

Behrend men capture ECAC title

Lions make school history in historical Gettysburg

by Matt Buser
staff writer

The Behrend men's basketball team completed the most successful campaign in school history by winning their first-ever ECAC Division III Southern Men's Basketball Championship last Sunday, March 7.

The Lions scored a victory over Grove City (16-9) at Erie Hall in the quarterfinals. They then traveled to Gettysburg and defeated Albright (16-10) and host team Gettysburg (16-10) to capture the 1999 ECAC Championship. The Lions were making their third straight and fifth overall appearance in the ECAC Tournament.

The three tournament wins gave the Lions 21 total wins for the season, the most in school history. The previous record was 20. The Lions finished the season with an outstanding 21-7 record.

Behrend crushed Grove City 64-44 on Wednesday, March 3, thanks

to a strong offensive game and stellar second-half defense. Behrend shot 56% (25-45, 8-16 3pt) from the floor, while holding Grove City to 35% (17-49, 5-15 3pt) overall, including 28% (7-25, 2-11 3pt) in the second half. Behrend also outrebounded them 34-24, led by center Nate Willson's eight, and center Chris Hughes and forward Brian Emick's six.

Guard Jason Paloskey led the Lions with sixteen points on 6 of 9 shooting, including 3 of 4 three-pointers. Guard Brock Bovaird scored thirteen points, and had nine assists versus no turnovers. Forward Andy Lawrence scored twelve points and had three steals. Guard Ashley Orris scored ten points off of the bench.

Behrend faced Albright on Saturday, March 6, in the semifinal game. The two teams played an evenly-matched contest, and Behrend needed overtime to put Albright away.

Albright opened the game by shooting 58% (15-26) and limiting Behrend to 48% (13-27), and Albright was up 33-31 at intermission. Behrend



turned the tables in the second half, shooting 61% (17-28) against Albright's 51% (18-35), but the teams ended the period tied at 63. Behrend outscored Albright 15-9 in the overtime period and came away with a 78-72 victory.

Hughes led the Lions with nineteen points and grabbed eight boards. Willson led the team with nine rebounds. Bovaird had seven assists, grabbed five boards, and scored thirteen points on 3 of 4 shooting, including 3 of 3 three-pointers and 4 of 4 free-throws. Paloskey scored sixteen and hit 3 of 4 three-pointers, and Emick scored fifteen on 7 of 9 shooting.

In the championship game against Gettysburg, Behrend started slow. They made only 7 of 23 shots (30%) and were down 29-20 at the half. In the second half, they recovered. The Lions shot 54% (15-28) in the second half, and their opponents mirrored their poor first half shooting (7-23, 30%) statistics. Behrend outscored Gettysburg 36-23

in the half and claimed their first ever ECAC Championship with a 56-52 victory.

Hughes again led the Lions with thirteen points and blocked four shots, followed by Bovaird with twelve, Paloskey with eleven, and Orris with ten. Lawrence, Bovaird, and Willson shared the team lead with six rebounds each. Emick led the team with four assists.

The ECAC Tournament win brought this year's exciting season to a close. Look for the season wrap-up in next week's *Beacon*.

Read next week's *Beacon* for the men's and women's basketball wrap-up.

Lions' baseball goes 6-1 in spring training

Behrend continues hot streak in Fort Pierce, Florida

by Jason Snyder
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The Behrend Lions' baseball team opened their 1999 season with a 6-1 trip to Fort Pierce, Florida from March 7-14. The Lions have gone 34-11 dating back to last season with the strong start to this season.

Behrend played their first two games of the season against Anna Maria in a double-header. The Lions dominated both contests with a 9-1 victory in the first game and an 11-4 win following. Starting pitchers Ryan Frederick and Shaun Headley sparked the Lions in the opening day. Frederick finished with 7 strike outs and no walks while Headley recorded 5 strike outs and one walk. With the strong pitching, the Lions took control on the offensive side.

Freshman Jake Boyle stepped up big for Behrend with a 3 x 5 performance that included three

RBI's, two runs and one home run. Corey Walters and Ryan Smith both contributed strongly to the win.

Game two of the double-header saw an all-around offensive performance from the Lions. Behrend recorded 17 hits; four by Walters, Boyle and Lucas Bundy added three, and Jeremy Brubaker and David Williams added two each.

The Lions then suffered a setback as they fell 6-4 to Christopher Newport University (CNU) in the first game of their double-header. The Lions then rebounded to take a 5-4 decision in the second game. Smith allowed only four runs in his complete game. The game came down to the late game heroics of several Behrend players.

At 3-3 entering the seventh inning, Brubaker led off with a triple with no outs. Boyle stepped up with one out to bring in Brubaker off a double. A wild pitch sent Boyle to third as Smith hit a sacrifice fly to bring in the game winner. CNU could only muster up one run in the bottom of the seventh to give the

Lions the victory. The win moved Behrend to 3-1 in the early season.

After a one-day break, the Lions took the diamond against Lebanon Valley. Lebanon Valley scored three unearned runs in the first and led 3-1 entering the second inning. Lebanon Valley scored two more to pull away at 5-1 entering the fifth. Ashley Oglevee, Williams and Brubaker cut the lead to one. In the sixth, Behrend took over the lead off a single by Dustin McKay that brought home James Burrows and Oglevee. Charlie Sevin earned the win on the mound with a three-inning, one-hit and five-strikeout performance.

On the last day of competition, the Lions played an early game against William Penn of Iowa (11-3 on the season). Behrend, however, played a strong game and took an early 2-1 advantage. The Lions built their lead to three runs and held off a late charge by William Penn behind the pitching of Smith, Headley, and Sevin. Behrend pulled out a 7-5 victory to move to 5-1 record.

Behrend concluded their southern swing with a 5-2 win over Norwich on Friday night. Calpin took charge on the mound, allowing only one run and four hits in the victory.

For the opening week, the Lions hit .362 and posted a 2.57 ERA. The Lions were led by Brubaker, batting .423 (11-26), nine runs, 6-6 steals. Walters hit .522 (12-23), four runs, four RBI's and two steals. Boyle led the team in RBI's with 10 and batted .500 on 12-24. Slavonic added five steals and four RBI's and Williams scored seven runs and five RBI's.

The pitching staff for the Lions saw Headley, Frederick and Calpin all pitch nine innings on the week, combining for a 4-0 record and 26 strikeouts. Sevin and Smith combined for 13 strikeouts as Sevin recorded a save.

The next game for the Lions will be a double-header on March 23 at John Carroll. The men will then travel to Maryville (TN) for a four-game tourney.

Softball team off to torrid pace in 1999

by Jessica Tucci
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While some of us were at home relaxing throughout our spring break, the softball team was in Florida preparing for their upcoming season. The women went 5-1, which is their best start in four years.

Their first two games were on Monday against Swarthmore, a team out of Philadelphia. In the first game of the double-header, the women annihilated their opponents 20-0. Mandy Bodnor had seven strikeouts and only gave up three hits. Becky Rishel went two for two at the plate with a triple.

The girls gave up no slack in the second game and ran supreme again with a score of 13-2. Magan Trumble started the game pitching and only gave up three hits. Becky Rishel remained on fire at the plate and went two for two again with two RBI's. Kelly Wood also contributed two RBI's and went three for three at the plate.

On Tuesday, the women had yet another double-header against Russell Sage from New York. In the

first game, the women triumphed again with a score of 13-5. Bodnor pitched again and had three strike outs. Rischel went three for four with a home run. Lesley Miller ignited the Lions at the plate going three for four, with three RBI's.

In the second game of the double-header, the women gave up ten runs in the last inning, but won nevertheless with a score of 23-13. Lisa Fox and Becky Rishel both contributed home runs.

The women had the day off on Wednesday. On Thursday, they played Fairmont State. The first game against Fairmont was the most exciting game that the girls played in their trip to Florida. They won the game in extra innings. Emily Heidt, a freshman, batted in the winning run with a single in the bottom of the eighth.

In the second game against Fairmont, the women lost their only game, 11-9. Coach Jacobelli experimented during this game by putting only four experienced players on the field. "It was a very young team," says Jacobelli. "We are extremely excited for our upcoming season," concluded Jacobelli.

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week

Name: Jeremy Brubaker
Sport: Baseball
Class: Junior
Position: Centerfield
Date: March 8 - March 15



Jeremy Brubaker, a junior outfielder, has been named the Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week. Brubaker guided the Behrend Lions in the lead off spot to an impressive 6-1 mark during spring training in Fort Pierce, Florida.

In game one, he laid down a perfect suicide squeeze bunt to break open the first game of 1999. In game two against Anna Maria, Brubaker was 2 x 4 with two runs scored and two RBI's. In the second game versus Christopher Newport University (CNU) he was 2 x 3 with a stolen base. His big hit was a lead off triple in the top of the seventh inning in a 3-3 game. Brubaker later scored on Jake Boyle's double with the go ahead run. In the Lebanon Valley contest he was 2 x 4 with two runs, two stolen bases and an RBI. He followed with a pair of hits on Friday against William Penn and Norwich.

For the season, Brubaker is hitting .423 (11 x 26), leads the team in runs scored with nine, stolen bases with 6 of 6 and has driven in four runs.

"Bru does an excellent job of setting the table from the leadoff spot," said head coach Paul Benim. "He is an aggressive player that makes positive things happen for our program."

Brubaker is a graduate of DuBois High School.

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