

# Sports

## Men's soccer

# Lions unbeaten on home turf

*Booters tie Brockport, defeat Pitt-Johnstown*

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The Behrend soccer team is unbeaten after their first two matches this season.

Led by strong efforts from sophomores Ron Peterman and Jeff Hockenberger, the Lions tied SUNY-Brockport 2-2 on Wednesday and then came from behind Saturday to upend Pitt-Johnstown 2-1.

Wednesday, the Lions started slowly but gained momentum towards the middle of the first half. After some solid Behrend efforts went by the boards, Peterman headed in a kick from Junior Erik Filoon in the game's 21st minute.

Brockport followed that tally ten minutes later with one of their own as sophomore Tom Tallone found the back of the net. The score was set up by a Brockport corner kick.

The Lions had a chance to take the lead back late in the half but junior Vince Pedraza couldn't handle a pass that would have sent him in alone on a breakaway.

The Lions came out roaring in the second half with two golden opportunities to score early.

The first chance came courtesy of Peterman, who barely missed an open net with a kick in close from the left post. The ball edged past the opposite support as the Lions once again missed a perfect shot to take the lead.

Peterman came back just

minutes later with a drive deep into Brockport territory down the left side of the field. Brockport's Tallone, however, upended Peterman while attempting to defend the play. After the play was whistled as a foul, Tallone threw the ball at Peterman, and was yellow carded by the referee.

The Lions used the ensuing free kick to their advantage as junior Yasser Daoudi headed in a cross from Filoon to give Behrend the lead, 2-1.

The lead was short lived. Mark Cook scored on a Tallone pass for the Panther's second goal just two minutes later.

Both teams had several more scoring chances but failed to capitalize on them to end the game in a tie.

Although he had to juggle his lineup, Lauffer said he was pleased with his team's play.

"We had to ask some guys to do some different things for us prior to the game and they responded quite well. Statistically, we were better off (Behrend outshot Brockport 22-10), and I think we did well considering that we fielded a large group of new players while having our veterans play positions that were new to them."

On Saturday, Behrend started slowly but overcame an early deficit to record the victory. After the Panthers put their only goal on the board in the game's 14th minute, the Lions scored on a fluke shot from junior Chris



photo by Mark Johnson

On the move: Junior Yasser Daoudi glides down the field as he looks for an open teammate in Saturday's game with UPJ.

## Lions drop road game at SUNY-Fredonia

The Lions dropped a 4-1 decision at SUNY-Fredonia Tuesday night.

The Blue Devils took the lead early on a goal by Keith Sanborn.

Behrend countered on a tally by freshman Mike Dalzell, tying the game at one going into the half.

Fredonia came out strong in the second half,

responding with three unanswered goals to produce the final score.

Eric Cretian, Dan Stall, and Shawn Egan netted the remaining Blue Devil scores.

Fredonia outshot Behrend 23-7 in the contest.

The 1-1-1 Lions will host St. Vincent this Saturday before traveling to Geneva College and St. John Fisher College next week.

Filoon.

From about 30 yards out, Filoon placed a high kick directly in front of the Panther goal. A Johnstown defender went up to stop the kick with his head, but inadvertently directed the ball backwards into his own net. Coming with 13 minutes to go in the half, the goal ended the scoring in the first half.

The Lions started quickly in the second half, netting a goal 10 minutes into the stanza that may turn out to be one of the year's finest scores. Peterman nailed a diving header on a cross from Hockenberger and drove the ball inside the left post.

The Lions used solid defense

to hold onto their lead and win their first game.

"We were very pleased with Saturday's victory," said Lauffer. "It basically kept our record unblemished, but what was particularly encouraging about the match was that we came from behind. We just stayed with it (when the Lions were down), and we got a break. I think that you create situations like that, and I think that we forced that situation upon Johnstown."

The same Behrend team may have showed up for both games, but Lauffer saw a large difference in the club's play in the two contests.

"When you talk about

differences, you can easily say that we played much better with the lead in Saturday's game. Wednesday, we handled it poorly and Brockport recovered nicely. Against Johnstown, we were down early but were able to turn it around and get the go ahead goal. To our credit, we were able to hold the lead for a long time."

NOTES: Behrend outshot the opposition during the week 31-21....Goalkeeper Bajus made nine saves total in the two games and registered his first collegiate victory Saturday....The Lions played at SUNY-Fredonia Tuesday night and meet St. Vincent at home this Saturday. Game time is 1 pm.

## Soccer team loses co-captain

*Two players declared ineligible*

The men's soccer team has lost two players due to academic ineligibility.

Tony Viola and Mark Bauer will not play this year due to credit difficulties.

Co-captain Viola is ineligible due to lack of credits. Bauer was

Bauer is a non-degree student. Both he and Viola were expected to be team leaders this year and hoped to be major contributors in the defensive stance of the team.

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declared ineligible due to his loss of credits when he transferred to Behrend.

Viola was scheduled to lead Behrend's team in the sweeper position. Viola is presently attending all of the scheduled practices and is acting as a student assistant.

Viola is not alone in this effort.

respect for the players," Viola said at Wednesday's practice.

Head Coach Herb Lauffer was unavailable for comment on Wednesday.

First year assistant coach Brett Banker commented on the situation. "They were supposed to be major contributors," said Banker.

## Assistant coach resigns

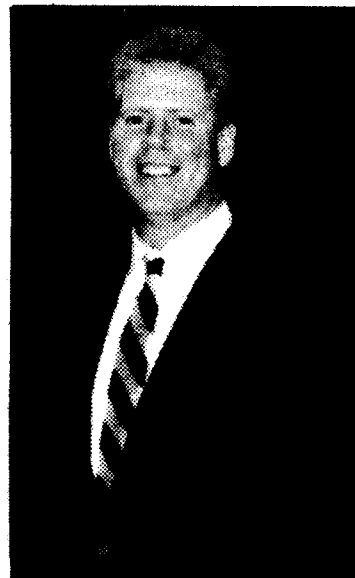
Athletic Director Herb Lauffer has announced the resignation of Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Jim Hamilton.

Hamilton, a member of the Lion's staff for nine seasons, served as top assistant for Jim Sims and Doug Zimmerman.

A teacher at McDowell High School, Hamilton was instrumental in the development of the basketball program at Behrend.

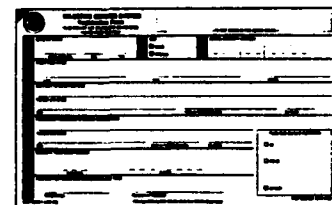
"Jim Hamilton served Behrend very well," said Lauffer. "His commitment to the program over nine seasons was essential to the development of our men's program."

Head Coach Fred Paulsen will announce the hiring of an assistant soon.



**Jim Hamilton:**  
Assistant men's  
basketball coach  
resigns.

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