matches winning against Denison and Kenyon but losing to Bethany and Marietta. Kelley ended the tournament with 38 kills and 57 digs.

"Defense is one of my strengths and after already having two years of defensive work under my belt," said Kelley. "I

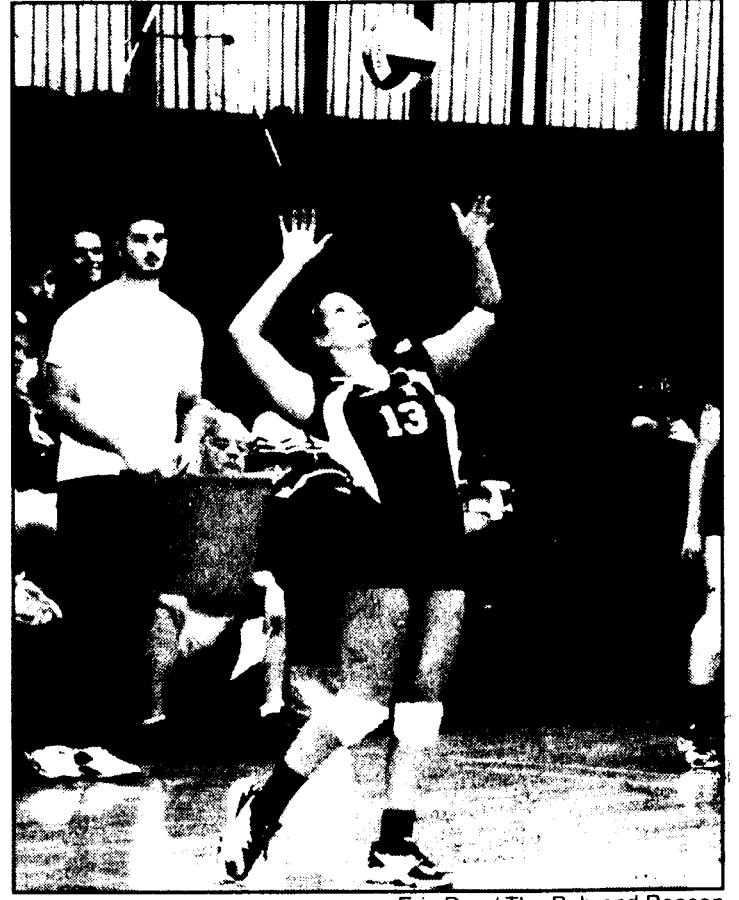
can read the hitter better and move quicker to the ball."

Kelley has become a leader to this young team. She not only continues to practice her skills, she also helps her teammates as much as possible.

"The girls on the team know I'm always there to help them with any questions they have about defense or any aspect of their game," said Kelley.

The team has an overall record of 5-4 thus far and has yet to play in a conference match.

"I believe that my success will carry over into the season," said Kelley. "I feel a lot more confident in my performance this year."



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Stephanie Kelley was named to the All-Tournament team this weekend at the Behrend Invitational. With a total of 30 kills and 34 digs, she helped the team win every match.

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Mike Tomlin has been the head coach of the Steelers for the last three years.



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The whole game was a battle of defenses. Neither offense converted for six, and could muster no more than a field goal in regulation.

One player who proved his need to the Steelers was Troy Polamalu. The defense certainly struggled last year without him. The fans are all looking forward to what he will bring to the table this year. With his amazing ability to read the quarterback, speed and intellect, the Steelers need him healthy and on the field all season.

Polamalu was not the only one who proved his worth. Rashard Mendenhall and Hines Ward showed their true talents on Sunday. Mendenhall recorded the only touchdown of the game. Ward added 108 yards off of six receptions, but neither one could get into the endzone during regulation.

This game was not pretty from either side of the field. There was not a single touchdown during regulation. Dixon started off

strong, but still struggled toward the end. He did not do much to show his talents, but the fans will see him start in the game next week at Tennessee. He proved himself during the preseason, but now he has to bring it to the regular season.

Considering this was only his second start in the NFL, it was not that bad of a performance.

He still threw an interception and got sacked twice, but that still happens with the best quarterbacks in the league. Dixon definitely has the talent to be a great quarterback; it just takes time and more experience to show it off.

The Steelers have a huge challenge against Tennessee, especially since they have only won once out of their last nine contests in Tennessee.

Everyone will be looking out to see how Dixon plays. Especially since Leftwich is eligible to play again and could easily take his place.

The whole nation will find out what the Pittsburgh Steelers can do on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

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play on the road against one of the best defensive coordinators in the game Nick Saban. In my article I wrote last week, I said Bolden wouldn't get away with late reads in this game.

He showed that he has learning to do. On a crucial drive early on with the Lions in scoring range, Bolden heaved up a pass while getting hit for Chaz Powell that was intercepted eliminating the chance for the Lions to get on the board early. Bolden didn't have a problem directing traffic up and down the field as the Lions were able to drive the ball, but they came up empty inside the Alabama 30 turning the ball over three times.

Students around campus have faith in the young quarterback though. "He is showing a lot of potential. He is young and we just need to give him time," said freshman Garret King.

The offensive line was just as it showed in the first game, lackluster. Once again on a night that the Lions needed a balanced run and pass game, they just couldn't open any holes. The Lions were supposed to have success on the ground with Alabama's top defensive lineman out

due to suspension. Evan Royster who is still over 400 yards away from becoming the all-time leading rusher in Penn State was held silent yet again. The play that sticks out to me on how bad the line is playing right now was on the opening drive when Bolden was throwing a screen pass to Royster.

Alabama brought eight guys which means three were left to fend of the wide receivers and lineman to make a play. All the line had to do was make one block and Royster goes 70 yards untouched for a touchdown, but the only guy unblocked makes the play and Penn State lost two yards. Hopefully Joe Paterno gets his line figured out before Big Ten play starts. If Saturday night was a sign of what is to come, the Cameron Heyward's of Ohio State or Adrian Clayborn's of Iowa will look like Heisman award winners.

The streak of 17 straight games without a one hundred yard rusher is over for Penn State's defense; Trent Richardson went for 102 yards in the first half. It's bad when the top two leading tacklers were a corner and a safety. The defensive line was pedestrian once again, and with no sighting of pre-season Big Ten player Jack Crawford. The linebackers were on

the heels or backs all night. McElroy worked like a surgeon picking apart the Lions defense, and then Richardson just charged through the defense. The secondary is yet to force a turnover in two games, and the tackling is poor, for a lack of a better term.

The lone bright spot was Collin Wagner staying perfect on the year as he converted on a 36 yard field goal to give Penn State its only points of the game. In the fourth quarter Penn State threw in its young guys and they showed the future is bright. True Freshman running back Silas Redd once again got carries and gave the crowd a show.

Kevin Newsome got some work and looked polished and ready to go if called on. Penn State threw a new wrinkle into the offensive arsenal this week as they gave carries to speedster Devon Smith. For Penn State fans these plays looked similar to those that Penn State had in the playbook for Derrick Williams.

Hopefully Joe Paterno can rally the troops and prepare for the Kent State Golden Flashes, who hung tough with Boston College a week ago. With a win over Kent State Joe Paterno would be five wins away from 400 career wins.

Dig this: Young team takes triumph

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momentum on our side," said Kelley. "Those two things were crucial in our success this weekend."

On the second and final day of the invitational, the lady lions opened against D'Youville taking the match in straight sets 26-

24, 25-9, and 25-11. Late in the first game, Behrend fell behind 20-13, but the difference maker in this game proved to be freshman

Kelley Treser as she stepped up and rung off seven straight serves for points to rally her team back for the victory in the game.

At the end of the long day, only Grove City and

Penn State Behrend were the last two teams standing. Behrend was able to take the first game in overtime 26-24, and with that confidence was able to propel their way past the Wolverines in straight sets giving Penn State the championship trophy.

"This win was important to me since it's always good to win at home and

with some tough people coming up this was definitely a confidence booster for us," said Sperry.

The team takes their success on the road as they face Grove City Sept. 21.

The Behrend Lady Lions do not return back to friendly waters until they take on Penn State Altoona Oct. 2 in AMCC conference play later this season.

Vick: Prepping for first start against the Lions

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article. I'll help you out on this one; the main section to be aware of is the "stock rising and stock falling" portion of the article. Within the "stock dropping category," you will find that Kevin Kolb's stock as the Philadelphia Eagles starting quarterback is dropping.

Yes, Kolb is injured and suffering from concussion-like syndromes, but there's one key person not being brought up in the fantasy rankings, or better yet "NFL circles." Here comes your answer.

I'm referring to Michael Vick. Vick was Donovan McNabb's backup for all of last year. Rightly so, he's been out of the league and from a starting role for several years.

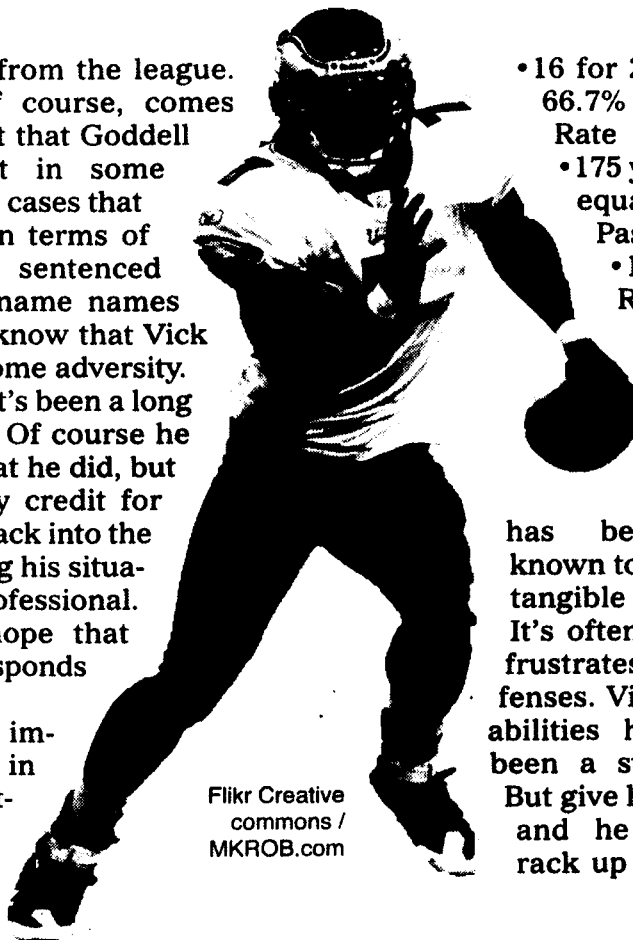
I'm one to believe that Vick was treated unfairly in his

punishment/ban from the league.

This opinion, of course, comes from a standpoint that Goddell was inconsistent in some other punishment cases that were far worse in terms of what Vick was sentenced with. I will not name names per say, but just know that Vick has had to face some adversity.

Good for Vick. It's been a long struggle for him. Of course he was wrong in what he did, but let's give the guy credit for making his way back into the NFL, and handling his situation like a true professional. One can only hope that Roethlisberger responds in the same way.

Vick made an impact on the field in week one. His stat-line read like this.



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• 16 for 24 totaling a 66.7% Completion Rate

• 175 yards thrown equaling • 1 TD Pass

• 101.9 QB Rating/ 11

Rushing Attempts for a total of 103 Yards

Vick has been always known to bring an intangible to his game. It's often a trait that frustrates many defenses. Vick's rushing abilities have always been a strong point. But give him weapons and he can easily rack up touchdowns

by throwing the football. He's a multidimensional quarterback. Call him a hybrid.

In the fantasy world, an athlete who brings several dimensions to his game draws smiles to prospective fantasy football team owners, simply because at any point in his game a big play can happen.

Vick has always been good to fantasy football owners, and I do not see this changing. "He's going to be good this year. He played great Monday night, and I wouldn't be surprised if he kept the starting position," said Behrend student Joe O'Brien.

Vick deserves a second chance. Consider this your queue to go and pick up Vick in the free agency section of your fantasy football league. That is, of course, if someone hasn't already beat you to it.

Thanks ESPN for not adding Vick to the "stock rising" section of your article.