

RIT trips up Lions on the diamond

Behrend nine continues to struggle in twinbill losses

Lions baserunner Don Alpern gets thrown out at the plate against RIT in the first inning of game two on Monday afternoon

photo by Rick Brooks



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"It's not that the team is down, but we haven't been lucky, and it is hurting our confidence," explained Baseball Coach Mike Bari on the struggles of his young baseball team.

The Lions lost two games to RIT at home last Monday by the scores of 2-1 in the opener and 10-2 in the second game.

Freshman hurler Alex Horwath started for Behrend in the first game. Horwath pitched six and one-third innings giving up two runs on five hits. The two runs were unearned scores, caused by two Lions errors. Horwath also walked four batters and struckout three RIT hitters.

Freshman relief pitcher Bill Weimer finished the game, pitching two-thirds of an inning, giving up no runs or hits.

On the offensive end for Behrend in the first match, Ray Cerqua hit two of three and had a run batted in. John Terrill batted

one for three.

Behrend's hottest hitter right now is Cerqua who is batting .467 for the year, and is six for 11 in the last three games.

"Cerqua has been doing the damage," said Bari on the play of his first baseman.

RIT scored the first run of the game in the sixth inning, but the Lions quickly tied the game in the bottom half of the inning. RIT scored the winning run in the seventh frame, while Behrend went quietly in their half of the inning.

In the second game of the twinbill, RIT jumped all over Behrend pitcher Joe Mason.

RIT scored six runs in the second inning to take a commanding lead that they wouldn't give up to win, 10-2.

Mason got credit for pitching one inning and was touched up for four runs on four hits. Mason walked one batter and had one strikeout.

Weimer pitched six innings in relief and let in six runs, four of

which were earned runs. Weimer struckout four, walked three batters, and allowed six hits.

Cerqua batted two for two for the game scoring a run and also driven in a run for the Lions. Centerfielder Jim Goard scored the other run for Behrend in the fourth inning.

Last Saturday, the Lions split a doubleheader against SUNY-Fredonia at home.

Behrend lost the first game, 6-3, but came back to win the second game by a score of 3-2.

In the opener, Freshman Scott Frantz started for the Lions, pitching six innings and allowing five runs on seven hits. Frantz struckout five and had only one walk.

Matt Palisin pitched an inning in relief, giving up one run. Palisin yielded a walk and struckout one Fredonia batter.

Behrend stranded six runners on the bags at the end of the game.

Darin Wotus batted one for

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Sports

Women's softball

Lady Lions rout Thiel and Pitt-Bradford to start four game streak

by Robert Kitchen
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The Lady Lions have been tearing the cover off of the ball lately, and the pitching has been just as good. The result has been a four game winning streak.

The 1990 women's softball team easily defeated Thiel College in both games of a doubleheader on April 8.

In game one, Behrend blanked Thiel 10-0 in five innings on the strength of pitcher Erika Renwick's one-hitter. The Lady Lions defense was also superb, committing no errors. Renwick struckout five and walked none.

Next, the Lady Lions traveled to Pitt-Bradford, where they completed another sweep. The first game lasted five innings, with Behrend on top of the Lady Panthers, 14-2.

Renwick and Balizet teamed to pitch a three-hitter. Renwick got credit for her second win of the year.

Behrend blanked Pitt-Bradford 10-0 in game two. Michelle Hoover pitched four innings and Balizet pitched one to combine for a no-hitter.

At the plate, Dunn and Jen Mowris collected two hits apiece.

According to Softball Coach Brett Banker, pre-season exercises

Banker's squad is 5-1 and is on a four game winning streak after losing the season opener.

The only baserunner for Thiel got on by virtue of an infield hit.

Erica Scribner led the offensive attack with three hits, including a double and a triple, and four runs batted in.

The Lady Lions blasted the hosts in the second game, 20-1. Beth Balizet weaved a two-hitter for her first victory of the year. Balizet recorded five strikeouts in five innings.

Scribner was again hot at the plate, cracking four hits in five trips and knocking in three runs. Tammy Altman, Michelle Hoover, and Melanie Dunn each had three hits.

done by the team are now paying off for the offense. "We have been hitting the ball extremely hard," said the second year coach. The exercises emphasized upper body strength.

NOTES: Banker's squad is 5-1 and is on a four game winning streak after losing the season opener....In their last four games, Behrend has "10-runned" their opponent to play only five innings....The Lady Lions have allowed only 14 runs in six games....Renwick has only allowed four hits in 17 innings pitched.

Men's tennis squad suffers losing weekend on home courts

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The Lions season continued to slide downhill as they dropped two more matches this past weekend. The netters are 1-3.

Westminster earned an 8-1 victory over Behrend last Saturday afternoon. The lone win for the Lions came in doubles play when Mitch Janowski teamed up with Joe Spangler to defeat John Walco-John Bridges, (5-7, 6-2, 6-4).

The Titans avenged last year's 5-4 loss to the Lions.

This drastic turnaround can be attributed to the absence of the top seed, Bill Schmitt, from the Westminster match. Coach Mike Grignol was forced to adjust all of the team's seeds to play higher ranked opponents. Ken Gierl, who is the number three seed, was elevated to the number one match.

Although the loss of Schmitt was a setback, all of the players still performed well. Four of the five matches went the full three sets.

On Sunday, the difficult losses continued with a defeat by the Rochester Institute of Technology. RIT crushed the host Lions by an 8-1 score.

Chuck Keenan saved a sweep by winning his singles match. Keenan overcame a horrendous start in the first set, in which he lost 6-0, and won the next two sets to win the match.

Schmitt's match typified the weekend for the netters. Schmitt won the first set, 7-6, by taking the tiebreaker. The second set was also close, with Schmitt on the short end of a 6-4 score. Schmitt ran out of gas in the third and was defeated, 6-0.

The Lions were on the road yesterday at Geneva College. Their next home game will be Thursday against Indiana University (PA) at 3 pm.

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