

Behrend booters defeat Indiana, tie John Carroll

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Give up a goal or two and then play like gangbusters. That seems to be the tempo the Behrend booters are playing to after their first three contests.

After a tough, 1-0 opening-game loss to the University of Buffalo, the Cubs bounced back to post a 1-0-1 record on a two-game homestand.

Initially was a 3-2 home-opening victory over Division II opponent Indiana University (PA) on Sept. 11. What followed was a 2-2 tie against John Carroll University, a Division III school from Cleveland, Ohio, on Sept. 14.

In the triumph over Indiana Behrend fell behind, 1-0 only five minutes into the contest. The Cubs then led 2-1 at the half before winning a close match due to a fine second half performance.

John Carroll had a 2-0 lead after only nine minutes had elapsed against the Cubs in their second home match. The Blue Streaks were dominating play and things did not look good for a second consecutive Behrend win.

Just four minutes later, however, the Cubs quickly struck back with a goal and followed with a late first half score, via a penalty kick. Neither team could mount much of an attack from the second half through the two overtime periods.

"This team has a lot of potential and will just have to learn to handle the pressure," said head coach Herb Lauffer. "If we keep the play as simple as possible I think we'll do just fine."



Herb Lauffer

Against Indiana, a team Behrend had not beaten in four years, the Cubs rose to the occasion after the tough opening-game defeat and the loss of Todd Lindenmuth's services after the sophomore back injured an ankle midway through the first half.

It was Lindenmuth, in fact, who tied the score for the Cubs at 1-1 with a diving header off a corner kick by forward Scott Coykendall.

"Todd's one of our mainstays," said Lauffer. "I count on him playing 90 minutes when he's healthy." Lindenmuth sat out the John Carroll contest.

Todd Hammond chipped a shot over Cubs goalkeeper Larry Guenther to give Indiana an early 1-0 lead before Lindenmuth's goal. Sophomore Chris Stine later gave Behrend a 2-1 lead with a header off a throw-in by sophomore back Jeff Zastawniak.

Indiana answered back nine minutes into the second half on a header by Rich Betts before freshman Marty Becker put

Behrend ahead for good, 3-2 with a goal inside the penalty area just 50 seconds later.

"It was important to start off on the right foot with a win in our first conference game," Lauffer added. "Indiana has been one of the top Division II teams in this region for many years." The win gave Behrend a 1-0 record in the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Soccer Conference.

The contest against John Carroll started disastrously for the Cubs. After a sliding kick save by Guenther (who started in goal) during the third minute of play, the Indians kept the pressure on and scored two quick goals.

Dominic Vitale first put John Carroll on the board with a goal inside the penalty area before teammate Leu Hatuber headed in the Indians second goal.

Three minutes later Lauffer inserted sophomore goalie Dave Kun, who replaced Guenther, with John Carroll (at about the same time) falling into a false

sense of security after establishing its early 2-0 advantage.

Just four minutes after the Indians went up by two goals Becker hustled to a ball that was rolling out of bounds and, sliding on he grass, gave teammate Joe Kushon a pass down the left side of the field.

Kushon, a sophomore forward, dribbled towards goal and lifted a shot past the John Carroll keeper to pull Behrend to within one.

The Cubs continued to apply pressure and with only six minutes remaining in the first half tied the score.

Kushon, again on the attack with the ball, was tripped inside the penalty area by an Indian defender. Behrend was awarded a penalty kick and Mike Hockenberger converted for the final goal of the game.

Kun played the final 53 minutes (including both 10-minute overtime sessions) in goal for the Cubs and held John Carroll in check with four saves.

Indiana University (PA) (1-2) 1-2

Penn State-Behrend (1-1) 2-1-3
Goals: Todd Hammond, Rich Betts (Indiana); Todd Lindenmuth, Chris Stine, Marty Becker (Behrend).

Assists: Tom Neslund (Indiana); Scott Coykendall 2, Jeff Zastawniak, Stine (Behrend).

Shots: Indiana 10, Behrend 9.
Saves: (Behrend) Larry Guenther 8, Dave Kun 0.

John Carroll University (0-1-1) 2-0-2

Penn State-Behrend (1-1-1) 2-0-0-2

Goals: Dominic Vitale, Leu Hatuber (John Carroll); Joe Kushon, Mike Hockenberger (Behrend).

Assists: Drew Carney 2 (John Carroll); Marty Becker (Behrend).
Shots: John Carroll 18, Behrend 14.

Saves: (Behrend) Larry Guenther 2, Dave Kun 4.

Blind softball team to visit Behrend

Could you play softball blindfolded?

"Blind at Bats" is a squad of blind participants who play a version of baseball called "beep-ball". A special ball is used which is twice the size of a softball and contains a built-in beeper.

The team from Washington, Pa is managed and organized by Brian Weber, who will bring his team to Behrend, Saturday. The game starts at 12:30 p.m. on the soccer field with the blind team to face a blindfold team comprised of one person from each floor of the dorms.

The rules state that the pitcher must call out "pitch" and then pitch the ball to the batter. If he hits it, he runs to first or third base (the opposite way the ball is hit), the buzzer on the base is activated and the batter runs toward the buzzing base. The fielder,

whose name is called out by the spotter, must find the ball before the batter reaches base. If the batter reaches the base before the fielder finds the ball one run is scored. If the fielder finds the ball before the batter reaches base, the batter is out. The batter get six strikes and there are three outs. There is also a twelve-run rule.

The "Blind at Bats" softball team is a non-profit organization, however in order to raise money for the repair of the homing-balls and to generate money for tournaments, they will be selling T-shirts and holding a 50-50 raffle. Tickets for the raffle are \$1.

The Joint Residence Council and the Resident Assistant Staff is setting up the program. Spectators are welcome but should remain quiet so that the players can listen for the base and ball.

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