

Lions drill Panthers

Paloskey's three with 0:02 left saves Behrend

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If you love basketball, then last night's Behrend Lion basketball game was one for you.

Perhaps the East County game of the year took place last night within the friendly confines of Erie Hall.

Pitt-Bradford returned to Erie Hall where they lost last year in the Hamot Classic as Jason Paloskey was fouled with no time on the clock and hit two of three free throws to down the Panthers.

This year JP was once again the hero.

With 0:06 left on the clock and the Lions trailing 52-49, Behrend inbounded the ball to Paloskey. He broke through a double team and got off a three.

SWOOSH!!!!
JP had tied the game with two ticks on the clock. The game went to overtime where the Lions won 61-56.

"People stepped up tonight," said Head Coach Dave Niland. "It was a really exciting game...the guys gave a tremendous effort."

The Lions controlled the tempo and the scoreboard for the first half of the first half. Pitt-Bradford finally took the lead 17-16 with eight and a half minutes to go.

But Paloskey's three sparked the Lions on a 14-5 run over the rest of the half to take a 30-22 lead at the break.

The Panthers were also distracted by the persistent crying and whining of their head coach in the minutes before halftime. He would get a technical later in the second half.

Andy Lawrence had eight points, and Paloskey added seven to pace the Lions in the first half.

Behrend got the first basket of the second half, but Pitt-Bradford scored the next seven to pull within 32-29 with under 17:00 to play. Behrend and Pitt-Bradford spent the next ten minutes trading baskets, but

Behrend didn't lead by any more than three in the period.

Pitt-Bradford received a spark after a time out and took the lead 48-47 with just over 2:40 to play. With under two minutes to play the Panthers held their biggest lead of the game 50-47.

Nate Willson pulled the Lions within one with two free throws with 1:34 to go. Pitt-Bradford took the 52-49 advantage with :13 seconds to play and Behrend called the timeout with six ticks left.

Enter JP. His three fired up the almost 200 fans in attendance and Behrend had a definite edge going into the extra stanza.

"We had Lawrence and Paloskey coming off of screens so (Pitt-Bradford) couldn't switch up," said Niland of the play they designed in that huddle. "He got a look and it went in."

The Lions outscored the Panthers 9-4 in the extra period. Ron Derian hit a turn around jumper in the key to give Behrend a lead 57-56 with :41 to go. Nate Willson hit two free throws to expand the lead to 59-56 and Paloskey put the game out of reach with two more with seven seconds to go as Behrend won 61-56.

Above the cheers and roars of the crowd, you could here Pitt-Bradford's coach slam his clipboard against the bleachers and walk off the court, again.

"I thought we really played a great basketball game," said Niland of his team's victory. "People (who came to the game) saw how hard we play...it was a tremendous effort."

Lawrence finished with seven, and Paloskey led all Lion shooters with sixteen. Nate Willson threw in eleven and Ron Derian had eight, including four in the overtime period to help the Lions be triumphant.

Last week on Saturday the Lions got their thirteenth win of the



season, beating Elmira 66-63 on the road. Lawrence led Behrend with sixteen and Willson pulled down eight boards.

"This was a very significant road victory," said Niland. "We got a great effort from everyone on the team."

Niland continued, "We were up twelve at the half...and they pressed and then led by three...We were able to win the game...Our guys all year have not quit."

The Lions sit at 14-10 with one game remaining. A victory should almost secure them of a playoff appearance either in the NCAA's or the ECAC's.

Niland likes the chances. "We play pretty good basketball, and we are more than worthy of making the playoffs, he said. "We're taking it one game, one practice at a time."

Lion Baseball

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The Penn State-Behrend Baseball program is eager for spring competition to begin. Under first year head coach Paul Benim, the 1996 squad won 16 games--the most victories since becoming an NCAA Division III school. Seven returners anchor a new roster that includes a junior college transfer and 13 freshmen.

The Behrend Lions will be led by seniors Quinn McGuire and Bill Vitron. McGuire, who broke former major league standout and Behrend star Tom Lawless' stolen base record, will bat lead-off and kickstart the squad. McGuire earned national recognition by stealing 30 bases out of 33 attempts in 1996.

Vitron, a career .375 hitter, will play first base and serve as the designated hitter. "We are looking forward to the challenge," says Vitron. "We return a good nucleus that has mixed well with the recruiting class."

Junior Marc Burchanowski will start for the third consecutive year behind the plate. Last season, he hit .302 and led the team with 17 walks. Burchanowski will also be utilized as a relief pitcher. "Quinn, Bill and Marc are as good as any players at the Division III level," says Benim. "They are very skilled players who will lead us through one of the most exciting seasons in College history."

Other key players include four sophomores -- Ben Hager, Jeff Horstman, Jon Green and John Ronan. Hager, Horstman and Green played in 31 or more games last season, while Ronan threw the second most innings on the staff. Hager hit .279 with 14 RBI's a year ago. Horstman hit just under .300 with two home runs, 18 runs scored, 13 RBI's and 10 stolen bases. Green was second on the team with 13 base-on balls. He also scored 14 runs and stole 11 bases. He made just three errors in 80 chances last

season. Ronan led the pitching staff with a 4-2 mark and a 3.15 ERA in 1996.

Outside of Ronan and Burchanowski, the entire pitching staff will start new collegiate careers at Penn State-Behrend. Shawn McKlveen is a junior-college transfer from Penn State-Beaver who was 2-0 with four saves last season. McKlveen struck out 28 hitters in 28 innings pitched and may move from a relief position to a starting role with the Behrend Lions.

Eight other freshmen will take the mound. Ryan Frederick, Bryan Connolly and Shawn Headley will all compete for spots in the starting rotation.

Eric Bayless, Rob Green, Jeremy Brubaker, Coery Walters and Justin Kline give depth to the pitching staff. "We have several talented pitchers who will contribute this season," said Benim. "We are excited about the improvement in our pitching staff. Last year our team ERA was above five. However, with our improved depth and the addition of pitching coach, Matt Palisin, we are going to be better on the hill."

Burchanowski will start behind the plate for the Behrend Lions. Last season, Burchanowski threw out 41% of runners attempting to steal. As Burchanowski pitches more this season, the back-up catching duties will be carried out by freshman Dylan Stewart. Horstman, who will play as a starter at first base and DH will also see time as a reserve catcher.

The infield will have several new faces. Troy Stork will challenge Jon Green for playing time at second base and may push for time at third base. Curt rough and David Williams will provide solid defense at shortstop. First base is locked up by Vitron and Horstman. However, left handed Headley may also see time there. In addition, Frederick and Rob Green may use their strong arms at third when they are not pitching.

IM Update

Street Hockey 5 on 5	Comfortably Numb Women Men's Rec Men's	Ping Pong Keystone Delight Slackers Running Rebs	Bob Fingerman (S) Autumn Smith (S) Bog Fingerman and Steve Fall (DBL) Jen Barziband and Angie Georg Brant Suhrie and Tracey Husecten
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Point System Report

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FRATERNITY										
Kappa Delta Rho	1,465	56	50	345						1,916
Tau Kappa Epsilon	1,368	28	60	315						1,771
Sigma Tau Gamma	1,090	61	50	455						1,656
INDEPENDENT										
Scrubs	495	23	20	255						793
Marbles	525	18	30	125						678
Unforgetables	530	145	0	0						675
RESIDENT HALL										
Perry 2nd	465	28	40	45						578
Niagra - 2nd	338	0	25	0						363
Porcupine	148	0	0	115						263
Lawrence - 3rd	210	0	0	30						240
Niagara 3rd	178	18	0	40						236
Lawrence - 1st west	205	0	0	0						205
WOMEN'S										
Crazy Bananas	900	0	105	240						1,245
Theta Phi Alpha	595	0	70	140						805
Keystone	195	145	0	75						415
COED										
Buffaroomies	555	0	0	110						665
Avalanche	560	0	0	85						645
KDR-Theta Phi	375	0	0	25						400

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1. an illegal motion by the pitcher;
2. a forfeited game is one declared ended by the umpire in chief in favor of the offended team by a score of 9-0 for violation of the rules; the umpire can declare a forfeit for a violation of any rule in the book;
3. the Boston Bruins;
4. Bjorn Borg;
5. 12 strikes make up a perfect 300 game;
6. Jim Brown;
7. the Green Bay Packers;