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## Lions Find Winning Ways

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The Penn State-Erie Mens Soccer Team, coming off a modest two game winning streak, is preparing for the rest of this seasons tough schedule.

Going into the recent match against Niagara University, the team had to prepare for the unexpected. "We didn't know what to expect, talent-wise. Niagara is a Division I scholarship program with a 7-2-1 record," commented Coach Herb Lauffer. The match proved to be very evenly played, both teams had 11 shots on goal as well as the same amount of cornerkicks. "In the Niagara game we established territory, we set the tempo early," added Coach Lauffer, "Niagara also kept up the quick, but controlled style of play in the first half."

Behrend got a big break in the second half of the Niagara game. Dan Sawyer scored a goal off of a cornerkick to give the Lions a lead they would never relinquish.

"I felt the turning point came in the second half. The team has had a problem in '87 of not putting together two good halves." Coach

Lauffer added "I feared we might become defensive and try to ice the game. Since we had the lead the guys thought they could sit on the ball. Luckily, Niagara didn't take advantage of the fact that we might have lost our aggressiveness in the last 15 minutes of the game."

The 1-0 victory over Niagara University gave the team a shot in the arm. Their next match, against Westminster, proved to be another successful venture for Coach Lauffer and the team.

The final score against Westminster was 2-0. The first goal was scored by Joe Kushon, with an assist from Mike Cifelli. The second goal was scored Tony Arrieta with an assist from Doug McCarthy.

The close score did not accurately reflect the total dominance Behrend displayed over Westminster. With 23 shots on goal to Westminster's three, the Lions dominated play from goal to goal.

Coach Lauffer believed that experience was the determining factor in the Westminster match.

"Westminster has a young club, so we had a definite advantage. Our squad was deeper and we had come off an impressive win over Niagara," said Coach Lauffer.

"We basically dominated," continued Coach Lauffer. "There was a lot of pressure put on their goalie, but we could not get a third or fourth goal. We didn't need it, but the breakdown in concentration showed that we lacked that little extra punch."

The next match for the team was against Slippery Rock. The Lions dominated every facet of the game except in the most important way to some-the final score. The Lions were defeated 2-1. "We outplayed Slippery Rock, our 12 shots on goal to their nine gave us a slight edge with ball control, but we were caught flat," said Coach Lauffer.

Coach Lauffer went on to refer to the teams lapse in concentration. "With one minute and five seconds left in regulation we were nailed. A Slippery Rock player broke through and scored a goal to break the 1-1 tie. It was very disappointing. We were distracted, but not outplayed," concluded Coach Lauffer.

A strong showing against Westminster was a necessary. After defeating a solid Niagara squad, a loss to Westminster could have dealt a serious blow to the team's morale. The team could have become a cocky bunch, but they maintained their cool and took games one at a time.

## Profile: Jan Wilson

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Head volleyball coach Jan Wilson has been an integral force in women's athletics at Behrend since 1971. A native of Erie, Wilson earned her undergraduate degree at Slippery Rock State College and her masters degree at Buffalo State. While at Slippery Rock, she participated in tennis, field hockey, basketball and softball. After graduation, Wilson moved to California to teach in the Long Beach area. After six years in the sun, she returned to Behrend to accept a faculty position in her hometown.

At first, Wilson coached women's volleyball, tennis and softball. "When I came to Behrend, women's sports were just coming into vogue. When interest grew and schedules began to run longer, extra coaches were brought in," said Wilson. Now in her 16th year at Behrend, Jan has compiled a lifetime record of 204-157 as

head volleyball coach. Her 200th win, the highlight of her coaching career, came earlier this season. In 1983, Wilson coached Behrend to the NAIA District 18 volleyball championship. She was also recently inducted into the Slippery Rock Hall of Fame.

Coaching is not the only area in which Wilson excels. She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honor society here at Behrend. She is also the proud mother of four children, three of whom have attended or currently attend Behrend. Coach Wilson also remains one of the most popular faculty members among students.

Coach Wilson plans to continue teaching at Behrend in the future.

Her obvious skill and dedication to coaching should carry her towards another 200 wins.



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## Baseball Thoughts

by Richard Cain  
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Baseball's playoffs were decided this month with Minnesota and St. Louis taking the titles. The Minnesota Twins impressed and surprised many by taking out the Detroit Tigers, four games to one. By combining consistent pitching with strong hitting and aggressive baserunning, the Twins eliminated the Tigers with ease. Rookie manager Tom Kelley had little to worry about during the entire series.

Third baseman Gary Gaetti led the offensive attack. He belted a pair of homeruns to go along with four other hits to knock in a total of five runs. His offensive prowess only complimented his spectacular defensive play, the combination of which granted him the series MVP. The unsung heroes of the series were Tom Brunanski and Dan Gladden. These two outfielders hit .412 and .350 respectively while combining to produce a total of 14 RBI's.

The run production alone did not win the pennant for the Twins, their ability to keep the Tigers from scoring was the clincher. The Minnesota pitching staff, led by Bert Blyleven, Frank Viola and ace reliever Jeff Reardon, was perfectly deployed by Kelley to stymie the Tigers with a combined ERA of 3.88. They also helped the defense by striking out 35 Tigers in 44 innings.

The National League Pennant winning St. Louis Cardinals took the long road to their third championship in six years. The Cards came back from a three game to two deficit to win the sixth and seventh games. The only visible star of the Cardinals' effort was their manager, Whitey Herzog. With not one of their usual offensive producers hitting to their capabilities (only catcher Tony Pena hit over .300 in the series) and the absence

of RBI leader Jack Clark, Whitey was somehow able to fend off a tough San Francisco Giants team. The Cards won the only way possible, they combined tough pitching from Tudor, Mathews and Worrell, with great defense, helped along with some close calls which seemed to always go their way. They were then able to scrape up some runs and back their way into the World Series.

With all factors considered, the Twins' aggressive offensive play will be too much for the Cardinals pitching. The still absent Jack Clark and the recently injured Terry Pendleton will further hinder the St. Louis offensive attack. This severe offensive advantage of the Twins will undoubtedly overcome any pitching advantage the Cardinals may possess. With defensive play dead even at spectacular, look for Minnesota to take it six.

In recognizing the two great teams of this 1987 season, we must also give credit to some of the outstanding individual players of the year. The National League Rookie of the Year award will undoubtedly go to San Diego Padres' catcher, Benito Santiago. Benito racked up a .300 batting average with 164 hits, 18 homeruns, 79 RBI's and 21 stolen bases to clearly deserve the title. In the American League, Oakland A's first baseman Mark McGwire seemed to have the award wrapped up as early as July. Setting rookie records of 49 homeruns and 118 RBI's, to go along with a .289 batting average, there was no real competition.

Next is the Comeback Player of the Year. For the National League this award must go to Montreal Expos' pitcher, Dennis Martinez. Coming off some tough years on and off the disabled list, Denny compiled a 11-4 record in 22 starts with a 3.30 ERA. In the American League, the big surprise was Oakland A's pitcher Dave Stewart. Having never won 10 games in a season before, Stewart amassed an

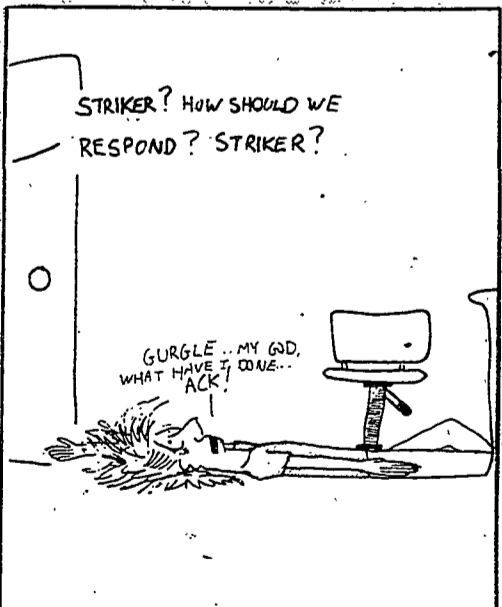
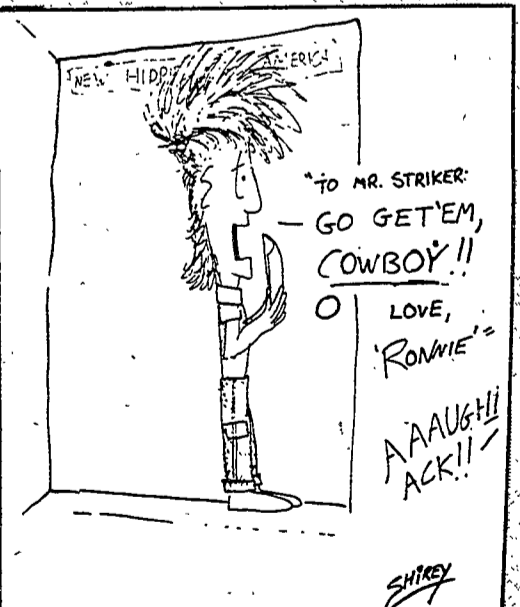
impressive 20 - 13 record in 37 starts with 205 strikeouts in 261.1 innings and an ERA of 3.68.

The third title to be considered is the Cy Young award. The National League recipient was a difficult choice due to the lack of comprehensive pitching talent. For this reason, the award should go to the Chicago Cubs' Rick Sutcliffe. Sutcliffe, while playing for one of the worst teams in baseball, was able to put together an 18 - 10 record in 34 starts and an ERA of 3.68. The American League choice was a much easier one. Hold out or not, Roger Clemens is still the best right-handed starter in the league. With his former champion Red Sox falling to sub-.500 baseball, Roger was still able to compile a 20 - 9 record in 36 starts. He led the league in complete games- 18, and shutouts- 7. He was also in the top ten in innings pitched- 281.2, and strikeouts with 256.

Finally, the most prestigious individual accomplishment, the Most Valuable Player award. The competition for this honor seems to get greater every year. With National League players like Tim Lincecum, Jack Clark, and Andre Dawson, to coincide with American League players like Alan Trammell, Dwight Evans, and George Bell, the decision is definitely not an easy one. All of these players had career seasons and it is a shame that only two of them may receive the award. With this in mind, this writer let the stats speak for themselves and totally disregard team standings. The Cubs' outfielder Andre Dawson amassed a .287 batting average with the league leading total of 49 homeruns and 137 RBI's. The Blue Jays' outfielder George Bell ended the season with a .308 batting average, 47 homeruns and a league leading 134 RBI's. Their consistent show of power led this writer to believe that Dawson and Bell had the best seasons in their respective leagues.

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