

# It's Tournament Time !!!

## Lions and Lady Lions ready to get season underway

It's season-opening tournament time for the Penn State Behrend Lions and Lady Lions as they get set to battle in the long 96-97 campaign.

The Lady Lions have invited Fredonia State College, Defiance College and Salisbury State to Erie Hall for the Holiday Inn/Creative Imprints Tournament.

The opening game for the Lady Lions comes against FSU. FSU last year compiled an unimpressive 2-21 record under the direction of Head Coach Cathy Flanders. The Blue Devils will be led by 5'8" Senior Megan Hudson who only started seven games last year. Hudson averaged 6.4 ppg and 3.9 rpg.

The Blue Devils will be weak because their two best players from last year, Sarah Adkins (10.9 ppg and 4.6 rpg) and Courtney

Buckridge (6.9 ppg and 6.6 rpg), will not return to the squad this year.

Hudson will be one of only two seniors on the team this year. The other is Katie Falloon who averaged 2.7 ppg and 2.4 rpg last year. Also returning from last year are centers Missy Gon and Jennifer Brayer, who saw considerable playing time last year.

Head to head the Lady Lions demolished FSU last year on back to back meetings. They won 76-62 on December 8 and 76-48 on January 10.

"We need to do our things to win," commented Behrend Head Coach Roz Fornari. "We need to execute the offense and keep them off the boards. They like to run the ball and they'll do anything to beat us."

The Lady Lions will have no trouble getting past FSU in the first round, but the fun will begin in the championship game.

The other first round game will be Salisbury State University versus Defiance College.

Salisbury State will enter Erie Hall after an impressive year last year in which they went 19-9 including an outstanding 11-3 in the Capital Athletic Conference.

The Sea Gulls return four starters from last year's team which advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. With the nineteen win season last year they finished second in the CAC to Marymount College.

The Sea Gulls will have some work to do to fill the vacancy left by the graduation of last year's leading scorer and rebounder Amy Fenzel who was first team all-conference and all-region last year.

The Gulls will return four starters highlighted by 5'3" senior Dominique Lisa who shoots more like Dominique Wilkins scoring 11.4 ppg while dishing out 5.5 apg. Lisa led the team in assists and finished second behind Fenzel in scoring. Also returning are sophomore guard Amy Cooke (9.0 ppg and 5.3 apg), sophomore forward Maisha Ellis (8.6 ppg and 7.4 rpg) and 5'10" sophomore center Nakihah Baskerville (5.7 ppg and 7.5 rpg).

Salisbury State will be under the direction of seventh year head coach Bridget Benshetler and will play Defiance College who beat them last year in the NCAA second round action 94-64 in front of 1,500 fans. Salisbury State will have to get the edge early. They were 15-2 when leading at the half, but only 4-7 when trailing.

"They lost some key starters, but of the teams they are similar to us because they are very young and athletic," said Fornari of SSU.

Defiance will enter the

Creative Imprints Tournament strong as usual. Led by Head Coach Tom Palombo Defiance will be looking to get back to the NCAA tournament again. Last year they made it to the final eight before being bumped by Mount Union. This year the Lady Jackets are once again nationally ranked and ready to go.

Last year the Lady Jackets compiled a 28-1 record with their only loss coming at home. Three starters will return including 5'4" senior guard Emilii McCluer who started all 29 games last year. She averaged 7.2 ppg and 3.28 rpg. Also returning are Shauna Graber (7.5 and 2.7) and Stephanie Nafziger (10.4 and 7.2). They will however be without Amy Flory and Jenny Brown who scored 29.3 ppg last year together.

"Defiance is very strong," said Fornari. "They're a running, pressing team."

Look for Defiance to open up a big first half lead against Salisbury State and coast to a double figure victory. SSU will whip FSU in the consolation game and the Lady Lions will play Defiance in the championship. Good Luck to the Lady Lions in a tough tournament.

The Lions open their season with the Hamot Classic Tournament this weekend. Invited to the tournament are Alma College, Hilbert College, and Wesley College. The Lions will open against Hilbert.

"It's another good tournament year," commented Head Coach of the Lions Dave Niland. "It's traditionally a strong tournament."

Hilbert will be ready to take on the Lions in the first game. Led by second year head coach Jim Daley, Hilbert hopes to avoid another injury plagued season like last year.

Daley's starting line-up is built around 6'5" senior forward Cecil Foster. Last year Foster scored 16.1 ppg and 10.1 rpg.

Complementing Foster will be newcomers Oliver Venable and



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**I Dare Ya!** Junior forward Nikki Schultz will be called on to be one of the Lady Lions' prime time players in the tournament this weekend.

Jim LaValle. They hope to put an end to the 21 game losing streak that Hilbert had to endure last year after opening 2-2.

"It's our first game. We can't scout them," said Niland. "They have two solid returnees and are a dangerous team. We have to be ready for them."

The second game will feature Alma College against Wesley.

Wesley College finished 6-18 last year and are once again led by Head Coach Jim Wentworth who begins his 35th year at Wesley.

Returning for the Wolverines are junior forward Dallas Preston who scored 16.3 ppg last year. Center Rob Wilson (7.8 and 4.7) blocked 33 shots last year. Also returning are Kip Remsburg (10.9 and 2.7 assists) and Freeman Williams (9.5 ppg, 3.7 apg, and 2.6 spg).

"Wesley is developed and has good size," commented Niland.

Alma College is also coming off a tough season last year as they compiled a 4-21 overall record.



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**Magic Myers:** Jeff Myers drives toward the hoop on a breakaway in last Saturday's Fan Jam. Myers will be counted on for a lot of inside scoring for the Lions this year.

## Sports Shorts

**Belle bolts Cleveland for big bucks!** Indian All-Star rightfielder Albert Belle signed with the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday.

Belle's contact of \$55 million over ten years makes him the highest paid player in baseball. The contract also includes a clause that will keep Belle among the three highest paid players in the game.

The Tribe trained to retain their slugger with an offer of \$40 million over five years, but that just wasn't enough for Belle. Despite all the money being thrown Belle's way, he still insisted his decision was not based on money.

Over the past two years Belle has been one of the hottest hitters in the game. He has hit 98 homers and driven in 274 runs during the '95 and '96 seasons combined.

**Olajuwon hospitalized!** Houston Rocket center Hakeem Olajuwon spent Tuesday night in a Houston hospital after experiencing an irregular heartbeat.

The All-Star center was taken to the hospital at halftime of the Rockets 122-93 thrashing of the Minnesota Timberwolves. Olajuwon was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation.

It was the second time in 5 years that Olajuwon has been hospitalized with atrial fibrillation. Last time he was hospitalized for five days and missed seven games. He is currently listed as day-to-day on the Rocket's injury list.

**Packers sign Rison!** Depleted by several injuries to their receiving core the Green Bay Packers picked up former Pro-Bowl receiver Andre Rison.

Rison was claimed on waivers from the Jacksonville Jaguars just one day after his release. On the year, Rison had just 34 receptions for 458 yards, a far cry from his 90 reception seasons with the Falcons.

The Packers hope the presence of Rison will give quarterback Brett Favre a go to man, after losing Robert Brooks, Antonio Freeman and Mark Chmura to injuries this season.

## Fan Jam rocks Behrend

Following the prize give away the men's team took the floor to showcase their talents. The men's game was a high scoring affair that showcased the Lions deft outside shooting touch and the versatility of this year's team.

"I think it was a success. The guy's had fun and so did the fans," said assistant coach John Gorman.

*It was nice to see local people come out to support Behrend athletics*

-- Nikki Schultz

Next up was the chance to win a new color TV. Participants had to drain a shot from half-court. A one dollar fee was charged for the opportunity to win the TV. It took only 12 shots before a fan banked home the winning shot.

Both the Lady Lions and the men's team open their seasons this weekend at Erie Hall, in the annual Hamot Classic.

The women begin play Friday night at 8:00 p.m. while the men tip-off at 8 p.m. Saturday.



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**Up, Up, and Away:** Three Lady Lions fight for a rebound in the Fan Jam last Saturday night. The Lady Lions open their season in the Creative Imprints Tournament this Friday night.

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