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Freshmen Ashley Orris fights to grab a rebound during a recent contest against Frostburg State

Men's basketball team continues to roll, winning seventh straight

Wins improve overall record to 13-5, while moving AMCC record to 5-1

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The Penn State - Behrend men's basketball team continued its winning ways this past week, as they took down both Lake Erie and Elmira within twenty-four hours of one another, to extend their winning streak to an impressive seven in a row.

The wins move the Lions overall record to 13 - 5, while upping their AMCC record to 5 - 1.

A balanced team attack has seemed to be one of the big keys for the Lions as of late, as a different player has been stepping up big in each of the Lions recent victories.

"We have been getting a lot of solid play from different people every single night," said head basketball coach Dave Niland. "I've been real happy with our group of guys. They play very well together, up-tempo, and I think that they are a fun team to watch. Not to mention, they are a good group of guys to be around, as well as a good group of students. The only thing our team can control and focus on at this point in our season, is putting ourselves in good position for an AMCC championship. We can't concern ourselves right now of anything that happens from that point on. We just need

to focus on one day at a time," added Niland.

If the Lions happen to win the majority of the remainder of their games, they have a chance to continue play after the regular season for an ECAC championship, and possibly a bid to play in the NCAA division III championship tournament.

On the 31st of January, the Lions

Nate Wilson led all scorers with 17, while also pulling down a team high 9 rebounds.

Brian Emick and Jason Paloskey each poured in 15, while Emick also pulled in 7 boards.

Brock Bovaird had an all - around solid game, as he scored 12, dished out a team high 5 assists, and came up defensively with 2 steals.

back in the second half to seal the win.

Brian Emick had a huge game for the Lions as he poured in 15 points, and pulled down a team high 15 rebounds.

Brock Bovaird led all scorers with 25 points, 9 of which came from three- point land. Bovaird also pulled down 6 boards, and came up with 2 steals.

Nate Wilson and Ashley Orris each scored 14 points, while Wilson also pulled down 11 boards, and snagged 2 steals. Orris also came up big defensively with 3 steals.

Also contributing in the winning effort were both Jason Paloskey and Matt Plizga, with 10 and 8 points respectively.

Senior center Steve Hout is expected to miss 3 weeks due to a broken thumb, while starting guard Andy Lawrence is expected to be redshirted for the rest of the season, due to a broken ankle earlier in the year.

"Andy's a great player, and we all miss him. We have all done our part in his absence to make up the difference," said freshmen Ashley Orris.

The Lions were in action last night against AMCC foe LaRoche. Details of the game will be in next week's Collegian.

"Different people have been stepping up every single night."

Dave Niland
men's basketball head coach

traveled down to Lake Erie, where they came away with a victory by a score of 80 - 52.

The Lions overcame a slow start, trailing Lake Erie by a score of 33 - 28 going into the half. They then came alive in the second half to pull away, outscoring Lake Erie by a score of 52 - 19 in the final twenty minutes to seal their sixth straight victory.

"We struggled in the first half, and came out strong to take care of business in the second half," said junior forward Brian Emick.

Ashley Orris also contributed an all - around effort, as he knocked in 10, pulled down 9 rebounds, and dished out 4 assists.

After finishing up the Lake Erie game late at night, the Lions next had to travel back home and wake up to play an afternoon contest against Elmira.

Although not fully rested, the Lions showed little sign of fatigue, as they came out and thumped Elmira 92 - 69 before a full house at Erie Hall.

Behrend outscored Elmira 54 - 33 in the first half, while never looking



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Sophomore Nate Wilson gets caught in the air during a recent contest against LaRoche



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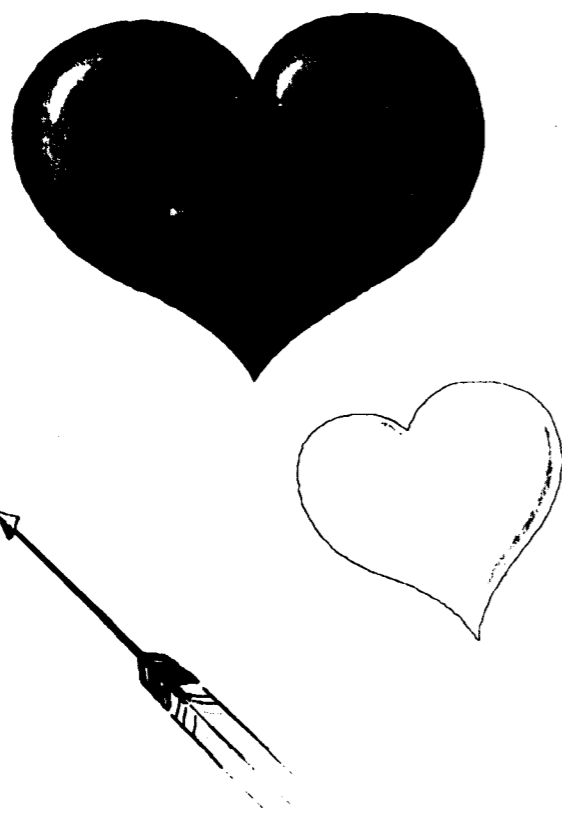
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