

Lady Lions stung by Yellow Jackets

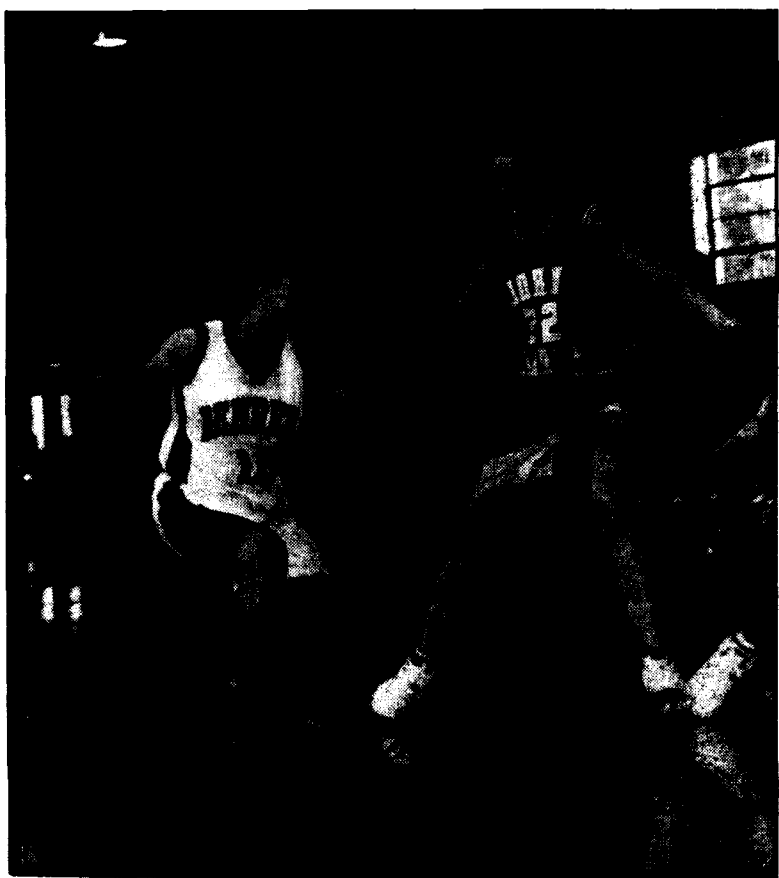


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To the hoop: Megan Musante drives around one of John Carroll's defenders. The Lady Lions lost the game anyway, 80-73.

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"We seem to be climbing a ladder instead of taking big leaps. We are taking the season one step at a time... By the second half of the season we will be half way and ready to move up," Lady Lions' basketball coach Roz Fornari said.

Unfortunately, Tuesday night's step was a close loss, 80-73 to the Baldwin-Wallace College Lady Yellow Jackets. The loss lowered Behrend's record to 1-3 while the Yellow Jackets, who have four returning starters, improved their record to 2-0.

The Lady Lions were led by Becky Reed (22 points and five rebounds), Marlesse Schlott (eight rebounds), Nikki Schultz

(11 points and five rebounds) and Melanie Banas (thirteen points).

The Yellow Jackets were led by Amy Hammett (21 points and eight rebounds) and Jeni Pierson (14 points and ten rebounds).

The key to the Yellow Jackets' win was their torrid second half shooting. The Jackets shot 67% from the field (18-27) while the Lions only hit 43% (15-35).

The Lady Lions held a two point advantage at halftime, 40-38.

The Lady Lions took what seemed like a commanding lead when Emmy Arnett picked up a loose ball and scored on a breakaway to put the Lions ahead 59-54 with 9:11 remaining.

The Yellow Jackets did not fold, and on the strength of their

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shooting went on a 12-4 run and led 66-63 with 4:40 remaining.

The teams traded baskets until Yellow Jackets' guard Amy Sander hit a three pointer to give her team a 73-68 lead. Reed brought the Lions back to 73-71 with a three pointer of her own.

Reed's three proved to be Behrend's last points of the game.

Last Thursday Behrend lost to Marietta College, 66-55. The Lady Lions were led by Karen Strait (15 points and five rebounds) and Schlott (eight points and 16 rebounds).

The Lady Lions opened the season with the Arby's/Creative Imprint Systems Invitational.

The Lady Lions won their first game 92-41 against Lake Erie College. Tina Fomich (17 points), Schlott (11 points and 17 rebounds) and Emily Marini (12 points and 9 rebounds) led Behrend to victory.

The Lady Lions lost the final against John Carroll University, 81-63. Once again Schlott set the pace for the Lady Lions with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Fornari said, "I am not disappointed with our 1-3 record. We played well against tough Baldwin-Wallace and John Carroll teams."

In order to improve its record, Fornari said that the team needs

to be more consistent and the players need to work better with each other. "As we learn more about each other, we will play better."

She also said that the team needs to continue to strive to achieve its four goals for every game. "Our game plan is to rebound, outshoot (percentage and number of), outsmart and outthrustle our opponents."

The Lions, who are led in scoring by Reed (15.3 ppg), rebounding by Schlott (12.8 rpg) and assists by Megan Musante (3.3 apg), travel to the Garden State this weekend to play in the Montclair State Tourney.

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