

Lions slide to end regular season 16-8

Men's basketball team begins AMCC tournabents Saturday at Pitt-Bradford

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The men's basketball team is coming off somewhat of a difficult week after dropping their last two games of the year to lose their chance to host the AMCC tournament, while also dropping their AMCC mark to 7 - 3 and moving their overall record to 16 - 8.

The Lions also missed their opportunity to break the all-time Behrend record for wins in a season (16), in their final two chances of the season.

By losing their final two games, the Lions will now have to travel to Pitt - Bradford on Saturday for the first round of the AMCC tournament where they will play the winner of Lake Erie and LaRoche at 1:00 p.m.

The week started out with the Lions being upset by Pitt - Greensburg 76 - 64 on their own home floor.

Although the Lions got off to a pretty good start by taking a 21 - 11 lead midway through the first half, their hot shooting quickly cooled off as they never once held the lead again in the second half.

The closest the Lions came in the second half occurred when freshman Ashley Orris nailed a three - pointer with two minutes left to close the score to 65 - 64.

Pitt - Greensburg then went on to score the last 11 points of the game as they sealed the victory 76 - 64.

"We had wide - open looks, but we just didn't make them," said head coach Dave Niland. "They went into a zone in the second half,"

added Niland.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes," said junior guard Matt Plizga. "We also haven't been playing very good defense lately," added Plizga.

Brock Bovaird gave it his best effort, as he canned a team - high 26 points, while also dishing out 4 assists. Ashley Orris and Nate Willson scored 12 and 10 points apiece, while Willson also pulled down 7 boards. Brian Emick chipped in with a team - high 9 rebounds.

The Lions next suffered a heart breaker just two days later with a 73 - 71 loss to Pitt - Bradford on the road at the buzzer.

The Pitt - Bradford Panthers finished their season in first place in the AMCC at 10 - 0, while moving their overall record to 20 - 4. The Panthers

will also host the AMCC tournament which starts this weekend.

The Panthers featured an inside-outside combination of guard Pat Cullinan, who carried a 21.7 scoring average into the game, and lived up to his scoring average with a 26 point performance, while also dishing out 7 assists. Center Shaun Redman hit Behrend up for 20 points while also grabbing six rebounds.

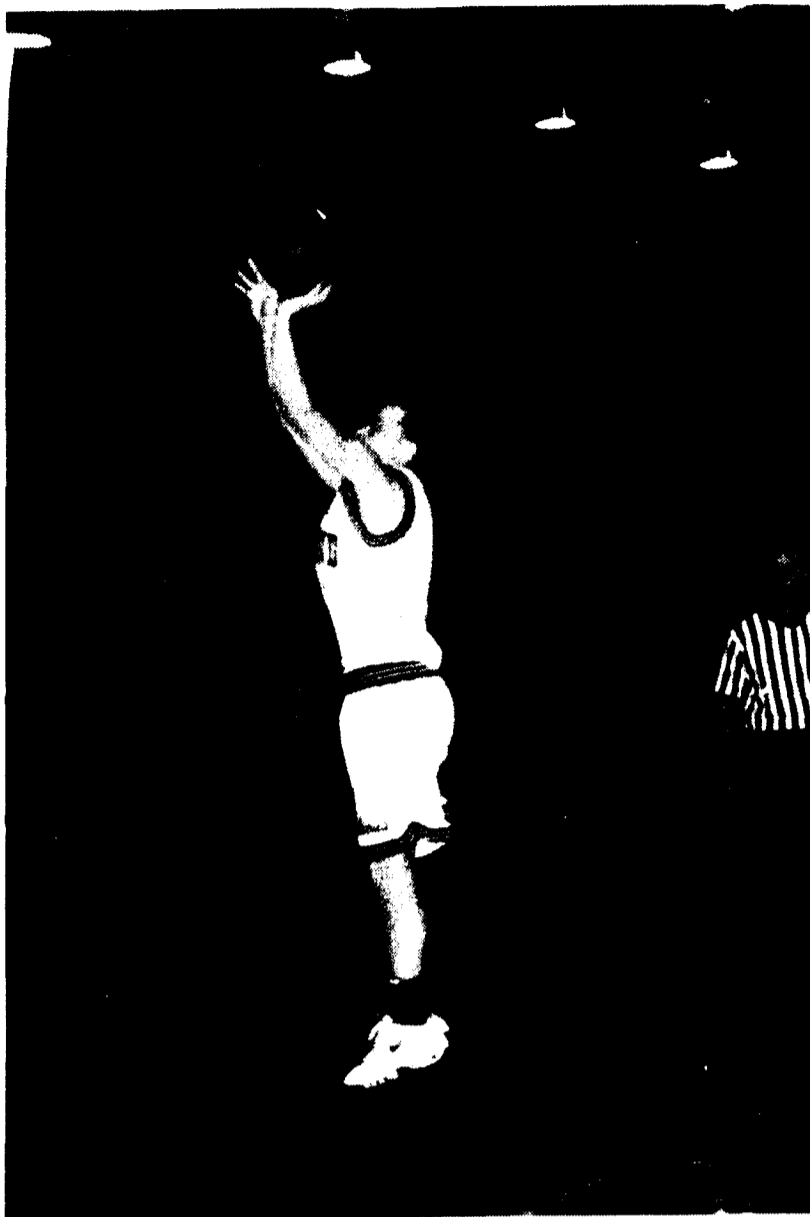
The winners shot an impressive 60% (29 - 48) from the field compared to Behrend's 42% (21 - 50).

The Lions stayed in the game with their impressive 85% (18 - 21) from the free - throw line, and by hitting 11 - 24 (46%) from the 3 - point line.

"We played well the whole game," said junior guard Matt Plizga. "We just could have done the little things a little better. We need to play our absolute best to win the AMCC tournament. We can't have any mental breakdowns," added Plizga.

Once again Brock Bovaird provided the offense as he scored a team - high 22 points, while also coming up big defensively with 3 steals. Brian Emick had a solid performance as he grabbed a team high 9 rebounds, banged in 13 points, and dished out 4 assists. Jason Paloskey also chipped in with 14 points and 5 assists.

If the Lions win their first AMCC tourney game on Saturday, they will play in the championship game on Sunday the 29th at 2:00 p.m. at Pitt - Bradford.



Junior guard Jason Paloskey shows off his perfect jump shot form
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Scoring machine Bovaird nets Athlete of the Week

by David Reynolds
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Junior Brock Bovaird came up big this week, as he has all season, earning him a spot as the Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week.

In Behrend's second game this week, a 73-71 overtime loss to AMCC rival Pitt-Bradford, Bovaird led the Lions with 22 points. The 5' 10" point guard shot 4 for 7 from beyond the three point arc, and added 3 steals in the losing effort.

So far this season, Bovaird is averaging 15.1 points per game. From three point land, he has shot 58 for 116, an impressive fifty percent.

"Brock is pretty much our go-to guy," said small forward Ashley Orris. "When the clock's running out, he makes a lot of shots."

Guard Matt Plizga added, "Brock has been pretty consistent all year. He's playing well in pretty much all aspects of the game."

Brock is majoring in psychology here at Behrend. He plans to attend graduate school, and hopes to someday work in the field of industrial psychology.

Brock attended Brockway High School, where he played both basketball and football.

In his spare time, Brock enjoys playing acoustic guitar and listening to bootlegs. He calls the Grateful Dead "the best band ever," but he also enjoys listening to the Allman Brothers Band.



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