

A returning player for next season Rick Kestle showed some good form at second base. Second in the batting lineup he usually could be counted on to get on base.

Mercyhurst Wins District Title Ott, Playoffs Lone Victor

by Craig Pederson
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Last Thursday, May 9, the tennis team went to Westminster for the District 18 playoffs to see who would go to Kansas City for the National Tennis Championship. The winner in team play was Mercyhurst. Behrend came in tied for seventh in the eight team tourney.

Dave Ott took on John Davison of Alliance and beat him 10-5 for Behrend's only point of the day. This took Dave into the semi-

finals where he played the defending champ Martin Sturges of Edinboro. Sturges beat Dave in straight sets of 6-1, 6-1. By the way Sturges won the District 18 flight Championship.

From there Behrend went right downhill. Mark Leonard lost to Slippery Rock's Dave Levkanich, 1-2. The winner in Flight two was Mercyhurst's Bill Byron.

Barry Healy then lost to Chuck Willmore 10-6 with Jim Hay of Mercyhurst winning the third flight.

In the fourth flight Ken Buchanan lost to Slippery Rock's Bob Golmic 10-5, again with another man from Mercyhurst winning the flight. Rick Kobleur this time. Don Fuller was bested by Larry Kroeck of Slippery Rock, with Tom Thompson winning the fifth flight. Guess where Thompson is from? You're right Mercyhurst.

Jim Hessberg of Frostburg State then swamped Behrend's Mark Fairchild 10 to 1 and of course the winner of the 5th flight was Jack Daly of Mercyhurst.

In doubles the team of Ott and Jackson played Sturges and Hakala of Edinboro. Ott and Jackson lost by the score of 10-1. Then Leonard and Buchanan lost to the team of McDonough and Kroeck of Slippery Rock by the score of 10-2. Barry Healy and Don Fuller then teamed up to lose to Force and Garner of Indiana 10-4.

On Monday, May 13, the tennis team traveled to Youngstown State only to lose by the score of 8-1. The results are in the box below. The win made Youngstown State 4 and 4 with Behrend's record at 3 and 6 for the season. The Tennis team's last match will be today with Gannon.

Cubs to Schedule Malone

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The season's over and although their record isn't impressive the Behrend baseball team finished in fine style. Winning six of their last ten games, they finished their season on Wednesday against Allegheny, a game which won't be covered due to the deadline of this paper.

Coach Stoner made this remark about this year's team concerning its win loss record, "We improved over last season, and we're playing a tougher schedule. Right now we are seven and thirteen, with two to go."

Behrend baseball will be getting better in the next few years due to a proposed wider curriculum by Dr. Fox, the new Dean of Faculty. The increased course program would give Behrend more graduating players, with four years experience on the collegiate level as compared to the present system with a majority of freshman and sophomores playing.

Coach Stoner feels that this increased number of junior and senior athletes could only improve the baseball team here at Behrend.

"Many players develop a change between their sophomore and junior years of college. They play a better mental and physical game."

Another advantage of having a four year program is that a team can recruit for positions that it is weak in. This would result because of strength at the other eight positions.

This year Behrend lost more than it won. However, only in three or four games were the

Cubs down in the scoring department. In all the rest of the games the Behrend nine had held a good solid lead before losing it in the late innings. The record could have been easily 16-4 instead of the current 7-13 record.

The team as a whole had a good hitting season. Jim Davis was very consistent in his hitting as he broke one record and closed in on a number of others. Jim Swalley proved to be a strong clutch hitter and also made the transition from catcher to outfield very well. Throughout the season, Jim got a good jump on the ball as he made some very fine catches. Both players will be returning next season for another shot at their positions.

In the pitching department, Behrend had its share of troubles. John Marrucci who was expected to be a strong asset to the team this year was plagued with tendonitis. This caused him some problems with his speed and control but he still did a fair job on the mound and in the hitting department as well. He proved to be another clutch hitter from time to time.

Looking to next season, the Cubs have about nine players returning. Myles Johns will be a likely starter next year on the mound. A late starter this season he came on and won both of his starts. His wins came over Youngstown State and Houghton College.

Tim Slaven who is three and two going into the final two games with Allegheny will also be returning next year. He too, will be a probable starter.

At second base Rick Kestle did the job in his first season here at

Behrend. He proved he had a good glove and batted an average of .285. He will be returning next season and as he is currently enrolled in Education he will probably be here for three more years.

Other returning players are Lee Niedzwecki, Mickey Brocius, Roger Schlosser, Kevin Campbell and Terry Solvedt.

Some new recruits will be Chuck Hintz, a pitcher-first baseman graduating from Strong Vincent High School here in Erie. Another Vincent Colon coming here will be Tom Lawless who plays shortstop. From McDowell High School will be Bill McMillan who catches.

Next year's schedule promises to be as tough as ever as Behrend has added some teams and dropped others. Some of our old opponents will be Allegheny, Mercyhurst, Gannon, Houghton, Edinboro and Youngstown State. Dropped from the list will be Slippery Rock and Point Park. Some new teams will be Thiel, Geneva and Malone, Malone promises to be a tough game as they are one of the top teams in the nation.

This fall there will be workouts with some scrimmages with area schools. When asked about a fall season, Stoner said, "I'd love it. The players are in better shape, the weather is better and the players are more or less still going strong from their summer seasons."

The National Committee doesn't count the fall seasons in their tournaments and all records are unofficial. This year the coaches from the tri-state area will probably get together and make a suggestion to the National Council that the season be changed. If they are successful in their efforts a better brand of baseball will most likely be seen.

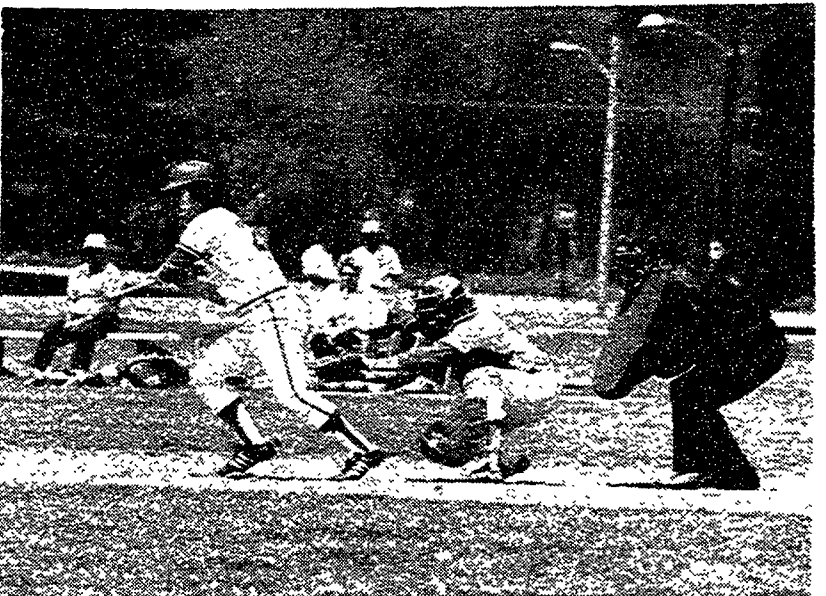
As for next year's Behrend Baseball team - Good Luck!



Although this years pitching staff had their share of troubles, Tim Slaven came out with a winning season, with a record of three and two. Here he is shown winding up for a delivery in Saturdays game with Youngstown State.

Tennis Results			
SINGLES			
Behrend	Youngstown State	Winner	Set Scores
Dave Ott	Chris Kessler	Kessler	6-13-67-6
Mark Leonard	Vic Piccione	Piccione	6-36-3
Barry Healy	Denny Bianco	Bianco	6-36-3
Ken Buchanan	Scott Linz	Linz	2-67-5-6-4
Don Fuller	Jeff Cattiron	Cattiron	6-22-6-6-2
Mark Fairchild	Ken Scholl	Scholl	6-36-2
DOUBLES			
Behrend	Youngstown State	Winner	Set Scores
D. Ott & N. Jackson	V. Piccione & D. Bianco	Ott & Jackson	1-67-5-6-2
K. Buchanan & M. Leonard	C. Kessler & K. Scholl	Kessler & Scholl	6-2-63
B. Haley & D. Fuller	J. Cattiron & S. Linz	Cattiron & Linz	6-26-1

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The Cubs had a good hitting ball club this season. Many records were near broken, with one of them being the home run record, by Jim Swalley shown here at bat.

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