

Behrend Cubs Highlight Homecoming With a Moving Victory Over Gannon

For an entire week the cheer of "Beat Gannon" was thundered across the Behrend athletic fields. This was not a cry from over-enthusiastic high school boys, but rather one of mature confidence in mental preparation for the all important soccer match with Gannon College.

The booters from Behrend lived up to their expectations, last Saturday, by defeating the highly touted Gannon Knights 4-3 in overtime.

Gannon, for years, has dominated the sports scene in the Erie area, while Behrend, on the other hand, has always been forced to take a back seat, not only to Gannon, but also to Edinboro and Mercyhurst.

The stage was set. Behrend vs. Gannon for the first time ever in athletic competition.

After ten minutes of play, Gannon jumped out to a 1-0 lead with a score from about ten yards out. It was Behrend's Mike Marsh who tie the score with an unbelievable boot from about 25-30 yards out, which zipped the upper

left corner of the net. This was Big Mike's fifth goal in three games, quite rare for a fullback.

With the game deadlocked at one goal a piece, Behrend took control in the second half as John Hoge and Steve Motycka scored one goal each, putting Behrend into what seemed to be a comfortable lead. But the gutty lads from Gannon fought back to tie the game.

With a minute remaining in the overtime period, John Hoge scored during a mad scramble in front of the Gannon net to put Behrend ahead 4-3. This was "Hogey's" second goal of the afternoon. Behrend's goalie, Sparky Shaefer, squelched all possible hopes for Gannon as he grabbed a poor penalty kick with just thirty seconds left to give Behrend a 4-3 triumph.

The excited crowd of approximately 250 people, who endured the freezing rains all afternoon, went home with smiles on their faces.

Behrend relied on the speed of their two wings Steve Motycka

and Bob Jeffries, to put outside pressure on Gannon hoping to open up numerous scoring opportunities. Gannon, trying to counter this, turned into a punishing, physical team. This backfired however, as many Gannon players received injuries due to these tactics and the wet slippery conditions.

The match proved to be a brutal one as both teams could sense the rivalry forming between the two area schools.

A pleased, but not ecstatic, Coach Herb Lauffer, had this to say concerning the match, "I think we just plain outplayed them. I was quite happy with the defense of our backs, Dave Aloise, Mike Marsh, Mike Joyce, Ed Hunkle, Roger Nolan, and Charley Rainey. Hard work, hustle, and speed won the match for us today."

Behrend, 2-0-1 on the season, faces a talented Houghton team this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Behrend. Support the team, it's a good one.



Shaefer squelches last hope for a Gannon win in the thrilling last minute of overtime. Behrend routed Gannon 4-3 in a triumphant victory.

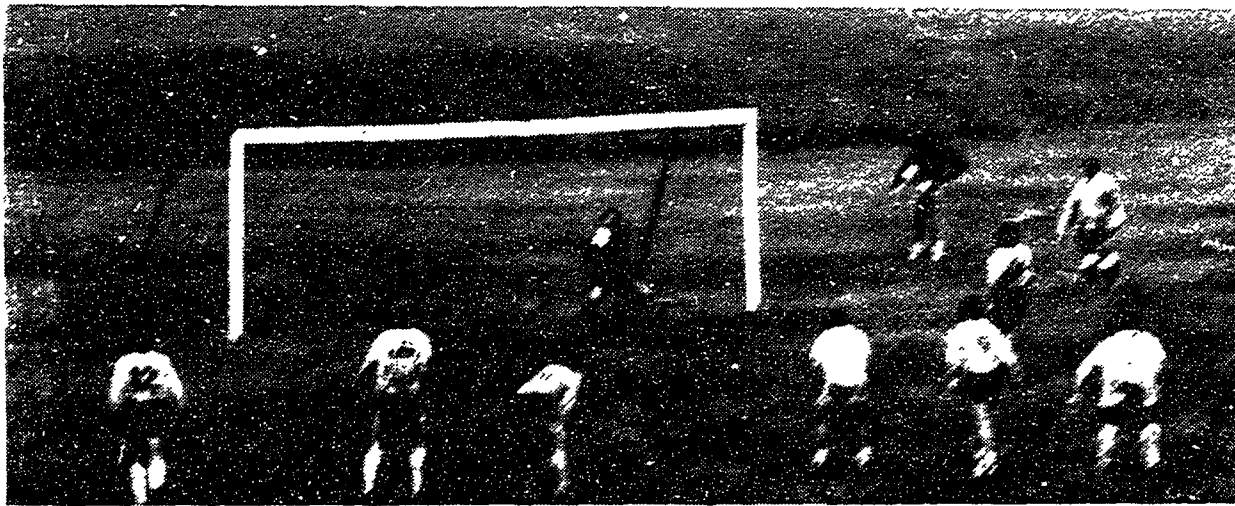
Football Fever Strikes

As the leaves gently turn colors and the wind begins to chill, every true sports fan suffers from an acute case of football fever. The Behrend Campus is not immune. Intramural flag-football teams have been formed and are in operation to combat this common disease. The teams are comprised of students from Perry, Niagara and Lawrence Halls plus a commuter team and a faculty team.

As of October 10, the "Texas Taters" (3-0) is sharing first place with the "Faculty AC" (3-0). Third place is held down by the "TRC" (2-1) and in fourth place is the "Rookies" (2-2). The

"Genesee Giants" (1-3) was the favored team but lost two tough decisions in overtime to the two first place teams.

If you have "football fever" but are unable to play, you might catch one of the games Monday through Thursday at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. If the "Texas Taters" and the "Faculty AC" maintain their winning ways this week, first place will be decided on Monday, October 16, at 4:30 as they meet each other for the first time. The complete schedule and up-to-date standings are posted on the Intramural Board downstairs in Erie Hall.



The confidence and enthusiasm of the Behrend Cubs paid off after their decisive win over Gannon in the Homecoming game. Coach Herb Lauffer has every confidence in his team for the next game.

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