

# Lady Lions finish week 2 and 1

On Monday, the Lady Lions did the same against Waynesburg.

"We played a complete game," said Head Coach Roz Fornari. "We played a good team game."

As usual the Lady Lions played a good first half, keeping the Yellow Jackets at bay through most of it and taking a 28-25 halftime lead.

Freshman Katie O'Donnell keyed the first half run for the Lady Lions. She knocked down three three-pointers in the first five minutes of the game. She finished the half with 11 points.

But the difference was the second half. The Lady Lions executed their offense and built an eight point lead with under three minutes to go.

Enter Carrie Nestor. "They started to foul us," said Fornari. "And we played...to get Carrie the ball...and she just kept

## Behrend wins, 85-55

"This was a really good team game," responded Fornari. We got a lot of people in the game. Nikki had a nice game, Maria (Madigan [4 points, 2 rebounds]) had a good game off the bench, and Katie O'Donnell played all forty minutes."

On Saturday, February 15th, the Lady Lions did not have as much luck. They lost another battle, this time to Allegheny, 49-39.

The Lady Lions once again stayed close in a hard-played first half. When the buzzer went off they trailed the Lady Gators by just one point, 26-25.

"We played a really good first half," said Coach Fornari.

Behrend shot almost 40% as

Coach Fornari finally has a reason to smile. And her thirteen players have a reason to be tired.

After three straight sub-par performances in which Behrend only played twenty strong minutes, the Lady Lions whipped the Lady Yellow Jackets in all parts of a 65-50 win and returned last night to wipe out LaRoche 85-55.

"This was one of our best team games," said Head Coach Roz Fornari. "We shot well, defended well...and did the things we needed to do."

Last night the Lady Lions pulled out all the stops against LaRoche. They led 41-30 at the half and blew out LaRoche 44-25 in the second half for the thirty point win.

Tiffany Buck had 22 points, Carrie Nestor played strong again with 18 points, and Nikki Schultz had a game high 25. Emily Marini had nine boards, and Schultz added seven.

"This game was well played by everyone," smiled Coach Fornari.



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Break to the right: Carrie Nestor plays defense against La Roche in last night's game. The Lady Lions crushed La Roche 85-55.

Plagued by bad shooting and turnovers, Fornari had to make a change for better or for worse. So with five minutes to go, and the Lady Lions losing by double figures, she yanked all the starters but Nestor and let the reserves take their shot at the game.

They played even to Allegheny the rest of the way as Behrend had a season low 14 points in the second half and fell by ten, 49-39.

"I was proud of (our reserves), they kept it close," said Fornari.

High scorer for the Lady Lions was Tiffany Buck, but all of her points were in the first half. Marini had thirteen boards, and seven points.

With two games to go, Fornari hopes the Waynesburg victory on Monday and the LaRoche kill last night will fire up her team for the last week.

"Hopefully the win will help us a lot. The team is ready to end on a good note...and set a pace for next year," said Fornari. "It's always good to go out on a good note."

The Lions battle Notre Dame on Parent's Day this Saturday, and close out the campaign next week against the Lady Tomcats of Thiel. All games are in Erie Hall.

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--Coach Fornari

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Freshman Katie O'Donnell was named this week's Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week. Look for more information on O'Donnell's performance in next week's Collegian.

O'Donnell led the Lady Lions to a two and one record last week. The two wins gave Behrend seven wins on the year.

During the last three games the freshman has averaged six rebounds per game while scoring eight points per game.

O'Donnell's big performance came in Behrend's 65-50 victory of Waynesburg College. In the contest she made four three-pointers while scoring 14 points. She also added six rebounds and two steals in the winning cause.

Look for O'Donnell and the Lady Lions to finish their year strong as the team continues to improve with each game.

going and going (to the free throw line."

The freshman from McDowell was 14-17 from the line as she helped Behrend expand their lead to fifteen where it stayed as time expired.

Nestor finished with 21 points and six rebounds. Nikki Schultz finished with sixteen points and five boards, and Katie O'Donnell had 14 points and six boards.

Tiffany Buck had eight tallies and Emily Marini added five points and eight boards to pace the team.

But, the Lady Lions once again slumped in the second half. With Allegheny shooting just 8-30 from the floor, the Lady Lions responded by shooting just 5-25.

"The second half was a real let-down," said a frustrated Fornari. "We just weren't executing."

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