

Lions use defense to key win over rival Allegheny

Paloskey pours in nineteen to lead Behrend to important victory, Lions improve to 8-6

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Allegheny came into Erie Hall on Tuesday night, probably expecting to get out with an easy win against Behrend before heading back to Meadville to battle archrival Wittenburg in a key NCAC match-up the end result was a bit different.

It was a huge win against one of Behrend's biggest rivals. Beating Allegheny will leave the team with a lot of intensity for the last month of basketball.

The Behrend Lions upset the 11-4 Gators and sent them back to Meadville with their tail between their legs. But if the Lions surprised fans and certain members of the local media, Coach Niland said the Lions didn't surprise themselves.

"I don't think our guys are surprised we won the game at all," said Coach.

The Gators took the opening lead on a three-pointer by Ben Schultz but trailed the rest of the game, falling to the Lions 70-63.

The Lions were playing without their starting point guard Andy Rife who has left school for personal reasons, but it seemed not to have much of an affect on the team's performance.

Behrend used a team effort from all nine team members to post a five point advantage at the halftime break of 31-26. Paloskey led the Lions with eight points, while Ron Derian and Andy Laurence chipped in six apiece.

Derian had eight of the Lions' 23 first half rebounds.

"Offensively we were patient and controlled the tempo,"

commented Niland. "We needed to do that because of their depth....(the) guys did a nice job of reacting and adjusting."

In the second half the Lions went back on the attack and built a 14 point lead against the visiting Gators. But the Gators were not done, they went on a big 10-0 run down the stretch pulling to within three points late in the game.

"It came down to foul shots," said Niland. "We had to make them and for the most part we did."

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In the second half the Lions were a solid 80 percent from the foul line. The fact that Behrend only missed four free throws was a big reason for the seven point win. Another was the fact that they didn't get into a shootout with the Gators.

"A team like (Allegheny) with all that depth and talent, we didn't want to get into a shootout

with. We (said) we wanted to play a game in the 60's (point range) in order to win" said Niland.

In the second half the Lions shot almost 45 percent from the field.

Paloskey chipped in another eleven points, including a dramatic fade-away three pointer with one second on the shot clock, to lead the Lions with nineteen for the game. Lawrence added another eight points for a total of fourteen. Derian finished with a double double of eleven points and ten rebounds.

Allegheny finished the game with only one player in double figures. Mike Houser finished the game with ten.

Allegheny's leading scorer, Jerry Ambooken, was shut down by the Behrend defense. Paloskey and the rest of the Lions limited him to just two points, 10 below his season average of 12.5 ppg.

"It was a really nice win," said Niland. "I don't think it was domination, I think it was a total team effort. Everybody did their jobs and there was a lot of intensity."

The Lions' win was also big because this is their only home game sandwiched between three previous road games and three future road games.

Next up for the Lions is Fredonia State University. The Lions beat the Blue Devils back in December 91-74. Coach Niland sees a lot of revenge in FSU's eyes.

"We have to come out and be physically ready to go. They will want to get a little revenge." Niland said.



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It's good! Sophomore Andy Lawrence calmly drains one of his fourteen points on the night. Lawrence added six rebounds, four blocks and four assists to Behrend's winning cause.

Sports Briefs and Business

Dynamic Duo! After counseling Chicago bad boy Dennis Rodman, the Rev. Jesse Jackson wants the NBA to reinstate the former All Star.

Rodman was suspended for 11 games after kicking a courtside cameraman on Jan. 15. The Bulls star forwards suspension will result in a loss of \$1.1 million in salary.

"Like everybody else, I don't condone Dennis' action" Jackson told the Chicago Sun-Tribune.

Rodman was also fined \$25,000 by the league, he lost an additional \$200,000 in an out of court settlement with cameraman Eugene Amos.

Another part of Rodman's suspension is mandatory psychiatric counseling until the league feels he is ready to return to action.

"It's one thing to punish a man. It's another thing to take away his dignity" said Jackson.

In an interview on ABC's "PrimeTime Live" Rodman came off as unrepentant, prompting President Clinton to say he thought the Bulls player should admit what he did was wrong.

All -Star teams named! With the NBA All-Star weekend fast approaching both the East and West squads have been named.

Starting for the East will be Micheal Jordan and Penny Hardaway at the guard spots. They will be joined by Grant Hill and Scottie Pippen at the forward positions. Patrick Ewing will start at the center position.

In the West several young up-incoming stars will make an appearance. Among them are first time All-Star Tom Guglioto and Golden State guard Latrell Sprewell.

The exciting weekend will start off with the Slam Dunk Contest and Three Point Shootout.

Players competing in the Slam Dunk Contest include rookies Alan Iverson and Ray Allen. Other player include Bob Sura, Micheal Finley and Chris Carr.

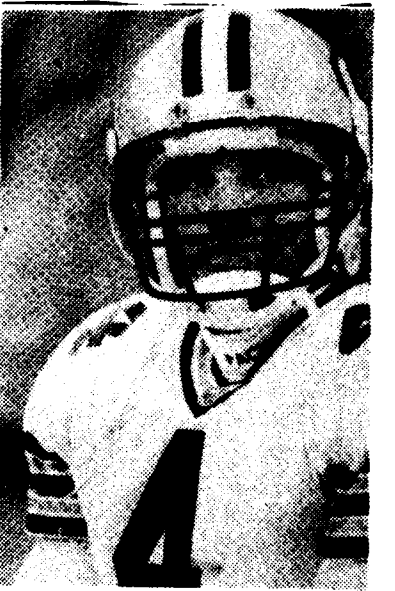
The Three Point Shootout will feature Glen Rice and last year's winner Tim Legler.

The contest will also involve Sam Perkins and Terry Mills.

All-Star weekend will take place in Cleveland on the weekend of February 8. Cleveland will also host the baseball All-Star game in the summer of 1997.

BRETT FAVRE, "MR. M.V.P."

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Watch the ball! Freshman John Park shoots a jumper over an Allegheny defender as Andy Lawrence and Joe Kissane look on.

WORK-STUDY POSITION: AUTOMATION OF RADIO STATION

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Students will assist with transition from manually-operated to computer-automated commercial broadcast station. Skill development, under the direction of the professional broadcast staff, will include the interpretation of operating instructions, adaptation of automated broadcast equipment to the specific applications of WPSE's program format, and training staff in the operation of the computer-driven equipment.

Students will be expected to work 10-15 hours/week during the course of the