

Hard work pays off for indoor soccer team

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Cooperativeness and increasing confidence were the keys to Penn State Behrend's men's indoor soccer team as they claimed a third place spot out of twelve teams at Grove City, PA on March 14.

Mike Cifelli and Mark Yingling were named to the all tournament team for outstanding play at the competition. Cifelli scored six points at the event and was pleased with the team effort. "It was a great honor being named to the all tourney team," said Cifelli. "But the team really earned their third place spot. Being named to the (all) tournament team was just the icing on the cake."

Yingling, also named to the all tourney team for goal keeping, said he was surprised about being selected to the outstanding team. "There were some really good goalies there," says Yingling. "I really was not expecting it." The Behrend goalie also had positive comments about the team effort at the indoor tournament. "We played really well," said Yingling. "It (the tournament) was a good team effort."

The tournament teams were divided into two six team divisions. Each division played it out during the afternoon until first and second

place teams were decided. The Cubs ended the day with a record of 4-1 to qualify for the final four competition to take place that evening. "The confidence level (of the team) continued to increase with every win," said Herb Lauffer, the men's coach. "Our good mental state in the tournament was a great asset to the team success."

The men's team continued that evening to vie at the semi-final match against the University of Pittsburgh. The Cubs suffered an edging loss to the Panthers as time ran out with Penn State Behrend trailing 2-1. "We played a good physical and mental game," said coach Lauffer, "we just came out on the short end of the stick this time." The men's team then went to compete for the third place position against the University of Hiram, the same and only team to defeat the Cubs in earlier tournament play. Coach Lauffer commented that although Hiram had beaten the Behrend team previously, there was no feeling of intimidation on the Cubs from the opposing team. The men's team defeated the Ohio team with a score of 2-1 in sudden/death overtime. This gave the Cubs a total of five wins and two losses on the day and a third place spot for the tournament. "Many members of the team im-

proved their game substantially throughout the day," said coach Lauffer. "And we hope this will carry over to our next indoor match."

The Cubs will compete in another indoor tournament this year on April 4 and 5. The event will take place at the Cranberry Indoor Soccer Field. "The experience

from these indoor tournaments will greatly improve the players' confidence on the field," commented coach Lauffer.

Next year's schedule will soon be

upon us and the Behrend soccer fields once again will be filled with Cub players ready to use their indoor soccer experience to better themselves in the 1987 campaign.

Player	Goals
Michael Cifelli	7
Joe Kushon	7
Ken Crumb	4
Mike Smelko	2
David Titley	1
Silas Grant	1
Doug McCarthy	1
Total	23 goals



Behrend All-Tournament team members Mark Yingling and Mike Cifelli

photo by Wendell Bates

Pre-season training for Lady Spikers

By Michael Cifelli
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The women's volleyball squad is currently holding informal all-comers practices three days a week at Erie Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Players can develop their volleyball skills in what coach Jan Wilson calls, "unpressured game time."

Much like the varsity soccer team's indoor season, the women are engaged in some valuable off-season training. This is the first spring training format of its kind for women's volleyball, something Coach Wilson has wanted to do for quite some time. The workouts

game playing, but Coach Wilson said she is striving for a more structured practice.

There are many advantages to the training program for the Lady Cubs. Coach Wilson commented that, "the practices help the girls' skill development greatly and I get a chance to play everybody, which gives the younger players more game time experience. Also, everybody gets to know each other better."

Not all who participate in the spring sessions are automatically on the team. "There are openings for next year, but everybody will have to work for the twelve spots," said Coach Wilson.

There are four returning players from the fall edition currently in-

involved, but not all the women practicing are planning on playing this fall. Coach Wilson mentioned that, "the idea is to give potential players a feel for playing at Behrend, as well as encourage others to try out in the fall. It also gives us a variety of players to practice with now."

In addition to these practices, players are competing in five time-limit, scrimmage-style tournaments which are strictly informal. They have already competed at a tournament at Mercyhurst, and will go on the road to Gannon, Allegheny and Clarion to compete as well. On May 2, eight schools will compete at Erie Hall for the spring finale.

Coach Wilson has some clear-cut goals for the spring: "I want to

give the girls playing time, build confidence, develop skill, and have players get to know each other better. So far I am satisfied, I like the way things are going."

The outlook for this fall's roster looks to be a young squad. "It will be a building year, but I hope to improve on last year's 15-28 record. We have four returners with great attitudes. I'm looking for more team confidence," Coach Wilson added. One junior and three sophomores will return to a team which is expected to be primarily sophomores.

As the women's volleyball team and potential candidates spike and set in spring training, they hope to 'serve' up a winning campaign this fall at Behrend.

Mistakes hurt Cubs

by Sue Holmes
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As coach Mike Bari prepares his baseball team for their 32 game Northern Stand, he feels that his team must cut down on their mistakes. "Our team is made up of mostly freshmen, and the freshman mistakes are what is really hurting us right now," said Coach Bari. He feels that the team is coming around and they will have a definite advantage over their opponents, because the teams that they will face early in the season were not fortunate enough to have a southern road trip.

Leading the way for the Cubs with a batting average of .355 is freshman catcher Scott Ebersole, followed closely by Scott Spragale with a batting average of .308. Leading the team in the stolen bases department is freshman left fielder Jim Senyo who is 7 for 8.

Coach Bari is heavily looking to Spragale, Ebersole and Fred Turba to lead the team in batting average as well as RBI's. The pitching department will look to Dave Bruce for his experience on the mound. Bruce is currently leading the team in ERA.

The next two home games for the Cubs will be Saturday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 7. Both games will start at 1 p.m.

One and two for Club volleyball

by David Bruce
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The Men's Club Volleyball Team has played three matches recently, winning one and losing two of them.

At a doubleheader at Pitt, the Cubs lost to Pitt before turning around and defeating St. Francis. Unfortunately, the scores of these games were not available.

On March 25, the men traveled to Mercyhurst, where they lost to

the Lakers; 4-15, 15-13, 15-10, 1-15, 15-13.

"The team is jelling more," said Tim Wilson, one of the players, "Early on we were disjointed but now we are running more plays, helping to throw off a block. We

still have trouble with setters, as well as consistency."

The team's next game will be against Slippery Rock on March 29, and then they play John Carroll on April 4. Both games will be played at Erie Hall.

What Bruce sees in baseball's future

by David Bruce
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As the 1987 baseball season approaches, the biggest factor in each division appears to be starting pitching. In other words, there are not enough arms to go around. So without further ado, here are my 1987 season predictions.

N.L. East
New York- The defending champs appear to be in the driver's seat. They have the strongest starting pitching in the division as well as reliable relief pitching. They could even improve on last season's record if Dwight Gooden returns to his 1985 form, Darryl Strawberry improves on his consistency and Kevin McReynolds has the kind of season the Mets' fans are expecting.

Philadelphia- The Phillies are the only team in the division with a realistic chance of overtaking the Mets. The acquisition of Lance Parrish from Detroit will help tremendously. This team will score a lot of runs, but the question will

be whether their pitchers will give up just as many runs.

St. Louis- The nightmare season of '86 is probably over. Look for Willie McGee, John Tudor and company to dramatically improve on last season's performance. Only the lack of a true power hitter will keep the Cardinals from the top.

Montreal- The Expos have too many question marks; the failure to sign Tim Lincecum, Andre Dawson's replacement, injury-riddled starting pitchers; to be considered a contender. In fact the Expos could drop even lower if their new outfielders do not succeed.

Chicago- Though the addition of Andre Dawson will help, the Cubs still desperately need starting pitching. Look for shortstop Shawon Dunston to challenge Cincinnati's Eric Davis for the role as best young superstar.

Pittsburgh- What can be said? All the Pirates need are three or four quality pitchers, a shortstop and a couple of long ball hitters/outfielders. It's going to be another long season in Pittsburgh.

N.L. West
Cincinnati- The Reds' chances for the playoffs depend on the arms of Mario Soto, Tom Browning and Bill Gullickson. If they perform consistently, the Reds will win.

Houston- The Astros are a good, young ballclub that will be near the top all season. They could repeat if Nolan Ryan can come back from an arm injury and Glenn Davis continues his demolition of opposing pitchers.

San Francisco- The Giants improved their playoff chances for '87 by obtaining ex-Reds Eddie Milner and Joe Price. If their defense improves and they remain injury free, the Giants will be a factor in the playoffs.

Los Angeles- A lack of talent in the Dodgers' farm system continues to hurt the team, and their pitching staff cannot carry the load. They need too many miracles to become a playoff caliber team—full recoveries by Pedro Guerrero and Mariano Duncan, and another M.V.P. season from Steve Sax. Sorry, Tommy.

San Diego- The Padres will continue their downhill slide in '87, due mainly to a lack of quality pitching. Former Mets Kevin Mitchell and Shawn Abner will help, but this team needs pitching.

Atlanta- America's team is in deep trouble this season. A lack of runs, coupled with a lack of pitching will result in a long season for the Braves.

A.L. East
New York- The Yankee's chances depend on their starting pitching, which was improved by the addition of ex-Pirate Rick Rhoden. The Subway Series New York fans were dreaming of last season could come true this season.

Toronto- The Blue Jays are the most consistent team in the division, averaging over 90 wins in each of their last five seasons. They will improve on last year's fourth place finish, if Dave Stieb can recover from his elbow injury.

Cleveland- The Indians' aggressive style has caused a mini-phenomenon in this win-starved city, and some publications are picking them to win the pennant. But, the Indians' pitching staff does not scare anybody, though getting Ed VandeBerg will help the bullpen situation.

Boston- The 1986 A.L. champions have made few improvements this winter, in fact, they have hurt their playoff chances by not signing Rich Gedman. In a division as tough as the A.L. East, the Red Sox's chances are not too promising.

Detroit- The departure of Lance Parrish will obviously hurt the Tigers, especially if Mike Heath cannot fill his shoes. They will need standout seasons from all of their stars to contend.

Milwaukee- A youth movement is underway in Milwaukee, led by slugger Rob Deer and rookie catcher B.J. Surhoff. Like most young teams, the Brewers will be plagued by inconsistency all season.

Baltimore- Ironically, the team that has long been noted for strong starting pitching has virtually none this season. New additions Ray Knight, Terry Kennedy and Rick

Burleson will help offensively, but pitching woes will haunt new manager Cal Ripken Sr. all season.

A.L. West
Texas- After a surprising performance last season, the Rangers appear to be the team to beat in '87. Much depends on Bobby Valentine's young pitching staff, which was prone to wildness last season. If they can find the strike zone, the Rangers could win it easily.

Kansas City- The Royals were busy this winter obtaining Danny Tartabull from Seattle. The flamboyant outfielder will give them some much needed power. The pitching staff looks strong. Don't let last season's sub-par statistics fool you. They can still do the job.

Oakland- The Athletics went for experience this winter, getting veterans Reggie Jackson and Ron Cey. While they will help sell tickets, the acquisitions of pitchers Carlos Diaz, Bruce Tanner and Gene Nelson are more important to their playoff chances.

California- The defending A.L. West champions will have trouble repeating this year. Though they let Reggie Jackson and Rick Burleson go, the power hitters they still have average 37 years of age. The pitchers will have to carry the load, and hope that Gary Pettis and Dick Schofield can steal some runs.

Chicago- The White Sox have solid though not spectacular pitching, but offensive woes and defensive question marks (Carlton Fisk in the outfield, again.) will hamper their progress.

Minnesota- Twins new manager Tom Kelly faces an uphill battle. Even with stars Kirby Puckett, Gary Gaetti and Kent Hrbek, the Twins will be hard pressed to win consistently with a mediocre pitching staff.

Seattle- The Mariners' pitchers gave up over four and one-half earned runs per game, and the infield is anything but consistent. This adds up to another last place performance for the Mariners.

N.L. Champion-Cincinnati Reds
A.L. Champion-N.Y. Yankees
World Series-Cincinnati in five games.

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