

Steelers: Lions Fall short in Grove City match

Cowher
inspires a
Junker
Center
packed
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everyday," Cowher said.

Cowher personally met everyone at the dinner, including several students, faculty members, and Behrend beneficiaries such as Ted Junker. He signed autographs, took pictures, and answered questions posed by the other dinner guests. Even as a hometown hero he showed his charismatic charm and had a way to entrance the room. Freshman Morgan Shultz, one of the lucky students in attendance, was shocked by his personable manner.

"It was unreal. You see him on TV and know who he is, but to actually get to interact with him is mind blowing," Shultz said. "He remembers every little detail, every touchdown, every game, every loss, every play. It's unbelievable."

Cowher's speech in Junker memorized the audience, and he articulated a meaningful speech that everyone could relate to. He focused on the need for determination and perseverance in every aspect of life to be successful. His tips led the audience to look at things with a positive attitude for attitude affects everything.

"You never as you good as you think, but you are never as bad as they say," Cowher said. "Take pride in what you do, there is always some one watching."

Cowher graced the Behrend with his presence, but not as a celebrity figure but as a man with a message, and the charismatic persona that allowed all around him to realize that not only was he a legend for what he did for the Steelers, but that he embodied the respectable image that is expected in Pittsburgh.

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After making a come back, the Lions fell short against Grove City. The Lions got off to a slow start allowing the Wolverines to capture wins during the first two sets.

"We need to find a way to get off to a better start and play smoother offensively," said head coach Phil Pisano. "So that next time we get into a pressure filled fifth set, we can come out with a win."

The Lions were able to take control of the match during the third and fourth set. The team's tough defense and better serving were key elements for these wins.

"Grove City had a hard time putting the ball away because we played strong defense," said Pisano.

Team captain, Danielle Woods, displayed her seniority through her defense. Woods's position, libero, focuses on defense and serving, two factors Woods has excelled at this season. She finished the match with 37 digs.

"She's been consistent in the back row. I expect her to continue to play at a high level," said Pisano. "She is someone we need strong matches out of in order for us



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Sophomore Mary Sperry spikes the ball in a home match at the Junker Center. She was third in kills last season.

to play well."

Also putting up good numbers were Stefanie Kelley with six kills and eight digs, Carly Higham with 24 assists and 11 digs, Alyssa Pears with eight kills, Mary Sperry with 23 digs and 13 kills, Tory Storino with six kills and 12 digs and Kelly Treser with three blocks and seven kills. The younger players have proved they can compete at a high level.

"Some of the players that

brought us back were freshmen," said Pisano. "I was happy with their performances. Kelly Treser, Haley Hanczar and Tory Storino played really well."

Behrend wasn't able to hold off Grove City's offense in the last set, losing 15-8. Though not giving it away easily, the 3-2 win went to the home team. This gave the Wolverines their second match win of the season against the

Lions.

"We didn't start playing hard until it was too late. We dug ourselves in a hole early on and had to score twice as many points to even keep up," said Sperry. "We fought hard to try and save the match but it just wasn't enough in the end."

The team has yet to win a match on the road. The Lions have been able to adjust to new players and find out

which offense works well. With a new offensive strategy, Behrend aims to pick up their first away victory against conference rival Pitt-Bradford.

"The team we have been this past week is not the team we plan on being the rest of the year and I believe this weekend we will finally show what this team can really do," said Sperry.

PSU Football: Paterno continues to lead team on



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Joe Paterno has been the head coach of Penn State for the last 40 years.

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improving, but they still have many facets to improve on. Their containment to the outside was horrible early on, and like we've seen all season they are getting beat in pass coverage. I can think of two times that Michael Mauti was beat by a tight end over the middle. For a team that faces the spread offense just about every week in the Big Ten, the secondary and linebackers could be in for a long year.

Offensively, you still have to be leery about where they are headed. They finally opened the game with a statement drive, as they capped off a 45 yard drive after Lynn's interception. Offensive coordinator Galen Hall finally let the young freshman Robert Bolden flash his arm strength as he hit Derek Moyer for a 55 yard gain that led to a rushing touchdown by Evan Royster. Bolden did show times to be careless with the ball and did throw

two interceptions in the game.

Despite the crowd's excitement to watch Bolden throw the ball, we saw him do something that he hadn't done all year, tuck the ball and run. He brought the stadium crowd of 100,600 to their feet after lowering the shoulder and knocking out the Golden Flashes corner along the sideline. Senior offensive lineman Stefan Wisniewski said, "Yeah, it was awesome. I mean you love seeing a quarterback that's tough and that's kind of a way to let everyone know that he might look a little bit skinny, but he can hit you if he wants to." In my opinion this just shows you that Bolden is maturing quickly and can be a threat on his feet if need be.

The big question mark each week, the offensive line, finally showed up for most of the game. Early on it looked like we were in for another typical game of rushing for fifty yards, but Coach Paterno decided to work on the run game in the second half. Paterno commented after the game when

questioned about the heavy dose of run in the second half with this statement: "We just wanted to try and put ourselves in the position where we're going to run it and we're going to run it and we're going to run it. They gave us some problems and we've got to execute a little better. But, it was more just to try and set a demeanor and say, 'hey guys, we're going to run the football and let's see if we can do it.'"

The Lions are home again this weekend in a matchup with undefeated Temple, who is riding the emotional roller coaster after a big win last Saturday over Connecticut. The Nittany Lions will have their hands full with a rushing attack averaging just less than 150 yards a game, which is lead by Bernard Pierce who is averaging six and a half yards a carry.

The Temple defense has been stout, but is susceptible to the big play. Tune in on Saturday at 3:30 eastern time to the Big Ten Network to see if Penn State can get Joe Paterno win number 397.

Behrend: Cross Country team shows consistency

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kallikrein (28:36) were also able to pitch in and put solid run times in the book.

Stepping away from the men's team, we now look at the women's team. At this time last year, the women finished 2nd out of 15 team's. This year, they

would finish in the same exact spot, averaging a time of 20:48.

Four runners for the Behrend women placed in the top 15. Katie Spade led the way with an excellent time of 20:23. This time placed her fourth overall.

Catie Berges(20:32), Haley Hughes(20:88), and Liz Keller(20:29), also ran tremendous races finish-

ing 7th, 10th, and 11th respectively.

Behrend's cross country program is known for consistency, and it showed once again this year, as both team's were able to conjure up another respectable finish.

Both team's will now shift their focus to their run against Carnegie Mellon on September 25th.

AOW: Robosh reaches new heights

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were the night games where I got to play under the lights," said Robash. Robash had her mind set on Behrend out of high school after visiting the campus and witnessed a very successful program.

"I decided to come to Behrend because I heard nothing but good things about the school and its athletics/academic programs, said Robash. "Also, the year before I came to Behrend the Women's soccer team won their conference and made it to the NCAA playoffs. I wanted to be a part of this successful program and I hoped to be able to contribute."

Robash has been playing for 11 years and has a love for the game that keeps pushing her to the next level in her soccer endeavors. She ultimately attributes her success to her parents and family though, and thanks them for keeping her motivated and being extremely supportive. "My parents especially have been extremely supportive of me for the past 11 years and I

could not thank them enough for everything they have done," said Robash. "What keeps me motivated to play is the sheer love for the game. The rush of scoring goals, winning a game, and working hard for my team embodies everything I love about playing soccer. Even losing a game helps me to reflect on what I could have done better or what to work on for the next game."

At the end of the day though Robash could not have won any awards without the people on the field with her.

"I could not be happier that I have such a great group of girls that I can call my teammates," said Robash.

Robash looks to continue her success in games against LaRoche on Saturday and against Medaille on Tuesday. In the long run though, Robash appreciates every minute she gets to play on the field.

"I know when I finally graduate that I am going to miss every single aspect of this game and the team I share it with," said Robash.

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