

# Despite missing starters Behrend defeats Frostburg 76-59

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The Penn State - Behrend men's basketball team finished up a solid week by defeating AMCC conference foe Frostburg State by a score of 76-59. The win broke a three game losing streak for the Lions, moving their overall record to 7-5, and a 1-1 mark in the AMCC.

The Lions, forced to play without starters Andy Lawrence (ankle injury) and John Park (family death), threw together a 17-4 run in the last five minutes of the first half to change a two-point deficit (22-20) into an 11 point advantage at intermission.

Frostburg State had rallied to within five points of the Lions with four minutes remaining in the game, before Behrend pulled away with a 20-8 explosion to finally pull away.

Frostburg fell to 5-6 on the year, while moving their AMCC mark to 0-2.

The Lions ended up shooting 50 percent from the field (26-52), with junior guard Brock Bovaird leading

the scoring attack with 19 points.

Freshman Ashley Orris, junior Brian Emick, and junior Jason Paloskey each finished the game with 12 points apiece.

One of the big keys to the win for the Lions was the team's pressure defense, which limited Frostburg to only 37 percent from the floor with

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After the game, head coach Dave Niland gave some comments to Jack Polancy of the Erie Times-News about the team's performance.

"We really didn't know what to expect from the kids tonight," said Niland. "We were in a little bit of disarray because of the situation of Jack Park passing away (Sunday).

"He (John Park's father) was very close to the program here at Behrend. They live only a short distance away from the campus and the kids were there a lot. We were also without John, who is one of our fiery leaders on the floor.

"So, I didn't know how we would come out emotionally for this game. You never do know with guys who are 18 and 19. So, I didn't know how we would respond."

"We knew," added Niland, "that Frostburg was going to come out and pressure us and get into us.

"So, we knew we would have to protect the ball, and we did that, most of the night.

"We also knew we had to try and get real good shots, and we did that, most of the night (the 50 percent figure proves that).

"We did have a couple of turnovers

late in the game, which allowed Frostburg to make its run. And you know how college basketball is—teams are going to make runs in a game. The only thing you can do is to try and weather them."

The only setback the Lions suffered during the week was a 65 - 54 setback in an independent contest to Waynesburg.

The Lions got off to a very slow start in the first half trailing 45- 24 at the break. Behrend came out strong in the second half outscoring Waynesburg by a score of 30 - 20, however it wasn't enough as the Lions lost their third straight game.

Junior Jason Paloskey led the scoring attack with 14 points. Brock Bovaird also highly contributed with 13 points, 3 assists, and 2 steals. Brian Emick and John Park each had 8 points and 3 rebounds, while Steve Hout chipped in with 4 points and led the rebounding with 6 boards.

The Behrend ballers will next be in action at home with SUNY -Fredonia on the 22nd of January, at 7:30 p.m.

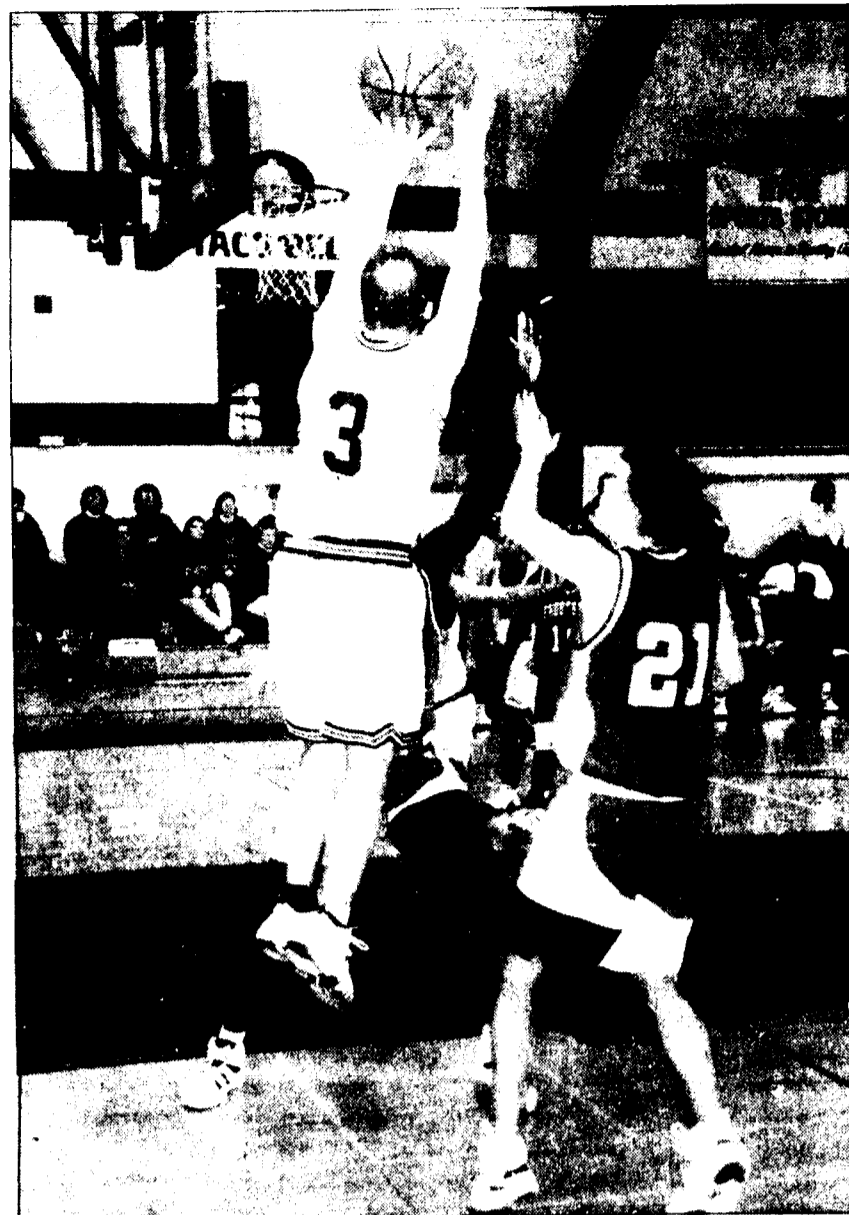


photo by Jason Blake

**In your eye!** Junior guard Jason Paloskey stops and pops for a score against Frostburg State.



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**Get in there:** Brian Emick, Matt Plizga, and Marc Peterson look to grab the rebound during a recent contest.

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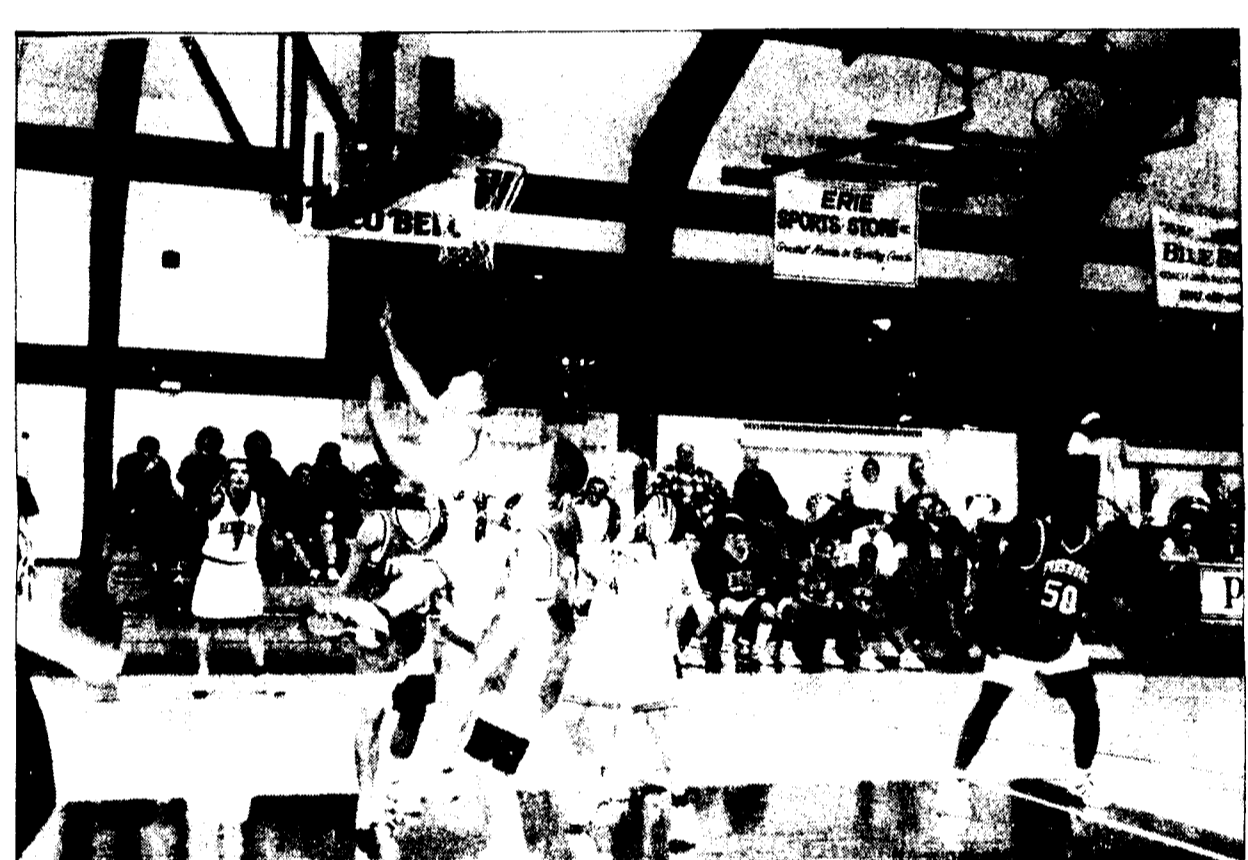


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**Give me two!** Nate Wilson goes up for a tip in, as Matt Plizga and Jason Paloskey look on.

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<p>A- LIKE WE HAVE TIME FOR THIS -R</p> <hr/> <p>Frank- I think you should perm your hair again. -Andrea</p> <hr/> <p>Kitty- I'm sorry all your hair fell out -Angie</p>	<p>Mark and Pat, You are both burnouts. -Dylan</p> <hr/> <p>Psychotic nurse will return! -R</p> <hr/> <p>PRP Once I had a cat... -AAA</p> <hr/> <p>Nate- I hope you have a grand time on your date!</p>	<p>Mike Isn't that wool kind of itchy? -the Gang</p> <hr/> <p>Paul- You had better be quiet, you big fat tooth, or I'll intro- duce you to John Wilkes Booth! -Angel</p> <hr/> <p>Coach Benim- I am having serious difficulty walking up stairs and around campus. Sincerely, Dylan</p>	<p>Jessica- Get rid of Tim -DS</p> <hr/> <p>Anne- Spice up your life. -Nate</p> <hr/> <p>Jen- Thanks for all of your help -Michele</p> <hr/> <p>Bina Any sprinkles for my chest? -NM</p>
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