

'The Cubs' prepared to hoop it up

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Twelve out of the 14 players on the 1995-96 men's basketball team are new comers to Behrend, and ten of those 12 are freshmen.

Senior center Todd Sturgen has a heavy course load in electrical engineering that will prohibit him from playing. Forward Steve Berger is ready to graduate from Behrend with a History degree in December.

Desmond Hannon has a back injury that will knock him out

key veterans.

"We had some major losses from last year, and that will change the makeup of the team greatly," Niland said. "We're going to be a different team. [Last year] we won with our style of play, which was using our size and strength. We just have to adapt to our personnel."

With the youth of the Lions also comes some inexperience. Despite the fact that ten players on the roster have no college basketball experience, he sees talent, and, hopefully, a bright

stands at 6'6", and will do the center duties for Niland.

The two returners for Behrend, Chad Sutton and Ron Derian, will be heavily looked at by Niland to lead the Lions to success.

"[Sutton and Derian] will be leaders. They have experience and have both established that they know how to win games, and hopefully they can pass that on to the younger guys," said Niland.

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for the season, and Lance Burgert has elected not to play.

No Lion is over the height of 6'6". There are two returners back from last year's 13-12 club, and there are no sophomores or seniors on the roster.

A rebuilding year for the Penn State-Behrend men's basketball team, right?

Not quite, according to second year Head Coach Dave Niland.

"We have a young group that is working very hard, and people will like to watch them play," said Coach Niland.

Although Niland speaks very highly of his young troops, he can't overlook the loss of some

future.

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With all of the freshmen on the roster, Niland will look to four juniors to lead them on their way and show them how to win.

Two of the juniors, Steve Adams and Brian Perkins, are transfers from Penn State New Kensington. Adams is going to swing between the guard and forward positions, while Perkins

last year's squad, Niland is prepared to play to the strengths of this season's Lions.

"We're going to be more of an up-tempo team," said Niland. "We'll have a strong perimeter game, and we handle the ball better this year than last, as a team."

Last Saturday, the Lions brought their hard work in practice to the floor for their first scrimmage of the season. Needless to say, Niland was very pleased with what he saw.

"We just try to get better every time we walk on the floor, and we did that on Saturday. We're not going to look too far down

the road, we are just going to concentrate on improving," commented Niland.

The Lions will have eight players fighting for the guard spots. The players include: Jason Paloskey (fr., 5'11"), Sutton (jr., 5'9"), Brian Emick (fr., 6'2"), Kevin Nalls (fr., 5'11"), Matt Plizga (fr., 6'1"), Mike Krause (fr., 6'0"), Andy Kufe (fr., 5'11"), and Chris Heh (fr., 6'1").

Behrend will be just as competitive under the hoop, as six players will battle for playing time. These players include: Andy Lawrence (fr., 6'3"), Derian (jr., 6'3"), Anthony Costantini (fr., 6'4"), Jeff Meyers (fr., 6'6"), Perkins (jr., 6'6"), and Adams (jr., 6'4").

Because of this year's youth, the Lions could be called 'the Cubs,' but what ever you do, don't count them out.

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Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent
11/17-18	Penn State
	Tourney
11/21	at Marietta
11/27	at Defiance
12/2-3	Nazareth
	Tourney
12/6	at W&J
12/8	SUNY-Fredonia
1/4	Westminster
1/6	Bethany
1/10	at SUNY-Fredonia
1/13	Waynesburg
1/17	at Grove City
1/20	at Bethany
1/24	at Hilbert
1/27	W&J
1/30	Buffalo State
2/1	Thiel
2/3	Grove City
2/5	at Pitt-Bradford
2/8	Hilbert
2/10	Keuka
2/14	at Allegheny
2/19	at Alfred
2/22	at Thiel

Head Coach Rosalyn Fornari
Assistant Coach Rob Wittman

Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent
11/18	at Thiel
11/21	at Hilbert
11/28	SUNY-Fredonia
12/1-2	Hamot
	Classic
12/6	W&J
12/28-29	Kings College
	Tourney
1/3	Waynesburg
1/6	at Keuka
1/10	at SUNY-Fredonia
1/17	at Grove City
1/20	at Bethany
1/24	at Waynesburg
1/27	Oberlin
1/30	at Allegheny
2/1	Thiel
2/3	Grove City
2/7	at LaRoche
2/10	Keuka
2/12	at W&J
2/14	at Lake Erie
2/17	Elmira
2/19	at Alfred
2/21	LaRoche

Head Coach Dave Niland
Assistant Coach John Gorman