

Baseball team has good possibilities

The winning Cubs

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With the baseball season just past the midway mark, the possibility of Behrend College gaining a District 18 playoff berth looks pretty good. The team has initiated a mid-season surge, boosting its record to 10-6 while winning four straight ballgames.

On Wednesday, April 28, the Cubs took both ends of a doubleheader against visiting Grove City, terminating a two-game losing streak. The Grovers drew first blood, scoring a pair of runs in the first inning, but Behrend came back with markers in the first and third before Grove City grabbed the lead in the top of the sixth. Right fielder Russ Gavran was the hero for the Cubs, driving home Tom Lawless and Bill MacMillan with a bases-loaded, two-out single in the bottom of the final inning. Jim Davis also highlighted the 11-hit attack with two doubles, a single, and a RBI. Mark Falvo went the distance for Behrend and picked up his second victory of the season.

In the second contest, pitcher Al Maki took control. The big left-hander scattered 5 hits and blanked the Grovers 5-0. The Cubs jumped to an early 3-0 margin with three runs in the first frame and were in command throughout the rest of the

ballgame, capitalizing on six Grove City errors. Bill Macmillan and Russ Gavran provided the offensive punch, banging out two hits apiece. The double victory raised BC's record while the Grovers dropped to 9-11.

On the following Saturday, the Cubs extended their winning streak to four games with a two-game sweep over Houghton. The opening contest went into extra innings before the Cubs pulled out a narrow 4-2 decision. BC held a slim 2-0 lead until the sixth inning when Houghton pulled even on a baseit, a base-on-balls, a passed ball, and a dribbler through the infield. The game went into the ninth before Behrend loaded the bases and the Houghton pitcher lost his control and walked in the winning runs. Pete Carter relieved starter Bob Maras in the seventh and pitched three shaky innings to get his first win.

In the second game, the Cubs got down to business. They pounded out nine runs in the first inning and coasted to an easy 14-2 victory. Al Maki continued his brilliant pitching with a five-strikeout, two-hit performance and won his second consecutive ballgame. Coach Stoner pulled his starters after the second inning and let his pitchers play the field, but they still managed to score five additional runs. The game was called on the account of rain after five innings and Houghton was saved from further embarrassment.

Coach Stoner feels that the key to his club is a combination of good hitting and pitching. He has five regulars over the .300 mark and a team batting average of .284. Tom Lawless leads the team in batting (.417) and has the most stolen bases (4). Bill Metzler and Jim Davis lead the RBI depart-

ment with 10 and 11, respectively. Mr. Stoner is also surprised by the depth of his pitching staff. "I'm finding that I have people that can come off the bench, throw strikes, and hold the opposition." Al Maki (5-2, 2.87 ERA) and Mark Falvo (2-3, 2.02) form the core of the pitching rotation which has compiled an excellent 2.81 team earned run average. Bob Maras (0-0, 2.02)

has yet to win his first ball game, but according to Coach Stoner. Bob is "coming on, and starting to develop confidence."

The team will play doubleheaders against Edinboro on Wednesday and Westminster on Saturday. Wins against these two tough opponents would greatly enhance Behrend's playoff chances.

Golf tale

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The Golf season is almost finished. Who cares? We do.

Last Thursday, Behrend played at Culbertson Hills against Edinboro and Gannon, then they played at the Malone Invitational Tournament in Canton, Ohio. These matches were the low points of the season.

The Behrend Golf team totaled 427 points, but were outplayed by the Edinboro and Gannon golf teams with respective scores of 368 and 403. Mr. Onorato mentioned, "the main reason why we lost is the terrible greens." Nevertheless, the team tried with Gary Lorei shooting 79; Larry Cunningham, 85; Mike Litoukin, 103; Mark Webster, 85; John Carneval, 85; Tom Hamilton, 97; and Kurt Cavano, 93.

Next, they played at Malone with Mark Webster, a team member, summing up the game. "We got smashed!" Behrend played Thiel and a couple of branch campuses of Kent State. There were six Behrend players who entered the tourney with the top five scores being used. The players entered were Gary Lorei

who shot an 81; Larry Cunningham shot an 84 Mark Litoukin, 87; John Carneval, 89; Kurt Cavano, 88; and the sixth player whose score wasn't entered - Mark Webster. Also, it cost Behrend 30 dollars to enter.

There were a couple reasons for Behrend's defeat. One, they played some of the best golf teams around the area. Next, they played on some terrible greens (again). Finally, Behrend had to play with many disturbances. At the end of the tenth green is a huge pond. While the tourney began, a scuba diver was diving for golf balls. He dove for five minutes, ten minutes, forty minutes until somebody noticed there weren't any air bubbles coming from the pond. Then Behrend was teeing off at the tenth when a National Guard helicopter flew in. The men in the helicopter spotted the scuba diver in the pond, dead. This golf match will never be forgotten. Our deepest sympathy to the diver's family.

The sports staff hopes no more golf stories will end on such a sad note - let's go, golfers. Get swinging.

Club softball news

Women's Club softball team is doing great.

Last Thursday, the girls faced Gannon College on their home turf. The brisky day proved to be lucky for the Club. Never falling behind Gannon, the final score of the game was 24-9, a first win for the Club team. Last Tuesday, the

girls went to Mercyhurst to play their third game of the season. The girls had a great start at the beginning of the game, yet by the sixth inning the score became a close 16-15 in favor of Behrend. By the end of the seventh inning (and the end of the game), Behrend Club softball pulled ahead of Mercyhurst 27-16. Today the Club plays at Allegheny. Good luck and keep up the good work, team.

WBCR (cont.)

necessary advertising and publicity departments will be formed then, too. News spots, talk shows, and the like, will probably be considered when the station is more firmly on its feet, says Young. Their most exciting goal is the one which will be the most difficult to actualize: obtaining the license transmitter and antennae to broadcast as a regular FM station. Much land surveying, bureaucratic haggling, and, of course, much money is required to get FCC approval.

The club has about twenty members of varying degrees of involvement, and is looking for more. "We get lots of offers for D.J.-ing, but not many for other types of help," complains Young. It will be the Station's policy, however, to require anyone who goes on the air to work in the

station office as well.

Will attained his post after Ed Fratus relinquished it to work as Chief Engineer, and will manage at least until the club holds its elections in September. Fratus, who graduates this year, was very instrumental in WBCR's conception. Some others who hold posts are Daie McAdoo, Production Director, and Mark Erter and Mike Pond, Traffic Directors. Mr. Harold Neumann, Engineering Professor, is faculty advisor. Helping also is Mr. Wayne Hemberger, Business Instructor.

+ Next year, Will will probably also screen prospective disc jockeys to get the best possible staff, rather than allowing anyone to go on the air. Right now, this is impossible since there aren't enough people who volunteer.

Spring Arts (cont.)

RUB Banquet area. The Coffeehouse will also showcase the talents of Behrend students and faculty.

Walk-in movies on the ski slope will close-out Saturday's activities. The selected short subjects and cartoons are sponsored by the JRC. Reels roll at midnight.

Sunday, in addition to being the final day of the festival, promises also to be one of the most exciting.

The craftsmen will be joined on the South lawn by artist Peggy Odson. Peggy will exhibit charcoals and watercolors in addition to doing charcoals sketches of festival goers.

One of the festival's most colorful events will occur at 1:30 p.m. Three sky divers perform various aerial maneuvers utilizing flares and smoke before dropping onto the ski slope.

A first in this year's festival will be the broadcast by WQLN-FM of the Bluegrass festival. Hal Libbel of WQLN will serve as MC for the festival which will feature some of western Pennsylvania's finest bluegrass bands. Included on the program will be United Naturale Grass, Sweet Corn & Sour Mash, The French Creek Valley Ramblers and the Allegheny Mountain Boys. The festival runs from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Performances by the Darktown Poker Club, Mike Hamilton and Phillippe will close out the music

festival. Sound reinforcement for the music festival will be provided by Raven Enterprises.

At 5 p.m. on Sunday, festival goers will be treated to a square dancing demonstration in Erie Hall. Russ Weston will serve as caller for this lively event.

To close out the festival, Father Guy Patrick will conduct a vesper service at 8 p.m. in the RUB Lecture Hall. The Behrend Choir will participate in the service.

Food concessions will be available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Elections held for "senator"

Elections for University Senate Student representatives were held throughout the Commonwealth campuses, including Behrend, last week. Comprised of faculty members and three student representatives, the Senate is responsible for deciding many of Penn State's policies and regulations. Behrend's own Ed Mulkearn, freshman class president, was a candidate for representative. Results, however, won't be known until a later date.

Athlete of the week

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Russ Gavran is this week's selection for Athlete of the Week. Russ is the rightfielder for the baseball team and is hitting .381 on the year. During a four game stretch last week, he hit a .416 clip, including a triple and drove in the winning run against Grove City. His coach, Clarence Stoner summed Russ' performance this way: "In general, he made good contact, has had timely hits, and has made a good contribution to the team." Russ is a resident student and a sixth term Business Administration major. Congratulations Russ Gavran! (Editor's note: Due to a light mix-up, Russ picture will not appear in this week's paper but will definitely appear in next week's issue.)

Boast beef reported to be real junk

(ENG) Junk food has such a hold on American taste buds that Arby's Roast Beef Restaurants are converting to "fabricated" beef. And, part of the reason is that Arby's customers don't like the real thing.

About 510 Arby's franchises have switched to the artificial roast, which the fast-food chain describes as "structured." The substitute is made from cuts of beef that are "reduced in size, trimmed of excess fat, and blended with chopped beef binder into a loaf."

Only about 40 Arby's franchises have held out and continued to sell real roast beef. But, now New Times magazine is reporting that some of the hold-outs are giving in - A Louisville, Ky. Arby's recently made the switch because so many of its customers complained the restaurant's sandwiches did not taste right.

According to Chuck Hafsass, director of quality control for the chain, "We get more complaints about the beef in those stores till using top round than in all of the stores using structured roast."

Sports outlook noticed for State's 1976 season

These are excerpts from the programs for Penn State's Spring sports for the 1976 season. Here are the outlooks for the teams and the results will just have to prove how close these predictions are to the future facts.

GOLF

Penn State coach Joe Boyle expects this year's Nittany Lion team to be able to compete with the "fast company" of collegiate golf.

The Lion golfers are beginning their third season as an independent, a status which has matched Penn State with top-flight competition.

"We've been rather disappointing the last two years," Boyle said. "When we became an independent, we decided to break out and join fast company. However, we had so many inexperienced golfers the last two years that we didn't play as well as we had in the past."

The top seven golfers returned from last year's team. The addition of several newcomers and the improvement of several returning players should provide needed depth.

"Last year we were just one player away from having a real good team," Boyle said. "We should have the numbers to play much better this spring." Boyle then went on to add, "We have a lot more depth. A good seventh man can really help; one man can make a big difference."

BASEBALL

Penn State's baseball team has qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament six years in a row, but the Nittany Lions may need some luck to make it seven.

"Pitching is the name of the game," says Lion coach Chuck Medlar, a former righthander in the Detroit Tigers system. "We feel we have enough arms to have a good season, but some of our starters will have to take charge."

The Lions lost their top pitchers from last year - Len Bartek to graduation and Mitch Lukevics to the Chicago White Sox. Those two righthanders carried the pitching load during a 10-game winning streak that lifted the Lions into the NCAA playoffs last season.

The Lions appear to have plenty of hitting and defense to carry them until the pitching comes around. Six of eight regulars returned from last year's team, which ranked ninth in the country with a .315 team batting average.

TENNIS

Penn State tennis coach Holmes Cathrall felt his 12th Nittany Lions team would have been one of the most balanced squads he has had.

"Our team won't be as strong at the top of the line-up, but there won't be as much of a drop-off at the bottom of the line-up," Cathrall said.

Last year the Lions' top two single players, Jan Bortner and Miguel Maurtua, compiled a combined record of 25-3 in 14 dual meets; but the rest of the line-up won only 32 of 56 singles matches.

Bortner has graduated and Maurtua moved up into the No. 1 singles slot. The rest of the line-up could (or probably did) shift from match to match because of the balance on the team. Returnees to the team included Mark Darby and Jim Howell who will be aided by a junior college transfer Jim Ellis and freshmen Peter Cole, Alex Davidson, Fabricio Valdivieso and Randy Whiteside.

"We have three doubles teams that are very close in strength," Cathrall said. "Ellis and Maurtua are the top pair, because they are a little more experienced and have bigger serves."

Penn State has become one of the East's top teams with a 49-17 record the last five seasons and Cathrall is optimistic that the Lions can maintain that winning place.