

## Volleyball team has tough act to follow

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Just as you can count on the leaves turning brown in the fall, you can also count on Penn State-Behrend's women's volleyball team having a successful campaign.

The varsity program, now eight years old, has been a perennial power with six seasons of 20-or-more wins under its belt already.

This year's Lady Cubs have perhaps the toughest act to follow considering the achievements of last year's squad. Behrend not only finished with an impressive 23-12 mark but also captured the District 18 NAIA championship with a win over Waynesburg College.

"Since we are now a Division

III school it will be harder to make the playoffs but the competition should be on an even keel since none of these schools are able to give out aid to any of their players," said head coach Jan Wilson who has been heading the varsity program since day one.

Many NAIA members have the finances to give scholarships to certain athletes whereas the NCAA states that such athletic awards can not be granted on the Division III level.

Three of the 12 players on this year's team return from 1984's title club. Those volleyballers include juniors Julie DiFrancisco and Renee Harrison and senior Mary Toboz.

Two players who played previously for Behrend but not last year are senior Kim Keller and sophomore Kim Wilson. Keller played during her freshman and sophomore years while Wilson participated as a freshman in 1983.

The remainder of the team consists of freshmen; Lori McClellan, Stacy Scofield, Beth Stephens and Beth Vahey, sophomore Michelle Williams and juniors; Sue Holmes and Joleen Moyer.

"Last year we were strong in the middle and had a lot of good

hitters," said Wilson. "We also played very well as a team.

"This year we're a little taller and a lot tougher as far as serving the ball. A lot depends on how the freshmen jell and the fact that we have many new players."

Behrend has already begun its regular season with an away match against Villa Maria College. Up next for the Lady Cubs is the first of four tournaments scheduled this fall.

Tomorrow and Saturday (times were not announced at press time) Behrend will compete in the Cortland Tournament at SUNY-Cortland (State University of New York at Cortland). This is an eight-team tourney with Cortland fielding two clubs of its own.

Also participating are Binghamton, Nazareth, Marywood and LeMoyné colleges and Alfred University. "The tournaments are good because they allow us to get a lot of matches in because the season is not that long," Wilson commented.

Behrend's first home match of the season will involve contests against rival Mercyhurst College and Westminster. The action takes place two weeks from today on Sept. 26 with the first game set for 6 p.m.



Players fight for possession in the annual alumni game played Aug. 31. Story, page 11.

## Booters drop opener, 1-0; Tennis team also falls

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Both the men's soccer team and the women's tennis squad were unsuccessful in their season-openers last Saturday.

The Penn State-Behrend booters dropped a 1-0 decision to the University of Buffalo giving them a 0-1 record going into its match against Indiana University of Pa. yesterday.

Behrend's women's tennis team

also fell to the University of Buffalo by losing its first match of the season by a 7-2 score.

The Lady Cubs only victories came in doubles play. Kelly Courson and Sharon Dollard turned back Lea Lenahan and Jane Smith, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 in first doubles action for Behrend.

At second doubles Lady Cub players Toni Lumley and Melissa Mitchum defeated Kim Ajadananda and Kelly Pfohf, 6-4, 6-4.



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