Sports

Tennis team falls to RIT, blanks Thiel

by Robert Kitchen The Collegian

The men's tennis team dropped a 7-2 decision to RIT this past Saturday on their last two-match road trip of the season.

Behrend's two wins came in doubles play against the RIT netters. Chuck Kennan and Keith Stark won 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 while Eric Good and Craig Edwards won 7-5, 6-2 at the number two doubles spot.

In singles play, Behrend was swept in all six matches. In the number five position, Sophomore Stark played a hard match, but ended up loosing 6-7, 6-3, 6-3.

After the match, Behrend fell to 2-8 on the year while RIT jumped to 8-4.

Coach Dan Gallegos commented on the RIT match.

"We played doubles really well," he said. "But the doubles team of Eric Good and Craig Edwards moved to 6-4 on the year after the RIT match. They've had some quality wins during the season."

Behrend crushed Thiel 9-0 two days before. Thiel only suited four players, thus defaulting three of nine points in their match.

In singles play, victories include Good 6-2, 6-0, Steve Smith 6-3, 6-3; Keenan 6-0, 6-0; Edwards 6-0, 6-2; Stark won by default; Bill Stolar won by default.

In doubles, Keenan and Stark won 6-1, 6-4 and Smith and Joseph Spangler won 6-2, 6-2. Good and Edwards won by default.

Team's captain Steve Smith, said,"They were an unprepared team. Their program is of a low caliber."

Behrend is currently 2-8 on the season. Their next outing will be against St. John Fisher at home on Saturday, April 27. The match begins at 12:30 p.m.

Rain, rain, rain Six rain-outs last week have Lady Lions scrambling to finish schedule

by Sue Cepicka

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Noah had better luck.

The softball team has now been rained out for the last six games, and with those rain-outs the Lady Lions will be scrambling for the rest of the season to top last year's win record.

Baldwin-Wallace (a national and regionally ranked team and probably Behrend's toughest opponent of the year), Westminster College and St. John Fisher were all scheduled for last week, but were scrubbed because of Erie's traditional spring weather.

Currently, the Lions record is 14-7, and according to Head Coach Brett Banker, "We would have to go 6-4 for those remaining games to break another record -- that's 20 wins," he said. "We would definately break it if we didn't lose those games to rain."

Makeup possibilities for the three teams are slim. Only St. John Fisher is able to accomodate Behrend's scheldule, although a date has yet to be set. The other teams, Baldwin-Wallace and Westminster College, play in leagues starting this week.

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- Brett Banker Softball Coach

Banker is trying to reschedule rained-out games with St. John Fisher and Mount Union in order to increase the Lions chances of post-season play and another record-breaking season.

"To show how good we are, we need to get those games in," said Banker.

Last year the Lions went 4-2 for rained-out games. Those two losses were to Mt. Union.

Today, the Lions, weather permitting, will play Grove City College away at 2:00 p.m. and they are expected to take both games.

"It's hard, we haven't played in a week," said Banker about his Lions. "We have a difficult week ahead." That difficult week includes a makeup with arch-rival Allegheny College.

Allegheny has gone to regional finals eight out of the last 10 years. In the two years that Banker has been leading the team, they have never beaten Allegheny.

Allegheny will be a big factor in the performance of the Lions in the remaining two weeks of the season. Days off due to rainouts are not helping the situation.

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> Sunday - April 28 at 6:06 p.m. Dr. Carolyn Spies "The Downside of Praise"

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Sunday - April 28 at 7:07 p.m. Boston Red Sox vs. Kansas City Royals

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