

## SPORTS BITS

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**Phightin' Phils:** The Philadelphia Phillies have the best record in baseball and are atop the National League East after the first week and a half of the baseball season. The Phils 8-1 start is their best start since 1915 when they stormed out to a perfect 8-0 record. Last season the Phils had no problem scoring runs, but they gave up more runs than they could score. This season is different. The Phils pitching has been strong so far this season. Terry Mulholland is 2-0 with a 0.53 ERA, Curt Schilling is 2-0 with a 1.59 ERA and Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams has five saves and has not given up a run in five appearances.

**Fab Five:** The Atlanta Braves knew that they would have to rely on their pitchers to carry them this season, but I am sure they did not expect their pitchers to outwit their batters. As of Monday the Braves hurlers were hitting at .211 while their (so-called) batters were averaging .188 at the plate.

**Knick Knack:** The New York Knicks defeated the Washington Bullets 93-85 last night to keep a one game advantage over the Chicago Bulls in the race for home court advantage throughout the NBA Eastern Conference playoffs. The Knicks' win was their 17th consecutive at home.

**RecordBreaker:** St. Louis closer Lee Smith recorded his 358th career save last night in the Cardinals' 9-7 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers Tuesday night. The save put him ahead of Cincinnati Red's reliever Jeff Reardon on the Major League's all-time save list.

**OLDIE BUT GOODIE:** Larry Holmes scored a TKO in the seventh round against Canadian Ken Lakusta on Tuesday. Holmes' win increased his career record to 57-4.

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# Lions rule the den

Stretch winning

streak to seven

by Joe Mottillo  
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Who is the second hottest sports team in America?

Da Bulls? Nope. The Phillies? Maybe. The Pens? Definitely the hottest.

The second hottest has to be the Behrend women's softball team.

Since dropping the first game of a doubleheader against Allegheny College on April 6th, the Lions have reeled off seven consecutive wins.

The most recent victim was the Washington and Jefferson Lady Presidents yesterday at home.

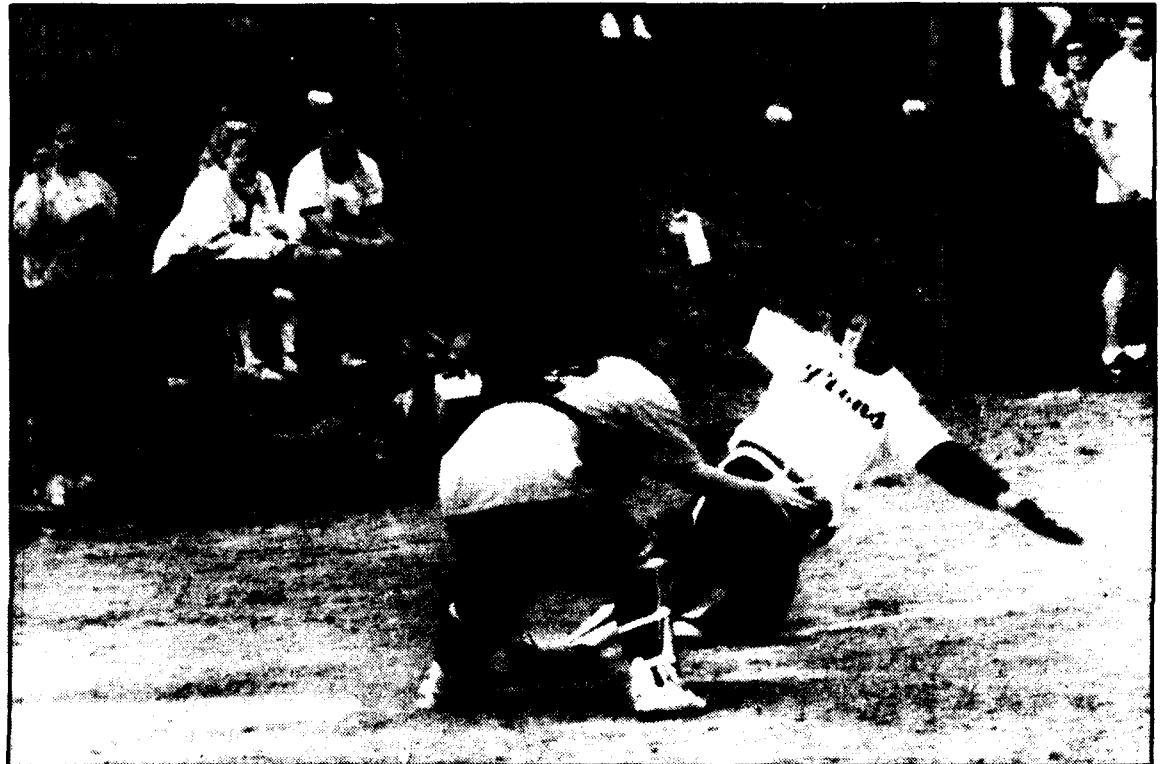
The Lions had little trouble dispatching of the Lady Prexies.

The outcome of the first game was 7-5. The Lions rode the hitting of shortstop Darcie Bradley, who went 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's and 2 runs scored.

Centerfielder Carrie McDougal had two hits, scored two runs and also drove in the game winning run in the bottom of the sixth.

Casey Putteman picked up the victory on the mound for the Lions as she improved to 7-1 on the season.

The second game had similar results as the Lions won 4-2.



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**Young gun:** Freshman Becky Reed beats the tag at home after legging out an "all you can get" homerun she hit against Geneva last week.

Putteman started things off for the Lions as she got on base with a single.

Thirdbaseman Sue Mazur followed with another single.

The Lions then worked the double steal to perfection as Mazur swiped second and Megan Musante, who was put in to pinch run for Putteman, barreled over the catcher to put the Lions up 2-0.

Rightfielder Julie Stocker drove in Mazur on a single on what proved to be the game

winning hit.

Behrend scored once more in the fourth frame to make the score 4-0.

The Lady Prexies didn't lay down and die as they rallied for two in the sixth, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Lions

proved to be too tough in the end.

Cherie Varassa picked up the win to post her seventh win of the season as she improved to 7-1 on the year.

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## McLaughlin: Par for the course

by Keith E. McFall  
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This week's Athlete of the Week is the first golfer to be featured in this column this year.

Todd McLaughlin is a sophomore and has gotten off to a good start in his second year on the team.

At the Malone College Tournament in Ohio on April 5 and 6, McLaughlin led the team to an eighth place finish, shooting rounds of 79 and 80 for a total of 159.

"He is the first Behrend golfer to break 80 in several years and is having a good spring," said Coach Herb Lauffer.

McLaughlin is a management major from Tidioute, PA. He attended Tidioute High School but played golf for Youngsville High School because Tidioute doesn't have a team.

He was selected to the All Tri-County Athletic Conference (TCAC) Team during his high school career.

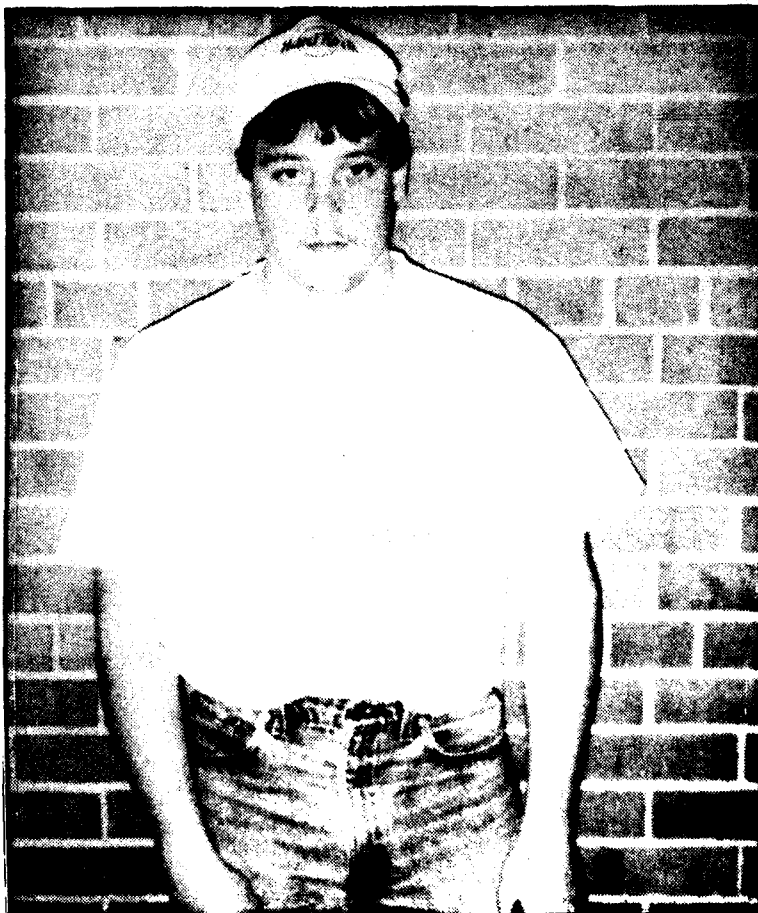
Some of the goals McLaughlin has set for the team are to improve as a whole and possibly win a tournament this year.

"We have a good team atmosphere and everyone is real positive. We give each other pointers and help each other out whenever we can," he said.

McLaughlin started playing golf when he was thirteen years old and has not put down his clubs since.

He said he owes much credit to Mike Kaye, the club pro at the Jackson Valley Country Club near his home, for teaching him the finer points of the game.

Other activities McLaughlin enjoys are swimming and basketball, and he hits the links as much as possible in the summer.



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**Athlete of the week:** Sophomore Todd McLaughlin stands tall on the men's golf team.