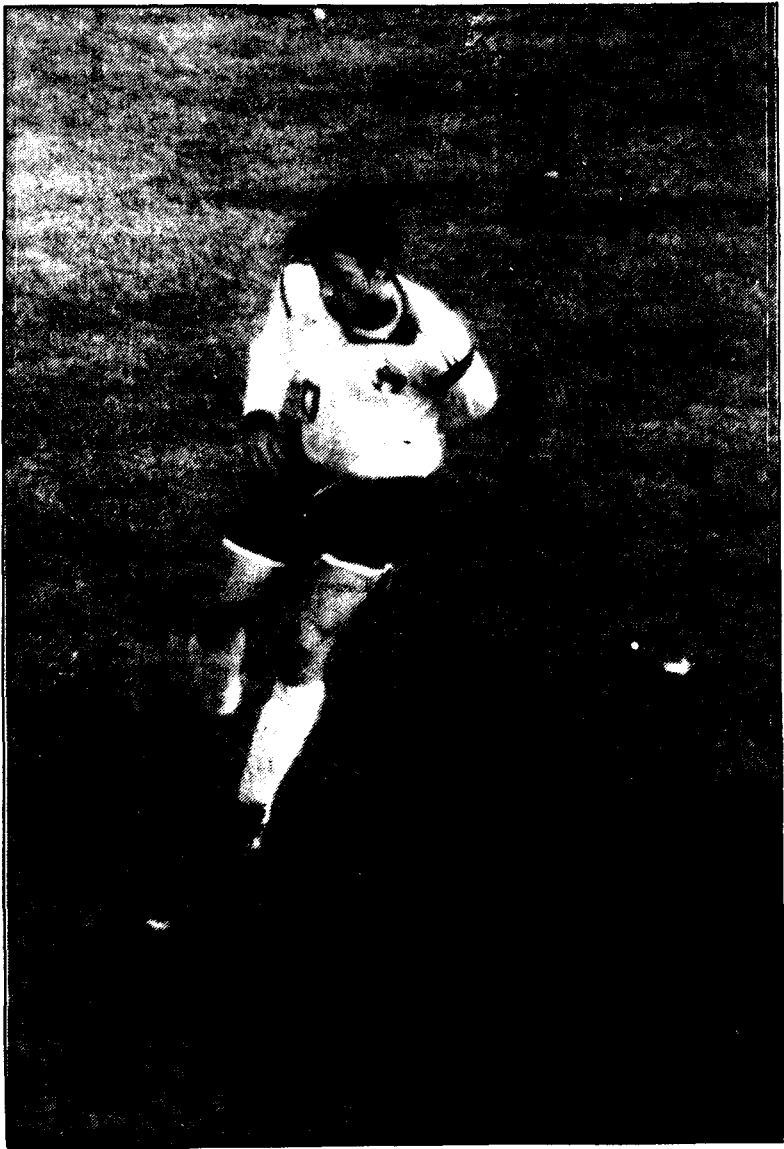


Two players shoot for the stars

Rick Nese



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Shon Fleming



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On Thursday, November 19, Rick Nese and Shon Fleming, two of Behrend's men's soccer players, participated in the Western Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Soccer Conference All-Star Game held at St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, PA.

Nese and Fleming, both senior captains, were picked as All-Stars by other coaches in the conference. The top 38 players make it to the all-star game.

They played on the North team, which comprised of players from Penn State-Behrend, Pitt-Bradford, Pitt-Johnstown, Allegheny College, Slippery Rock and Grove City.

Nese played stopper, and Fleming played a variety of positions. Although they lost 2-1, the two enjoyed the game. "It was interesting to play along side some of the players that I rivaled against over the season," said Rick Nese.

Fleming agreed. He said, "It was a good opportunity to see friends from other schools, and be able to play on the same team instead of against them."

It was the second year they had both been picked for the All-Star game, and they considered it a great honor.

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Hilbert and Mark Malone of Methodist both ended up on the All-Tourney team.

The capacity crowd was making some noise as they awaited the big game. Both teams entered the gym and were set to shoot each other down.

In their biggest first half output of the season, the Lions put up 49 points to Defiance's 28.

Would the second half be a different story? Could the Lions keep the high-powered offense of the Yellow Jackets down?

The answer was a resounding, yes as Behrend shot 66% to pull out the 81-63 victory and repeat as champions.

The big three, no, not Churchill, Stalin and FDR, but Plyler, Respress and Thorne paced the Lions once again. Respress poured in 22 and Thorne added 12 as both were named to the All-Tourney team.

Plyler captured MVP honors as he hit six three pointers and had 28 points to help lead the Lions on to victory. Their record improved to 3-3.

The Lions next game is on December 19 when they face Cedarville College, and their first game after break is against Daemen College on January 11.

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