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Lions still kicking

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Despite a disappointing 1-5 record, Behrend's soccer coach Herb Lauffer's 1987 Penn State-Behrend booters aren't giving up their goals for a successful season. "We're continuing to make progress," says Coach Lauffer, who has begun his 21st year as the Lions head coach. "We've been victimizing ourselves. But we're working hard..."

The team's hard work paid off on Sept. 9 when the Lions scooped their first win of the season during an at-home clash against Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The final score left the Lions with an exciting 3-2 come-from-behind victory.

Highlights of the contest included sophomore forward Ken Crumb's booting in the first goal of the Lion's season during the first half. Crumb's goal, which was assisted by co-captain Joe Kushon, tied the score 1-1.

With the excitement of that goal lingering dangerously in the Lions' minds, IUP pushed ahead to score another goal within the next ten seconds. "a good example of how we victimize ourselves. We're working hard but we're giving up questionable goals," explains Lauffer.

Behrend kicked in their second goal of the game which tied the score at the half. That goal came from sophomore back Tom Kerr, assisted by freshman back Cris Miranda.

The Lions scored the game clincher within the first two minutes of the second half. The winning goal came from Kushon on assists by Crumb and sophomore back Jay Varcoe.

Although they knew they had the lead, the Lions continued to play hard ball. Knowing that a crack in their defense could turn the game back into Indiana's hands, the Lions emphasized defense throughout the rest of the contest.

With their first win under their belts, the Lions next faced a dismal three-game road trip. The first clash came Sept. 12 when the Lions

played the University of Buffalo.

"That game was a nightmare," says Lauffer, who was distressed at Buffalo's 4-0 whitewashing of his team. But while the Lions were out-shot 25-5, Lauffer now sees a ray of hope in their performance. "We didn't get many shots," he admits, "but we were getting good ball position."

The second game of the road trip—a match-up of the lions and Division II Gannon University—was rained out. That game will be rescheduled.

The third clash on the road pitted the Lions against St. Vincent College at Latrobe, Pa. According to Lauffer, the Lions won every battle—except the one on the scoreboard.

Although the Bearcats posted a 2-1 win, the Lions statistically dominated the game, outshooting St. Vincent 20-12 and earning 10 corner kicks to the opponent's two.

On Sept. 23rd, Penn State-Behrend returned home to meet Geneva College. Unfortunately the results didn't please the home

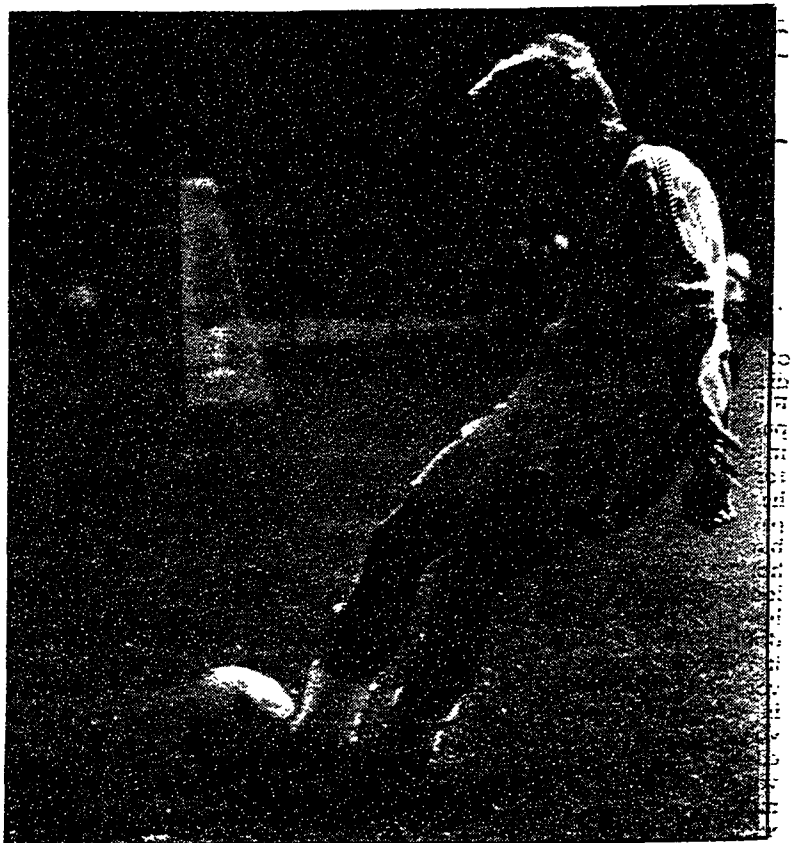
crowd; Geneva used two first-half goals to nip the Lions 2-0. During the second half, the Lions kept the Golden Tornadoes scoreless, but were unable to score themselves.

Behrend returned to action Sept. 26 when they met St. John Fisher for the college's annual Homecoming game. St. John Fisher, a new opponent for the Lions. The crowd was not let down and the Lions won, 2-0.

Behrend is a very young team, but, with help from Lauffer (career record 110-117-16), and 20 years of experience on Penn State-Behrend's sidelines, this season can still be successful.

Lauffer and Assistant Coach Capt. Richard Donahue, have two main goals for the soccer team this year. "The first is that they play good, consistent soccer," says Lauffer, "they must continue to make progress."

The second goal is less obvious. "I want to make them believe in themselves," he adds. "Once they do that, winning becomes a by-product of their own excellence."



photos by Rick Brooks

Baseball predictions hazy

by Randy Gorniak
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With the musk-ripe smell of grapes in the air and the chill of fall settling in over the Penn State-Behrend campus, the Lions 1987 baseball team began its fall season.

For the past two years, trying to complete games in the fall has been frustrating for the Lions, who have faced less than out-to-the-ball game weather. But this year, with a little help from the weatherman, they were able to complete six of the eight games.

After compiling a 2-4 record this fall, Coach Mike Bari is hesitant to make predictions about the upcoming spring season. "We are so young. We have no experience," explains Coach Bari.

The Lions opened up the season against arch-rival Gannon University, but dropped both games to the Golden Knights. The team's other two losses came when SUNY-Fredonia came to Behrend. "Everything went bad (in those 2 games), especially the defense," said Coach Bari. The Lions two wins of the fall season came against Jamestown Community College of New York.

The 1987 Spring schedule should prove challenging to the Lions. First, the team heads for Orlando, Florida for spring training. The

Lions will play eight games within a week. The next stop is West Virginia, where the Lions will play four games before heading north to start their regular season.

All games played this spring are doubleheaders for the Lions and with a 6 game schedule almost everyone should get playing time.

This year's freshman class seems very promising for the Lions. Three top recruits the Bari singled out as key players are Rich Adams, who could start at third base this season for the Lions, Joe Veiria and Joe Combkowski, both of whom could contribute greatly to the Lions 1987-88 cause. Dan Frochlich, who is back after taking a year off, was labeled the "best player this fall" by Coach Bari.

All teams must have a leader who takes charge and show leadership among the players. This year junior Joe Cunningham has taken that role. "Joe has taken charge and will prove to be a very capable leader," says Coach Bari.

October 4 will be the second annual 100 inning baseball game. The game which pits the veteran players against the rookies will help the team curb the cost for its spring trip to Orlando, Florida. Last year the rookies belted the veterans 23-14 in a game that raised \$2,200 for the spring trip. This year's goal of \$3,300 will be raised by various sponsors pledging money for each inning played.

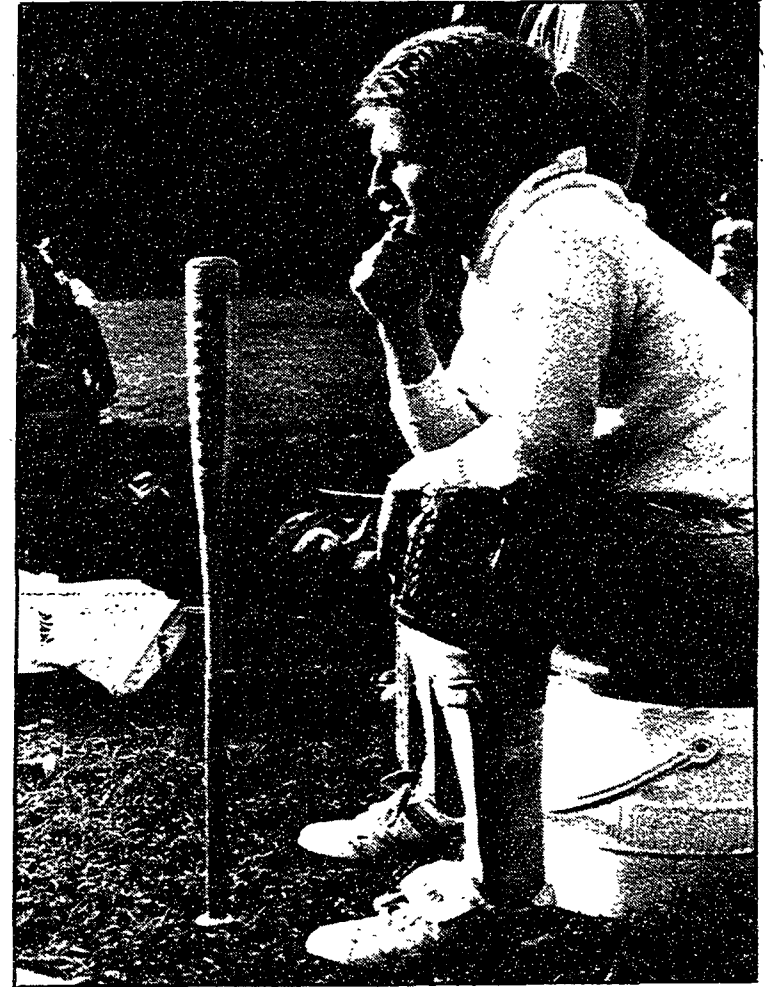


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Bob Peck welcomed

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If you are athletically inclined but don't have time to play a varsity sport, or if you like staying in shape by exercising, or perhaps you just enjoy sports for the fun of it...intramurals are your answer.

Intramurals have always been popular here at Penn State-Behrend. This year is no exception. Softball is already in progress with golf following right behind. Also this month will be flag football. October 14 we will see soccer begin and November 4 will bring us three-play basketball. We will end the semester with bombardment beginning on the December 28.

The seasons for each sport usually last approximately three weeks. To participate in these events, just fill out an entry form located on the bulletin board downstairs in Erie Hall. There are no special qualifications to join, but remember that Behrend varsity players are prohibited from joining that intramural sport which corresponds with their varsity sports. Obviously, this is done to maintain fairness among intramural teams.

Throughout the regular season the teams are divided by divisions. The winner of each division goes into the single elimination playoffs. One by one they are eliminated until the intramural winner emerges. At this point the "Dodge" softball team is in the lead for the commuters. As far as the residence hall teams are concerned they are all quite even. T-shirts are awarded to intramural winners.

New to the Intramural Program this year is Bob Peck. He is an undergraduate of Penn State University. Currently, Bob is completing his graduate study at Slippery Rock and is interning here at Behrend.

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Pennant drive time

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It's that time of year again. After five months of grueling battle, the boys of summer are preparing to heat up fall. The pennant drive is upon us, and this year promises to have some of the closest finishes in decades.

The 1987 season has certainly had its share of problems: scuffed baseballs, illegal bats, bench-clearing brawls, and yet another tantrum by Yankee owner George Steinbrenner. But despite these difficulties, players and teams are exciting fans across the U.S. and Canada. Let's examine the races, division by division, and see just who will receive a ticket to the League Championships and the Fall Classic.

In the American League East, the Detroit Tigers and Toronto Blue Jays are dead even. Detroit

has all the power one would want in a team, with Kirk Gibson, Alan Trammell, and Darrell Evans leading the hit parade. Toronto, not to be outdone, possesses the greatest hitting outfield in the majors with Lloyd Moseby, Jesse Barfield, and incomparable George Bell. Starting pitching, however, belongs to the Tigers. Detroit pitchers Walt Terrell and Jack Morris are on a roll, with Toronto being led by Jim Clancy and the inconsistent Dave Stieb. It will be a wild finish down to the wire, but look for the Tigers to prevail.

The Minnesota Twins appear to have pulled away from the Oakland A's in the American League West. Virtually unbeatable at home, the Twins are another team awash in hitting talent. Frank Viola is a quality starting pitcher, and key acquisition Jeff Reardon is the bullpen stopper the Twins have coveted for years. But beyond

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Football woes for Penn St.

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The Nittany Lions football team had its 23 game regular season win streak snapped this month at the hands of the Alabama Crimson Tide. This travesty happened Saturday, September 12, before a packed house at Beaver Stadium. The 85,000 plus in attendance sat through a drizzly, cold night to watch a red hot Crimson Tide run away with a 24-13 win.

The game's biggest offensive producer was tailback Bobby Humphrey. The Alabama junior compiled a total of 220 yards rushing on 36 carries, one a 73 yard touchdown jaunt, setting the record for most rushing yards against the Lions at Bever Stadium. Humphrey also showed his ability to pass the ball completing a 57-yard halfback option pass to

Clay Whitehurst, setting up another touchdown. The other standout on the field wasn't a single player, but rather the entire 'Bama defense. The defensive team was able to shut down Penn State's rushing game to a mere 8 yards. They also punished the Lion's quarterback, senior Matt Knizner, by sacking him 5 times for a total loss of 36 yards.

Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno gave all the credit for the win to Alabama's Head Coach Bill Curry, when he told the Daily Collegian's Robert Williams, "Alabama played a heckuva football game. (They) Came of the ball well, they were cohesive, they had a great back." Coach Paterno was also quoted, by the Sporting News, as saying, "They had the game under control before they made a mistake. I don't think anybody could have beaten them the way they played." 'Bama's Bill Curry

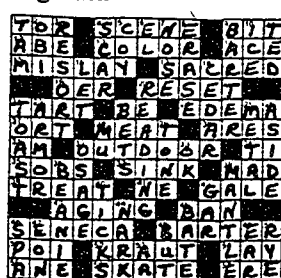
then showed his class and respect for Joe Paterno when he told Williams, "This is the one that you dream about — to come to a place which shows excellence in all areas and to coach against a man that I admire. For our team to beat a program that has such tradition as this one, is a great thrill."

To interpret all of this is simple; the Crimson Tide outran, outblocked, and just outright won the football game from kickoff to final gun. There are no excuses to be made and no fingers to be pointed, the Nittany Lions simply got beat.

As for the rest of the season, there is still the possibility of a bowl bid. Robert Williams questioned some of the players, "I think (the loss) tests the character," said Matt Knizner, "We're not going to get down, there's no need to get down. The mark of a good football team is a team that comes back,

and I think that we'll come back." Senior Tailback John Greene added, "I think we'll come back strong. We've got a feeling what it feels like to lose, and I don't think anybody likes the way that feels, and I think we are going to work a lot harder now so that it does not happen again."

With Paterno at the helm and confidence like this among the ranks, it won't take long for the Nittany Lions to get back on the winning track.



Predicted guess

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The N.F.C., home of Super Bowl Champion New York Giants, will again produce this year's winners, however, the Giants will not be that team. On paper, the Giants are definitely the best team, but injuries to key players are beginning to take a toll. This leaves the door open for other N.F.C. teams, and at this moment, it appears that the Bears will take advantage of the Giant's problems.

The Giants showed how helpless they are without a healthy Phil Simms and Joe Morris during the first regular season game against Chicago. Both Simms and Morris encountered a stingy Bear defense that only offered injuries.

New York's defense, anchored by the linebacking corps of Lawrence Taylor, Harry Carson and Carl Banks, can keep the Giants competitive as long as the offense can put some points on the board. The offense will have an even tougher time scoring now that lineman Karl Nelson, a fixture at the right tackle position, is battling cancer. Nelson's illness should inspire his teammates and spark the Giants to their second consecutive N.F.C. East title.

Washington, a rapidly aging team, did not help their situation much in this year's draft. Free safety Curtis Jordan, and linebackers Rich Milot and Neil Olkewicz are all facing retirement. A healthy Kelvin Bryant and Jay Schroeder should manage to help the Redskins to a second place finish in the East.

Age is also a problem for the Dallas Cowboys, many of their starting players are on the "wrong side" of 30, and the linebacker position is a disaster area. Quarterback Danny White should prosper with the tandem of Herschel Walker and Tony Dorsett, but the passing game is still inconsistent.

The N.F.C. Central should be dominated by the Bears. Walter Payton is seriously considering retirement, and will want to go out with a bang. On defense, the cornerback position is the only weak link for Chicago. Linebackers Mike Singletary, Otis Wilson and Wilbur Marshall will lead the attack for the defense. The absence of Jim McMahon has allowed Mike Tomczak to step in and take over.

If any team can defeat the Bears, it's Minnesota. The Vikings are a very young and talented team, and they are hungry. Tommy Kramer has kicked his alcohol problem, but has injured his back. Rookie D.J. Dozier joins Darren Nelson at running back, while wide receiver Anthony Carter and tight-end Steve Jordan present a formidable pass attack. The offensive line is anchored by the trio of Gary Zimmerman, Kirk Lowdermilk and David Huffman.

In Detroit, Chuck Long is a green

quarterback with a weak receiving corps. This puts the pressure on running backs James Jones and Garry James, neither of whom makes the Lion faithful forget about Billy Simms. In simple terms, Detroit will be hard pressed to score points, and their defense is nothing to brag about either. Number-one draft pick Reggie Rogers will probably not start, and the rest of the defense will usually be outmatched by their opponent's offense.

Coach Ray Perkins is trying something radical in Tampa Bay. His plan is so radical that it could prove to be a huge disaster, or the cornerstone to a rebuilding program. Twelve rookies have made this year's team, including number-one pick Vinny Testaverde. However, Steve DeBerry will start at quarterback until Vinny is ready. Inexperience will prevent the Bucs from doing anything significant this season.

Green Bay is a team rich in history, but the present is far from fruitful. Quarterback Randy Wright is so weak that tenth-round draft pick Don Majkowski has a realistic chance of starting. Also, the defensive line is pitiful.

The N.F.C. West is fast becoming the class of the conference. In recent years the division was dominated by the Rams and 49ers; but this is no longer true. The Saints and Falcons are teams in the middle of rebuilding programs that are finally reaping results.

The Rams should win the division, but the 49ers will not finish second. The Saints, this season's surprise team, will finish second and make the playoffs for the first time in their history.

The Rams, led by Eric Dickerson, should be able to get into the playoffs, especially now that Jim Everett has a season of experience under his belt. The defense is a solid group of veterans, led by Carl Ekern and Mark Jerue. Also, the secondary and special teams are solid.

The only question about the Saints is how far they can go on the arms of Dave Wilson or Bobby Hebert. Rookie wide receiver Lonzell Hill is an explosive performer and Reuben Mayes will thrive behind a muscular offensive line, including rookie Steve Trapillo. The Saints' kicking game is the best in the league.

San Francisco is becoming more one-dimensional every year, depending more on the ability of star quarterback Joe Montana. If he is injured again this year, it's over for the 49ers. Wide receivers Tony Hill and Jerry Rice are two of the best in the game.

The Falcons are in desperate need of a quality quarterback, Dave Archer is not the answer. Rookie runningback Kenny Flowers can take some of the pressure off Archer, but Atlanta needs more beef up

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