

Sports Bits

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Jordan Rule 1: Chicago Bulls' superstar, Michael Jordan, was involved in an altercation with Indiana Pacers all-star, Reggie Miller. Miller was thrown out of the game, yet Jordan remained. Jordan and Miller were both fined and suspended for a game. By dealing with both players on the same terms, only the amount of fines were different. The NBA showed that they were not about to set a double standard for the league's premier player.

Jordan Rule 2: When talking about sports idols, personal lives shouldn't be taken into account. Jordan's fighting should be. Millions idolize his "airness" for his on-court exploits and fighting in a game. I'm not saying that Jordan is god-like, but he should at least uphold the standard that people set for him on the court.

Daytona Dale: Dale Jarrett edged out Dale Earnhardt to win the Daytona 500 last Sunday. Jarrett, driving for Washington Redskin coach Joe Gibbs, only led 8 laps compared to Earnhardt's 108. It was the second career win for Jarrett.

Burning Suns: The Phoenix Suns continue to dominate the NBA. Their 37-10 record is four better than that of the 33-14 San Antonio Spurs. The Suns are led by power forward, Charles Barkley. Barkley is averaging 25.7 ppg, 13 rpg and 5 apg. Sir Chuck is my pick for MVP of the NBA, an award which has escaped him in recent years.

MVP's: Barry Foster of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Steve Young of the San Francisco 49ers were chosen as MVP's of the AFC and NFC by their fellow players in voting conducted by the USA Today.

High Flying Bird: The Toronto Blue Jays signed reliever Duane Ward to a three year, \$12 million contract on Tuesday. Ward will assume the role of closer this season with the departure of Tom Henke. Ward was 7-4 with 12 saves and a 1.95 ERA for the World Champions.

Swimsuit '93: Sports Illustrated's annual swimsuit issue hit newsstands yesterday. The cover girl is Vendela, 24, from Sweden. The theme this year is "America the Beautiful."

Lions' quest

Lady Lions hope to return to postseason play

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"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." This famous Dicken's quote would accurately reflect the Lady Lions' week.

First, they took on a Waynesburg team that had defeated Behrend twice on the road by an average of only six points. In order to keep their NCAA hopes alive, they needed this home victory.

The Lions went out and dominated, 80-66. Coach Jenepher Banker saw this as an, "all-out emotional and physical effort".

Coming into Saturday's encounter with Washington and Jefferson, the Lady Lions were 16-6. The Lady Presidents were hoping to complete a two game sweep of Behrend with a home victory.

As a result of an apparent "breakdown" in their play, Banker's squad got beaten 83-72. Banker believes that the Lady Lions may have "used up all of their emotions and momentum" against Waynesburg.

W&J's 6'3" center, Trina Seller's 12 points and 14 rebounds were a major factor. For the Lady Lions, Becky Swartz's game high 21 points kept Behrend in the game until the end.



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Going Strong: Junior Becky Swartz drives to the basket during last week's game against Waynesburg.

The loss has all but ended Behrend's quest for an NCAA bid, so now attention will be shifted to pulling out a respectable ECAC bid.

With two games remaining,

the Lady Lions must remain focused on each opponent or they may lose the momentum that this season has built.

As this year's team looks back on the season, the disappointment

of missing the NCAA's will stick out, but hopefully they'll remember how far this team has come in 3 years.



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Lion's Pride: Athlete of the Week Wendy Ebinger looks to add another assist to her team leading assist total.

Leader of the pack

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"I just want to give 110 percent. I will give it my all and nothing less."

That is the most popular quote used by athletes today. Unfortunately in today's world where high paid, low producing athletes run rampant, they do not always back up their words with effort.

This week's Athlete of the Week is a rare example of an athlete who does give an all-out effort all of the time. Lady Lion's captain and starting point guard Wendy Ebinger is the rare example.

Ebinger is averaging 8.7 points per game, 4.4 rebounds per game and has dished out a team leading

95 assists so far this season. Most importantly, Ebinger is leading the team with her ferocious determination and hustle.

Assistant Coach Paul Benim said, "She puts everything she has into every game. She leads the team by example, and is not afraid to take charge. You can always count on her performing to the best of her ability every night."

Ebinger enjoys her role as captain, "I've been a leader on the court since seventh grade. My position (point guard) demands some leading, I need to control the ball and set up play."

Ebinger has committed only 53 turnovers this season compared to

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