

Lady Lions streaking to possible playoff bid

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And the streak rolls on.

On Thursday of last week they demolished a stripped Hilbert Lady Hawk basketball team, and on Saturday they ripped through the Keuka Warriors.

The win against the Lady Hawks was expected since they were a weaker program. In fact they only brought six players to Erie Hall to battle the Lady Lions.

"We needed to play and get up on them early," commented Head Coach Roz Fornari on what she expected from her team. "If we did that we knew we could give everyone playing time."

The game was close for the first two minutes, but then Behrend ran all over Keuka for a early 14-4 lead. Then, behind solid shooting from the floor (55 percent first half) the Lady Lions

coasted to a prevailing 44-20 lead at the break.

The second half was much of the same as the Lady Lions began with their starters, but were eventually able to switch to their reserves for almost twelve minutes as they kept Hilbert on the run and shot excellent en route to an 81-49 victory.

Marlesse Schlott led all scorers with 20 points, Banas was 5-6 from downtown en route to 15, Nikki Schultz had 12, and Erin McCormick had 11. Schultz led the way with 12 rebounds and McCormick took down seven. Becky Reed had a game-high seven assists.

"It was nice to see all the players on the court," said Fornari of the whole team effort. "It gave us an opportunity to see them all. Mack, McCormick, and Schultz all did very nice things. They were all solid."

Among the others who saw playing time, Mack had four assists, Robin Mangus had four points, and Jaime Bideaux had her first bucket of the year. The Lady Lions notched seven on the win streak and 14-7 record on the 95-96 campaign. Hilbert fell to 2-15.

Next up for the Lady Lions was a supposed tough Keuka (6-14) team. Behrend started off tough and had a commanding 31-20 lead with just over 2:30 left in the half. But Keuka went on a 11-2 run to cut the lead to 33-31 at the half.

"We played poor defense [at the end of the first half]," commented Fornari. "We stopped executing and almost lost the lead. We needed to take better care of the ball."

The run for Keuka was quite a wake-up call for the Lady Lions. They came out of the gates

strong in the second half to take a huge lead on Keuka. They used a 49 percent shooting average and a 79 percent performance from the free throw line to coast to 49 second half points and an 82-54 victory.

Fornari was much more pleased with her team's effort in the second half.

"We started running better. When we play well on offense and defense and we execute, we are unbeatable. Our defense really picked it up and I was surprised with the margin of victory."

The game, was the last Lady Lion home game of the season. It was also Senior Night to honor co-captains Reed and Schlott which turned out to be a success for the two stars. Schlott turned in 25 points including 9-12 from the charity stripe and Reed poured in 16 points, five assists, and

four blocks to help lead the Lady Lions. Emily Marini had a top-notch performance with 18 points and six rebounds.

"She did the things she needed to do," said Fornari of Marini's effort. "If people were open she'd pass it, if she was open she'd take the shot. Watch her on offense and defense. She has been one of our leaders all year."

NOTES

Schlott, Reed, and Banas have started all twenty-two games for the Lady Lions. They are also 1-2-3 in scoring with 16.0, 13.4, and 11.6 ppg respectively.

Schlott leads the Lady Lions with 12.5 rebounds per game.

Reed's four blocks against Keuka and seven assists against Hilbert helped her to lead the team in both categories.

**Behrend- 81
Hilbert- 49**

Lady Lions

Banas 5-6, 0-0, 15 Delaney 2-4, 0-0, 5 Schlott 7-11, 6-7, 20 Reed 2-6, 0-0, 4 Marini 2-3, 1-2, 5 Bohn 0-1, 0-0, 0 Schultz 6-9, 0-0, 12 McCormick 5-11, 1-2, 11 Mack 0-4, 1-2, 1 Mangus 1-4, 2-2, 4 Madigan 1-2, 0-0, 2 Bideaux 1-1, 0-0, 2
Totals: 32-62, 10-15, 81
3pts: 7-13 (Banas 5-6, Delaney 1-1, McCormick 1-2, Mack 0-1, Mangus 0-1, Reed 0-2)
Rebounds: 40 (Schultz 12, McCormick 7)

Hilbert

Sanderson 3-15, 3-4, 9 Rowe 1-4, 0-0, 2 Maska 8-12, 0-0, 16 Husteas 1-7, 0-0, 2 McCare 5-18, 0-0, 14 Howard 3-10, 0-0, 6
Totals: 21-66, 3-4, 49
3pts: 4-15 (McCare 4-13, Sanderson 0-2)
Rebounds: 38 (Howard 14, McCare 4)

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Lady Lions

Banas 3-10, 3-4, 11 Delaney 1-7, 0-0, 2 Schlott 8-17, 9-12, 25 Reed 6-13, 2-3, 16 Marini 8-12, 2-3, 18 Schultz 2-6, 2-2, 6 McCormick 0-2, 0-0, 0 Bohn 2-6, 0-0, 4
Totals: 30-73, 18-24, 82
3pts: 4-15 (Reed 2-6, Banas 2-8, Delaney 0-1)
Rebounds: 53 (Schlott 8, Schultz 8, Delaney 8)

Keuka

McLaughlin 1-4, 0-0, 2 Crowley 1-2, 0-0, 2 Allen 5-13, 0-0, 11 Johnson 3-8, 1-2, 7 Welch 1-1, 0-0, 2 Eskildsen 0-3, 0-0, 0 Snavlin 2-5, 0-0, 4 Kushner 5-10, 0-0, 11 Lysik 1-5, 0-0, 2 MacDonald 2-4, 1-2, 5 Buckner 0-5, 0-0, 0 Bloomquist 4-7, 0-0, 8 Anderson 0-0, 0-0, 0
Totals: 25-67, 2-6, 54
3pts: 2-5 (Kushner 1-1, Allen 1-1, McLaughlin 0-1, Snavlin 0-2)
Rebounds: 33 (Buckner 7, Kushner 4)



Photo by Chris Nelson/Collegian Photographer
Kick the ball outside: Erin McCormick (44) passes the ball back to Becky Reed in the Lady Lions game against Hilbert. McCormick finished with a career high 11. Roz Fornari's squad has won eight in a row and are in position for a possible ECAC playoff spot.



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