

Young Lady Lions Ready

Name: Penn State Behrend

Mascot: Lady Lions

Coach: Roz Fornari (fourth season) 53-26

Last Year: The Lady Lions finished 18-9 and won the ECAC Southern Region Championship. The Lady Lions were 7-7 on January 20th, but then won eight straight games and eleven of their last thirteen.

Key Losses: The Lady Lions this year will be without their top three scorers of last year. Marlesse Schlott (16.6 ppg, 12.5 rpg) and Becky Reed (12.5 ppg) has no more

eligibility left, and sophomore point guard Mel Banas (12.0) has moved on to University Park. Also gone from last year's team are Kate Delaney (4.3 ppg), Nikki Bohn (3.7 ppg), Erin McCormick (3.4 ppg, 4.0 rpg), Erin Mack (1.8 ppg), Jamie Bideaux and Robin Mangus.

Returns: Emily Marini (8.1 ppg and 5.8 rpg) and Nikki Schultz (6.4 ppg, 5.2 rpg) will be back in the line-up down low for the Lady Lions. Marini started all but two games last year, and Schultz was the first off the bench. Maria Madigan also returns for her sophomore year.

New Faces: The Lady Lions have a monstrous recruiting class of twelve freshman. New to the program this year are: Mandy Bodnor (6'0", Shaler), Tiffany Buck (5'6", Penn/Trafford), Amanda Higgins (5'5", Monesson), Briana Kriebel (5'7", Clarion Area), Kelle Lerch (5'11", Central), Jamie Lorenzo (5'8", Kane), Julie Mimm (5'9", Girard), Amy Mudrak (5'11", Mercer), Carrie Nestor (5'5", McDowell), Kerry O'Connell (5'8", Kunkletown), Katie O'Donnell (5'9", North Catholic), and Becky Rishel (5'7", Albert Gallatin).

Schedule: Expecting a full slate of returnees, the schedule makers put together a tough schedule for the Lady Lions this year. They have to play Bethany (a team that swept the Lady Lions last year), the Muskingum Tourney, Marietta, the Salisbury State Tourney, and Notre Dame College. In addition they play rivals W&J, Grove City, and Fredonia.

Outlook (Defense): The Lady Lions will really have to battle it out early on to beat some tough opponents. Size could be a problem as they lose Schlott, McCormick and Reed. Marini can still fight down low and Schultz will have to do so as well to control the boards. Fornari said the Lady Lions are a lot quicker this year so they will be able to press full court more often. Freshman Mandy Bodnor will have to step up down low as well.

Outlook (Offense): The Lady lions also lose their best shots outside. Reed and Banas combined for 103 made three pointers last year. The rest of the team made only twenty-one all year. With Schlott, Reed, and Banas gone the Lady Lions will have to make up for 41.1 points per game from another source. Schultz and Marini will no doubt be relied upon to shoot more inside, and Freshmen Carrie Nestor and Tiffany Buck will be relied on to shoot from outside and downtown. Look for Madigan to be a factor this year.

Overall: The key to whether or not the Lady Lions have a great season is the play of the freshman. Fornari says that she needs the freshman to play like sophomores soon. If they do that, they can surprise a lot of the tough teams early on. Fornari has had to rebuild before with mostly freshman. She did it two years ago with great success and she's ready to do it again. Look forward to an above .500 record and an exciting year. (14-11).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	NAME	Yr	HT	POS
15	Emily Marini	Jr.	5'6"	F
33	Maria Madigan	So.	5'6"	G
50	Nikki Schultz	Jr.	5'10"	F
52	Mandy Bodnor	Fr.	6'0"	F
12	Tiffany Buck	Fr.	5'6"	G
22	Amanda Higgins	Fr.	5'5"	G
24	Briana Kriebel	Fr.	5'7"	G
31	Kelle Lerch	Fr.	5'11"	F
40	Jamie Lorenzo	Fr.	5'8"	G
43	Julie Mimm	Fr.	5'9"	G/F
32	Amy Mudrak	Fr.	5'11"	F
14	Carrie Nestor	Fr.	5'5"	G
44	Kerry O'Connell	Fr.	5'8"	G
23	Katie O'Donnell	Fr.	5'9"	F
21	Becky Rishel	Fr.	5'7"	G



Gimme the ball! Junior Emily Marini looks for the ball in the post during a recent practice.



Get back here! Freshman Carrie Nestor attempts to go by her defender on the way to the hoop. Your first opportunity to see the Lady Lions will be at the upcoming Fan Jam, Nov. 16.

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11/22	Creative Imprints Tourney	6&8 pm	1/18	@Bethany (DH)	2:00 pm
11/23	Consolation/Champ Game	1&3 pm	1/21	@LaRoche	7:00 pm
11/26	Marietta	7:30 pm	1/25	@Pitt-Bradford	6:00 pm
11/30	@Muskingum Tourney	6&8 pm	1/29	@Westminster	7:00 pm
12/1	Consolation/Champ	1&3 pm	2/1	Lake Erie	2:00 pm
12/4	@W & J	7:00 pm	2/5	Pitt-Bradford	7:30 pm
12/6	@Salisbury State Tourney	6&8 pm	2/8	@Notre Dame College	2:00 pm
12/7	Consolation/Champ	1&3 pm	2/11	@Buffalo State	7:00 pm
1/6	Bethany	7:30 pm	2/15	Allegheny	2:00 pm
1/9	@Fredonia	7:00 pm	2/17	@Waynesburg	5:30 pm
1/11	W & J	2:00 pm	2/19	LaRoche (DH)	6:00 pm
1/15	@Grove City (DH)	6:00 pm	2/22	Notre Dame College	2:00 pm
			2/26	Thiel	6:00 pm

CC season ends

Trettel named Athlete of the Week

by Jeff West
Collegian Staff

This past weekend, Cross Country hit the trail and finished out their first year of existence when they were invited to the NCAA Midwest Regional Invitational. In the meet, the Lions were impressive by placing 20 out of 41 schools; the Lady Lions had an equally good showing with their 23 place finish.

"I was very surprised to see the team do this well since this year is the first year for Cross Country at Behrend" said Coach John Drew. The top runners for the men were senior Joe Trettel and freshman Mark Huether, while junior Sandy Stanko and senior Kristin Ballard led the Lady Lion attack.

Trettel's performance at the invitational earned him Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week honors.

"Joe has been our number one runner for the team all year long" said Coach Drew.

"Joe has great running ability, he has helped the team out a lot this season" added teammate Brett Kocijan.

Trettel's success is due to his work ethic and years of experience. "He is really serious about Cross Country and has the best work ethic I have ever seen in a Cross Country runner" said freshman Mark Huether.

"He is a real determined runner and if he has to be by himself to concentrate on running, he will" added teammate Katy Sheridan.

The success of the Cross Country

team has really turned some heads around campus. "I think the team was a lot better than what people expected us to be" said team member Dan Biondi. Coach Drew agreed, "I think for being a first year program, we did an excellent job this season."

The experience of running in the NCAA Midwest Regional meet will help the returning runners next season. "It was a lot of fun to go into regionals as a first year team because nobody knew what to expect," said Sheridan. "We didn't have to live up to anything but to run a good race."

For the Cross Country program to continue to develop and improve, Coach Drew believes two things must happen. "Everybody returning to the team next year has to stay in shape during the off season and we need to recruit good runners, also" said Coach Drew.

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