

OVER THE EDGE

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week



Kate Costanzo has been named this week's Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. She is first off the bench for the women's basketball team (9-5).

In the Behrend Lions' first game in 23 days, Costanzo scored 14 points on 4 x 8 shooting in the 10-point loss to Juniata on January 4th. She was 5 x 5 from the charity-stripe and added four rebounds. In last Thursday's contest against the Wolverines, Costanzo was 5 x 10 from the floor and 2 x 3 from trey land en route to a dozen points. She also earned 6 rebounds and had two assists.

Costanzo is a graduate of Kittaning High School.

Behrend Scores

Men's basketball
Behrend 69, Grove City 60
Behrend 55, Thiel 56
Behrend 76, Fredonia 53
Behrend 75, Pitt-Bradford 67

Up Next...

Jan. 15 Thiel 3:00
Jan. 19 Frostburg 8:00*
Jan. 22 Pitt-Greens 8:00

Women's basketball

Juniata 71, Behrend 61
Grove City 53, Behrend 49
Behrend 60, Waynesburg 45
Behrend 58, Pitt-Bradford 49

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Bold letters denote conference game
* denotes home game

Sports Spots



Jim McMahon's football odyssey was plagued with injuries. Yet he set NCAA passing records and quarterbacked the Chicago Bears to a Super Bowl title. Always a fan, he adhered to a beer-based diet, defied the NFL with his ad-ornamented hand bands and once mooned an ABC Monday Night TV audience. To this Bears head coach Mike Ditka observed, "I don't care what planet Jim's on just so long as he doesn't miss practice or the team bus." *Dennis J. Harrington*

TRIVIA

Tiger Woods has compiled five straight PGA Tour wins. Who holds the record for most consecutive PGA Tour victories?

Answer: Byron Nelson, 11

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Lions stay perfect in conference play

Hughes drops 31 as Behrend tops Pitt-Bradford

by Matt Buser
staff writer

The Behrend men's basketball team improved its conference record to a perfect 3-0 (11-2 overall) with a hard-fought 75-67 win over visiting Pitt-Bradford on Wednesday night. A raucous crowd of 383 was on hand to see the action in Erie Hall.

Led by center Chris Hughes' 31 points and eleven rebounds, the Lions held off a pesky, physical Pitt-Bradford team. The two teams combined for seventeen turnovers, 39 fouls, and 48 foul shots.

"It's going to be like this in conference games," Behrend Head Coach Dave Niland said, "where it'll be an absolute knock-down, drag-out fight."

Behrend came out swinging early, thanks in part to a pair of three-pointers by guard Matt Keith, and led 16-2 just over five minutes into the contest. Bradford responded, however, by scoring the next seven points, and pulled to within one at 18-17 with 10:49 to go in the half.

"I wasn't surprised that they came back," Coach Niland said. "I knew they'd make a run. They always do. They're a very good team."

Behrend held the lead until, with 2:21 to play, a Bradford basket gave them the upper hand at 29-27. Behrend then scored the last five points of the half, punctuated by another Keith three-pointer, and went to the locker room with a 32-29 lead. Keith made five of seven three-point attempts, and finished with eighteen points on the night.

"[Keith] is an excellent shooter, he stretches defenses, and we really need that when we're looking to get

the ball inside," said Coach Niland.

Behrend looked inside for much of the second half, as Hughes scored 21 of his points, including nine from the foul line, in the half. Hughes finished the game eleven of fourteen from the foul line. As a team, the Lions drew 22 fouls and made 31 trips to the charity stripe, including 27 in the second half. Behrend's lead was never less than six after the 18:50 mark in the half.

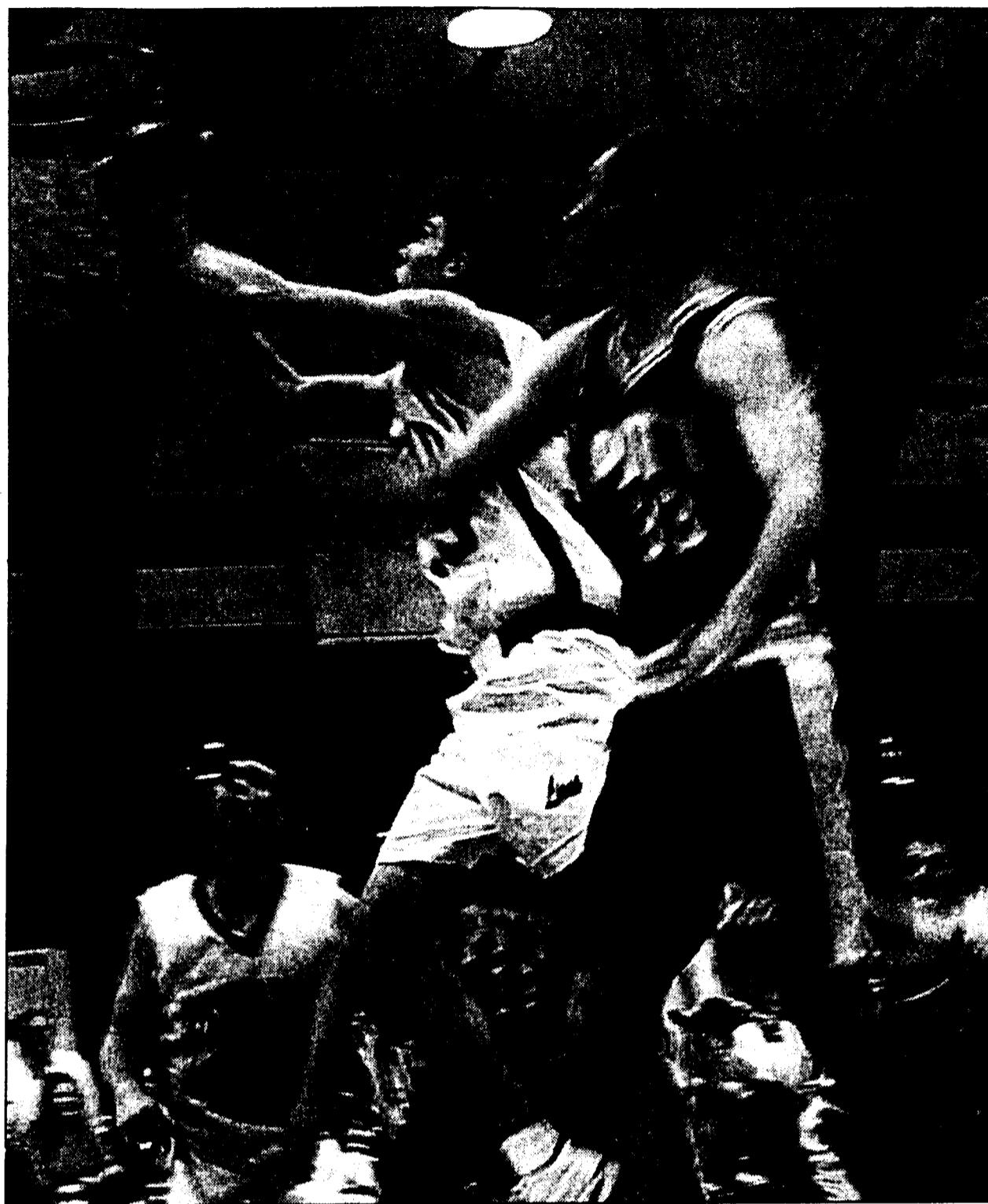
Keith commented, "We always know that, whenever it's a league game, there will be a lot of pushing and shoving, just like there was tonight."

Niland added, "I think overall we played well. I think it gives us confidence to know we can play with a team like Bradford and go through some runs back and forth, and then be able to come out on top."

Forward Andy Lawrence helped the cause with five points, seven rebounds, and four assists. Guard Ashley Orris made seven of nine free throws, and finished with nine points and four assists.

The Lions' next game is at Thiel, this Saturday at 3PM. The Lions will look to avenge one of their two losses, as Thiel handed them a loss in Erie Hall on January 8, by the score of 56-55.

Behrend's next home game is on Wednesday, January 19, at 8 PM, when they welcome conference foe Frostburg State to Erie Hall. This marks the beginning of a crucial stretch of six straight conference games. Nine of the Lions' eleven remaining regular season games are against AMCC opponents.



Chris Hughes goes up for two of his 31 points in Behrend's 75-67 win over Pitt-Bradford.

PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

O'Lare and Jackson give Behrend women inside punch

by Jason Snyder
editor-in-chief

The Behrend women continued their hot streak in Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference play with a 58-49 win over Pitt-Bradford this past Wednesday. The Lions entered the contest undefeated in conference play with wins over La Roche and Penn State Altoona earlier this season.

The women had lost two of their three games since break, falling to Juniata, 71-61, and Grove City, 53-49, defeating Waynesburg this past Monday, 60-45.

Behrend's contest against Pitt-Bradford was the first since the Lions topped the Panthers in the

AMCC Championship game in Erie Hall last season. The rivalry continued with both teams attacking in the first half to enter the intermission knotted at 28. Both teams shot below 40% from the field in the first half.

The Behrend women pulled away in the second half due to a large rebounding edge (47-38) sparked by Jackie Jackson. The Lions got to the free throw line 16 times in the second half, topping Pitt-Bradford's seven attempts.

The Lions were led by Jen O'Lare who scored 20 points and grabbed six boards. O'Lare shot 7-15 from the field and 6-9 from the foul line. Jackson started for the Lions, dropping 14 points and pulling down 15 rebounds. Senior point guard Carrie Nestor was held to only six points, but dished off

eight assists, grabbed eight rebounds and had three steals. Erin Phillips was the only other Lion in double figures with 10 points.

The win moved the Behrend women to 9-5 overall on the season and 3-0 in the AMCC.

Seven of the Lions' final 11 games will be against conference opponents before the AMCC Tournament tips off on February 23. If the Behrend women continue on this pace, they will host the tournament in Erie Hall.

The next home game for the Lions will be on January 15 at 6:00 p.m. against Washington and Jefferson followed by a conference game against Frostburg at 6:00 p.m.



Jen O'Lare scored 20 points in the Lions' win over Pitt-Bradford. She has averaged 16.5 points and 6.5 rebounds per game since winter break.

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The Behrend starters get some rest as the second unit holds on to the Lions' lead this past Wednesday night against Pitt-Bradford. The women held on to the lead, winning 58-49

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Watch for the Behrend Lions Spirit Stations!

Show your spirit as the Lions basketball teams attempt to win home court advantage for the AMCC Tournament.

Help Erie Hall go out with a bang!