

Mazur gets record; Lady Lions stay hot

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When the task has yet begun, never leave it til its done. Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all.

It's been a tough year for the Lady Lions, but every game they have battled to put up a tough showing. Riding high on a four game win streak, the Lady Lions showed up to play Waynesburg. The Lady Lions swept the series by scores of 5-4 and 8-2.

"I think being on a six game streak helped us get confidence," said Sue Mazur. "It helped to get us on the right track.

In the first game the Lady Lions got out to a quick 4-0 lead and never looked back. Freshman Beth Calhoun looked strong as she pitched four shutout innings before Waynesburg got on the board. All in all, she finished with four earned runs, three walks, and a strikeout while going the distance.

Julie Stocker went 2-3 with a double and a run while making two fine plays in the field. She turned a Waynesburg base hit into an out by throwing the batter out at first. Becky Reed was 2-4 with two RBI's, which set the Behrend record for RBI's in a season at 33. Stocker had previously held that record.

Also for the Lady Lions, Jen Leone was 1-3 with 2 RBI's and Emmy Arnett was 1-3 with a run and a stolen base.

In the nightcap, the Lady Lions blew out a tired Waynesburg team 8-2. Waynesburg had only brought one hurler and she had to pitch both games. Sue Mazur had a career day as she roped out two doubles en route to a 3-4 day with a run and four RBI's. Megan Musante was 3-4 with two runs and Heather Norder was



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Behind the plate: Freshman catcher Casey Koza is ready to receive a pitch from one of the talented pitchers on the Lady Lion staff.

3-4 with two RBI's.

On the mound Cherie Varrassa took the sting out of the Yellow Jackets as she scattered twelve hits over seven innings while giving up only one run.

On Sunday, the Lady Lions were back in the saddle for a twinbill against the Lady Hawks of Hilbert College. The first game spelled disaster for the team as they went down 6-1 early and could never regain their glitter. The final tally left the Lady Lions on the short end of a 10-5 score.

Errors told the story for Behrend as they made four errors in the third and finished the game with five total. Norder gave up

eleven hits and ten runs, but only four of them were earned as she took the loss. Calhoun pitched two hitless scoreless innings while striking out five of the last six batters she faced in the relief effort.

At the plate, Calhoun was 3-4 with an RBI and two runs, and Mazur stayed on fire going 2-3 with a run and an RBI.

Once again the Lady Lions showed up in full force for the nightcap as they mauled Hilbert 15-4 in only five innings. Musante was 2-3 with three RBI's, Stocker walked three times, and Mazur stayed hot going 2-4 with two runs.

But the key to the fire power

was the last two batters for the Lady Lions. Casey Koza and Emmy Arnett went a combined 6-6 with six runs and seven RBI's. They also contributed five stolen bases, two doubles, and a triple.

Varrassa sparked on the mound giving up only one run through four and finished with three earned runs and a strikeout.

With this battle over, the team had to wait until last night when perennial archrival and powerhouse Bethany came to Erie. The teams split the twinbill

with the Lady Lions winning a clutch game 5-3, but then falling in the second 10-1.

With the score tied at 1-1 in the bottom of the sixth, Calhoun doubled and Stocker singled with one out. With some heads-up base running Stocker made it to second and set up runners at second and third.

At the plate came Mazur, who was hitting .666 over her last four games.

Mazur hit the ball to the gap in right and when the dust had settled Calhoun and Stocker crossed the plate and Mazur was standing at third.

Incidentally Mazur was 9-13 with five runs and seven RBI's up to this bat. Her first hit of the day was number 123 giving her the most ever for a career of Behrend softball.

"I was feeling all year that I needed to contribute more," said Mazur. "I'm just happy to hit and perform well as a senior.

Anyway, Norder followed with an RBI single and Shannon Angel picked up an RBI triple as she continues an outstanding season.

In the nightcap, they fell apart and lost 10-1. Varrassa got hit early and often as all the breaks went to the Bethany Bisons and they just wrapped up the game early.

The Lady Lions are back in action Friday against Grove City and Saturday against Gannon.

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