

# Women hitting their stride

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The Lady Lions took to the field on Monday after weeks off due to bad weather and were ready for a match against Buffalo State. Both games of the twinbill went down to the wire as the Lady Lions fell short 5-4 and 2-1.

In the opener, Buffalo State score twice in the bottom of the eighth to move past the Lions and win. Behrend had tied the game at 3-3 in the top of the seventh when Beth Calhoun had a two-out, two RBI single. Megan Musante had two hits for the Lady Lions along with Beth Calhoun and Julie Stocker.

"It was a situation where we got a solid pitching performance from Calhoun who gave up seven hits in seven innings," commented Benim. "But only one run was earned and we made several errors and when it all boiled down it cost us the game."

In the second game, Heather Norder and Cherie Varrassa held Buffalo State to one hit but still fell 2-1. Sue Mazur, Jen Leone, and Stocker each had two hits.

So with their record standing at 13-13, the Lady Lions took to the home field for the first time in twenty-seven days on Tuesday and pulled off a huge sweep of Westminster. They won by final scores of 4-2 and 9-6.

In the opener, the Lady Lions scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth and held on behind solid pitching by Calhoun for the win. Calhoun also helped her own

cause with a two run single as Musante and Reed touched the plate. Emmy Arnett went 2-3 with a run and an RBI, and Norder scored a run.

The second game featured a spectacular comeback by the Lady Lions. After falling behind 6-3 because of a couple of mistakes in the top half of the sixth, the sun looked like it had set on the Lady Lions.

But out came the bats as ten Lady Lions came to the plate.

Shannon Angel flew out to center. Norder singled. Leone doubled. Arnett singled and Norder scored. Reed reached on an error and Leone scored. Musante sacrificed to left field and Arnett scored. Stocker walked. Calhoun singled and Reed scored. Mazur doubled and Stocker and Calhoun scored.

The Lady Lions won and got out the brooms in a sweep. Arnett finished 3 for 3 with 3 runs scored, Reed went 2 for 4 with 3 RBI's and 3 SB's, and Norder cleaned up the game in relief and got a win.

"We were hitting well all game and it was only a matter of time before our balls would find holes," said Stocker who was part of the big inning. "It's been a while since we got a sweep and it felt good."

Once again the Lady Lions took to the field last night to take on the Washington and Jefferson Presidents. The pitching was strong, the hitting was steady, and the coaching was brilliant as Behrend got out the brooms once again. Scores of the twinbill



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**Incoming:** Freshman pitcher Beth Calhoun delivers a strike to a Washington and Jefferson batter. Calhoun led the Lady Lions to double header sweep over W&J and Westminster.

were 4-2 and 9-1.

The Lady Lions got off to a fast start as Norder got a two out base hit which knocked in Mazur and Musante to give Behrend the early 3-0 lead. Calhoun scattered nine hits over the seven innings and got out of a jam in the seventh to preserve the victory for Behrend.

Pumped up and riding high on a three game win streak the Lady Lions obliterated the Lady Presidents in the second game.

The action got off to a fast start as Behrend scored all nine of their runs in just four innings. Stocker paced the team when she took a 3-2 pitch to the gap in right center for a two out, two

run triple in the second. The triple was Stocker's fifth of the year.

Reed was 3 for 3 with two RBI's and a run scored. Calhoun, Mazur, Leone, Angel and Arnett also all added an RBI each. Varrassa pitched five strong innings yielding only a run in the top of the fifth for the victory.

The defensive play of the year was made by second baseman Angel as she stretched out to steal a hit away from a Lady President in the top of the third.

Not only did the stop save the Lady Lions from giving up a hit, it got them out of a situation in which W&J had two runners in scoring position.

"We're finally playing consistant and good," said Benim. We're where we should be right now. We're doing what I expected and I'm very proud of (the team). I hope we keep it going."

"It was a big chance for us," said Calhoun on sweeping the Lady Presidents. "We're all looking confident and ready to get things done."

Teammate Arnett agreed saying, "(The sweep) was important in getting our confidence up. We're hitting and pitching good right now."

This weekend the Lady Lions are in action on Saturday and Sunday.

## Full Count

Well, baseball is about to begin. I'm not really sure how to react from a fan's point of view. Its a game that has been in American culture for most of this century.

Think of the great moments the sport of baseball has had. Remember Reggie Jackson hitting three home runs in a World Series game, Roger Maris' 61 home runs in a season, and Joe DiMaggio's 56 game hitting streak. These are marks that could possibly stand forever.

Last season certain players could have reached some of this marks.

Ken Griffey Jr., Frank Thomas, and Matt Williams were hitting at an unbelievable pace. Griffey and Thomas were on pace to be the first triple crown winners in over 25 years, while

Williams was on a pace to eclipse the mark of Maris.

Then a dark, grim shadow was cast over baseball. A dreaded thing called a players strike.

Money and greed got in the way of what true baseball fans like myself really want: the excitement of the game.

A ridiculous strike ruined a season which could have been one of the greatest of all time.

But now they are back.

The players and owners, for the moment, agreed to working conditions that are exactly the same as when the strike started.

So baseball fans ask, what did this horrible strike accomplish? In this sports writer's opinion, absolutely nothing. Both a possible record setting season and a World Series were cancelled so the players and owners could argue for eight months.

Then we the fans are faced to deal with no World Series for only the second time this century.

So how should we the fans usher baseball back? Should we flock to ball parks in droves or should be the average attendance for opening day be the same as spring training games?

Speculations have been made on how much money both players and owners lost during this whole ordeal. But the true losers in the whole mess were we the fans.

How many times did a dedicated fan like myself want to turn on the radio or television to enjoy a baseball game. But after August 12, 1994, there were no games to enjoy.

But still I haven't answered the question. Should we the fans be rejoicing that baseball is back. My answer is yes, although with some hesitation.

If you are a true fan of the game of Major League Baseball, one would much rather see Randy Johnson on the mound then Pedro Bourbon.

Major League Baseball is to be played by the most talented players possible. Although some of these players might be pompous, greedy individuals, some baseball players missed baseball as much as the fans.

Be happy that the game that we've all come to recognize is finally back. Its time to kick back and enjoy it.

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