

Strong Finish Highlights '83 Soccer

By Justin Panson

The Behrend soccer team took a 4-6-1 record to a cold, rainy Slippery Rock State College, only to be beaten 1-0 when Slippery Rock scored late in the game after a restart deep in the Cub end. The final portion of the schedule didn't get any easier as the Cubs lost another game at Walsh three days later. No score was posted in the first half, and after a mix-up in our area, Walsh drew first blood with what Cub keeper Larry Guenther termed, "an unfortunate goal." Jamie Kreber temporarily tied the score with his sixth goal of the season, but with five minutes remaining, Walsh capitalized on a scramble in front of the Cub net, and iced the game.

It looked as if it could only get worse with Geneva, the best in NAIA Section 18 coming to Behrend, but it didn't; in fact, after those two heartbreakers, the picture brightened considerably. The Cubs played, as Coach Lauffer put it, with commitment and intensity, as they came back from a 1-0 half-time deficit to score a major upset over nationally ranked Geneva. In the second half, the

Cubs adjusted to the tempo of the game, and realized that they were capable of beating a frustrated Geneva squad. Jamie Kreber scored twice as Behrend counterattacked a defense left vulnerable because of an overstacked offense. Geneva tied the score with fifteen minutes left to play, but once again, Jamie Kreber came to the rescue, poking in a loose ball for the hat trick, and the eventual game winner.

Fredonia, a team almost equal in talent with Geneva, was the final opponent, and Behrend didn't let up. They played a tight game, swapping goals twice to produce a 2-2 tie. Tony Horvath got the first Behrend goal, followed by Joel Buckwalter's header in the second half.

Looking back over the entire season, it becomes hard to formulate any one attitude towards it. On the surface, the team's 5-8-2 may appear to be a mediocre performance, but there are many factors to consider, and it's really a matter of what the record is compared to. It was a year that

started out miserably, but this relatively young team won two more games than last year's (3-8-2) team, and they only lost three of their last ten games. In these last ten games, they outscored the opposition, 28-14.

Coach Lauffer added that the team never gave up when they were down; they made definite progress, and finished strongly against two very good teams.

Two individual efforts were recognized as being of an excellent caliber throughout the year. Cub junior midfielder Terry Mannerling (five goals, three assists), and sophomore midfielder Joel Buckwalter (six goals, one assist), have both been named to the all-conference first team. Also worth mentioning is Jamie Kreber's team leading nine goals and five assists.

With Behrend's switch from the NAIA to the NCAA, next season's playoffs will be even tougher to reach, but Coach Lauffer thinks that the change represents a definite step forward. Potentially, there are a good number of players returning for the 1984 campaign, and recruiting efforts have already begun.

On behalf of the Collegian, I would like to thank everyone involved in the Behrend College Soccer program for their dedication and the long hours involved in representing our school.

Women Hoopers Ready For '83 Season

By Mary Hickin

Women's basketball coach Ellen Johns has a very optimistic outlook for this season. Part of the reason for her optimism is seven young ladies who are on this year's squad. All seven are returning letterwinners, four of which played on the 1981-82 edition of Behrend's women's basketball team that won the NAIA District 18 crown and went on to the area playoffs in Maine.

Junior Diane Metzgar leads the team this year as captain of the 12 member squad. The 5'5" point guard from Villa Maria Academy in Erie, has led the team in assists, steals, and scoring, in addition to holding the individual game record for most points. Metzgar has also been named to the NAIA District 18 and Women's Keystone Conference all-star teams both seasons at Behrend.

Another Erie product, junior Kathy Ott of Academy High School, returns after missing last season because of injuries. Ott, 5'9", has great jumping ability and provides Behrend with "additional depth and rebounding strength," according to Coach Johns.

The remaining two players to return to the line-up from the 81-82 squad are juniors Mindy and Missy Stasenko. The twin tandem hail from Baldwin High School in Pittsburgh. Mindy, a 5'9" forward, is a "strong offensive rebounder and accurate shooter." She was ranked eighth nationally last year in field goal percentage with a .586 average and also led the team in blocked shots defensively. She was named to the NAIA and WKC first team all-stars the past two years.

Missy, a 5'8" guard-forward, is

"one of the strongest offensive players moving with the ball." She owns a good outside shot and runs the fast break well. She has also been named to the NAIA teams both of her previous years.

The three remaining letterwinners are sophomores Pam Anderson, Donna Morgan, and Barb Schofield. Anderson, a 5'11" center-forward, is a "strong rebounding player and a key to starting the fast break, with the power to convert missed shots into points." Anderson is from Harborcreek High in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Morgan, a 5'6" guard from Kiski Area High in Avonmore, "brings a strong team approach to the game." She also has a good outside shot and strong defensive abilities.

Schofield, a 5'11" forward-center from Shaler in Pittsburgh, was an honorable mention in the NAIA last year. She is a "strong rebounder who exhibits a good outside shot."

There are five freshmen and sophomores making up the rest of the team. The sophomores include 5'5" Jackie Berry from Sacred Heart in Pittsburgh and Kim Keller, a 6'0" center from Ft. LeBoeuf in Waterford, Pa. Mary Beth Dolecki, a 5'5" guard from Oil City; Toni Lumley, a 5'5" guard from Jamestown, Pa.; and Kim Wilson, a 5'8" forward from Ft. LeBoeuf, are the freshmen faction of the team.

Coach Johns, the sixth-year mentor of the team, cites depth as the strong point of the team. She feels that "any of the 12 could be out there playing." She pointed to Metzgar and the Stasenkos' as strong players, quickly adding Anderson, Morgan and Schofield

as tough cagers also.

The Lady Cubs kick off their season by hosting a tournament at Erie Hall on December 2 and 3. Baldwin Wallace, Buffalo State and Carnegie Mellon are the teams invited to participate. Ten home games are scheduled after the tournament, while the Cubs take to the road 12 times.

Cubs Take Third In NAIA

By Mary Hickin

Behrend's Lady Spikers' hopes of traveling to South Carolina for the national championships were dashed last Saturday when they failed to qualify for regional playoffs. Although they lost in the first round of the playoffs, the team still gained a third place in the district by beating Waynesburg in the consolation match.

The Cubs also placed three players on the all-star teams for NAIA District 18. Kathy Ott earned a place on the first team all-stars, while Lisa Woolstrum and Kim Wilson earned second team laurels.

The team was offered an invitation to the district playoffs because of their record during the regular season. They posted 20 wins against 12 losses through last Thursday, when they beat Villa Maria College. They lost to Villa in the first round of Saturday's playoffs, ending their bid for the top spot in the district. Geneva, the winner of the District 18 crown, will host the regional match, with the winner making the trip to South Carolina for the national title.

The spikers closed their season, Thursday, November 9, against a strong Grove City team.

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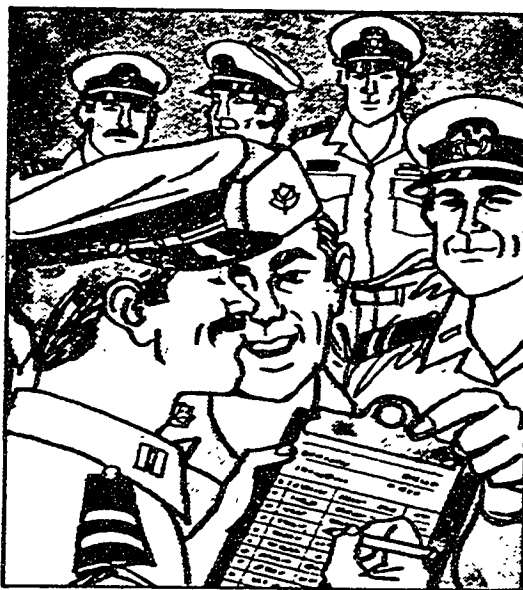
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