

SPORTS REVIEW



Behrend's Team Blessed by Experienced Soccer Jocks

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Sports Writer

This year, Behrend is blessed with probably its most experienced soccer team ever. The Cubs have nine returning lettermen and a host of top newcomers.

Junior John Hoge and Sr. Bob "Jay Bird" Jeffery are this year's co-captains. Hoge, an inside and possessor of the famous and much feared "Hoge knuckle ball", will be in the starting line-up for his third consecutive year. Last year Hoge held the scoring honors with 10 goals which places him third in the career goals category with 15. This year Bob has the opportunity to become Behrend's first four year letterman. Playing wing and possessing incredulous speed, "Jay Bird" will have a chance to lengthen his lead on the career assists list which he now heads up with 12.

Also returning this year will be Roger Nolan who last year was selected Behrend College Athlete of the Year. Roger also was voted to a Western Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Soccer Conference (WPISC) second team position.

Leading the defense will be sophomore Ed Hunkele in the center fullback position. As a freshman, Ed earned Honorable Mention to last year's WPISC All-Star team, also returning for his

fourth year in the starting line-up will be senior fullback Mike Joyce, who was last year's scholar-Athlete for maintaining an A-average in pre-law.

One of Behrend's biggest assets in its front line speed, which will be provided by Jr. Dennis Grace, Soph. Steve Motycka, Jr. Sunny Gillette, and Soph. Jim Armstrong.

A new crop of freshmen are being cultivated this year. Adding to the front line scoring punch will be Mark Rudolf and John Moore. Helping out at mid-field will be John Flemming, Rick Hunkele, and Maity Peet. Bolstering an already sturdy defense are fullbacks Kevin Yendelland and Steve Martin.

In the goal this year will be freshmen Mickey Brosius and

Jim Councilman. This is the only area Behrend is lacking a returning letterman however both goalies are adapting well to "college" soccer.

This year, Behrend is out to prove itself as a soccer power in the conference. The task is not an easy one and Coach Lauffer predicts many close ball games.

The team was hampered during the first two weeks of practice when many players came down with a disease that attacks the lungs called pleurisy. Behrend also lost two year letterman and an excellent half-back, Bill Hildenbrand, because of ineligibility.

If the team can recover from these few minor setbacks, Behrend College should have an excellent season.

Every year at this time "pennant fever" has set in. Sometimes the races are already decided by runaway winners and other races must go down to the last day. This year it is possible that every Major League division could go down to the wire; but it is highly improbable. The American league leaders, Baltimore and Oakland are already in a magic number countdown. The Orioles number is six, since they are seven games in first place with only thirteen games left. The Athletics are almost as similar as they are seven games in the lead with fourteen games left. Any combination of a win for the leaders or a loss for the second place club will reduce the magic number.

The National League races are somewhat different however. In the western Division it is still primarily a three team race with the Cincinnati Reds five games in front of the Los Angeles Dodgers and eight games in front of San Francisco. It is seemingly probable that the Reds will clinch it, but don't count the other teams out yet.

The Eastern Division of the National League is the closest race of all. There is a total of five teams that are still in the running.

Pittsburgh is currently holding the top spot with a slim one game lead over the surprising Montreal Expos. The thing that is so surprising about them is since they are an expansion team they have never placed higher than fifth in the five years they have been in existence.

St. Louis is in third place, two and a half games back. New York is in fourth and Chicago is in fifth place. These teams are three and a half and five and a half games behind respectively.

After all the smoke clears, who is going to end up on top in the East? If I had to play fortune teller, I would have to go along

with the Pirates. My reason for this is that they have won it three times in a row and are quite used to the pressure involved. They have one of the most explosive teams in the league led by all-star Willie Stargell who currently is leading the league in Runs Batted In with 112, and a close second in Home Runs with 40. Also their pitching staff finally seems to be coming around from their "sore shoulder blues." They have had good performances lately from Bob Moose, Nelson Briles, and Bruce Kison who has just been brought up from Charleston.

But what about the other teams? Montreal has never had a winning season, but this year things look different. The reason I don't think they can hold on enough to win is because they have too many youngsters playing for them and no one is sure how they will react to the pressure. Although these young players have consistently done well for the Expos, they just don't have enough to carry them all the way.

St. Louis, New York and Chicago are all swimming in a whirlpool. Each one is trying desperately to hang in there but they all blew their chances when they had them. All three of these teams have been hot and cold all year long and now they are just knocking themselves out of contention by playing each other. But then again you must sit back and think a minute. This is professional baseball and anything can and does happen. So many times in the history of the game a team has its division seemingly wrapped up and before you know it they are on the outside looking in. For instance, in 1964 the Philadelphia Phillies had an eight game lead with twelve games to go. They went on to lose the next ten in a row and the pennant, but will this happen this year, who knows it just might.

Spirit Team Cheers

Tryouts for the 1973-74 cheerleading squad were recently held in Erie Hall. Eighteen girls competed for nine opening positions by demonstrating their skills in acrobatics along with solo and duo cheers. The nine girls selected were: Mary Beth Finke, Jan Hinch, LuAnne Johnson, Barb Jones, Frannie Logue, Sandy Malone, Carla Mintz, Chris Pallone and Carole Rutenberg.

The girls, who must tryout each year to remain on the squad, were judged on form, co-ordination and rhythm, spirit, general appearance and voice projection. Each contestant was then scored on a scale from one to five in all categories. The judging panel included Coach Roger Sweeting, Coach Herbert Lauffer, Coach Clarence Stoner, Mrs. Melody Laudensack, all of the physical education department, along with Mrs. Janet Wilson, the faculty advisor.

The squad will be cheering at

all Cub soccer, basketball and wrestling matches, both at home and away. Bronwen Gamble, this year's captain, feels that the cheerleaders are greatly appreciated by all athletes and hopes to cheer Behrend on to a victorious season.

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'Super Bowl' to be at Behrend

When the weather starts to get cold and the leaves start falling down, warm clothes are being put on and footballs begin to fill the air. The reason for this is because it is fall and with the fall season comes the time for hot chocolate and football widows. College games are the highlight of every Saturday afternoon and the professionals take the field on

Sunday afternoons and Monday nights.

But what about during the week when these teams are practicing and preparing themselves for the following weekend? There are still football games going on. They may not get as much attention as the major college games or the pro games, but to the people involved it is just as serious to win every one of their games as it is for a major college to become National Champions.

What am I talking about? Behrend College's own answer to a football season, Intramural Flag Football. This year there is a total of twelve teams competing. There will be two leagues designed with six teams in the league.

One is a dorm league, the other is a commuter league. The over-

all champion will be decided with the winner of the dorm league playing the wild card team of the commuter league, and the winner of the commuter league will pay the wild card team in the dorm league. The two surviving teams will advance to the "Super Bowl." It is possible that two teams from the same league will compete in the final game. The wild card berth is picked by the team who has the second best record in its league. For example, if the first place team has a record of 7 and 1 and the next place team has a 6 and 2 record, they will become the wild card

team.

The boys involved are looking for a rough season with each team competing in eight games. Five games with teams in their own division and three with teams in the other league. Play begins Tuesday September 18 and runs through Thursday October 18 when the championship game is slated to be played. Games are scheduled for 4:30 and 5:30, Monday through Thursday. Students are welcome to watch and everyone hopes you will back your favorite team and players. With everyone co-operating we should have an excellent season.

SOCCER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 22	Indiana (Pa.)	H	1 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 27	Canisius	H	3 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 29	Roberts Wesleyan	A	2 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3	Houghton	A	3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6	Gannon	A	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 10	Alliance	H	4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13	Duquesne	A	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 17	Point Park	H	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 24	Edinboro	A	3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27	Geneva	H	2 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 31	Grove City	H	2 p.m.

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