

Sports

Softball squad splits home double-header with Gannon

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The women's softball team split in a double-header against Gannon University on April 13.

Behrend lost the first game of the twinbill by the score of 2-1. Erica Renwick pitched a three hitter but still came up with the loss. This is the second three hitter she has thrown this season and ended up with the loss.

Behrend out hit Gannon, but just couldn't bring in the

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softball coach**

the second game of the double header, which went into extra-innings.

Michelle Hoover pitched all nine innings to gain her third win of the season, boosting her to a perfect 3-0 record on the mound.

Behrend trailed 3-1 going into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Lady Lions forced the game into extra innings when Melanie Dunn tied the game with a two run single.

The eighth inning was scoreless and in the bottom of the ninth, with two outs, Darcie Bradley scored the winning run on an infield single by Kellie Jordan. Melanie Dunn was perfect at the plate, ending up five for five in the game.

Coach Banker commented on the Gannon double header, "It was important to see us play against a quality opponent. It will help us out in the long run."

The Lady Lions will have a tiring end to their season. They have to play in 20 games in 13 days. Luckily for Behrend, the majority of the games are at home.

Behrend's record is 6-2. They play at home today against John Carroll University.

runs. The Lady Lions stranded ten runners in the game.

"No one came through in the clutch when we needed it," said Softball Coach Brett Banker.

Jen Mowris and Tammy Altsman each had two hits to lead the Behrend offense.

The Lady Lions came back to defeat Gannon 4-3 in

Men's baseball

Edinboro takes the fight out of Lions in twinbill sweep

by Tony Viola
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The men's baseball team played only one double-header in the past week since games against Allegheny College and John Carroll University were postponed.

"The layoff over Easter hurt our pitchers, and these were the only two games of the season where we got knocked around," commented Head Coach Mike Bari on Monday's twinbill against Edinboro University.

The Lions lost the first game by a score of 13-0, and the second game 12-5.

In the opener, there weren't too many bright spots for Behrend.

As a team, the Lions only had two hits, both by centerfielder Chris Myers. Myers batted two for three, including a double in the first inning.

The Fighting Scots exploded in the fifth inning, scoring five runs.

Behrend starting pitcher Darin Wotus lasted three and a third innings and gave up eight runs, but only three of the runs were earned. Wotus allowed eight hits, while walking two batters and striking out one hitter.

Reliever Bill Weimer pitched two-thirds of an inning giving up two runs on two bases on balls. Weimer didn't allow any hits in his short appearance. Paul Benim was the next reliever for the Lions. Benim pitched two and two-thirds innings, giving up three runs on three hits. He walked four Edinboro hitters.

Don Alpern finished the game for Behrend throwing the last out for the Lions. Alpern struckout the one batter he faced.

In the second game, Scott Fleshman started for the Lions, but he didn't even last one inning. The Fighting Scots



photo by Rick Brooks

Get back: First baseman Ray Cerqua awaits the throw as a Lions pitcher chases back an Edinboro runner

scored five runs against him in the top of the first inning. Freshman was hit four times and walked one batter.

Freshman Scott Frantz pitched the rest of the game. Frantz let seven runs score, five of which were earned runs. He had no walks and struckout five sluggers.

Offensively, Behrend showed some splendid hitting at times. Ray Cerqua hit two of three, continuing to bat well for the Lions. Cerqua also scored a run after he hit a triple in the sixth inning.

Wotus hit a double to drive in Cerqua, and he also scored in the sixth inning. Benim drove in Wotus for the fourth run for Behrend, second of the inning. Benim hit two of three for the

game, driving in two runs.

Jim Goard cranked a home run and a double, scoring two runs. He also had one run batted in. Matt Palisin pinched hit a single and had a RBI, driving in Goard in the seventh inning.

As a team, Behrend had five extra base hits out of their nine hits for the game.

The Lion's schedule is very busy for the next week. Today, Behrend plays Allegheny College at home. The Lions travel to Gannon University to play a double-header tomorrow. The Lions then come back home to play Case Western on Saturday. On Sunday, Behrend plays John Carroll University in a twinbill at home.

This week's sports schedule

Thursday

Baseball	A	Gannon	1 pm
Softball	H	Westminster	3 pm
Tennis	H	Thiel College	3 pm

Saturday

Baseball	H	Case Western	1 pm
Softball	A	St. John Fisher	1 pm
Tennis	A	Nazareth	2 pm

Monday

Baseball	H	Edinboro	1 pm
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Tuesday

Baseball	A	SUNY-Fredonia	2 pm
Softball	H	Buffalo State	3:30 pm
Tennis	H	Buffalo State	3 pm

Netters drop match on the road against Allegheny

No. two seed Keenan continues to improve

by Sue Cepicka
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The Behrend men's tennis team suffered another defeat, this time to Allegheny on Saturday. The Lions are now 1-5.

On Tuesday, April 10th, Behrend was set to play Geneva, when rain prevented the start of the match. Last year, against Geneva, the Lions played at home and won the match 8-1. Unfortunately, due to the rain cancellation, the Geneva match will not be able to be made up. Geneva has ended their regular tennis season and is presently involved in tournament play.

On Thursday, Behrend was rained out again. The Lions were to play Indiana University (PA)

at home. Last year, Behrend was defeated by a 9-0 score. This match will tentatively be made up on April 23rd, with the time for the match to be announced later.

The Lions finally got to play on Saturday. Although they were defeated by Allegheny, 6-3, Coach Mike Grignol said that all the players performed well.

Number one seed, Bill Schmitt, a sophomore Engineering major, defeated Doug Rochner, (6-4, 6-3). The number two seed, Chuck Keenan, was defeated by Allegheny's Matt Michalski.

Keenan, who is a sophomore, and a graduate of North Hills High School, has had an impressive season so far. Grignol

has said that he has been the most improved player on the team this year. Grignol has high hopes for Keenan if he continues to improve at his present rate.

According to Coach Grignol, Keenan is "stroking out extremely well and is playing serve and volleys." This is typical of the Pittsburgh native. Chuck Keenan is expected to continue in his high performance trend and, as Coach Grignol states, he is definitely "standing out."

Coming up, the Lions will play Edinboro on Tuesday, and Thiel on April 19. Both games will be held at home, weather permitting.

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