

SPORTS

Women finish in strong fashion

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Despite being comprised entirely of underclassmen, the Behrend women's tennis team still managed to finish the fall season with a 9-7 record for their second winning ledger in as many years.

"They already have a special place in Behrend sports history, but can they three-peat?" beamed a proud Coach Dan Gallegos.

Capping off their successful year, they traveled to Rochester, N.Y. to compete in the Cardinal Tennis Invitational over the weekend.

Annamarie Faso entered the tournament as the top seed and won her first two matches, defeating Bonnie Parent of Utica 6-0, 6-4 and then stopping St. John Fisher's Karen Howk 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

She met her match in the semifinals, however, bowing to serve and volleying Julia Porter of Division II Mercyhurst College by identical 6-3, 6-3 set scores. "My passing shots just weren't there," lamented a weary, yet satisfied Faso.

Holly Olarczuk beat Utica's Betsy Snyder 6-0, 6-2 before

being eliminated by Kathleen Moynihan, the second seed from Nazareth. She also teamed with Jennifer Puerto to defeat a doubles team from Wells 7-6, 6-4 only to fall to a tandem from Nazareth in the next round.

Unfortunately, the lady netters dropped their final team match of the season this past Friday falling on the road to St. John Fisher by a 5-3 score. Singles victories were posted by Faso and Rhonda Dennison, with Dennison also earning a doubles win along side Melissa Barger.

Unfazed by their final loss, Coach Gallegos said that the lady aces "brought a warm feeling to my heart with their all-out effort. They came to practice, even in the rain, they worked hard, and they were mentally tough."

The individual records for the "super sophomores" are as follows: Faso (19-3), Olarczuk (9-9), Puerto (10-7), Barger (6-10), and Dennison (6-6).

Freshmen Shelly Pearson (6-4) and Melissa Kelly (1-1), who sprained an ankle early in the season, rounded out the line-up.

"It was another record-setting year," said Gallegos. "Grandpa Stroehmann would be proud, these ladies are the greatest thing since sliced bread!"

I.M. starts strong

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Now that we're a month and a half into the semester, Behrend intramurals are in full swing.

There were two flights in the men's singles and doubles tennis divisions.

In men's singles "A" flight, Sam Bhatt defeated Greg Best 6-0, 6-2 to capture the title.

In doubles "A" flight, Bhatt teamed up with Ajay Singh to defeat the team of Best and Hal Coffey 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 to capture the crown. All participants in both "A" divisions were members of Lawrence-1st east.

In singles "B" flight, Phil Pascarella will take on Belkin and MacPherson will play Rusty Brown of Delta Chi. These matches are scheduled for October 15.

In doubles "B" flight, Iliia Belkin and Mark MacPherson of Kappa Delta Rho, defeated the team of Scott Musterel and Jason Bauer of Nasty Assassins of Love to win the division.

In women's singles, Tracy Thompson defeated Lachesha Hall in the finals of women's tennis which was held on October 8.

Sand volleyball for this year is an improvement over last year as the numbers of teams rose. There were 33 men's teams, 8 women's

teams and 7 coed teams.

In the finals of coed, Buttheads defeated the two-time defending champions, Country Bumpkins.

In the playoffs of the men's division, Ballbusters defeated NAL "D" in one semifinal, and Sandblasters defeated NAL in the other.

In the finals, Ballbusters defeated Sandblasters to capture the title.

In the women's division, Weimers Women 3 defeated Perry Powerhouse Women 2 to capture the crown.

In cross country, 81 entrants braved weather that was in the low 40s with a steady rain to complete the 3.1 mile course. Matt Virtue of Sigma Kappa Nu captured the title for the second year in a row as he ran it in 18:13, which shaved 32 seconds off of his time from last year.

John Yasnowski of Sigma Tau Gamma took second with a time of 18:53.

In team scoring, Kappa Delta Rho took both first and second, with Perry Peckers in third and Sigma Tau Gamma in fourth.

In softball, Skinforce, Tau Kappa Epsilon and NAL all entered the playoffs with undefeated records in league play.

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Sports bits

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SOCKED SOX-The Blue Jays, led by the American League Championship Series MVP Dave Stewart, shrugged off the cold weather and won their second consecutive A.L. pennant and a trip to the World Series with a 6-3 win over the Chicago White Sox. For the White Sox, Tim Lincecum set a new ALCS record with 12 hits, but it was all for not because even though he scored five runs, he was stranded at third base five times. That alone could have, and probably did, cost the White Sox the series.

ONE MORE!- America's Most Wanted, the Philadelphia Phillies, need just one more win to beat America's Team, the Atlanta Braves for the N.L. pennant. The Braves have had their chances, but their big guns have not come through. The Philadelphia Phillies lead the series 3-2 but that is not a big lead and that is the most

important thing. The Braves lead in batting average, runs, base hits, less fielding errors and earned run average. Jeff Blauser said of the series, "We've had runners on base, what's been missing is the big hits." They need hits now or the series will be over.

BACKING IN!- The Phoenix Suns are backing into this season as the MVP, Charles Barkley fell during wind sprints at their Saturday practice. Barkley on the feeling of his collapse, "I couldn't lift my legs at all. It scared me to death." With the retirement of Michael Jordan the Suns thought that now they definitely had the inside track to the championship until Barkley went down. The diagnosis is not serious and his back should be fine for the season. Don't be surprised if the Suns win the championship, Barkley might do what his close friend did and retire when he was on top.

STEEL CURTAIN 2!- How else can anyone describe the

defense the Pittsburgh Steelers are showing to the NFL. In the last three games the Steelers' defense has only let up 13 points! They are the No.1 ranked defense in the AFC and this weekend the 5-0 New Orleans Saints visit the Burgh. Look for a real defensive pounding by both teams. My pick, in a slight upset, Steelers 13- Saints 10.

GIANT RISK- The Washington Bullets have a giant project this year. 7-7 Gheorghe Muresan was their second round draft pick. He will not make as much money as Shawn Bradley from Philadelphia, but he is a risk because he had surgery to remove a benign tumor in his pituitary gland. Coach Wes Unseld said, "he is a wait-and-see project."

A CHANGING OF THE GUARD- At 5'6" and 220 pounds, Tammie Overstreet is a 17 year-old senior and is turning heads. She plays left guard for the Pittsburgh High School Pirates in Texas.

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