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photo by Chuck Groger

Lions Fullback Tony Viola eyes up the ball during Saturday's game against California State (PA).

Improved lady netters end season at 4-6

Clark, Rice both make quarterfinals at St. John Fisher tournament

by Robert Kitchen
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"They had a good season."

That was what Coach Mike Grignol had to say about his team after the conclusion of the regular season. The reason for Grignol's happiness? The fact that the women's tennis team won four times as many games as they did last year may have something to do with it.

Grignol was also very pleased with the marked improvement of the '89 squad over last years edition. The '88 team managed to win only once in ten tries, while this years edition won four games playing basically the same schedule.

Against Mercyhurst College on October 3 the lady netters concluded their regular season with a 0-9 loss on the Lady Laker's courts. Monica Michel was the only Lady Lion to go three sets (0-6, 6-4, 4-6).

The Lady Lions traveled to St. John Fisher College on October 6 and 9 to compete in a tournament. Behrend placed sixth out of seven teams. Melissa Clark and Victoria Rice both made it to the quarterfinals.

The lady netters ended their season with a 4-6 record. Victories for the Lady Lions were over Thiel College, Buffalo State, and two wins over SUNY-Fredonia.

In singles play, Erika Lloyd had the most consistent record for the Lady Lions on the season with five wins and five losses. The other singles records are: Clark (3-4), Rice (3-5), Michel (3-7), Rasche (3-7), Colleen Holzer (2-6), and Karen Major (1-7).

For doubles, the team of Rice and Holzer went 3-3 for Grignol, while the team of Clark and Lloyd went 3-4 and Michel and Rasche went 3-6.

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Lions battle with Vulcans ends in draw

Parents Weekend crowd treated to OT thriller

by Stephen Jason
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The Behrend men's soccer team lost what Head Coach Herb Lauffer called "The battle but not the war" when they settled for a 3-3 double overtime tie against California State (PA) on Saturday.

The Lions (3-6-1) took a 3-2 lead with 43 seconds left in the second overtime when freshman Ron Peterman stole the ball from a California defender and converted the theft into what looked to be the game-winning goal.

The Vulcans did not give up, and tied the score again as Jason Miller pounced on a loose ball and buried it with 16 seconds left to help Cal State (2-9-1) escape with a tie.

Sophomores Matt Gallagher (one goal and one assist), Dave Beck (one assist), goalie Ken Gronholm (17 saves) and Kevin Hess turned in particularly strong efforts for the Lions.

Senior Michael Mihalke also scored for Behrend. Mihalke is currently the teams leading scorer with five goals and three assists. His 13 point total also ranks him

among the East Coast Athletic Conference and Western PA Intercollegiate Soccer Conference leaders.

In the first half, the tandem of Troy Frisbee and Darrin Lupori connected for Cal State's first two goals, enabling the Vulcans to take a 2-1 lead at the half.

The Lions scored the only goal in the second half, forcing the game into overtime where the teams eventually played to a tie.

Lauffer was obviously disappointed, but was very encouraged by the effort his squad gave. "This is the strongest match we've played all year, especially in the offensive end. Cal State is much stronger than their record would indicate and the opportunities were still there for us, particularly in OT where we were able to dominate territorially."

Despite getting outshot by a two-one margin, Lauffer thinks the statistics do not necessarily reflect how close the game really was.

"We need to execute a little better, especially on defense," said Lauffer. "But give Cal State credit for coming up big. They kept working and pushed their

people forward in the final minute in order to get the tie."

On October 4, the Lions lost a tough road contest to Pitt-Bradford, 2-1. Bob Jimerson tallied both goals for the Panthers (4-1-2).

Senior Tom Kerr scored Behrend's lone goal with a header that beat Pitt-Bradford goalie Joe Wargo (five saves) inside the far post. Gronholm (five saves) suffered the loss in goal for the Lions.

The Lions must now look ahead to the final eight games of the season and use the positive aspects from this past weeks competition.

"The student, faculty, and alumni support was great on Saturday and hopefully it will continue during the second half (of the season)," said Lauffer.

NOTES: The loss to Pitt-Bradford was Behrend's first since the contract was renewed to play the Panthers in 1980-81. Saturdays game marked the beginning of the second half of the season. Today, the Lions are at Mercyhurst College at 3:00 pm before traveling to Slippery Rock on Saturday for a 1:00 pm match.

Lady spikers topple Mercyhurst on the road

by Mike Leshar
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The women's volleyball team travelled to Mercyhurst on October 7 to take on the Lady Lakers. The Behrend girls came out of the blocks quickly, winning the first two games (15-11, 15-13) before dropping the next two games (15-11, 15-5). The lady spikers recovered and went on to win the match with a 15-12 game five victory.

Behrend played well in their first two games, especially considering some of the players were out of position due to a regular player's illness. However, after winning the first two games, the Lady Lions relaxed, letting Mercyhurst back into the match. After losing games three and four and falling behind early in game five, Behrend pulled together and rallied to win the final game.

Coach Janet Wilson was pleased with the team effort and desire shown in the fifth game.

The bench support was another key in the road victory, according to Wilson.

Over this past weekend, the Lady Lions participated in the Juniata Tournament in Huntingdon, PA. Behrend had a rough weekend, losing all of their matches.

The Behrend spikers opened against Juniata College, who is ranked number one nationally, and lost. The Lady Lions then lost to Western Maryland (southern region number one), St. Catherine, and Messiah.

Coach Wilson stated that the girls had some good moments, but the team must learn to support each other better and help each other to play their best. Wilson hopes the team will be able to "maintain a good level of play and concentration for longer periods of time."

Sports bits

Men's tennis tryouts. Coach Mike Grignol will be holding tryouts for the men's tennis team this today at 4:00 pm. Tryouts will held on the tennis courts near Erie Hall.

Track club runs in cross country meet. Last Saturday, three Track club members competed with the cross-country teams from Gannon University, Mercyhurst College, and Westminster College at Scott Park near Presque Isle.

The top Behrend finisher was Ted Pilewski with a time of 32:11 over the five and a half mile course that curved around the fitness and BMX trails.

Other finishers from Behrend were Bernie Jaros in 34:00, and Mike Sauter in 34:07.

Freshman bowls an 801 series. Eighteen-year-old freshman Greg Berlin, who last week bowled a 300 game, racked up an 801 series Monday night at the Eastland Bowl. Berlin's game high was a 289. His average now stands at 212.




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