Lady Lions take two from Yellow Jackets

by Brian Gregory
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The Penn State Behrend Lady Lions are back in track along their winning ways as they knocked off the Lady Yellow Jackets of Waynesburg in a doubleheader Tuesday night by scores of 5-2, and 7-2.

"We were very anxious to play with the weather the way it's been," said Head Coach Sharon Gregory. "We left downpours for sunny and seventy. The field conditions were excellent."

Beth Calhoun was the winning pitcher in Game 1 as she struck out six and walked two, though she left early with some forearm problems. The injury will not require her to miss any games.

Jen Mertz calmly walked on to the diamond and saved the game.

"Mertz did an outstanding job of effective relief pitching," said Gregory.

Calhoun had two hits and an RBI in the first game. Leah Balmer had three hits and Steph Roberts continued her strong play knocking in two runs.

Coach Gregory though was not satisfied with the seven run performance.

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"We had too many popups and we were not finishing our swings," said Gregory.

In the second game, Jen Mertz again took the diamond and promptly five-hit the 4-6 Lady Jackets.

Gregory continued her praise of Mertz saying, "She pitched her best game of the season in the second game...She got batters to hit her pitch."

Leading the charge offensively for the Lady Lions were Jeannie Dowdy and Casey Koza. Koza and Tammy Marsh knocked in two apiece for Behrend.

"We hit a lot better in the second game from fundamentals," admitted Gregory. "(The two wins) were a BIG step in the right direction for us."

Gregory also was very impressed with the unsung performances of Tammy Marsh in the series.

"Marsh did a really nice job...with two beautiful bunts...and (she executed) a double play off a fly ball."

Next up for the Lady Lions is a series against the Bethany Bisons.

"They are a solid team, they have always been," said Coach Gregory. "We have to come in and play hard. The next three Saturdays at home are important for our players and our program."

The Lady Lions battle Bethany this Saturday.

Note: Our apoligies to Beth Calhoun. Last week I listed her ERA and it was incorrect. We will correct the error as soon as we get stats to compute it over again. Sorry, Beth!

This Sports section strives for perfection and likes to keep the readers informed as much as possible about the teams they are reading about. However, stats were not available at press time last night. We hope to have more information for you in two weeks.

Upcoming Behrend Home Games

Women's Softball

3/29--Bethany College 3:00 p.m.
4/2--SUNY Fredonia 3:00 p.m.
4/5-- St. John Fisher 1:00 p.m.
4/10--Mount Union 3:00 p.m.

Men's Baseball

4/1--SUNY Fredonia 1:00 p.m.
4/5--Allegheny College 1:00 p.m.
4/10--Thiel College 1:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis

4/5--SUNY Fredonia

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HE'S THE PRIDE OF OUR TOWN - Kendall Gill received his degree in speech communications from the University of Illinois in 1990. He was also an honor roll student at Rich Central High School in Matteson, Illinois. Kendall has two younger brothers who live with his mother and father. He enjoys a close relationship with his family. He states that his biggest sports thrill was playing in the Illinois state basketball tournament with his brother. Kendall wears the number 13 because his aunt wore that number in high school.

Kendall, the star of the New Jersey Nets, has been extensively involved with several charitable causes since he has been in the NBA. He has been a supporter of the Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, Illinois, the city where he attended college. He co-sponsors an annual golf outing to benefit the Cunningham Home. He also has pledged and contributed over $300,000 to help build a home for the teenage youths who are residents at Cunningham. This facility was named for him. For this, Kendall was named philanthropist of the year by the National United Methodist Association. Kendall has supported a homeless organization in Charlotte, N.C., and a homeless shelter was named for him there also.

Kendall averaged a career-high 20.0 points and a 4.9 rebounds per game his senior year at Illinois. He led the Big Ten in scoring, and was the first Illinois player to do so since 1943. He finished his career as the seventh leading scorer in school history with 1,409 points. In four years at Illinois, he shot 50.1-percent from the floor and 37.4-percent from three point range and was a finalist for the John Wooden Award. He was also named first team All-American by UPI and third team All-American by AP and NBC and was selected All-Big Ten first team by AP and UPI. He scored a career-high 29 points vs. Michigan. On February 11, 1990 Kendall won the slam dunk contest at the NCAA Final Four in Denver. He shot a career-high 54.2-percent (143-264) in his junior year and shot 45.8-percent (38-83) from three point range. Kendall also received an honorable mention All-American by AP his junior year.

Kendall was the fifth player taken overall in the 1990 NBA Draft by the Charlotte Hornets. Kendall led the Hornets in scoring and was 18th in the NBA, averaging 20.5 points per game in 1991-92 and also finished second on team in assists (4.2) and fourth in rebounding (5.11)...led the team in scoring 32 times. He scored a career-high 32 points on April 1, 1992, at Chicago and grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds on December 20, 1991 vs. Houston. He holds the Hornets' team record with seven steals accomplished on February 13, 1992, at Milwaukee and March 23, 1992, at New Jersey - his current club. In 1992-93 he was third on the Hornets in scoring-averaging 16.9 points per game. He was also the fifth leading rebounder in the NBA among shooting guards. In 1993-94 he was traded to the Seattle Supersonics where despite reduced playing time he averaged 14.7 points per game and was third on the team in steals and blocked shots. After the 1994-95 season Kendall was traded to the Charlotte Hornets and traded once again to the New Jersey Nets in January of 1996.

Kendall was named to the NBA All-Rookie first team in 1991. He was the only Hornet to appear in all 82 games that season. He holds the Charlotte rookie record for assists (303) and steals (104) in a season.

Well that's Kendall Gill — a truly warm human being, and a wonderful role model for youngsters.

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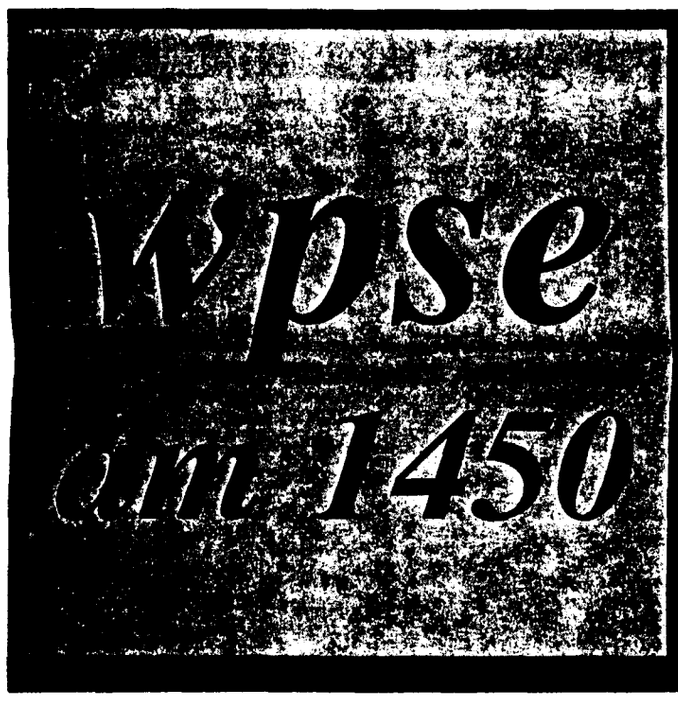
KENDALL GILL



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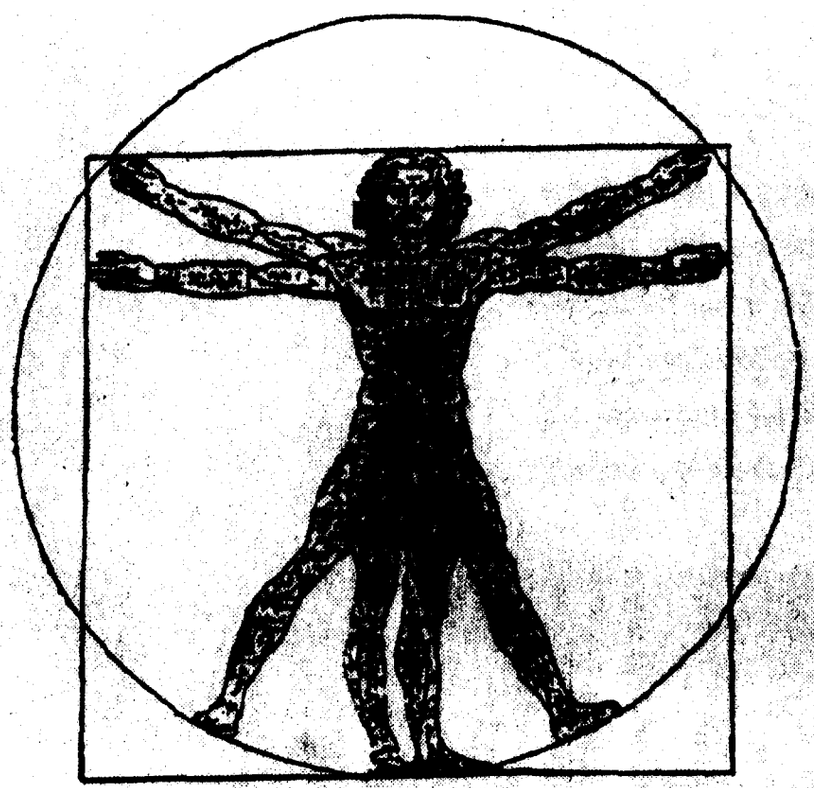

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