

# Spikers roller coaster ride continues

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The women's volleyball team has had a season of ups and downs.

They have at times raised their level of play to match that of superior squads. They have also at times fallen to younger teams with less experience.

Last week was a perfect example.

The spikers began last week's schedule with the long awaited Pitt-Penn State game (That's Pitt-Bradford by the way).

This match showed off the upper level of the spiker's play. They served the ball well, dug consistently, and worked together to put the Lady Panthers away 15-8, 15-1.

"They were simply an inexperienced team," commented Behrend Coach Jan Wilson on the Pitt team. "We played well, and that's all we needed."

That good play continued in the next match against NAIA rival Seton Hill, but to a different end.

This match pitted the spikers against the fast, hard-hitting offense of one of the top-ranked teams in the NAIA.

Seton Hill started the match like champs with some tricky ball movement and a few quick spikes.

The Lady Lions countered with Erica Scribner (nine kills) and Lori Connick

(eight kills), who took advantage of the team effort being made to get the ball to the hitters.

The game was a battle of ups and downs, but the Hill women prevailed, 16-14. The second game turned out to be much like the first with both teams fighting for every point.

The Behrend women put 16 balls on the floor, but dropped the second game in a 15-10 decision.

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- Jan Wilson  
Volleyball Coach

Despite the loss, Wilson said she was pleased with her teams' offense.

"Twenty-nine kills is the most kills we've had in two games all year. We walked away from that match not satisfied, but not disappointed."

If you believe in signs of things to come then the fact that the lady spiker's bus died after the tri-match in Bradford should provide you with some assurance, because the women's game stalled also.

The Lady Lions hoped to continue the teamwork

which had brought them a win in Bradford against Grove City and Westminster College.

The opposing teams in these two matches were very similar.

Grove City and Westminster have strong serving teams who can move the ball well. Unfortunately, not only was their opponents' style of play the same, the outcome was also the same.

A lack of teamwork and a missing mental game brought quick losses in both matches.

First to Grove City, 15-7, 15-7, and then to Westminster, 15-5, 15-12.

The losses dropped the spiker's record to 12-19 with 13 matches remaining.

"We've set a goal to win at least half of our remaining games," says Wilson. "But it's hard to predict when you're up one match and down the next."

**NOTES:** The spikers will try to keep their game up against St. John Fisher and SUNY-Geneseo this Saturday...The Lady Lions will finally have their first Erie Hall home match since last season (according to an old schedule in the office their last match in the Hall was on Oct. 26, 1990) next Tuesday. The tri-match involves local rivals Mercyhurst College and Lake Erie. Starting time for the match is 6 p.m.

# The Behrend Scoreboard

For games from Oct. 10 through Oct. 16

Results of the Paul R. Teasley Memorial Run. Distance of this year's run was five kilometers.

1, Jeff Lasky, 24:21. 2, John Wiedmann, 24:51. 3, Dr. Ed Masteller, 25:01. 4, Darrell White, 25:33. 5, Kim Boyd, 25:53. 6, Kim Howard, 26:58. 7, Chris Kanoza 31:01.

Oct. 16 Allegheny 2, Behrend 0 15-0, 15-11

Behrend 2, Carlow 0 15-0, 15-11

## Schedule

### Soccer

Saturday, Oct. 20 Westminster at Behrend  
Wednesday, Oct. 24 Slippery Rock at Behrend  
Saturday, Oct. 27 Behrend at Houghton College  
Monday, Oct. 29 Behrend at Indiana (PA)  
End of season

### Volleyball

Saturday, Oct. 20 Behrend and SUNY-Geneseo at St. John Fisher College  
Tuesday, Oct. 23 Lake Erie and Mercyhurst College at Behrend  
Thursday, Oct. 25 College of Wooster and Pitt-Bradford at Behrend  
Saturday, Oct. 27 Behrend and Alderson-Broadus at Washington & Jefferson  
Tuesday, Oct. 30 Behrend and Malone College at Baldwin-Wallace  
Thursday, Nov. 1 Grove City College at Behrend  
End of season

## Soccer

Oct. 13 Behrend 2, Washington & Jefferson 0  
First half scoring: none.  
Second half scoring: 1, (B) Daoudi (Peterman), 44:12. 2, (WJ) Brooks, 24:00. 3, (B) Hockenberger, 9:39.  
Shots: Behrend 21, Washington & Jefferson 11  
Corners: Behrend 4, Washington & Jefferson 2  
Saves: (WJ) Deriso 9, (B) Double 3

## Volleyball

Oct. 10 Behrend 2, Pitt-Bradford 0 15-8, 15-1  
Seton Hill 2, Behrend 0 16-14, 15-10  
Oct. 12 Grove City 2, Behrend 0 15-7, 15-7  
Westminster 2, Behrend 0 15-5, 15-12

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