

Soccer action



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Giving chase: Forward Hans Ammitzball (left) pursues a Westminster player in last Saturday's home match. Neither the freshman nor the Lions could catch up with the Titans, losing 3-0.



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Getting a kick: Freshman Dan Stoddart (2) prepares to give the ball a big boot as a Westminster defender closes in.

Sports

Booters drop two
Grove City and Westminster
topple up and down Lions

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Many sports teams usually go through a phase at least once a season that can best be described as a "Jekyll and Hyde" syndrome. The Behrend soccer squad got their chance to witness this phenomenon first hand last week.

The booters dropped both of their matches last week, falling to Grove City, 2-1, on Oct. 17 and 3-0 to Westminster on Saturday. In both matches, the Lions performed well in one half but poorly in the other.

On paper, the Grove City match looked like it would be dominated by the hosting Wolverines. Despite being outshot 14-0 in the first half, Behrend allowed only one goal, by Grove City's Matt White 7:40 into the half.

The lackluster first half performance gave way to a stellar second half showing by the Lions.

Following a controversial penalty assessed to Behrend, the Wolverines' Steve Molbach connected on a penalty kick 12 minutes into the stanza. But Behrend turned up the heat, coming back just over a minute later to score on a goal from striker Ron Peterman.

On a breakaway, Peterman's initial shot was stopped by Grove City goalie Towle Matthew, but he scored on the ensuing rebound. It was the sophomore's fifth tally of the year.

Despite the Lions' second half turnaround, Peterman's goal was all that Behrend could muster, and Grove City narrowly averted the upset.

Soccer Coach Herb Lauffer explained his team's up and down performance.

"In the first half we played timidly, cautiously,

apprehensively," said the Lions mentor. "The result was that we were down 1-0. But we were a completely different team in the second half. We just went out, did not question anything, and did what we needed to do."

"The penalty kick called against us was the turning point of the match. We came back literally seconds after that and scored. We continued to press, but could not get the equalizer."

The Lions came home on Saturday to face Westminster. This time, Behrend played a solid first half, but then lost the momentum in the second period, allowing all three Titan scores.

Goals by Westminster's Matt Barnishin (41:42), Jason Seabury (30:32), and Mark Williams (27:17) were more than enough to drop the Lions.

"We were focused, we were challenging 50-50 balls, and we even challenged some balls that were not in our favor and won them (in the first half)," said Lauffer. "We hit the upright once and hit the crossbar once while outshooting Westminster, 10-3."

"We had a good halftime; the team looked as primed as they've ever been to go out and put a team away. I don't know if Westminster went to another level, but they started to dominate, scored four minutes into the half and that 1-0 deficit really deflated us."

NOTES: Lauffer was not able to attend the Grove City match because of a hospital checkup. The club's two assistants, Brett Banker and Ken Crumb, coached the squad in Lauffer's absence. Lauffer said: "(They) did a good job. The team responded well to their direction and leadership. I'm grateful to have a couple of people such as Brett and Ken and I praise the job that they did."

The Behrend Scoreboard

For games from Oct. 16 through Oct. 23

Soccer

Oct. 13
Grove City 2, Behrend 1
First half scoring: 1, (GC) White, 7:40
Second half scoring: 2, (GC) Molbach (penalty kick), 12:01. 3, (B) Peterman, 13:47.
Shots: Grove City 21, Behrend 8
Corners: Grove City 7, Behrend 4
Saves: (B) Spear 8, (GC) Matthew 3

Oct. 20
Westminster 3, Behrend 0
First half scoring: None.
Second half scoring: 1, (W)

Barmshin (Clancy), 41:42. 2, (W) Seabury (Clancy), 30:32. 3, (W) Williams (Seabury), 27:17.
Shots: Behrend 19, Westminster 11
Corners: Behrend 4, Westminster 4
Saves: (W) Stitt 5, (B) Spear 2

Volleyball

Oct. 16
Behrend 2, Carlow 1
15-12, 13-15, 16-14
Allegheny 2, Behrend 0
15-0, 15-11

Oct. 20
St. J. Fisher 2, Behrend 0
15-5, 15-5

Behrend 2, Geneseo 1
15-5, 8-15, 15-10

Oct. 23
Lake Erie 3, Behrend 0
15-12, 15-13, 15-9

Schedule

Soccer
Saturday, Oct. 27
Behrend at Houghton College

Monday, Oct. 29
Behrend at Indiana (PA)
End of season

Volleyball

Thursday, Oct. 25
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

What was I to do? One of my fellow editors was out sick, another had just collapsed on the couch we somehow jammed into our miniscule office (for counseling purposes), and the rest of the editorial staff had joined *Tempus*, where they only have to worry about one deadline. But the big guy with the J. said "Fill this space with something, or you'll write the police report for the rest of your life. So be it."