

Cubs To Face Demanding Schedule

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Coach Jim Sims returns for his fourth year here at Behrend and will direct his team through a very demanding schedule for the 1981-82 season.

The Cubs were 18-10 and Big Five champions of Erie-area teams a year ago, but key players are gone from that lineup.

Standouts Greg Vaughn and leading scorer Michael Powell were lost due to graduation, while Jimmy Moore transferred elsewhere and Joe Greer elected not to return to Behrend this fall. "A lineup that's hard to replace," says Sims.

Still the mentor feels his returning lettermen should be valuable to the success of this year's campaign.

Senior center Don Vaughn and junior forward Tom Blythe are the only starters back, but the reserves saw a great deal of action, too.

Vaughn's brother, Ty, along with sophomore guards Shawn Thamert and Curtis Young should have even more playing time than last year.

Coach Sims welcomed some promising newcomers to the Behrend Campus after extensive recruiting.

He has acquired some blue-chippers in 6'6" forward Joe Walko, a junior transfer from Penn State-Beaver campus; Steve Aden, a 6'6" freshman out

of Dayton (PA) High School; and Ricky Sims, a 6'3" guard who hails from Dallas, Texas. Former Harborcreek standouts Rick Roseto and Joe Darimo, both 6'5" forwards, round out the list of this year's recruits.

The three should be productive scorers for the Cubs this season. Walko averaged 19.5 points a game for Beaver last year, while Aden contributed more than 24 points an outing at Dayton.

Ricky Sims was named second team All-Texas when he tallied 22 clips a game.

In spite of the team's youth, Coach Sims remains optimistic. "It's a young and inexperienced club, but the players' attitudes make up for this. There's a feeling of team-togetherness that makes them work together so well," said Sims.

Sims owns a 56-22 record over his three years at Behrend and feels the 1981-82 card is the "toughest, most demanding one we've seen in years." Included on a 26-game slate are nine teams that made playoffs in '80-'81, plus three others that compiled winning records. Clarion State, Point Park, and Waynesburg are traditional competitors with the Cubs, but Sims feels all of the opponents are tough.

He pointed out that this card is especially challenging since Behrend plays only six home games in Erie Hall all year. But he feels this should not deter his club from continuing in the suc-

Cubs Begin Uphill Climb As Record Improves



1981 Cubs Soccer team includes: Bottom row (l-r) Gary Regal, Bob MacZura, Michael Knowles, Rick Lawrence, Kevin Takai, Mark Masteller, Tom Antos, George McMurtry, Tom Mandl, Tom Kennard. Top row: Jim Kebert, Mike Marelli, Tim Holdcroft, Bill Donovan, Dave Hall, Art Fox, Doug Kristie, Ed Bell, Rick Potts, Scott Heasley, Bill Hildenbrand, Terry Mannering, Jeff Mandl, John Andrews.

cess of playing on the road. In three seasons under Sims, the Cubs have made NAA District 18 for two straight years.

Assisting Coach Sims will be former Fairview High School mentor Jim Hamilton who has coached there for the past four years.

The Cubs open this year's campaign in the Urbana Tournament in Urbana, Ohio. Behrend takes on the likes of Ohio Northern and Rio Grande on November 27 and 28. They then face Geneva, Salem, and Clarion the first two weeks of December. The first home game is against Edinboro at the Gannon Audi, while the first Erie Hall outing is January 7, against LaRoche College.

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Coach Herb Lauffer's Cubs began their climb to the victory plateau last week when they upped their mark to 4-6 with wins over Edinboro and Allegheny, but still suffered a setback at St. Vincent's on Saturday.

The past few games have reflected the type of inconsistency that has plagued them for the season. Coach Lauffer and his players are looking forward to reaching a point where they can win a few games in a row. "We haven't arrived at that point yet, but I'm hoping we can soon," said Lauffer.

Behrend earned its third win of the season with a 3-1 victory over the Fighting Scots of Edinboro. Tim Holdcroft scored twice for the Cubs, with goals coming at 15:54 and 37:54, while Dave Hall added a shot for the booter's third tally.

Senior back Jeff Mandl and sophomore Rich Lawrence contributed assists for the Cubs, while Jim Kebert collected nine saves as a game goalkeeper.

Later that week, the Cubs travelled to St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, but again dropped a decision on the road. Behrend took an early 1-0 lead on a shot from Holdcroft with an assist from Rick Potts. The advantage held until St. Vincent came back to score four second half goals.

In spite of the 4-1 score, Coach Lauffer was not disappointed with the efforts of his troops. "We played well in the first half, and our play was of the style and intensity we expected," said the Behrend mentor. "But when they (St. Vincent) came out in the second half and established their dominance, we fell apart."

"Within a five-minute stretch, they scored their second and third goals of the game. Consistency was once again a problem. (In the match) we had the peaks and valleys of inconsistent play."

The Cubs got shot in the arm when they entertained the

Allegheny Gators last Tuesday. Behrend won the match, 3-1, as their record improved once again. Holdcroft scored his sixth goal of the year early in the first half, while Potts added his fifth with six minutes left in the game, to assure the Cubs of a win.

Art Fox also contributed an insurance goal at 37:12 of the second half.

Lauffer felt it was good to get back in the winning form after the Allegheny match. "They (Allegheny) got a questionable goal early in the first period, but still we didn't lie down at that point. We retained our poise and then became very effective."

To date, Holdcroft leads his team in goals scored with a total of six. He also has contributed two assists for a combined scoring mark of eight points. Potts is the leader in that category, having scored on five occasions and assisting on five others.

With three of their last four games played at home, Behrend should expect a promising result come season's end. Coach Lauffer encourages all the student body here to support his club during these last games.



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