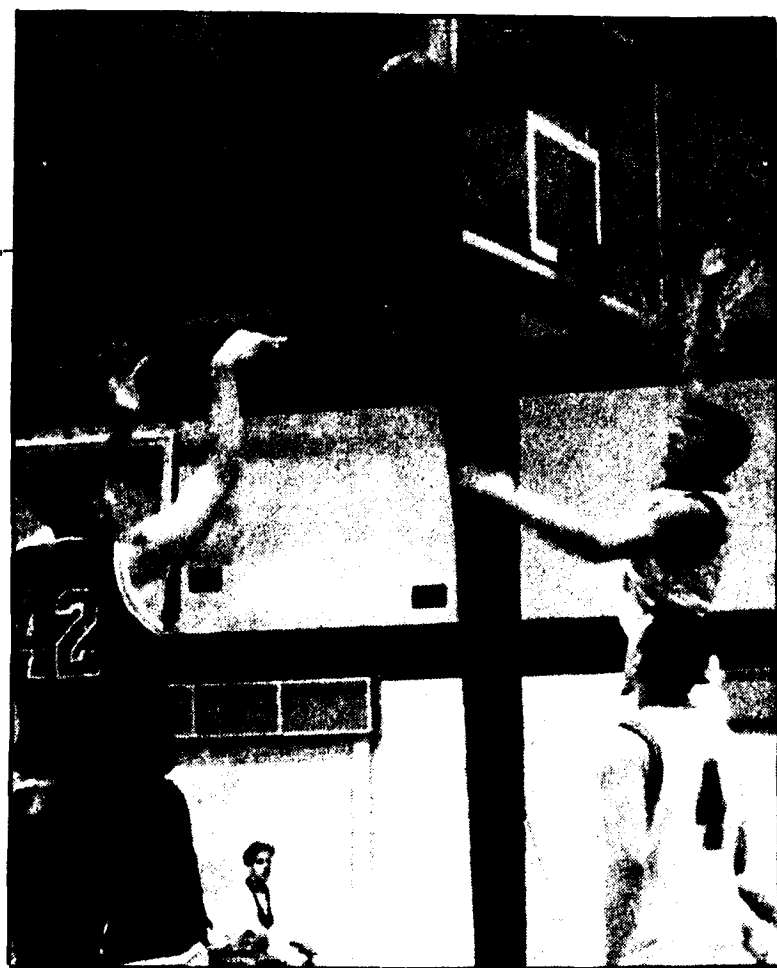


Experienced Lions are ready to rumble

Derian, Lawrence to lead the Lions

Name: Penn State Behrend
Mascot: Lions
Coach: Dave Niland
Last Year: The Lions finished just above .500 last year at 13-12. Other than a four game win streak from December 1st to 28th, and a three game losing streak February 10th to 14th, the Lions matched every loss with a win.
Key Losses: The Lions this year will be without their top scorer from last year as well as a point guard and two big men underneath. Gone is Anthony Costantini who shot 44% from three point range and led the team with 12.4 points. The Lions lose Chad Sutton (5 ppg) and Brian Perkins who started all twenty-five games last year and had 6.9 points and 3.7 rebounds as well as Steve Adams (5.8 and 1.4)



Mike Nies/ Collegian Photographer

Yes, and it Counts!! Freshman John Park (42) puts up a shot from the baseline as Brian Lawrence (jumping) and Jason Paloskey look on.

Returns: Andy Lawrence, Jason Paloskey, Ron Derian, and Andy Rife will be expected to carry the load this year. Lawrence is a solid outside shooter that averaged 10 points and four rebounds last year. He'll be backed outside by Paloskey (39% from downtown and 9.6 ppg) and a quality point guard Andy Rife. Senior Ron Derian (7.3 and 6.0) will help anchor the paint along with Jeff Myers who had 9.2 points and 3.1 rebounds a game last year. Also returning to the Lions are Matt Pilzga and Brian Emick who had solid years off the bench last year.

New Faces: New to the Lions this year are a recruiting class of four freshman, a junior transfer, and a senior. The freshman that will play under Niland this year are: Ryan Umbenhaur (5'11", Schuylkill Haven), Nate Willson (6'3", Bradford), John Park (6'3", McDowell), and Mark Fusetti (6'5", Blackhawk). Steve Houk (6'5" Westfield, NY) and Joe Kissane (5'10", Riverview) are the other two new faces.
Schedule: It's a tough one. They will either have to play Alma or Wesley in the Hamot Classic. Some of the tougher games are the matchups with Fredonia State, W&J, Keuka, and Bethany. Waynesburg is also tough as is a tough Allegheny game on January 28th. It will be interesting to see how they do in the Hamot Classic and Otterbein Tourney (Dec 28th and 29th).

Outlook (Defense): The Lions will have to play tough again this year. Only three times last year did somebody get rebounds into double figures for the game. Without Perkins and Adams down low they lose a little size. But Derian and Myers are solid players in the paint and the Lions have gained size with Park and Hout being added to the team this year. Look for them to be relied on over the middle part of the game to play some hard minutes. The harder they fight for the boards the better they're going to be.

Outlook (Offense): With Costantini gone the Lions lose their top scorer. But they don't lose numbers 2,3,4,5. Lawrence, Paloskey, Myers, and Derian are solid shooters from all over the floor. Look for Lawrence to shoot more from the outside and expect he and Paloskey to have a lot of threes. Derian has been playing at Behrend for four years.

He knows the system and has developed into one of the toughest players around. He doesn't give up at all. Look for him to have a great senior year as a leader and a player. Rife had a heck of a year at point guard last year and he led the team in assists. Pilzga will be relied on more throughout the year and he and Emick should see a lot of playing time this year. Both are exciting players to watch and add a lot of intensity to the game.

Overall: The key to the Lions success is solid play. If they go out every night and play with intensity and give 110% this team will be successful. It doesn't matter if they don't have a guy get twenty points or eighteen rebounds, this team has the capabilities for five people to score ten or more and five to have ten or more boards. Niland expects a lot out of his players, but takes the year one game at a time. If his players do the same the Lions will be in for an exceptional year. (17-8)

Penn State Behrend Lions Schedule

11/23	Hamot Classic Tourney	6&8 pm
11/24	Consolation/Champ Game	1&3 pm
11/26	@Keuka	7:00 pm
12/3	Thiel	7:30 pm
12/7	W&J	7:30 pm
12/28	Otterbein Tourney	7&9 pm
12/29	Consolation /Champ	2&4 pm
1/4	Grove City	7:30 pm
1/6	@W&J	7:30 pm
1/9	Fredonia	7:30 pm
1/13	Waynesburg	7:30 pm
1/15	@Grove City (DH)	8:00 pm
1/18	@Bethany (DH)	4:00 pm
1/25	@Pitt-Bradford	8:00 pm
1/28	Allegheny	7:30 pm
1/30	@Fredonia State	8:00 pm
2/1	@Oberlin	7:30 pm
2/5	@LaRoche	7:30 pm
2/8	Keuka	4:00 pm
2/10	Bethany	8:00 pm
2/17	@Waynesburg	7:30 pm
2/19	LaRoche	8:00 pm
2/22	@Elmira	4:00 pm
2/26	Pitt-Bradford	8:00 pm
3/1	@Thiel	2:00 pm

Penn State Behrend Lions 1996-97

4	Jason Paloskey	So.	5'11"	G
5	Joe Kissane	Sr.	5'10"	G
10	Andy Lawrence	So.	6'3"	F
11	Matt Pilzga	So.	6'1"	G
21	Ron Derian	Sr.	6'4"	F
22	Brian Emick	So.	6'3"	G/F
23	Jeff Myers	So.	6'6"	F/C
32	Nate Willson	Fr.	6'3"	F
33	Steve Hout	Jr.	6'5"	F/C
40	Andy Rife	So.	5'11"	G
42	John Park	Fr.	6'3"	F
44	Mark Fusetti	Fr.	6'5"	F/C

Tip-Off Tourney-- Lady Lions vs Fredonia Friday 8:00 pm

Hamot Classic-- Lions vs Hilbert Saturday 8:00 pm

3 Thahardway wins 3 on 3

There was a major upset at the 1996 Behrend Intramural 3 On 3 B-Ball Tournament, as 3 Thahardway was crowned king of the hill in the men's division. Keystone Delight claimed the women's division.

"I was fouled," exclaimed Behrend Intramural legend Ed Fatula when asked why he didn't win the 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

Fatula and many other hard-core intramural athletes' dreams were shattered Tuesday night as only one

men's and one women's team could be crowned 1996 Behrend Intramural 3 on 3 B-ball Champion.

3 Thahardway emerged victorious from a record field of 60 teams. 3 Thahardway included Jules Rodgers, Kenya Bey, Mike Bissel and Steve Nemeth.

Rodgers, a two time champ, was less than ecstatic about the victory. "I'm not surprised we won. Our team had a lot of experience."

Both Joe Smyklo of the Diaper Dandies and Mike Krause, a Celtic,

agreed that the competition was intense and the tournament a success.

Mikah Smith, a Dreamshaker, said, "The tournament went pretty smooth, but I was disappointed that dunking wasn't allowed. I really wanted to throw one down to intimidate the competition."

Becky Reed, Angie Georg, Denise Harry and Maryann Rupp, known as Keystone Delight won the small but mighty women's division.

They will have big shoes to fill in February, when they travel to the Schick Super Hoops Regional tournament. Last year the Behrend women's team won the regional title.

"We play well together, and are excited about going to Eastern Kentucky to defend our title" said Angie Georg, member of the Keystone Delight.

Both the men's and women's teams will make the trip to Eastern Kentucky. They will compete against the champs from other colleges in the region.

Rodgers is confident in his team's chances in Kentucky. "I expect to do well. We definitely have a shot at winning," said Rodgers.



David S. Spence/The Digital Collegian

Gearing up for the bowl games: Joe Paterno walks among his players preparing for the game against Michigan. Penn State (9-2, 5-2 Big Ten) is focusing on Michigan State, who comes to Beaver Stadium Saturday at 3:30 p.m. The game will be broadcast regionally on ABC.

Soccer deaths

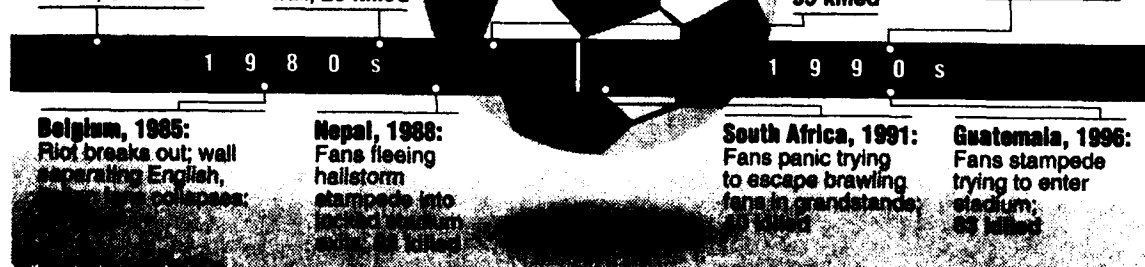
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Moscow, 1982: Fans trying to enter stadium after late goal meet fans trying to exit; 341 killed

Libya, 1987: Weight of fans fleeing knife-wielding man collapses a wall; 20 killed

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