

Sports

OPEN LETTER:

SOCCER

TO ERIE SPORTS WRITERS

In past years, the Behrend Campus Athletic Program has been virtually ignored by the Erie paper. As a result of this, the Erie public has little knowledge, if any, of Behrend sports. The caliber of the athletic teams is of a high standard, and deserve much more recognition than it has received. The teams consist essentially of former Erie and Erie County high school athletes, and it is only right that they receive the publicity due them.

Soccer has recently attained national status, and whether you know it or not (few people in Erie do), Behrend has the only organized soccer team in the area. The boys on the team play a hard game, and work hard to make it worth watching. We would like to invite you and the rest of the Erie public to attend our games. We welcome your support, and promise that your time will not be wasted.

Rich Clement
Sports Editor
Nittany Cub

SOCCER SCHEDULE

Oct. 10	DuBois Campus, PSU (H)	3:30
Oct. 14	Buffalo State Freshmen (H)	2:00
Oct. 17	Bradford-Pitt (H)	3:30
Oct. 21	Lorain County Community College (H)	2:00
Oct. 24	Fredonia State Freshmen (A)	4:00
Oct. 28	Erie County Technical Institute (A)	2:00
Oct. 31	DuBois Campus, PSU (A)	3:30

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

by Al Dorchester

This week's "Athlete of the Week" is John Kane. Don't be surprised if you don't know who John Kane is, because he's not a Behrend student. John, who is BC's soccer authority, spends many hours of his time helping the Cubs with the rules and fundamentals of the game.

John was born in Glasgow, Scotland where soccer is the "king" of sports, as is the case in all of Europe. In Scotland, he coached a very successful youth soccer team for five years. While in the Navy, he played with and against soccer professionals. Since then, soccer has been his personal hobby.

When he came to the United States two years ago, John had difficulty finding anyone who had played. Then he heard about BC's soccer team, and he's been advising our squads ever since.

When asked about the difference between U.S. and British spectators he said, "There is greater crowd enthusiasm in British soccer but American crowds are better disciplined."

John requested that special recognition be given to Victor Long who, like John, has given many hours of his time teaching our team the finer points of soccer.

We at Behrend are both indebted and grateful to these two men who have so freely given us their services.

With the televising of NPSL games, soccer is fast becoming a popular sport on the American scene! Of all the junior high schools, high schools, and colleges in the Erie area, Behrend Campus is the only school to have an organized soccer team. Soccer is a rough and interesting sport to watch. The action is fast and seldom boring.

The BC Cubs have a very promising team this year. Returning lettermen include Bill Benko, Rick Blose, Frank Palcovic, Mike Velmer, Al Dorchester, and Mike Andrews. Other returning players from last year include Ed Messmer and Rich Clement. This insures a good core of experience on which to build a fine soccer team.

Regular practice has started. Any students yet interested should contact Coach Onorato.



Returning letterman, Rick Blose, Bill Benko, Al Dorchester, shown on the field.

BOOSTER CLUB

The BABC membership drive has been a complete success. Over 400 new members were signed up at registration, far exceeding the goal of 300 set by the club's president, Ed Messmer. This overwhelming success shows that Behrend students really do care!

INTERMURAL FOOTBALL

The deadline for intermural football team rosters has been extended until Tuesday. You may turn them in at the coaches' office. For further information see the bulletin board.

CHEERLEADING

The first practice tryout for cheerleading was held Monday evening. Diane Knickerbocker, captain of the cheerleading squad, urges any girl interested in trying out to contact her as soon as possible.