

Behrend Men gaining momentum

Coach Niland and the Lions won their fourth game in a row last night

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If it's not a bomb threat, good old Western Pennsylvania weather will keep you from playing the winter sport we all love and adore.

Monday evening, both the Lions (9-10) and Lady Lions (9-11) were scheduled to square off against the Thiel Tomcats in a rare double header in Erie Hall. The Athletic Department then received the dreaded phone call that the weather would not allow the Tomcats to make the journey to Erie, Pennsylvania.

"It helped us (having the day off); it enabled us to have an

extra day of practice," said men's basketball Coach Dave Niland.

The rescheduled match between LaRoche and Behrend was played this past Saturday down in Pittsburgh. The Lions prevailed with a 80-74 victory.

One of the keys to victory, according to Coach Niland, was the difference in rebounding. The Lions out rebounded the Redhawks by a 61 to 31 margin, with 30 Behrend boards being offensive.

"We played inconsistent at both ends of the floor, but the difference was our rebounding," said Niland. "We did not play well defensively."

Behrend, unfortunately, also



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Picking up the pace: Junior forward Steve Berger has been in double figures in both scoring and rebounding during Behrend's four game winning streak. Berger scored 15 points and gathered 16 rebounds in last night's victory over LaRoche College.

led LaRoche in the turnover department, 17-12.

"I'm very upset about the number of turnovers we've had," commented Niland, "We have some guys that are not used to playing with each other."

In his first game back after minor foot surgery, Brandon George led the Lions in scoring with 24, while shooting four-for-four from three-point range.

"It's good to have him back," said Niland of his junior guard.

Steve Berger notched 15 points and 15 rebounds, while Desmond Hannon also matched his point and rebound total, with 14 markers and 14 boards.

Todd Sturjin finished the afternoon with 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Jamie Okonak

and Ron Derian ended with nine and six points, respectively.

On the other side of the ball, LaRoche guard Chuck Cieslak led the Redhawks by shooting 55 percent from the floor, and finishing with 27 points. Only one other Redhawk finished in double figure scoring.

Last evening, the LaRoche Redhawks entered Erie Hall for a second game against the Lions in five days.

Coach Niland knew the rematch would not be any easier.

"(LaRoche) is an excellent three-point shooting team. It's going to be a tough game for us to win," said the Lion floor general.

But the Lions prevailed 84-77 in highly contested match-up.

Brandon George had 23 points to lead Behrend. Steve Burger had 15 points and 16 boards, and Todd Sturjin had 14 points including a rim-rocking jam to pace the victorious Lions.

In the first half the Lions clawed their way to a 45-36 halftime edge. But behind the strong three point shooting of the Redhawks, the lead was cut to five at the four minute mark. That's when Athlete of the Week Desmond Hannon took a drive to the baseline, dropped the shot, and drew the foul. It was his three point play and two big offensive boards by Ron Derian that put the last nail in the LaRoche coffin.

The Lions play Keuka next Saturday at Erie Hall.

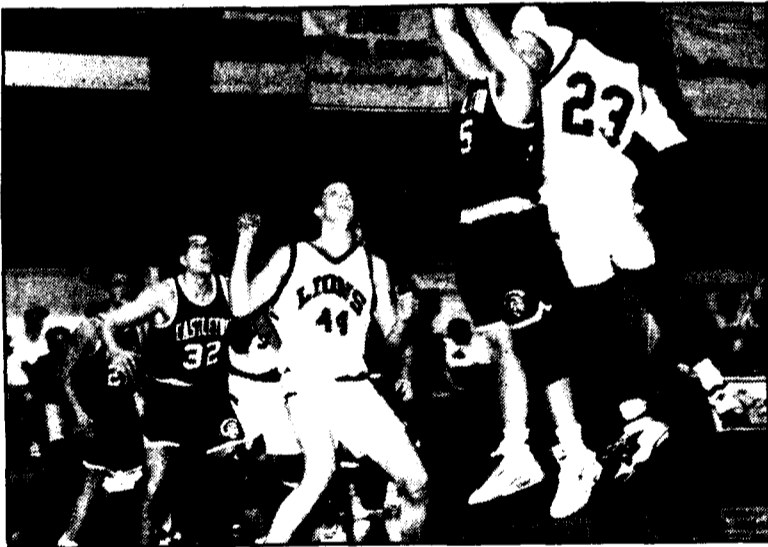


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Boxing out: Behrend center Todd Sturjin leads the team in rebounding. Sturjin averages 9.6 rebounds per game. He scored 14 points and grabbed 6 rebounds in last night's victory.

Terrapins topple Tarheels; Capital punishment

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Tar and Feathered

You heard it because I said it. In the November 17 issue of *The Collegian* I said Maryland would win the ACC. Tuesday night the Terrapins (18-4, 8-2) gained a share of the lead by beating the TarHeels of North Carolina 86-73. This avenges their loss earlier in the year to the Heels.

Johnny Rhodes and Duane Simpkins knocked down 21 for Maryland. Rasheed Wallace was held in check with only 15 points for the #1 ranked TarHeels. With the loss North Carolina falls to 18-2. Maryland, which has won thirteen consecutive games at home this year, looks to move up in the poll by week's end.

In a Rut

A surprising ending came in the University of Massachusetts versus Rutgers game this week. With Rutgers up 31-29 in the first half, thousands of students staged a sit-in to protest racial remarks made by Rutgers President Francis Lawrence last year. It seems that he commented negatively on minorities and their genetic background.

The game was suspended by the Atlantic 10 Commissioners Office. If it is not continued, Rutgers must forfeit.

A Capital Feat

You all remember Capital College. Last year the Columbus, Ohio school knocked off our Lady Lions in the Second Round of a

historic Division Three NCAA Tournament. Capital preceded to win the tournament by crushing all of its opposition. Well, Tuesday night, Capital set the record for consecutive victories at 41 by beating Heidelberg (Ohio) College 85-68.

Volunteers or Huskies

If you haven't taken the time to notice, The # 2 Tennessee Lady Volunteers and the #1 University of Connecticut Lady Huskies are on a collision course to meet in the Final Four. UCONN is 19-0 (the only undefeated men's or women's team) and playing some incredible basketball. Tennessee sports a 22-1 record having beaten Arkansas 87-67 earlier this week. Also never underestimate the Stanford Lady Cardinals who are

17-2 and ranked fourth in the country.

Who's Hot

Men's

1. UCONN- Movin' on up
2. Kentucky- Can't stop Pitino
3. UCLA- 14-2 Lookin' Good!
4. Purdue- 7-2 in Big 10
5. Maryland- Tarded the Heels

Women's

1. UCONN- Women on a roll!
2. Vanderbilt- Beat #19 G.W.
3. Duke- Women ranked #25
4. Texas Tech- Still Winning
5. Kansas- Big 8 is Big Stuff

Who's Not

Men's

1. Duke- No further questions!
2. Mich. State- Lost to Purdue

3. Prairie View- As always!

Women's

1. George Washington- Fading
2. Alabama- Tough Schedule
3. Maryland- 2-9 in ACC.

Just for Thoughts

You know, sometimes we get mad when a team runs up a score against another team. It makes us grind our teeth. I mean I was visibly angry when I lost to the SEGA by 60. But how about the East Chicago Central High School game versus Marton High of Hammond. ECC High is #1 in the country. At the half they were leading 58-8. By game's end, they had walloped Morton by a score of 97-19. What a way to degrade a team. And why were they playing Morton in the first place.