

Still in hunt for ECAC

Schlott sets season rebounding mark

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The Penn State Behrend Lady Lions had a tough week on the

court by having their nine game winning streak by losing to Allegheny College 69-56, and

then being upset by Alfred University in New York, 61-53.

On Wednesday of last week, the Lady Lions took that season high nine game win streak into the David Mead Fieldhouse to battle the Lady Gators of Allegheny. Behrend kept riding high on their momentum and took a 30-29 halftime lead.

The second half was a different story as Allegheny dominated Behrend outscoring the Lady Gators 40-26 en route to a 69-56 victory.

"We had a difficult time getting in sync as a team," commented Lady Lion Head Coach Roz Fornari. "We did things [shooting] we hadn't done all year and our shooting percentage got lower."

The Lady Lions also had numerous turnovers in the game, and the coaches said that the officiating was one-sided and most of the calls went in the favor of the Lady Gators.

The main factor in the loss for the Lady Lions was that senior center Marlesse Schlott fouled out in the second half after only twenty-minutes of playing time. To make things worse, Erin McCormick was not available for Fornari's use due to an injury.

Schlott still led all Lady Lions in scoring with 15 points and in rebounding with eight boards. Becky Reed had 14 points, and Emily Marini contributed ten.

With the streak behind them the Lady Lions looked forward to getting back on the winning track against a 9-13 Alfred University squad on Monday. But Alfred came out of the gate early and Behrend was only spotted a three point lead at the half.

In the second half, the Lady Lions went stone cold from the floor, shooting only 7-35 for a total of 18 points. Alfred posted 29 and wound up on the top of a 61-53 score.

"We're disappointed [with our play]," said Fornari. "We were ahead three at the half and we just stopped executing. We were also very tired. In the win streak, five of the games came over nine days, and it wore them out."

The game marked more foul trouble for the Lady Lions as both Reed and Marini fouled out late. Schlott bounced back from her lack of playing time against Allegheny to score 19 points and net 21 boards. Melanie Banas had double points with ten. She also was second in rebounding with seven.

Even though the Lady Lions came out on the short end of the score, Schlott achieved quite a milestone. Schlott has racked up 304 rebounds on the season to break the single season mark of Penn State Behrend.

"It's my last season to play and I want to play 100 percent everytime out. At least I know I'll be leaving with something someone else will try to break," stated a very modest Schlott.

The previous record was 285 by Paula Skaggs in the 1985-86 season.

The Lady Lions wrap up the regular season today against the Lady Cats of Thiel College. Then they will wait to see if they get a playoff bid from the East Coast Athletic Conference.

Schlott feels the Lady Lions are still in the for the ECAC tournament.

"We still have chance because it depends on who goes to the NCAA tournament. So we're hoping to still get a bid."



Photo by Chris Nelson/Collegian Photographer

TO THE HOOP: Nikki Schultz goes to the hoop against a Hilbert defender.



Photo by Chris Nelson

REBOUND RECORD: On the 19, Marlesse Schlott broke Behrend women's record for the most rebounds in a single-season (285) with a total of 304. Schlott challenges her record tonight at Thiel.

Allegheny- 69 Behrend- 56

Lady Lions
Banas 4-11, 2-2, 14 Delaney 0-1, 0-0, 0 Schlott 5-7, 5-5, 15 Reed 3-12, 0-0, 0 Marini 3-10, 4-6, 10 Bohn 1-7, 0-0, 2 Schultz 3-6, 1-4, 7 Mack 0-0, 0-0, 0
Totals: 19-54; 12-17; 56
3pts: 6-22 (Banas 4-10, Reed 2-10, Bohn 0-2)
Rebounds: 43 (Schlott 8, Reed 7, Bohn 7)

Allegheny
Schmidt 1-3, 0-0, 2 Britt 2-6, 0-0, 4 Hannemann 8-12, 1-6, 17 Huber 10-29, 4-6, 24 Mazza 4-8, 5-6, 13 Cribbins 3-6, 2-2, 9 Anderson 0-1, 0-1, 0 VanVaerenewyck 0-0, 0-0, 0
Totals: 28-65; 12-20; 69
3pts: 1-6 (Cribbins 1-3, Britt 0-3)
Rebounds: 39 (Huber 10, Hannemann 8)

Alfred- 61 Behrend- 53

Lady Lions
Banas 2-16, 4-4, 10 Delaney 1-7, 0-0, 2 Schlott 6-15, 7-8, 19 Reed 2-7, 2-2, 7 Marini 2-5, 0-0, 4 Schultz 4-6, 1-3, 9 Bohn 1-2, 0-0, 2 Madigan 0-2, 0-0, 0
Totals: 18-60; 14-17, 53
3pts: 3-21 (Banas 2-13, Reed 1-4, Delaney 0-2, Madigan 0-2)
Rebounds: 50 (Schlott 21, Banas 7)

Alfred
O'Connor 5-9, 0-0, 11 Crafts 0-2, 0-0, 0 Artip 6-13, 0-0, 12 Rife 8-18, 3-4, 19 Sergeant 1-3, 0-0, 2 Hayes 4-9, 4-5, 12 Porter 0-3, 2-2, 2 LaForce 1-4, 0-0, 3 Boyle 0-3, 0-0, 0
Totals: 25-64; 9-11; 61
3pts: 2-6 (O'Connor 1-3, LaForce 1-3)
Rebounds: 32 (O'Connor 7, Rife 5)

Costantini major contributor

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Though he has recently been hampered by injuries and sickness this week's Housing and Food Services athlete of the week has been a major contributor to the Penn State Behrend men's basketball program. His name is Anthony Costantini.

Costantini missed the Lions' action in Alfred on Monday and did not play last night against LaRoche. He has been hampered by a severe case of the flu. He missed time earlier this season with an ankle injury, but he has been one of the team's leading scorers all season.

"Anthony missed Monday's game and it certainly showed," stated Head Coach Dave Niland as the Lions fell to Alfred 70-63.

Costantini's last two efforts included 13 points and five rebounds against Lake Erie College, and 12 points and five rebounds against Elmira. He finished the season averaging 12.6 points and 4.6 rebounds per game. He also leads the club with 31 steals for the year.

He is a 6' 4" product from Seton-Lasalle H.S. in Pittsburgh. He has been a great addition to the small forward position for the Lions.

Coach Niland has nothing but praise of his star in the making. "Anthony has been a versatile player for us. He does have some areas he needs to improve on, but he has been a great player for us," explained Niland.

"He has had a rough freshman year, but he works hard just like all of our freshman. Anthony has come a long long way."

Costantini's teammates also think he is a great player. "He has great range on his jump shot," said teammate Matt Plizga. "He can shoot from anywhere on the perimeter."

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