

Lions snap losing skid

McGuire sets steals record



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Trying to stay warm: The Behrend bench tries to stay warm during their double header against Theil last Monday. As the weather tries to get warmer, Head Coach Paul Benim hopes his team will get hot as well after sweeping Theil.

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Head Coach Paul Benim and the Penn State-Behrend baseball team breathed a huge sigh of relief this week. The losing streak is finally over for the

Lions. Behrend swept a double header against Theil College on Monday, breaking their eleven game losing streak. With the sweep, the Lions now stand at 10-14 on the season.

Behrend's hitting came to life again in the two victories. The

Lions had eight hits en route to an 8-1 victory in the first game.

Matt Holian got his first college victory, giving up just one run in six innings of work. Holian struck out seven and walked four.

Nate Orend was the offensive

spark plug, scoring a run and driving in two more on two hits. Quinn McGuire also had two hits in the first contest.

In the second game, Behrend scored five runs in the first innings to pace a 12-5 nightcap win.

Bill Vitron and John Matson had huge offensive numbers in the second Lion win. Each went three for four. Vitron scored three runs and drove in another while Matson scored three runs and drove in four.

Jim Weaver was the winning pitcher, working five innings and striking out seven.

Benim was very happy to see his team perform on Monday as well as they did in their first seven games.

"We did a lot of things exceptionally well Monday. They played the way they're capable of playing," Benim said.

Saturday was not such a good day for the Lions. Behrend was swept in a double header to a powerful Allegheny team. The Behrend pitching staff allowed double digits in runs of both games, 12-2 and 13-2.

Defense was nearly nonexistent for the Lions as they committed ten errors in the two games.

Daryl Schimdt suffered the loss in the first game, giving up eight runs, but only two were earned. The Lions managed only five hits in the first contest.

Unfortunately, the second game was very much like the first. Behrend scored just two runs on three hits. In both games the Lions did not score until the seventh inning.

Even though Behrend regular season record is not blistering, the Behrend record books have been changed.

McGuire has set the all time Behrend mark for stolen bases. He now has 48 career stolen bases passing Mike Mixon [Behrend 78-81].

McGuire steals mark also passed up Behrend's only Major Leaguer, Tom Lawless. Lawless [Behrend 75-78] is not most known more his steals here at Behrend but his heroics as a St. Louis Cardinal team that went to the World Series in 1987.

But, as Benim stated, "We're moving on to bigger and better things. We've put these last few games behind us."

The Lions next game is today against Grove City College.

The Behrend coaching staff does not know much about the Grove City program, but this is what Benim has had to deal with all season.

"This isn't like basketball where you get all kinds of head start scouting reports. You pretty much show up and play," explained Benim.

But baseball is a relatively simple game. Assistant Coach Bill Graham put it simple too. "If we get good pitching and play defense against Grove City, we'll be fine."

First pitch today is at 1 p.m.

Lions Box Scores

Game 1 versus Allegheny

	ab	r	h	bi
McGuire lf	3	0	0	0
Green 2b	3	0	0	0
Vitron dh	3	1	1	0
Matson 3b	3	1	1	0
Hager rf	2	0	0	0
Camuso rf	1	0	0	0
Hortzman	3	1	1	0
Burchanowski c	2	0	0	0
Zaczyk c	1	0	0	0
Orend cf	3	0	1	1
Revak ss	0	0	0	0
Weaver ss	3	0	1	0

Beh- 000-000-2 - 2
All- 500-412-x - 12

Schmidt, L (2-4)
4 IP, 7H, 8R, 2ER, 2BB, 1 SO
Vadala
1IP, 2H, 5R, 5R, 2BB, 0SO
Gaskey
1IP, 0H, 0R, 0ER, 1BB, 1SO

Game 2 versus Allegheny

	ab	r	h	bi
McGuire lf	2	0	0	0
Green 2b	2	0	0	0
Vitron 1b	3	1	1	0
Matson 3b	3	1	2	1
Hager rf	3	0	1	0
Hortzman dh	1	0	0	0
Camuso ph	1	0	0	0
Burchanowski c	3	0	0	0
Orend cf	2	0	0	0
Schmidt ss	2	0	0	0

Beh- 000-000-2 - 2
All- 131-350-x - 13

Revak L (1-1)
4IP, 11H, 9R, 6ER, 4BB, 1SO
Gaskey
2IP, 2H, 3R, 1ER, 3BB, 1SO

Game 1 versus Theil

	ab	r	h	bi
McGuire lf	4	0	2	1
Burchanowski c	3	1	1	0
Vitron dh	4	1	1	1
Matson 3b	4	1	1	0
Hortzman 1b	3	2	1	0
Hager rf	2	0	0	0
Gaskey ph	1	0	0	0
Orend cf	3	1	2	2
Revak ss	3	1	0	1
Green 2b	1	1	0	0

The- 000-010-0 - 1
Beh- 030-140-x - 8

Holian, W (1-1)
6IP, 4H, 1R, 1ER, 4BB, 7SO
Burchanowski
1IP, 0H, 0R, 0R, 0BB, 2SO

Game 2 versus Theil

	ab	r	h	bi
McGuire lf	2	2	0	0
Burchanowski c	3	2	1	0
Vitron 1b	4	3	3	1
Matson 3b	4	3	3	4
Hortzman dh	3	1	1	1
Orend cf	2	1	1	1
Revak ss	3	0	1	1
Green 2b	3	0	0	0
Camuso rf	3	0	1	0
Weaver ph	0	0	0	0

The- 100-220-0 - 5
Beh- 520-302-x - 12

Weaver, W (1-0)
5IP, 9H, 5R, 5ER, 3BB, 7SO
Matson
2IP, 0H, 0R, 0ER, 0BB, 2SO

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