

Lerch & Co. kill the Bengals

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"We played the best I've seen all year" second year coach Sharon Gregory said of her team's performance against Buffalo State Tuesday night.

In their home opener, the Lady Lions buried their opponent 15-1 to start the night. They then took the next two matches 17-15, 15-5 to rap up their sixth win of the year.

Co-Captain Angela Georg attributed the dominating win to the team's passing. "We had great passing from everyone tonight" Georg said.

Middle hitter Erin McCormick agreed, "We passed the ball exceptionally well, which allowed us to execute our offenses."

One reason for the team's passing and offensive success has been the abilities of setter Angela Georg. Against Buff State Georg had 24 assists bringing her season total to 266.

"Angie has done a phenomenal job setting. She has been able to make some difficult plays" explains Gregory.

Hitting was another strength of the team that they displayed versus Buff State. Freshman Heather Lerch and first year junior Beth Calhoun led the way in kills with 9 and 8 respectively.

Coach Gregory commented on the play of Calhoun, "She has gotten more confident and really stepped up in the middle for us."

The team also did an excellent job from the service line where they committed just 7 errors in 88 attempts. More importantly, they had 15 aces with Angie Georg and Jessica Brody leading the way with 4 apiece.

Despite all of the offensive strengths, the Lady Lions still pride themselves on their defense.

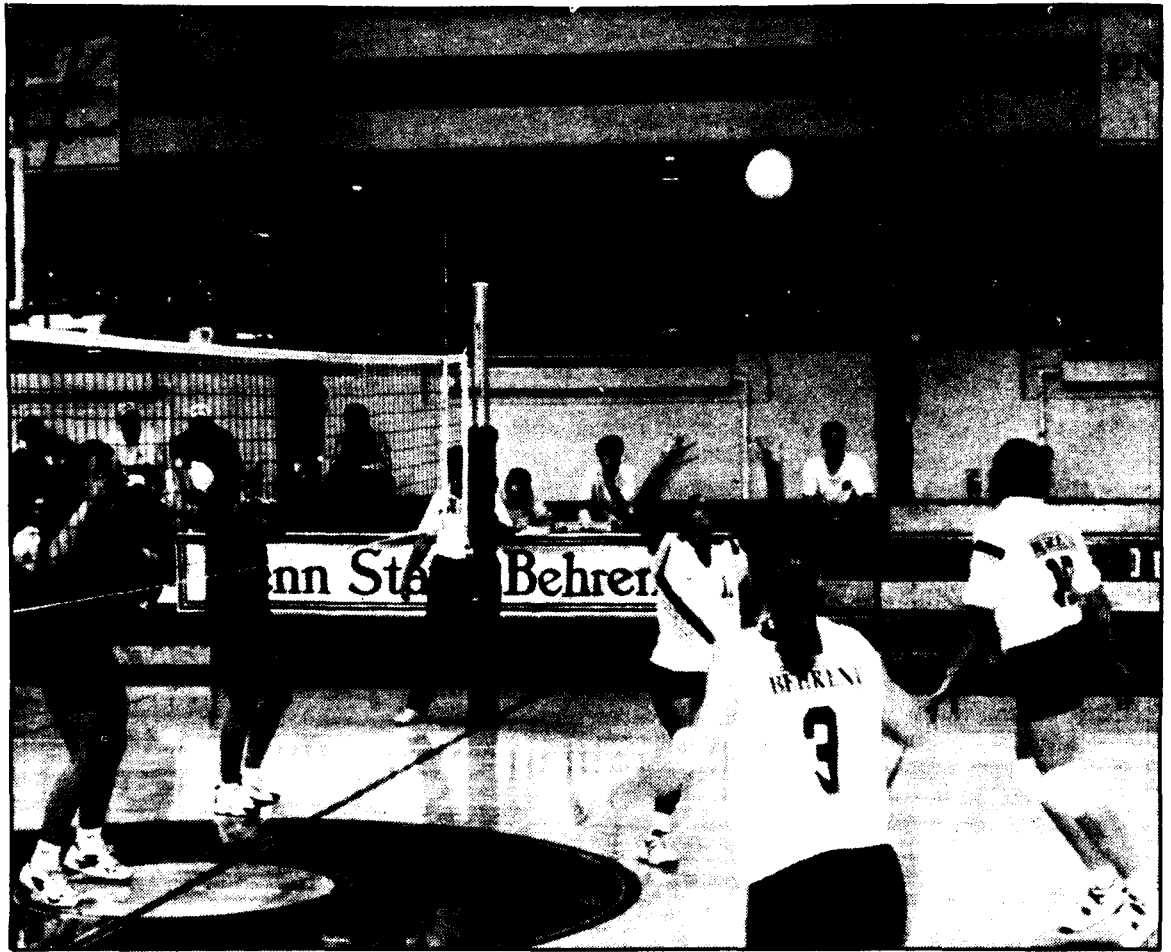
"We played solid defense, nothing hit the floor" exclaimed back row specialist Amy Beckner. This was evident in the 48 digs by the team led by Co-Captain Amy Good with 12.

"Tonight we worked together as a team, we are getting better with each match" Senior hitter Jen Leone stated.

Entering the season with a strong nucleus of seven returners, and some promising newcomers expectations are high for Behrend. "We set goals for ourselves. Now we are going out to accomplish them" said Georg.

One of the teams goals is to win 80% of their games. No far reach for a team that boasts one of Division III's top block artists, in Erin McCormick. Entering the season Coach Gregory chose to move Erin from front middle to front left, giving her 3 rotations up front.

The Lady Lions will next see action this weekend in the Baldwin Wallace Tournament. They will face Alma College, Otterbein, and Mt. Union. Next Tuesday they will face Case Western Reserve in Cleveland. They return home to face Pitt-Bradford on the 24th of September in the friendly confines of Erie Hall.



Eat This Baby! The Lady Lions look for a high kill count. Photo by Brian Charnock/Collegian Photographer

NFL Players of Week

Houston Oilers running back Eddie George, Kansas City linebacker Derrick Thomas and Indianapolis rookie Marvin Harrison were named the AFC offensive, defensive, and special teams players for Week Two. George ran for 143 yards on 17 carries and scored a touchdown in the Houston win over Jacksonville. Thomas had five tackles and two sacks Sunday. His second sack resulted in a fumble that was

returned eighty yards by teammate James Hasty for a touchdown.

In the NFC Minnesota quarterback Brad Johnson, Washington defensive back Sean Gilbert and Carolina kicker John Kasay earned the NFC honors. Kasay has ten field goals in two weeks. The NFL record for a season is thirty-five.

Butler fractures hand

The Los Angeles Dodgers will update the status of Brett

Butler who was hit by a pitch in a 5-4 win over Cincinnati on Tuesday. Butler squared to bunt and was hit by Giovanni Cararra's inside pitch.

Initial examinations showed a fractured fifth metacarpal which would likely sideline Butler the rest of the season. Butler made his return to the line up last week after undergoing cancer surgery and treatment for throat cancer in May.

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