

In Like a Lamb, And Out Like a Lion!!

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The Penn State-Behrend Lady Lions had a successful spring break, although the record may not show it.

The Lady Lions wrapped up their Florida trip with a 4-5 record. However, Behrend won three of their last four games to end on a positive note.

"We had a slow start," commented Head Coach Sharon Gregory, but we came back strong."

The Lady Lions opened the season with a 6-1 loss to NAIA powerhouse Madonna College. Behrend then rebounded to defeat Regis College Tuesday morning 10-4 behind a tough pitching performance by Beth Calhoun.

The second game of the day was a close one as the Lady Lions dropped a 2-1 decision to Jamestown, another NAIA team.

"It's hard to tell how well we did in Florida because of the competition we faced," said Julie Stocker. "We saw it as an

opportunity to play together for the first time and to grow."

The toughest day was Wednesday, as the Lady Lions dropped two decisions 9-1 and 6-4 to Grand Valley and Concordia, respectively.

But the Lady Lions came back on fire Thursday, scoring 37 runs en route to a 23-0 blanking of Regis College and a 14-3 revenge victory over Jamestown.

The 23-0 victory marked the first no hitter for the season for sophomore pitcher Heather Norder.

On Friday, Behrend fell hard to Division II Ferris State, 12-1, but rebounded to knock off Nichols 6-4 in what may have been the most exciting game of the week.

"We were very aggressive in our victories, and we dictated those games," said Gregory. "But in our losses, we didn't seem to take full swings and play together."

Calhoun finished the spring outing at 2-2 on the mound and Norder rounded out at 2-3.

"They both did an

outstanding job of pitching," Gregory smiled. "They adjusted well to pitching off the mound and on different fields."

Although the sticks started off slow for the offensive-minded Lions, many players ended up with very impressive springs.

Calhoun led the charge by slugging 12 hits in her 24 at bats. Reed led in the runs batted in department with 11, and crossed the plate 11 times.

"Reed was in a zone. She's one of the best hitters I've ever seen. Right off of a ECAC basketball championship, and she smacks the daylights out of the ball," said Stocker.

Norder and Stocker also hit well at the plate, with .440 and .416 averages, respectively. The two accounted for 21 Lady Lion hits, and Stocker added her first career bunt for a base hit.

"I think Stocker did a great job at the plate," said Gregory. "She had a few singles here and there that either sparked us in an inning or helped us out."

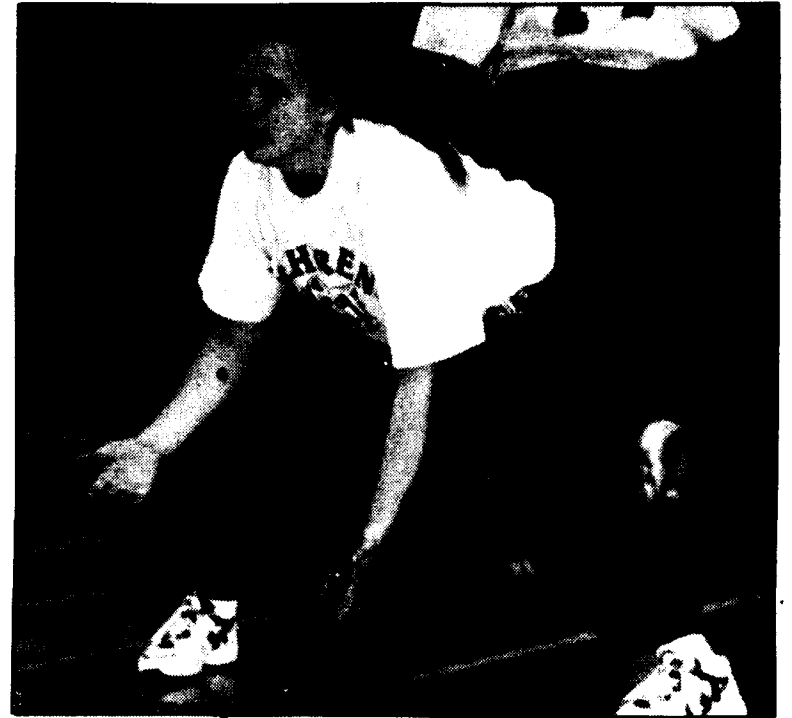


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Do a little dance, make a little glove: Beth Calhoun shows that the kid can do more than pitch.

There were two casualties for spring training, as left fielder Shannon Angel bruised a finger on her throwing hand, and Stocker broke her left index finger. Gregory expects Angel back by Saturday and Stocker by game time Tuesday.

COLLEGIAN Staff NCAA Men's Picks: Final Four

	SOUTHEAST	WEST	EAST	MIDWEST
ZULOVICH	UCONN	Kansas	UMASS	Kentucky
Final Game: Kansas vs. UMASS 1996 Champion: Kansas				
STOCKER	Cincinnati	Memphis	UMASS	Kentucky
Final Game: Memphis vs. Kentucky 1996 Champion: Kentucky				
GREGORY	UCONN	Kansas	UMASS	Villanova
Final Game: UCONN vs. Villanova 1996 Champion: UCONN				
PLIZGA	Cincinnati	Kansas	G'Town	Kentucky
Final Game: Kansas vs. Kentucky 1996 Champion: Kentucky				

COLLEGIAN Staff NCAA Women's Picks:

Final Four

	WEST	MIDWEST	EAST	MIDEAST
ZULOVICH	Penn St.	Georgia	Old Dom.	UCONN
Final Game: Georgia vs. UCONN 1996 Champion: UCONN				
STOCKER	Colorado	Georgia	Tennessee	Iowa
Final Game: Georgia vs. Tennessee 1996 Champion: Tennessee				
GREGORY	Stanford	Texas Tech	Old Dom.	UCONN
Final Game: Old Dom. vs. Texas Tech 1996 Champion: s				
PLIZGA	Kent St.	Central Fla	Radford	W
Final Game: Kent St. vs. Wisconsin 1996 Champion: Wisconsin				

Tonight

Nittany Lion Hotline - 6:05
(Last Show of the Season!)

Catch the Penn State Men & Women
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Tonight, Men v. Arkansas - 7:20 pm
Friday, Women v. Youngstown State - 8:00 pm

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