

# Men's basketball team splits a pair, as nine game winning streak is snapped

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The Penn State - Behrend men's basketball team had somewhat of a strange week, as their nine game winning streak was stopped by Allegheny, and they tied the all-time Behrend record for wins in a season (16) by squeaking out a victory against Lake Erie.

By splitting the pair this week, the Lions record moves to 16 - 6, while moving their AMCC record to 7 - 1.

The Lions can put themselves in a tie for first place in the AMCC with a victory against Pitt - Bradford in their last game of the year.

Earlier in the week, poor shooting seemed to be the culprit, as the Lions shot a mere 28% in their 57 - 49 loss to Allegheny.

The Lions went into the half with a 25 - 23 lead, before coming out and shooting just 21% from the field in

the second half, while being outscored 34 - 24.

Allegheny shot an impressive 65% from the field in the second half to put the game away.

Brock Bovaird came up big in the losing effort with 18 points and 4 steals. Ashley Orris and Jason Paloskey chipped in 15 and 10 points apiece, while Brian Emick and Nate Willson controlled the boards with 10 and 7 rebounds respectively.

Last night, the Lions overcame a flat start before holding off an over-matched Lake Erie club by a score of 67 - 59.

Lake Erie came into the game with an overall record of 2 - 19, but gave the Lions a run for their money, as they came as close as four points of the lead in the last five minutes of the game.

The ability of the Lions to break the press and sink the majority of

their free -throws in the final minutes, played a big part in their victory.

"We didn't play well, but a win is a win," said junior guard Matt Plizga. "We had an off night, but it was nice to tie the school record for wins," added sophomore forward John Park.

Leading the scoring for the Lions were Brock Bovaird with 23 points, and Jason Paloskey with 19. Both players also pulled down 7 rebounds. Brian Emick and Nate Willson each poured in 12 points, with Emick also snagging 7 boards. Ashley Orris came up big on the boards with 10, while also knocking in 7 points.

The Lions will have two more opportunity's to break the school record for wins in a season when they host Pitt - Greensburg on their final home game Saturday at 8:00 p.m.. They then travel to Pitt - Bradford for their final regular season game on Monday at 8:00 p.m.

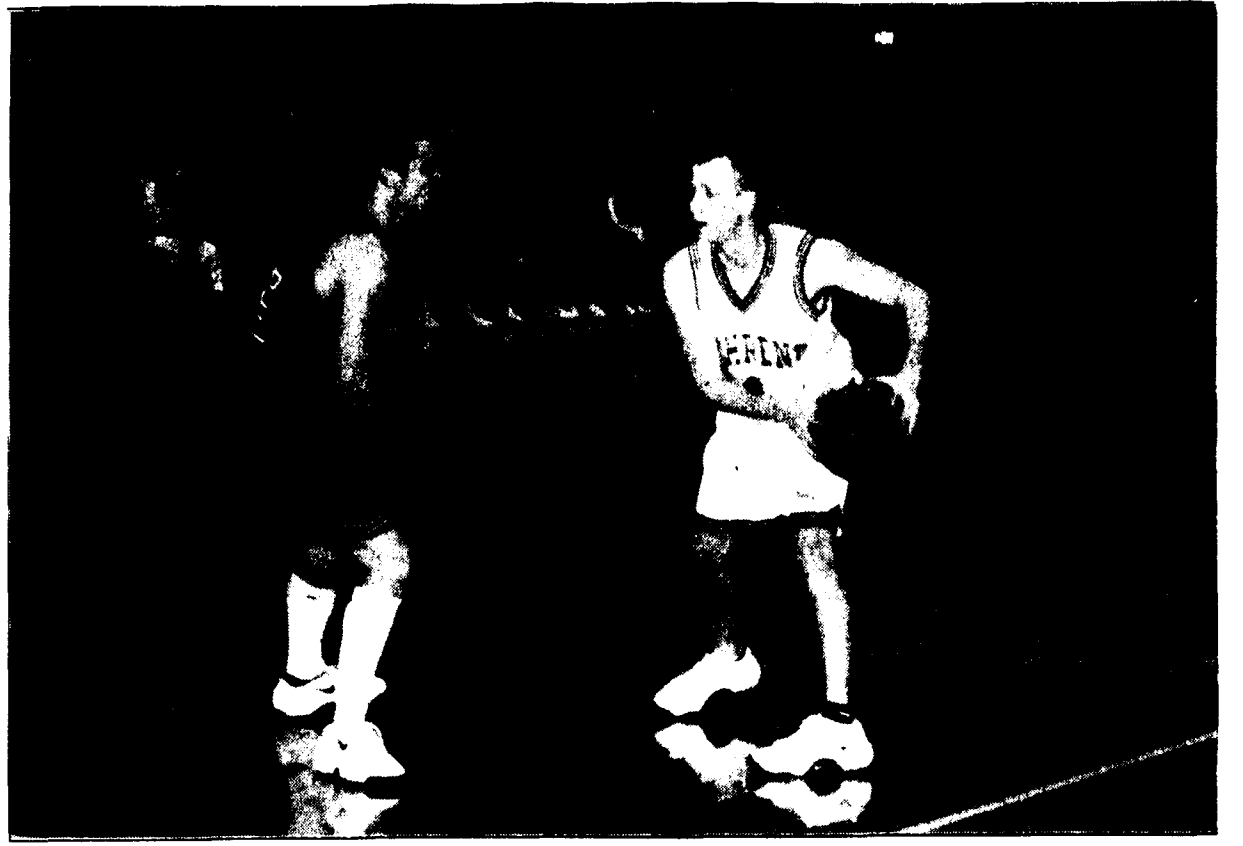


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Junior guard Matt Plizga shows off his triple-threat stance



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Sophomore forward John Park throws up his best imitation of a "Kareem Skyhook" against Lake Erie



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Sophomore center Nate Willson shows who is the man in the paint as he knocks Lake Erie defenders around like rag dolls.



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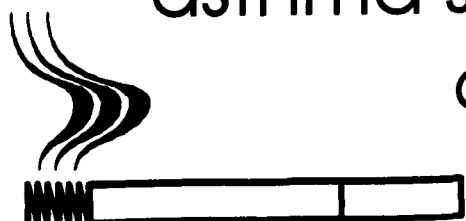
Junior forward Brian Emick poises to spring for a board slap layup.

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