

# Lions Homecoming win Profile: Herb Lauffer

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Parentscoming Weekend was quite a success this year. Aside from the birthday of the Penn State Lion, the Penn-State Behrend mens varsity soccer team beat the St. John Fischer Cardinals.

The final score was 2-0. Senior Joe Kushon scored for the Lion's in the first half, but unfortunately it was taken back by an offside call by the referees. However, this did not bother Joe. Again he scored in the second half (this one being official) and was assisted by Senior Jose Domingos. Also scoring for Behrend was sophomore Jay Varcoe assisted sophomore Ken Blasi. This makes the teams record 2-5-0 (this including the tournament at Alfred University).

After speaking with Coach Herb Lauffer, he says the game overall went very well. In fact it was probably the most consistent effort of the season for the boys. "We've

had occasions where we didn't play very well, fortunately our level of concentration was good," he said. "The team had better control offensively than they had had in previous matches as well as more penetrating passes."

"It's nice to play in front of a crowd," replied the coach. Even the slightest support means alot to the guys and enhances their performance. Those who have ever performed or competed in front of a crowd and understand the difficulty and nervousness of being in front of family and friends. But Saturday's crowd was very helpful in driving the team to strive to play better.

This season has not begun as well as ones in the past. The loss of such players as Todd Lindenmuth, Scott Coykendall, Mike Hockemberger and Chris Stein left them with a need to concentrate on developing a sound midfield. The range of ability is less but there is more

depth on the team than in previous years. The team is probably as close a unit as Coach Lauffer has had. Because they are all friends, there is a good attitude and willingness to share the ball. There are alot of positive aspects to this team and they should use these to their advantage in producing many victories.

Goalie Mark Vingling had his best game this year against St. John Fischer. It was the fifth shut out of his career. Teammate Doug McCarthy has stepped in as a sweeper back and has been doing very well. Dave Titley and Jay Varcoe contributed to the adjustment in the second half of the game to St. John Fischer's offside trap. But after careful review of this at half time, the guys had no trouble conquering the play.

The soccer team has the weekend off but will travel to Mercyhurst on October 7th to play a game at 3 pm.

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Athletic Director is helping student athletes achieve their education. "The key is education. That's what

you are all here for," explained Lauffer, "and athletics are a part of that education."

Ed's note: This article is the first in a series of profiles on Behrend coaches.

When Herb Lauffer arrives at his office in Erie Hall, he blends in with the school's administrative team. Clad in khaki pants, a blue shirt and a tweed blazer, he opens his mail and checks his calender for the day's meetings.

But, as 4:00 nears, he slips into blue sweats with red trim and black shoes, tucks a clipboard under his arm and heads for the soccer field.

Herb Lauffer, Athletic Director is also Herb Lauffer, Soccer Coach.

Growing up in the small college community of Slippery Rock, Pa., Lauffer played the only sport offered by his high school-basketball.

During his sophomore year of high school, he realized that he wanted to coach. "My friend's fathers were coaches at Slippery Rock," Lauffer said. "It was quite natural to have this feeling."

In the fall he would attend football games and watch the University soccer team practice. The college became the focal point of his future. With the desire to coach always in his mind, Lauffer enrolled at Slippery Rock in 1963.

"With Slippery Rock's reputation as a physical education school, it didn't make sense to go anywhere else to get the degree I really wanted," Lauffer explained.

While attending Slippery Rock, Lauffer earned four varsity letters. After graduating in 1963, he went on to receive a masters' degree from the University of West Virginia in 1968.

Lauffer began his coaching career in the Iroquois School District as a tennis coach. He also taught gym classes during his stay with the school district.

He began coaching at Behrend in 1968 after the college expanded to three full-time employees. His first college coaching duty was with the tennis team and later with the soccer team.

During his coaching career at Behrend, Lauffer's teams have enjoyed many winning seasons, but 1978 stands out above all the rest. "I would have to recognize the 1978 team first," said Lauffer, "they won the district championships and the team included Behrend's first national All-American, Tony Orlando."

Herb Lauffer is always looking for a challenge, and in 1981 he found one, he became Athletic Director of Penn-State Behrend. His duties include scheduling, fund-raising, budgeting and being a counselor for other coaches. "You need to be available to the other coaches as a sounding board to help them release some of their frustrations," said Lauffer.

But, the main duty of the



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Lion forward Ken Crumb tries to escape from an aggressive Niagara U. player. Behrend won the match 1-0.

## Baseball's pennant races

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Major League Baseball's divisional races are finally over with Detroit, Minnesota, St. Louis and San Francisco emerging as the winners.

The Tigers took things down to the wire before becoming champions of baseball's toughest division, the A.L. East. Key injuries to Toronto's Tony Fernandez and Ernie Whitt proved too much for the Canadian club to overcome. Milwaukee faded fast after starting the season at a blistering pace, but the Brewers finished the year with a very respectable record and should be future contenders. New York and Boston proved that overpaid, aging athletes can't compete with truly great teams, while Baltimore and Cleveland proved that they should be playing Triple-A ball. Also, Detroit's shortstop Alan Trammell should beat out Toronto's George Bell and Milwaukee's Paul Molitor for American League Most Valuable Player honors.

Frank Viola, who should win the American League Cy Young Award, led Minnesota to the top of the A.L. West, baseball's most evenly matched division, for the first time since 1971. Oakland, Texas, Seattle and Chicago served notice that Kansas City and California will no longer dominate the American League West. Kevin Seitzer of the Royals should edge out Mark McGwire of the A's for Rookie of the Year honors by virtue of being a more complete ballplayer.

St. Louis was crowned champions of the National League East, a division so weak that even hopeless Montreal was a contender going into the last week of the season. Too many injuries throughout the year kept New York, by far the best team in the National League when healthy, from repeating. The Pittsburgh Pirates, with baseball's best record in the second half of the season, came from deep in the cellar to grab a share of fourth place and finish just one win short of a .500 season. Look for the Pirates to contend in the near future, especially if they make a deal for a right-handed power hitter. The Chicago Cubs may have the distinction of being the first last-place team to have both and MVP and Cy Young Award winner on their roster. Certainly Andre Dawson and Rick Sutcliffe are deserving of the honors.

San Francisco topped Rose's Reds and kept Houston from repeating by winning the National

League West. Los Angeles and Atlanta are teams in deep trouble while San Diego is a team on the move. Catcher Benito Santiago, a shoe-in for Rookie of the Year, should lead the Padres to the top of the division in 1988.

Detroit should prove too much for Minnesota in capturing the American League pennant. Pitching will be the key here. The Tigers have four quality starters in Jack Morris, Doyle Alexander, Walt Terrell and Frank Tanana, while the Twins have only Frank Viola and Bert Blyleven. The Tigers dominated the regular season series between the two teams, winning eight of twelve games.

San Francisco, with a great

home-field advantage in Candlestick Park, will stun St. Louis in the National League playoffs. The Giants can match the Cardinals player-for-player throughout their roster, even at shortstop. Giant Jose Uribe has ability equal to that of Cardinal showboat Ozzie Smith. San Francisco has more team spirit and a better attitude than St. Louis, and this should give them the edge in a hard-fought series.

Experience and overall ability will give Detroit their second World Series victory in four years. The Tigers battled through a tough division in which they were picked to finish as low as sixth, and will stop short of nothing less than a world championship.

## Collegian's Athletes of the Week

by David Bruce  
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Congratulations to Sonya Sickles and Joe Kushon, the Behrend Collegian's first Athletes of the Week.

Sonya is a sophomore who is playing her first season for the Women's Volleyball team. She is currently leading the Lady Lions in spikes with 23 and in blocks with six.

She was the key player in Behrend's victory against Thiel with 11 spikes and four blocks, and Sonya also had two serving aces and eight spikes against Western Maryland.

Coach Wilson describes Sonya as "...an excellent blocker who just needs a little experience on the college level... we need to get the ball to her move."

Joe is a senior at Behrend and a co-captain on the soccer team. Joe, a forward, is the leading scorer for the Lions, and has scored the games' winning goal in both of Behrend's victories.

Coach Lauffer calls Joe "...a team leader, and a clutch player."

Both Sonya and Joe will receive dinners for two at Barbato's Restaurant in recognition of their accomplishments.



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Joe Kushon: Lion Leader



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Sonya Sickles: Consistent Soph.

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