

## Women's volleyball team hosts Mercyhurst today

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Today the women's volleyball team hosts Mercyhurst College and Westminster in a home-opening, tri-match slated to begin at 6 p.m.

"We usually beat Mercyhurst at home but lose at their place," said head coach Jan Wilson. "Mercyhurst always has a good team and are well coached. The past two years we've been pretty successful against Westminster (two victories)."

Last weekend Behrend par-

ticipated in a 10-team tournament at Thiel College. Tuesday the Lady Cubs played at Geneva College.

In their first tournament Behrend finished second to Cortland State in the Early Bird Volleyball Invite played on Sept. 13 and 14 at the State University of New York College at Cortland.

The Lady Cubs defeated Nazareth College, 15-7, 15-3 and then trimmed Cortland's "B" team, 15-6, 15-2 on Sept. 13.

Following on Sept. 14 Behrend defeated LeMoyne College, 15-11,

15-9 in the first round championships before falling to Cortland's "A" team, 15-8, 15-5 in the championship of the eight-team tourney.

"We played really well on the first day of the tournament and if we can play like that all year long we will do real well," said Wilson. "Most of the teams in the tourney had taller players than us but we just played them tough."

Senior Kim Keller had nine aces for the Lady Cubs in their first three games. Teammate Lori McClellan, a freshman, served seven

aces while Kim Wilson and Mary Toboz each had four for Behrend.

The men's soccer team, which played Alliance College yesterday, has its next match against Walsh College, Saturday. Walsh hosts Behrend at 2 p.m.

The Cubs remain on the road and face Edinboro on Tuesday at 3 p.m. before returning home to play Daemen College on Oct. 5 at 3 p.m.

PIGSKIN PICK - Well two

weeks ago I predicted Penn State to defeat Temple by a 21-7 score. The Nittany Lions won, 27-25. Not bad for an opening prediction.

This week I see Penn State edging Rutgers, as they did last year, by a 24-21 count this time.

Also look for the Pittsburgh Steelers to rebound on Monday Night Football with a 20-17 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals, Monday night.

## Tennis team perfect in home opener

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Adjectives such as impressive, magnificent or grand go out the window in an attempt to describe the women's tennis teams' home-opening match. In this case such accolades still serve as an underestimation of what was achieved.

Simply put the Lady Cubs were down right perfect against Thiel College on Sept. 17.

Rain washed away Behrend's first scheduled home-match against Mercyhurst, Sept. 10. The Lady Cubs following match was also postponed due to rain, Sept. 12, which was a visiting contest vs. Gannon University.

Before the crushing of Thiel came Behrend's first win of the year which was a close 5-4 decision over SUNY-Fredonia on Sept. 14.

"We're constantly improving as the matches go on," said fourth-year head coach Pam Fischer. "This is the best team I've had here so far - best attitude, skill and a group of girls."

Against Thiel the Lady Cubs did not even lose a single set. Freshman Mary Beth Grimes, Behrend's sixth singles player, had the easiest time setting down Thiel's Jackie Labesky, 6-2, 6-0.

First and second singles players Sharon Dollard and Kelle Courson respectively for the Lady Cubs each won their first match of the year.

Dollard turned back Thiel's Pam Kirker, 6-3, 6-4; while Courson defeated Jody Goodwin, 6-2, 6-1. Other singles players victorious against Thiel included Toni Lumley (3rd), Melissa Mitchem (4th) and Katie Phillips (5th).

In doubles play Dollard and Courson improved their record to 3-0 with a win over Kirker and Goodwin, 6-1, 6-3. Lumley and Mitchem (2nd doubles) and Ann Weist and Phillips (3rd doubles) also teamed up to notch wins.

"I'm really impressed with our first and second doubles team so far," said Fischer. "They play very solid, attacking the ball at the net."

The Lady Cubs played Canisius (Sept. 19), Gannon (Sept. 21) and Westminster, Tuesday which were all home matches. Behrend next faces Grove City in an away match on Monday at 3 p.m. before hosting Fredonia at 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

Penn State-Behrend (1-1) 5,  
Fredonia (0-2) 4

Singles: Liz Hughes (F) def. Sharon Dollard, 7-5, 6-3; Gale DeLuca (F) def. Kelle Courson, 7-5, 6-0; Toni Lumley (B) def. Julie Moriarty, 6-2, 6-0; Melissa Mitchem (B) def. Beth Tennant, 6-4, 7-6; Mary Gnoke (F) def. Mary Beth Grimes, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; Katie Phillips (B) def. Sharon Quinones, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles: Lumley and Mitchem (B) def. Moriarty and Hughes, 6-4, 7-5; Dollard and Courson (B) def. DeLuca and Tennant, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Quinones and Gnoke (F) def. Phillips and Ann Weist, 6-3, 6-2.

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

Singles: Sharon Dollard (B) def. Pam Kirker, 6-3, 6-4; Kelle Courson (B) def. Jody Goodwin, 6-2, 6-1; Toni Lumley (B) def. Mary Muzik, 6-1, 6-2; Melissa Mitchem (B) def. Leslie Hall, 6-1, 6-3; Katie Phillips (B) def. Juliet Stegman, 6-2, 6-2; Mary Beth Grimes (B) def. Jackie Labesky, 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles: Dollard and Courson (B) def. Kirker and Goodwin, 6-1, 6-3; Lumley and Mitchem (B) def. Muzik and Hall, 6-1, 6-3; Phillips and Ann Weist (B) def. Stegman and Labesky, 7-5, 6-3.



May Beth Grimes returns a shot for Behrend.

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