

Inconsistencies stop spikers

Lady Lions drop 'home' tri-match with Thiel, John Carroll

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The women's volleyball team missed injured starter Lori Connick in their first home match last Thursday.

The match pitted the Lady Lions against John Carroll and Thiel College in the spiker's 'home' debut at the Iroquois High School gym. The tri-match was played at the local high school due to problems with the floor renovations at Erie Hall.

Despite a solid effort, the spikers dropped both matches to lower their record to 3-10.

"It wasn't so much our opponents that beat us, it was our own inexperience," said Coach Jan Wilson.

That inexperience was heightened by the loss of freshman starter Lori Connick, who had been playing well until a torn calf muscle took her out of the line-up last week.

"With Lori out we had to move some people around, it put some of the women in new starting positions and brought out some inconsistencies in our play," said Wilson.

The Lady Lions opened the night with a match against an always strong John Carroll squad. The J.C. women immediately lived up to their billing by going out to a 6-0 lead on the arm of six top-spin service winners.

"Some of the freshmen aren't used to that kind of a serve and weren't moving up to take it.

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**-Jan Wilson
Volleyball Coach**

They had some trouble adjusting and we got behind," said senior Erica Scribner.

The Lady Lions lost the first game, but they adjusted to the top-spin serve. They went on to

win the second game with some good serving and quick kills.

Unfortunately, an error plagued third game allowed John Carroll to hand the ladies their first home loss. The final game scores were 7-15, 15-10, and 12-15.

Thiel College was the spiker's next opponent. The match could have gone either way, but the Lady Lions had problems maintaining their intensity after the close loss to John Carroll.

"We just didn't play intense enough," said Wilson. "Thiel wasn't any better than us, we just didn't play like we do in practice."

Thiel went on to win the match (15-8, 15-12) and gained their first win of the '90 season.

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NOTES: The ladies will try to improve their record tonight as they travel to SUNY-Fredonia...Connick will not play tonight, but could possibly return for the tournament this weekend at Alfred State.

IN THE BLEACHERS

by Steve Moore



Buffalo sends netters to fifth straight loss

Gallegos still positive about team

by Robert Kitchen
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The women's tennis team dropped their fifth match in a row on the season to Buffalo State (7-1) on September 21st.

The doubles team of Nicole Anderson and Steffani Rasche got Behrend their only win. They played in the first doubles position and won (6-2, 6-2). Coach Dan Gallegos commented on this match by saying, "We played well in doubles."

The number two doubles team, consisting of Katherine Rozumny and Karen Major, did not play due to rain.

Katherine Rozumny gave forth a valiant effort in singles play. She went three sets but lost the match in a tough battle. The scores for her match were 6-7, 7-6, 7-6.

Melissa Clark, the number two seed for the team, was absent

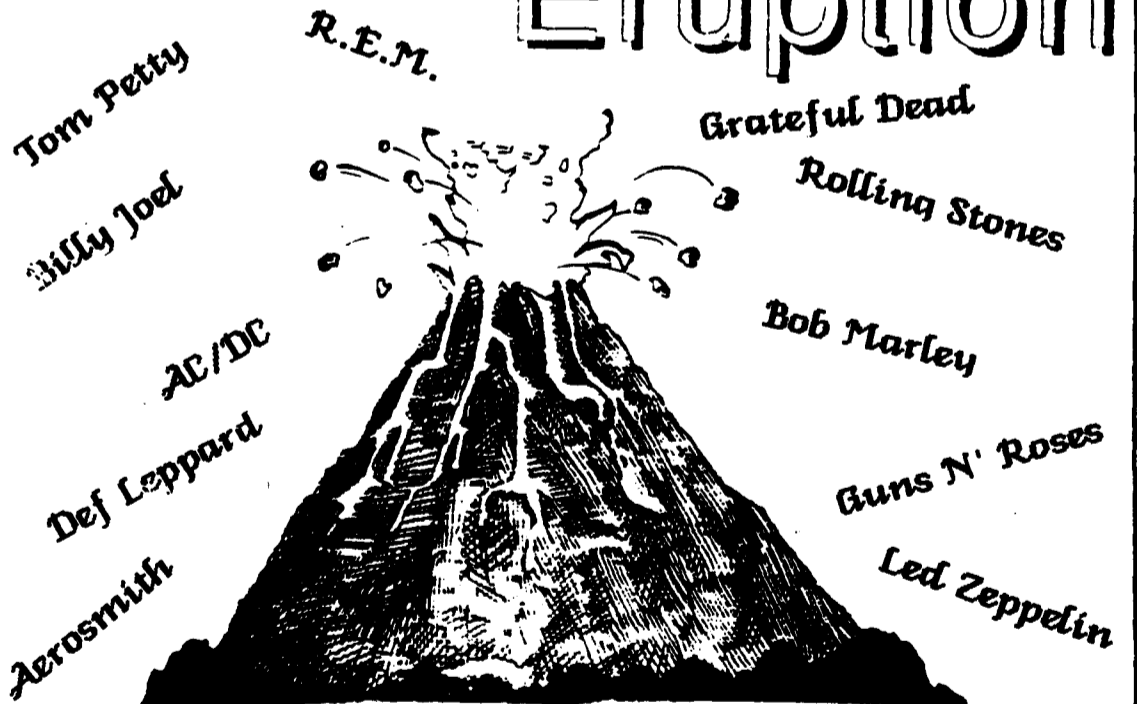
from play. This caused the line-up to shift upwards thus hurting Behrend's chances of winning.

Behrend's record is 1-5 while Buffalo State is 3-1. Despite the team's record, Gallegos is still in high spirits. Gallegos said, "I'm pleased with the players, they're working hard." Gallegos also says the players on the team still show a positive attitude.

Gallegos has two goals for the team and feels he is reaching them. His goals are to have fun and to lay a foundation for the future.

The lady netters end a four game road trip with a home match against Allegheny College. Allegheny is a Division III team like Behrend. Allegheny is a Division III powerhouse, and when asked about the match, Gallegos said, "I like to play tough teams in our division." Game time is 2 pm.

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