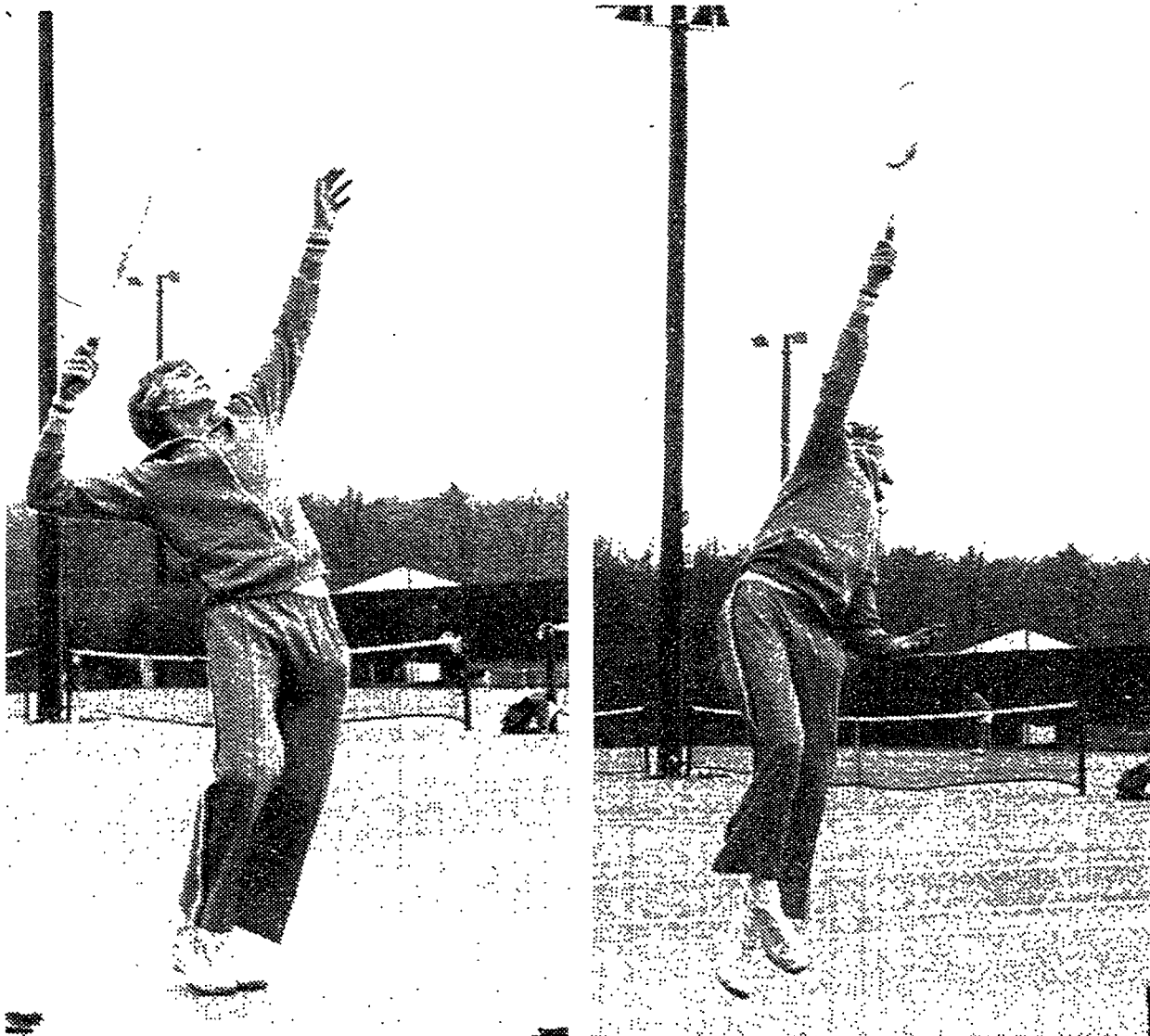


SPORTS . . .



Baginski Serves

Behrend Tennis Ekes Out Win

Last Tuesday the Behrend College tennis team met Thiel on the Behrend courts, Behrend pulling out a very close 5-4 victory. The match was not decided until the last set of the third doubles competition.

Behrend's number 2 singles player, Steve Pappas, was ill, and his absence hurt because it forced people to move up in singles.

Coach Avallone was very pleased with the performance of Matt Sawyer in doubles, as it was his first appearance of the season. He teamed up with his doubles partner of last year, Bill O'Brien, to pull out the match for Behrend. Their teamwork and intensity turned a possible loss into a win. Avallone noted that the results of the competition against Thiel points out the importance of doubles.

He said he would rather win a match by a score of 6-3, but pulling out such a close victory gives each individual an opportunity to see how important the team concept really is even though tennis is not considered a team sport.

He indicates that the latter part of the season is going to be very difficult because Behrend will be facing tough competition from Mercyhurst, Edinboro, Slippery Rock, and Westminster.

Avallone feels that the team still needs quite a bit of work,

especially to improve second serves, to better control emotions, and to move the ball around more effectively.

Last week, April 5, Behrend defeated Geneva in a home match by a score of 9-0. The two victories raises Behrend's record to 2-1 for the season.

The results of the matches follow.

Behrend vs. Geneva

Baginski - Hess	6-0, 6-2 (B)
Pappas - Adametz	6-1, 6-1 (B)
Brennan - Higgins	6-1, 6-3 (B)
Hockersmith - Ryan	6-3, 7-5 (B)
O'Brien - Capenelli	6-2, 6-1 (B)
Calhoun-Stewart	3-6, 6-0, 6-3 (B)
Baginski - Gasperich & Hess-Adametz	6-1, 6-1 (B)
Hockersmith-Brennan & McNeil-McFarland	6-1, 6-0 (B)
O'Brien-Pappas & Lee-Goulden	6-0, 6-2

Behrend vs. Thiel

Baginski - Smith	6-2, 6-4 (B)
Gasperich - Moore	6-4, 6-1 (B)
Brennan - Dowgert	4-6, 6-4 (T)
Hockersmith & Wilson	4-6, 6-4, 6-1 (T)
O'Brien - Baugh	6-2, 5-7, 6-2 (B)
Calhoun - Shaffer	6-0, 6-2 (B)
Baginski-Gasperich & Smith-Dowgert	6-4, 6-3 (B)
McCloskey-Hockersmith & Moore-Wilson	6-3, 6-3 (T)
O'Brien-Sawyer & Shaffer-Fitzgerald	6-0, 5-7, 7-5 (B)

Umpires Blow Calls BEHREND DROPS TOUGH DOUBLEHEADER

Last Saturday, April 7, Behrend dropped a baseball double-header to a tough Indiana State of Pennsylvania team at Indiana. The game was incorrectly reported in the Erie paper as having been played at home. In very cold weather the Cubs lost the first game 5-1 and the second 10-5.

In the first game Mike Mit-skavich allowed only three hits and struck out seven to top John Greulich, who gave up six hits. Mike Murphy led the Indiana hitting attack with two singles and a triple.

In the second game the Indians of Indiana had only five hits, half as many as Behrend, but won the game behind the pitching of George Bednar, who went all the way for the victory. The ten hits he allowed included three by Gerry Simon and two each by Mike Mixon and Joe Fornear.

Coach Stoner feels that the team played well considering the toughness of the competition. Indiana State, which plays against Penn State and such powers, was added to the Behrend schedule to upgrade the baseball program.

Behrend experienced some problems on defense, partly because the weather has not allowed for very much practice outside. Behrend pitchers also had serious control problems,

allowing thirteen walks in the second game. Without those walks, Behrend might easily have been able to pull out the second game.

There were also some very controversial calls in each of the games. Early in the first game with the score very close, Behrend had runners on base with Mixon at bat and none out. Despite a runner on third, the Indiana infield was back in hopes of a double play.

Micon hit a hump-back line drive that hit on the infield grass in front of the first baseman. Confusion resulted as he got the ball and threw a runner out.

Apparently the umpire had called the infield fly rule, too softly for any runners or coaches to hear. As a result of the bad call, no runs scored and there were two out, instead of one run in and bases loaded with none out. The call broke the heart of the possible rally and might well have affected the ultimate outcome of the game.

In the second game with the score 6-4, Behrend had two runners on base with Kochak, a strong hitter, coming up as the Designated Hitter for Behrend. Klochak had pitched and been pulled out, and the Indiana coach protested, arguing that Klochak should not be allowed to hit.

The umpires upheld the protest, forcing Behrend to send

up a much weaker hitter. When Coach Stoner returned to Behrend, he looked up the NAIA rules governing such a situation and discovered the umpires had been in error.

Coach Stoner emphasizes that he has no complaint against the Indiana coach, who has every right to protest. But the umpires' calls in both games clearly affected the outcomes.

Stoner was pleasantly surprised by the Behrend hitting attack against a tough opponent and believes that Behrend will once again be a team to reckon with in NAIA District 18 play.

He feels that there is still a good chance to make the playoffs at the end of the season. Some of the state colleges, including California State, Slippery Rock, Indiana State, and Frostburg, have decided to go NCAA, and the state college tournament will be held on the same weekend as the District 18 tournament, so they are no longer eligible.

This leaves only six or seven schools competing for perhaps four spots, improving Behrend's chance of entering District playoff competition.

On April 17 Behrend will host Gannon, and on April 19 they will play Clarion State at Clarion. On April 21 they will play Houghton here, a change from the original schedule.

IM Volleyball Playoffs Begin

Championship playoffs for intramural volleyball began Monday night as the top three teams from each league vied for top honors in Coed, Men's, and Women's volleyball. Play will end tonight with the finals.

Each match will be decided by which team first wins three games. There were no stunning upsets on Monday night, though the Pounders registered a mild upset in defeating Champagne Jam 3-0. In other Coed league

results Steel Grapes defeated Coral Reefers 3-1, and King's Court pulled out a close victory over Hogie's Heroes by a score of 3-2.

In Men's League play, Shriners defeated 2nd Floor All-Stars by a score of 3-0, and the Degraders had an equally easy time, beating Wild Kingdom 3-0.

In the Women's League, Merry Perry Peons destroyed the Spikettes 3-0 and must now face the first place finishers, Perry

Powerhouse.

Over the Hill Gang must be rated the favorite in Coed play as they posted an impressive 32-3 season. Scrockers and Degraders may well face each other again in the championship, as they did last year. All four defeats Scrockers suffered were at the hands of the Degraders, and the latter lost six of their nine games to the Scrockers. Odd Squad may surprise the defending finalists.

IM Volleyball

FINAL STANDINGS League I-Coed

Net Set	21-9
Champagne Jam	17-13
King's Court	17-13
Houston's Hustlers	16-14
Beauty and the Beasts	14-16
Ceria	13-17
Zoom	7-18

League II-Coed

Over the Hill Gang	32-3
Steel Grapes	19-16
Pounders	15-20
TRZK	14-21
Stubby Fingers	11-24
H.C. and Team	14-11

League III-Coed

Buffalo Chips and Chippettes	28-7
Hogie's Heroes	17-13
Coral Reefers	16-14
Volleyballers	16-14
Land Sharks	13-17
Slackers	13-22
Camel Jockeys	6-24

League IV-Men

Scrockers	31-4
Degraders	26-9
2nd Floor All Stars	20-15
Crystal Ball	13-22
Unlimited Warranty	dropped
Pack Rats	dropped

League V-Men

Odd Squad	27-8
Shriners	22-13
Wild Kingdom	19-16
The Team	16-19
Cavemen	15-20
Houser's Heads	dropped

League VI-Women

Perry Powerhouse	27-8
Merry Perry Peons	23-12
Spikettes	21-19
Energy Plus	15-25
Mad Mashers	14-31