

## Women's basketball drop close one in ECAC playoffs

Lady Lions finish season at 19-9

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The 1998 edition of the Penn State Behrend women's basketball team came to a close two weekends ago, as they were bounced in the first round of the ECAC playoffs, losing to King's College of Wilkes - Barre by a close score of 56 - 53.

The Lady Lions finish their season at a mark of 19 - 9, while Kings College moves their record to 22 - 5.

The Lady Monarchs of King's College scored the game's first 10 points to jump out to a commanding lead, however the Lions rallied back hard to eventually take the lead by a score of 28 - 25.

The Lions led for most of the second half until Denise Igo of the Monarchs

sank a pair of field goals with 2:30 remaining to give the King's a 52 - 51 lead.

The Lady Lions had a chance to tie the contest with 10 seconds left, but Emily Marini missed a free throw to bring the score together.

Elaine Colyer made a basket for the Kings in the closing second to preserve the win. "We led most of the game, they just made a big run at the end," said Emily Marini.

Kim Moses led the scoring attack for the Lions with 14 points, while also coming away with seven steals.

Jen O'Lare and Tiffany Buck knocked in 13 and 11 points respectively, as Buck was 3- 6 from three - point land.

## Men's basketball finishes season at 18-9

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The season of the Penn State - Behrend men's basketball team came to a screeching halt the weekend before spring break as they lost to a highly talented Lebanon Valley college in the first round of the ECAC playoffs by a score of 76 - 49.

"We played a very tough team who outplayed us in every aspect of the game," said junior Matt Plizga.

The Lions conclude their season with an impressive record of 18 - 9. Although they did get bounced in the first round of ECAC playoffs, they didn't end the season without any big accomplishments, such as winning the first ever AMCC title.

The Lions overcame adversity all year long as they lost their leading scorer Andy Lawrence at the beginning of the season, not to mention overcoming a slow start before reeling off nine straight victories and

eventually winning the AMCC championship.

In the ECAC fist round matchup, the Lions faced a very tall Lebanon Valley team, as they started three players with sizes of 6'8" and 6'8" down low, not to mention a 6'7" three - guard.

Behrend was outbounded for the

sue.

The Dutchmen of Lebanon Valley jumped out of the blocks to commanding 9 - 2 lead. Behrend's Jason Paloskey brought the Lions within two points with a jumper mid - way through the first half at 16 - 14, however Lebanon Valley took control at the end of the half with an 18 - 8 burst

Jason Paloskey who nailed down 14 points, including 4 - 7 from behind the arc.

Behrend's leading scorer Brock Bovaird was limited to just 7 points, although he was the third leading scorer for the Lions on the game.

Matt Plizga scored 8 points, while Brian Emick had 4 points and a team leading 5 rebounds.

"We will be returning nearly all of our players next year," said sophomore John Parks. "We will have an experienced team, which should give us a chance to win plenty of ballgames," added Parks.

The only thing the Lions can now do is look ahead to next season.

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game by a count of 35 - 21.

"Their size gave us a lot of problems," said sophomore John Parks.

The Lions had to deal with Lebanon Valley's Andy Panko for the entire game, as Panko scored 28 points going 4 - 7 from the free - throw line.

Panko was the ECAC South Player of the Year, and was also featured in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" section in the last week's is-

to take a twelve point lead into the break.

The second half belonged completely to the Dutchmen, who stretched their lead out to as much as 30 points.

Behrend had trouble shooting the ball from the field for the game as they struggled only hitting 33 percent of their shots.

Leading the Lions on offense was

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The ski slope may be covered with snow again as snow is expected this weekend.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Burchanowski mashes his way to the ATW

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Senior captain Marc Burchanowski is this week's Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week. The veteran's strong play and leadership are key reasons for the baseball team's winning start this season. The Lions, in seven games so far, have posted a promising 5-2 mark.

Burchanowski acts as a potent offensive weapon for the Lions. Through seven games, he is batting an outstanding .400, going ten for twenty-five. He has four RBI's and has scored eight runs. Burchanowski

is a perfect three for three in stolen base attempts. He also leads the team with eight walks.

A career .321 hitter, Burchanowski batted a whopping .371 in 1997. He led the team in RBI's knocking in twenty-four that season. In thirty-eight games, he collected thirty-six hits, picking up multiple hits in eleven games.

Burchanowski is a valuable defensive asset as well. Splitting time between first baseman and catcher, he threw out 41% of all runners who attempted to steal against him.

Marc has played a lot of collegiate

baseball," said head coach Paul Benim. "He is an integral part of our program. He leads by example."

Marc is optimistic about the rest of the season. "Right now it's early, but judging from our trip to Florida, the team has made improvements in all aspects of the game," he said.

Marc hails from Franklin, PA. While attending Franklin Area High School, Marc played both baseball and basketball.

A BLASC major, Marc plans to attend graduate school, and hopes to eventually find employment as a baseball coach or an athletic director.

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