

Men's basketball off to 3-1 start

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The Penn State Behrend men's basketball team opened their 1998-99 season in convincing fashion winning the Hamot Classic on November 21 and 22 in Erie Hall.

The men tipped-off against D'Youville in the first round. A solid team effort by the Lions enabled them to take an early lead that they held on to for a 91-70 win. Andy Lawrence led Behrend with 15 points as three other Lions reached double-figures. Chris Hughes, Jason Paloskey and Brock Bovaird scored 14, 14 and 12 points, respectively. The Behrend men were able to hold off the strong play of D'Youville's Jason Cwiklinski who scored 27 points and Todd Zielinski who finished with 20.

The Lions shot 54% from three-point land on 13 of 24 shooting. Paloskey went 4-8 from behind the arch. Bovaird provided the playmaking for the Lions with a game high 10 assists.

The win put the men in the championship game where they

faced Whitman who defeated S. Vermont in the first game of the tournament. Behrend jumped out to a 35-23 halftime lead behind their consistent long range shooting. They went 4-6 in the first half and finished 8-16 for 50%. The Lions didn't let down in the second half, as they continued to shoot well. They shot 27-51 for the game for 53% as Whitman only shot 39%. Behrend won 73-55 for the championship.

Chris Hughes led Behrend in scoring, shooting 6-7 from the field and 5-6 from the free throw line to finish with 17 points. Again, three other Lions reached double-figures as Andy Lawrence, Bovaird and Paloskey scored 15, 15 and 11, respectively.

The Behrend men then took their 2-0 record into Division I Cornell University on November 24. In front of 784 fans, the Lions were able to challenge the Big Red throughout the game. Cornell took advantage of 12 Behrend turnovers which resulted in 17 points and turned nine offensive rebounds into 19 more.

Four of the five Cornell starters scored double-figures which helped lead the Big Red to a 80-70 win.

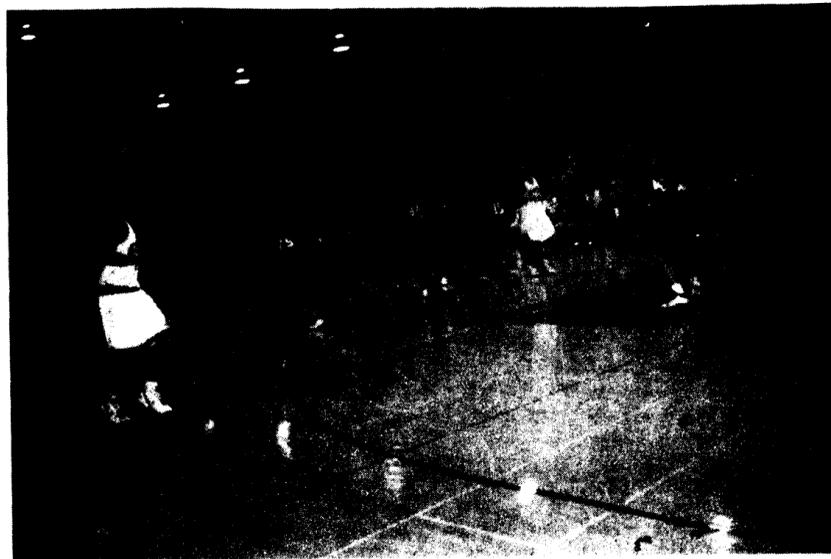
Leading the Lions was Paloskey who hit five three-pointers to finish with 18 points. Bovaird and Brian Emmick finished with 15 and 11.

The Behrend men improved to 3-1 on the season with a 52-49 win over visiting Grove City College on Tuesday night. Behrend overcame poor second half shooting and a rebounding deficit of 24-35 to hold off a late rally by Grove City.

"We found a way to win," Behrend Coach Dave Niland commented. "We didn't do the little things that are usually necessary to accomplish that, so I think we were fortunate to come away with the victory."

Behrend opened strong, however, when trailing 8-7 they scored eight unanswered points to take a 15-8 lead. They held the lead, in varying amounts, for the remainder of the game.

A Grove City score made it 17-14 with five minutes remaining in the first half. Behrend responded with a 10-0 run that included 3-pointers from forwards Andy Lawrence and Brian Emick, which widened the lead to 27-14. Lawrence, along with guard Jason Paloskey, paced the Lions with 11 points each. The Lions led 27-20 at the half.



The men's basketball team sets up their offense in Tuesday night's win over Grove City.

photo by Andrea Zaffino

In the beginning of the second half, the two teams exchanged baskets until, with Behrend up 36-28, Grove City went on a 7-0 run to tighten things up at 36-35. The run included two missed layups by

Behrend. Behrend shot only 35% (9/26) in the second half, as opposed to shooting 46% (11/24) in the first.

"They must have done a good job of scouting, because they defended us very well," Behrend senior guard Brock Bovaird said.

Behrend couldn't miss, however, during a two minute stretch that yielded three consecutive 3-pointers, two by Paloskey and one by Bovaird. Behrend opened the game back up to 45-35 with eight minutes remaining.

For the next 7:30, Grove City chipped away at the Behrend lead. They slowly closed Behrend's lead with help from two 3-pointers from guard Dave Pifer. His second came with 26 seconds left in the game, to make the score 50-49.

Bovaird drew a blocking foul on the ensuing in-bounds pass, but missed the front end of a one-and-one. Center Nate Wilson, who led Behrend with six rebounds, fought through traffic to tip the rebound in, and Behrend led 52-49.

Grove City missed a 3-point attempt on their next possession, and Brian Emick was fouled after he grabbed the rebound with nine seconds remaining. Emick missed the first foul shot, and Grove City got the rebound, but their 3-point attempt from the left corner bounced off the rim as the final buzzer sounded to the delight of the Behrend faithful.

Behrend's next game is on Saturday, when they travel to Elmira. The next home game isn't until Tuesday, January 5, when they host Thiel.

Lady Lions place third at Tip-off Tournament

By Jason Snyder
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The Behrend women's basketball team got their season underway on a positive note at the Penn State Behrend Tip-Off Tournament held in Erie Hall on November 20 and 21. The Lions showed positive signs on their way to finishing in third place at the highly competitive tournament.

The Lady Lions tipped off against Mount St. Joseph in the first round. Behrend entered the game with the disadvantage of not knowing much about their opponent. Coach Rosalyn Fornari commented on their opening round opponent saying, "they had a new coach and only three returning players on that team, so there wasn't much scouting to do. That was different for our players." The biggest surprise came in the form of Nadeana Stormer, a Division I transfer. Stormer scored a game high 27 points on 10-20 shooting. The Lions, however, kept the game close due to the play of Lisa Sanders and Jen O'Lare who

scored 18 and 17 points, respectively. Carrie Nestor also contributed with seven assists. The Lions, however, fell short 74-63. "It was a typical first game for us," commented Fornari.

The Behrend women then faced the Hilbert Hawks in the consolation game the next day. The Lady Lions jumped on their opponent early with their strong defensive pressure. For the game, Behrend forced 38 turnovers, resulting in the majority of their points. Erin Phillips led the teams in scoring with 20 points as Tiffany Buck and Jen O'Lare scored 18 and 16 points, respectively. The women kept that intensity throughout the game to finish with a convincing 91-33 win.

Behrend's Jen O'Lare was named to the All-Tournament team. She scored a combined 33 points and 15 boards for the tournament. Fornari said, "she had a nice game both days. She played really well."

In the Championship game, Mount Union showed their ability as they defeated Mount St. Joseph 78-52. Mount Union's Chelsey Bevington was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Of the young Lady Lions' team, Fornari commented on the tournament. "Overall, I thought we played well. I'm not disappointed on how we played Friday and I'm happy about how we played on Saturday. We had a lot of good players as far as what people did, we just didn't come out with a win on Friday night. Saturday we just played really well."

Since the tournament, the Behrend women have had nearly two weeks to prepare themselves for last night's game against Washington and Jefferson. In that time, the team has made strides to improve on their play and execution. "We spent quite a bit of time going over the things that I don't think we did so well," said Fornari who feels the team's main weakness at this point is execution. "Playing a lot of young players, you don't have that right at the beginning of the season." She added, "we've been switching some people around trying to see where people fit best. That will take a while though. It's probably going to take us till January to really come around as a group and know our strengths. We look forward to that time."

The Lions will be able to test their execution this weekend in their second of two tournaments that they host this year. In the Winter Classic, Behrend will host Grove City, Albright, and Wilmington. On Friday night, the women will play Grove City at 8:00 in Erie Hall. Fornari realizes, "last year we were unsuccessful with them. They're very talented. The other two teams are as strong."

Coach Fornari sees the keys to victory as, "to start doing our things right and if we start playing well then I think the wins will come along with it. We've got to put the ball in the basket in order to press, which is a big part of our game. We have to play good defense so they miss and we can run the ball."

The Winter Classic will tip-off at 6:00 in Erie Hall with Wilmington facing Albright, followed by Behrend and Grove City. The consolation game will be at 1:00 the following day, with the championship being decided at 3:00.

Winter Classic

Friday, December 4

Wilmington vs. Albright	6:00 p.m.
Behrend vs. Grove City	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5

Consolation game	1:00 p.m.
Championship game	3:00 p.m.

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Hamot Classic - November 21-22

Behrend vs. D'Youville			
	1st h.	2nd h.	Final
Behrend	49	42	91
D'Youville	34	36	70

Behrend High Scorer: Andy Lawrence (15 points)
D'Youville High Scorer: Jason Cwiklinski (27 points)
Behrend Stats:
Field goal % - (36-65) 55%, 3-point % - (13-24) 54%,
Free throw % - (6-9) 67%, 28 assists, 9 turnovers.
D'Youville Stats:
Field goal % - (28-54) 52%, 3-point % - (5-11) 45%,
Free throw % - (9-11) 82%, 9 assists, 14 turnovers.

Behrend vs. Whitman			
	1st h.	2nd h.	Final
Behrend	35	38	73
Whitman	23	32	55

Behrend High Scorer: Chris Hughes (17 points)
Whitman High Scorer: Jimmy Hill (14 points)
Behrend Stats:
Field goal % - (27-51) 53%, 3-point % - (8-16) 50%,
Free throw % - (9-14) 64%, 15 assists, 15 turnovers.
Whitman Stats:
Field goal % - (20-51) 39%, 3-point % - (8-20) 40%,
Free throw % - (6-15) 40%, 10 assists, 10 turnovers.

November 24

Behrend vs. Cornell			
	1st h.	2nd h.	Final
Behrend	30	40	70
Cornell	37	43	80

Behrend High Scorer: Jason Paloskey (18 points)
Cornell High Scorer: Wallace Pather (19 points)
Behrend Stats:
Field Goal % - (22-48) 45%, Three-point % - (10-21) 48%,
Free throw % - (16-21) 76%, 19 assists, 12 turnovers.
Cornell Stats:
Field Goal % - (31-60) 52%, Three-point % - (8-20) 40%,
Free throw % - (10-10) 100%, 16 assists, 7 turnovers.

December 1

Behrend vs. Grove City			
	1st h.	2nd h.	Final
Behrend	27	25	52
Grove City	20	29	49

Behrend High Scorer: Jason Paloskey, Andy Lawrence (11 points)
Cornell High Scorer: Dave Pifer, Michael Cratsley (11 points)
Behrend Stats:
Field Goal % - (20-50) 40%, Three-point % - (6-18) 33%,
Free throw % - (6-12) 50%, 12 assists, 5 turnovers.
Grove City Stats:
Field Goal % - (20-49) 41%, Three-point % - (4-13) 31%,
Free throw % - (5-8) 63%, 5 assists, 15 turnovers.

Behrend Lions: 3-1

Women's Basketball

Tip-off Tournament - November 20-21

Behrend vs. Mount St. Joseph			
	1st h.	2nd h.	Final
Behrend	36	27	63
Mount St. Joseph	40	34	74

Behrend High Scorer: Lisa Sanders (18 points)
Mount St. Joseph: Nadeana Stormer (27 points)
Behrend Stats:
Field Goal % - (27-59) 46%, Three-point % - (2-12) 17%,
Free throw % - (7-16) 43%, 11 assists, 24 turnovers
Mount St. Joseph Stats:
Field Goal % - (28-53) 53%, Three-point % - (2-7) 29%,
Free throw % - (11-23) 48%, 7 assists, 19 turnovers

Behrend vs. Hilbert			
	1st h.	2nd h.	Final
Behrend	48	43	91
Hilbert	20	13	33

Behrend High Scorer: Erin Phillips (20 points)
Hilbert High Scorer: Shequira Feaster (12 points)
Behrend Stats:
Field Goal % - (41-73) 56%, Three-point % - (4-12) 33%,
Free throw % - (5-13) 38%, 33 assists, 15 turnovers
Hilbert Stats:
Field Goal % - (8-40) 20%, Three-point % - (1-5) 20%, Free
throw % - (16-24) 67%, 3 assists, 38 turnovers

Behrend Lions: 1-1