

"resetting" their goals



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Mine...!: Junior hitter Carrie Grezjka returns a serve as Jonelle Curtis, also a junior hitter, backs her up.

"The level of play is so different now..."

-Coach Jan Wilson

by Michelle Bauer
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The Lady Lions volleyball team has a current record of 12-16. On Tuesday, October 19 the Lady Lions took on the Hilbert College Lady Hawks. The Lions won this match 15-9, 15-6, 17-15.

Key players in this game were: Carrie Grezjka with 18 kills, 50 kill percent; Molly Samuels with 13 kills, 35 kill percent; and Amy Stranahan with 33 kill percent. Grezjka also had 3 solo blocks, followed by Jonelle Curtis and Samuels each with 2.

Coach Jan Wilson commented, "The team is playing tough right now. They have the right chemistry to finish out the year well. They are finally supporting each other."

In the last game the Lions won 17-15. Coach Wilson said, "The team was more poised for this game. They were more

confident."

On October 16 the team travelled to Bethany where they again were successful. The Lions won 15-11, 15-5, 15-7. Key players in this game were Jen Taylor with 100 kill percent, and Samuels with 43 kill percent. The team as a whole had 9 serving aces.

October 12 brought the Lions to Pitt/Bradford. The scores were 15-8, 15-7, 15-7. Key players were Stranahan with 50 kill percent, Jen Leone also with 50 kill percent and Grzejka with 34 kill percent.

Coach Wilson's comment on this game was, "I felt there was a nice team effort in this game."

October 9 Behrend hosted the Penn State Behrend Tournament. They played Notre Dame, Lake Erie and Thiel.

In the Lake Erie game the Lions won 15-4, 15-4. Then they took on Thiel winning 15-11, 15-7. Their next opponent was Notre Dame where the Lions won again 15-10, 16-14.

They then moved to the finals against Notre Dame, where they lost 15-6, 11-15, 13-15 for a second place in the tournament. Grzejka and Stranahan received All Tourney Team honors.

Coach Wilson felt the team played really well as a whole.

She commented, "Jen Spencer played heads up and real aggressive. She is a back court player and had 17 digs and 8 serving aces, keeping the ball in play. Jen had an outstanding tournament and led the team."

October 7 the Lady Lions travelled to Allegheny where they won 3-15, 15-3, 15-5, 15-5. Key players were Julie Stocker, and Samuels. Samuels had 5 solo blocks and 25 kill percent.

Coach Wilson stated, "The kids played real good ball, hitting well in the first three games, but in the fourth and fifth they had a lot of hitting errors."

Coach Wilson's final comments were, "In the second half of the season the team is trying to reset its goals. They have really worked hard at achieving that. The level of play is so different now from the start of the season."

The team has improved its serving aces from an average 1.5 per game to 2.3. They used to average 13 ball handling errors and now average 8.6.

According to Wilson, "They are not giving the ball to the opponents as often."

The Lions' next game is today at 6:30 p.m. in Erie Hall.

Women's tennis team learns to share the pie

by Joe Mottillo
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Waynesburg and Washington and Jefferson. The Netters collected their record setting ninth victory against Buffalo State.

Although their season is over, the team still has matches to play over spring break.

The ladies will play in both the North-South Classic and the Dixie Classic, which are held in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

"The ladies truly learned that it is more important to be a lamp post in New York City than the mayor of Erie," said Gallegos.

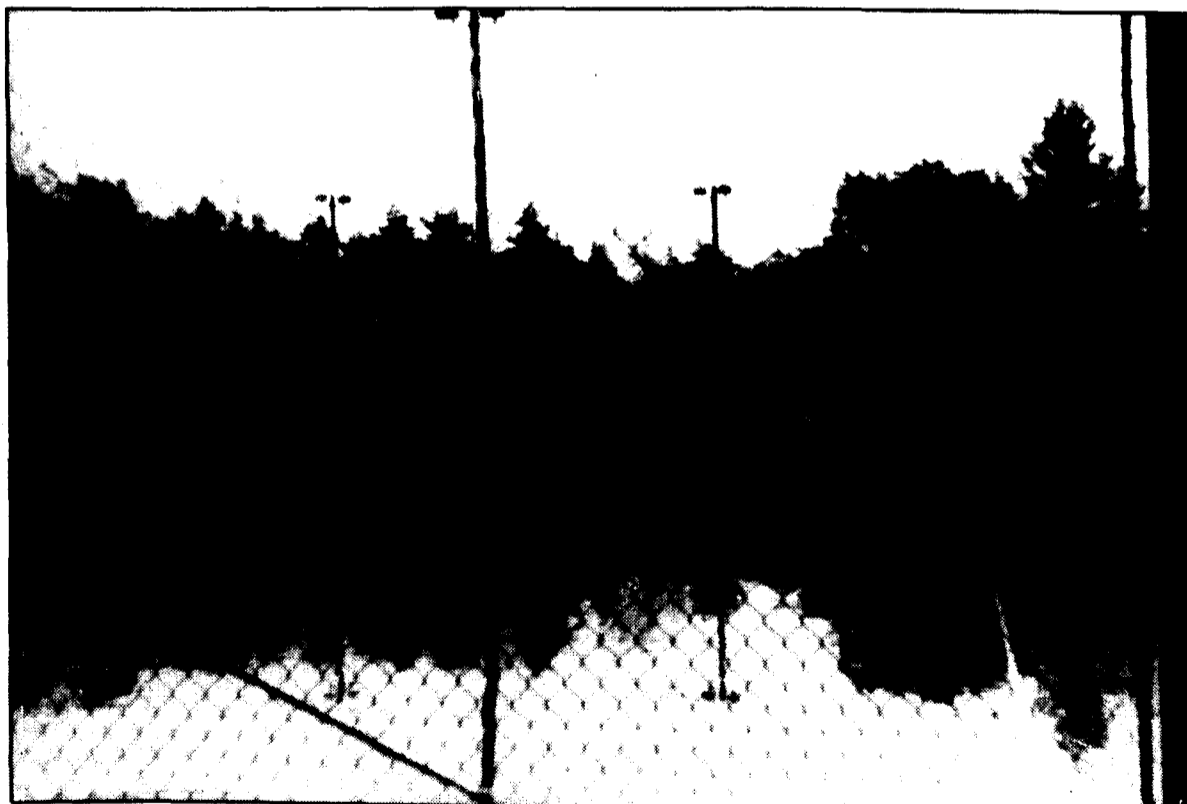
He continued, "Basically it's more important to contribute to a large effort than to be a star in a small effort."

For the first time in the history of this award, the Athlete of the Week goes to a team.

The Behrend's women's tennis team concluded its second consecutive winning season with a mark of 9-7.

"They got the most out of the talent they have," said Head Coach Dan Gallegos. "They're a pleasure to work with."

The netters started off the season by winning six of their first seven matches. After dropping their next two matches, the team regrouped to defeat



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It's all over: The Behrend tennis courts are empty now that the women's record breaking season is over. They went 9-7, led by Annemarie Faso's 19-3 record

The team leader in wins was sophomore sensation, Annemarie Faso. Faso improved on her single season singles record by going 19-3.

"We improved a lot on the court. The experience of last year paid off. We all got along really well," said Faso.

Faso was followed in the win column by Jennifer Puerto (10-7) and Holly Olarczuk (9-9).

Melissa Bager and Rhonda Dennison went 11-4 in doubles play.

"We held our own and we pulled off wins when we needed them," said Olarczuk.

With Gallegos at the helm the last four years, the team has improved their victory total each year.

The end of one season means the beginning of another. Next

fall, the netters are set with all but Faso coming back. "The question is, can they threepeat?" asked an eager Gallegos.

During the season, the netters shut three teams out in the win column.

"The real proof if the ladies learned their lesson about team work is if they can split up the pizza," said Gallegos.