

Lions streaking through the AMCC Behrend women's winning streak snapped

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The Behrend men won a pair of conference games in this past week's action. The wins solidified their hold on first place in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) and improved their NCAA regional ranking.

The men beat Lake Erie College 78-59 at home on Wednesday, February 3, and then traveled to Frostburg and won 82-77 this past Saturday.

The wins improved their record to 6-1 in the conference, 16-3 overall. In the most recent NCAA East Regional Poll, the Lions are up one spot and tied for second place with Hamilton College. Saint John Fisher remains the top-ranked team, having lost only once, which was to Behrend on January 9.

Pitt-Bradford was tied for second place in the AMCC standings at 4-2 when they visited Erie Hall last

night in a critical matchup. Pitt-Bradford handed Behrend their only conference loss of the season, when the teams met at Pitt-Bradford on January 20. Details will be in next week's Beacon.

The Behrend men played a solid all-around game to beat Lake Erie last Wednesday. They shot well, outrebounded Lake Erie, and shot nearly three times as many foul shots as their opponent.

As a team, Behrend used runs of 13-4 and 12-1 to put away Lake Erie 78-59. The Lions held their opponent to 39% shooting (13-33, including 0-5 three-pointers) in the second half, and 42% (25-59, 2-10) overall. The Lions outrebounded Lake Erie 33-22, led by center Chris Hughes' ten and center Nate Willson's five.

Guard Brock Bovaird led four scorers in double figures with nineteen points, followed by guard Jason Paloskey with seventeen, forward Brian Emick with thirteen, and Hughes with twelve.

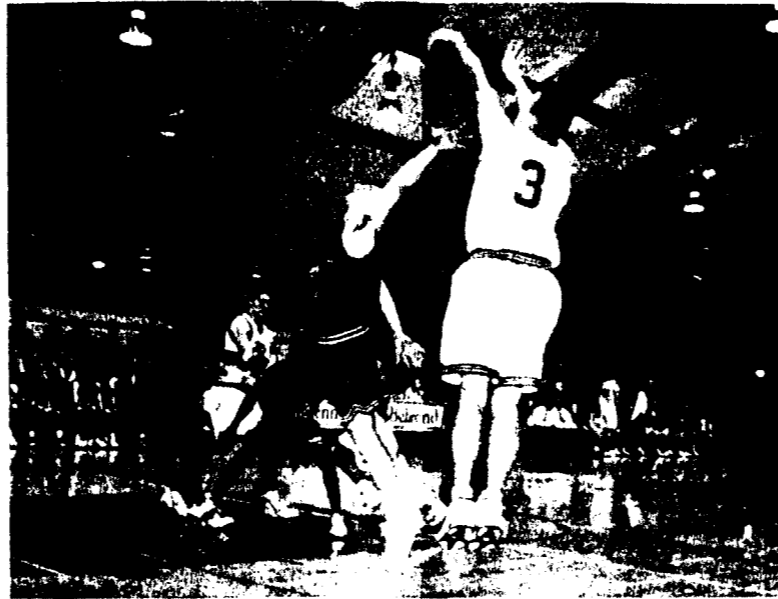
Emick led the team with six assists and three steals, and also drew four charges during the contest.

Behrend went to the free throw line 25 times, making 19 (76%), while Lake Erie made 7 of only 9 attempts at the

charity strip.

Behrend's game at Frostburg was an evenly played contest, illustrated by the 36-35 Behrend lead at half-

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Jason Paloskey shoots for two over a Lake Erie defender.

photo by Jason Blake



Brian Emick takes the ball up for two.

photo by Jason Blake

Frostburg snaps Lions' seven game win streak

by Jason Snyder
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The Lady Lions' basketball team split a pair of games this past week in conference play. The women extended their winning streak to seven games with a win over Lake Erie College on Wednesday and then had their streak snapped in a nailbiter against Frostburg State on Saturday.

The women opened their week coming off six straight wins overall and a 5-0 record in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference. The Lady Lions welcomed 0-6 Lake Erie to Erie Hall on February 3.

After a slow first half for the Lions that saw them shoot only 12-30 (40%) from the field and 1-7 from three-point land, the Behrend women were able to enter the second half with much more intensity. After leading by just four at the half, 28-24, the Lions pulled away quickly after the intermission. Behrend held Lake Erie to 5-20 (25%) shooting from the field and held their offensive threats in the first half to zero second half points.

Behrend's main contributions came in the areas of forced turnovers (28), assists (23-6) and three-pointers in the second half with 4-9 from behind the arch. Erin Phillips led the charge with 16 points on 7-9 shooting from the field and 2-2 from the foul line. Also stepping up for Behrend were Jen O'Lare with 12 points and

eight rebounds, Kate Costanzo with nine points on 3-3 shooting from three-point land, and Carrie Nestor with seven points, five assists, four steals and three rebounds.

The Lions outscored Lake Erie, 40-15, in the second half to give Behrend a 68-39 win to move them to 6-0 in the AMCC.

The Behrend women then took their game to Frostburg, Maryland for an AMCC game against Frostburg State (4-2).

The Lions trailed at the half, 29-27. Behrend was sparked by the inside play of Jen O'Lare and Erin Phillips who combined for 30 points, 11 rebounds and four assists. Nestor finished with six points, six assists, and six steals.

Despite the strong individual performances of the Lady Lions, they fell, 61-60, snapping their seven game winning streak.

The Behrend women are 6-1 in AMCC play and will conclude their schedule vs. Pitt-Bradford (last night), Pitt-Greensburg on February 13, Allegheny on February 17 and LaRoche on February 20 on the road. If the women are to win all four games, head coach Roz Fornari will win her 100th career win at Penn State Behrend.

In the first meetings with these teams, Behrend earned wins against Pitt-Bradford, 69-64, Pitt-Greensburg, 66-46, and LaRoche, 53-46.

Know Your Lions...

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Men's Basketball

by Jessica Tucci
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"Outstanding, intense, and hardworking," that is how coach Dave Niland would describe 6'2" senior Brian Emick. With 35 assists and 10 steals on the last eighteen games, Emick is making strong contributions to the success of the men's

basketball team. He also has approximately seven points per game and an average of five rebounds per game.

Coach Niland has nothing but good things to say about Emick, and why shouldn't he? Emick has 462 career rebounds which ranks him in the top eleven rebounds in Behrend men's basketball history. He has also contributed 737 career points. "He has been outstanding for the last four years" says

Niland. "Emick is an all around excellent player." He can play all four positions on the court. Although, his specialty lies at the forward position.

Emick accredits the men's basketball team with such a great season due to the fact that, "the team is playing well together, we know each other's strengths and weakness, and we simply have good team chemistry."

Scoreboard

MEN'S BASKETBALL (16-3)

AMCC Standings

	AMCC	Overall Record
Behrend	6-1	16-3
Pitt-Bradford	4-2	12-6
Pitt-Greensburg	4-2	12-8
LaRoche	3-4	8-10
Frostburg	2-5	9-10
Lake Erie	1-6	3-16
Penn State Altoona	0-0	3-19

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Lake Erie	28	31	59
Behrend	39	39	78

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Paloskey	8-11	1-2	0-0	17
Emick	4-4	0-0	5-8	13
Hughes	3-7	0-0	6-6	12
Orris	1-1	1-1	1-2	4
Bovaird	6-9	2-4	5-5	19
Willson	2-5	0-0	1-2	5
Stritzinger	1-1	0-0	0-0	2
Berchtold	0-1	0-0	0-0	0
Plizga	0-0	0-0	1-2	1
Park	2-4	1-1	0-0	5
Jefferson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0
Totals	27-44	3-8	19-25	78

Assists: 19, Rebounds: 33, Blocks: 4, TO: 20

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Jones	10-15	0-0	1-1	21
Myers	5-11	2-5	4-4	16
Sietert	2-4	0-0	1-1	5
Bradford	2-7	0-1	0-0	4
Kwasnick	2-7	0-1	0-0	4
Winton	1-2	0-0	0-0	2
Veon	1-5	0-2	0-0	2
Naso	1-5	0-1	0-0	2
Zdesar	1-2	0-0	0-0	2
Weiler	0-1	0-0	1-3	1
Totals	25-59	2-10	7-9	59

Assists: 9, Rebounds: 22, Blocks: 3, TO: 13

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Behrend	36	46	82
Frostburg	35	42	77

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Paloskey	3-10	1-8	4-4	11
Lawrence	1-3	1-3	0-0	3
Emick	2-6	0-1	7-13	11
Hughes	4-10	0-0	4-5	12
Orris	1-2	1-2	0-0	3
Bovaird	5-10	3-5	1-12	23
Willson	5-6	0-0	0-0	10
Park	0-1	0-1	0-0	0
Totals	23-53	6-20	30-40	82

Assists: 17, Rebounds: 35, Blocks: 1, Steals: 6

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Mitchell	7-13	2-3	0-0	16
Silverman	7-10	0-0	1-1	15
Re	5-10	2-2	0-0	12
Ayers	4-7	4-7	3-5	12
A Moore	4-8	1-4	1-2	10
B Moore	1-3	0-1	4-5	6
Tose	1-4	1-4	0-0	3
Manigault	1-6	0-1	1-2	3
Totals	30-61	7-16	10-15	77

Assists: 16, Rebounds: 33, Blocks: 5, Steals: 7

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (13-7)

AMCC Standings

	AMCC	Overall Record
Behrend	6-1	13-7
Pitt-Bradford	5-1	7-12
Frostburg	5-2	12-6
Pitt-Greensburg	2-4	3-14
LaRoche	2-5	3-13
Lake Erie	0-7	7-13
Penn State Altoona	0-0	3-14

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Lake Erie	24	15	39
Behrend	28	40	68

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Buck	2-10	1-6	0-0	5
Nestor	2-5	0-0	3-4	7
Sanders	3-6	1-4	0-0	7
O'Lare	5-9	0-0	2-2	12
Phillips	7-9	0-0	2-2	16
McDivitt	1-6	0-3	0-0	2
Jackson	2-4	0-0	0-0	4
Constanzo	3-5	3-3	0-0	9
Weigold	2-4	0-0	0-0	4
Charnock	1-2	0-0	0-0	2
Totals	28-60	5-16	7-8	68

Assists: 23, Rebounds: 36, Steals: 13, Blocks: 1, TO: 18

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Ellis	5-13	2-4	1-2	13
Frabotta	4-5	2-2	0-0	10
White	3-6	0-0	1-6	7
Berardinelli	2-7	0-0	2-4	6
Larkin	1-8	0-0	0-0	2
Williams	0-4	0-0	1-4	1
Terry	0-1	0-0	0-0	0
Gorrell	0-1	0-0	0-1	0
Totals	15-45	4-6	5-17	39

Assists: 6, Rebounds: 33, Steals: 14, Blocks: 5, TO: 28

UPCOMING

BEHREND

GAMES

Men's Basketball

February 10	Pitt-Bradford	8:00 p.m.
February 13	Pitt-Greensburg	8:00 p.m.
February 15	@Waynesburg	7:30 p.m.
February 17	Allegheny	8:00 p.m.

home games in bold



Women's Basketball

February 10	Pitt-Bradford	6:00 p.m.
February 13	Pitt-Greensburg	6:00 p.m.
February 17	Allegheny	6:00 p.m.

home games in bold