

OVER THE EDGE

Nestor breaks career mark for assists



Carrie Nestor recorded her 387th career assist for the Penn State Behrend women on November 19, 1999. The assist moved her ahead of Wendy Ebinger ('90-'94) who finished her career with 386.

The record was broken at the 12:17 mark of Behrend's season opening game against Alfred. Nestor connected with Jackie Jackson in the post, giving the Lions a 23-9 lead. Behrend went on to win 77-44.

Nestor is also the Behrend record holder for assists in a game with 12, and the single season record holder for assists with 144 last season.

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Behrend 73, W&J 60
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Answer: 23, 45, 12

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Men's basketball starts 4-0

Lawrence gets 1,000th point in victory

by Matt Buser
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The Behrend men's basketball team is off to an impressive start in their young season, winning all of their first three games. Two of the three saw the Lions overcome second half deficits to claim victory. Behrend beat Hilbert 80-52 in the season opener at Erie Hall, on Saturday, November 20. The team then traveled to Washington and Jefferson and came back from ten points down at halftime to claim a 73-60 road win on Wednesday, November 23. The Lions returned home this past Saturday and battled back against a tenacious Elmira team in their 68-57 victory.

The season opener against Hilbert began with Behrend controlling the opening tip, and most of the game to follow, as well. Guard Matt Keith and center Chris Hughes paced the scoring in the first half with ten each as Behrend enjoyed leads of 8-0 and 27-11, en route to a 41-17 halftime lead. Keith finished with a team-high sixteen, and made four of his five three-point attempts. Hughes scored thirteen and led the Lions with seven rebounds.

Forward Andy Berchtold also scored thirteen, and grabbed five boards. Center Chris Lynn scored ten, guard Greg Dunn scored seven, and forward John Park added six

points as eleven players scored for the Lions.

"It was the first game for both teams, but I think we played hard," Behrend Head Coach Dave Niland said. "We had some new guys getting large minutes, and everyone played well."

Behrend then traveled to Washington and Jefferson where they came away with an impressive come-from-behind road win.

The men were led by Andy Lawrence who scored 24 points for the Lions with a perfect 3 for 3 from three-point land. Hughes provided and inside pop, scoring 17 points and Keith with 11. Behrend outrebounded and outassisted their opponent 42-31 and 18-5, respectively.

The Lions returned home and faced a formidable opponent in the Elmira Soaring Eagles. The Eagles played very physical, and ran a full-court press for the majority of the game, with which Behrend struggled mightily at times.

An early bright spot in the game was when Senior forward Andy Lawrence hit a three-point basket roughly one minute into the game. The basket gave him 1,000 points for his career. Lawrence would go on to score eleven, grab five rebounds and three steals, as he finished the game with 1,008 points, good for 10th all-time at Behrend.

"Andy's been such a good player

here. I was really happy to see him get his 1,000th," Coach Niland said of Lawrence. "I'm really happy he came to Behrend. He's really a great person, and that is what's most important."

"What made it more special was that we got the win," Lawrence said of his accomplishment. "That would've been hard if we hadn't got the win, and they're a pretty good team, so it felt real good."

The two teams traded baskets for most of the half, with the lead changing seven times, but Behrend had a slight edge at the half, 34-28.

Elmira held Behrend scoreless for the first 3:57 of the second half, using a 10-0 run to grab the lead 38-34. Neither team led by more than three again until Behrend went on an 8-0 run, capped by a John Park three-pointer, that made it 60-50 in Behrend's favor with 5:22 to play. Elmira would never close the gap, as the Lions made 8-9 free throws down the stretch to seal the 68-57 win.

"We just needed to relax, guard better, take better shots, and handle the press. We were mediocre in all three of those areas," Coach Niland commented. "We just kind of hung in there, and we got a couple of big plays and broke it open."

Chris Hughes led the team in scoring with nineteen, while also pulling down six rebounds, and had four assists. Ashley Orris scored twelve and

grabbed five boards, and Park grabbed a game-high eight rebounds to go with his seven points. Matt Keith scored eight, had four assists, three steals, and three rebounds.

"It's a big confidence builder for us," Hughes said of the team's comeback wins. "Last game we were down ten at half, and came right back. This game they hung tough, but we battled with them, and it turned out all right."

The Lions traveled to Grove City last night and put their undefeated record on the line. The Lions were successful, winning 62-56. Read about it in next week's Beacon.

The next game at Erie Hall is this Saturday, December 4, at 8 p.m., as the Lions take on D'Youville. The

following Wednesday, December 8, at 8 p.m., the Lions welcome La Roche to Erie Hall as the Lions start conference play. These two games are the last home games before Christmas break, so you won't want to miss them.



Andy Lawrence reaches the 1,000 point mark in his senior season. FILE PHOTO

O'Lare leads Lions to Turkey Shoot Championship

by Jason Snyder
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The Behrend women's basketball team is off to a 4-2 start to the 1999-2000 basketball season. The Lions opened the season, hosting the Penn State Basketball Tournament in Erie Hall where they placed second. The women traveled to Marietta the following weekend where they took first.

In the opening game of the season, the Behrend women hosted Alfred in Erie Hall. The women jumped to an early first half lead, shooting 53% from the field, holding their opponents to just 33%. The women entered the half with a 48-21 lead.

Behrend expanded their halftime lead with an impressive second half that saw the entire Lions' bench emptied. Behrend again outscored Alfred, 26-23, to give the Lions their first win, 77-44.

Sophomore forward Erin Phillips led the Lions with 17 points, shooting 6/9 from the field and 5/8 from the foul line. Tiffany Buck added 12 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist. All of Buck's points came from behind the arc, shooting 4/8 from three-point land. Carrie Nestor added 10 assists and 3 steals, and Jackie Jackson scored 11 off the bench.

Nestor's 10 assists broke and surpassed Behrend's career assist record, passing Wendy Ebinger's mark of 386 set earlier this decade.

The win put the Lions in the championship game the following day where they would face Lycoming who also won their first round game against Wooster. Both teams struggled shooting from the field as the Lions went 14/58 (24%) for the game.

The teams entered the half tied at 21. Lycoming took over in the second half, outscoring Behrend, 35-26, for the win. Lyndy Levan led Lycoming with 14 points and six rebounds, as Katie Santo had an all-around game with 11 points, 5 assists, 3 steals and one block.

Behrend was again led by Phillips who matched her 17 points (11-13 FT) from opening night and added 4 rebounds and 3 assists. Buck, again hit four from three-point land

to finish with 14 points.

The Behrend women then traveled to Bethany (2-0) for their first away game of the season. The Lions got back on track in the shooting column, going 14/26 in the first half, but still trailed at the half, 40-35.

Bethany pulled away in the second half, attacking the offensive glass and forcing a total of 24 Behrend turnovers for the game. Jill Kamerer and Rose Scott combined for 45 points, 14 rebounds, 8 assists and 6 steals to lead Bethany to a 71-55 victory.

The Lions moved to 1-2 on the season as they entered the 15th Annual Turkey Shoot Tournament at Marietta, Ohio. The Lions played Case Western Reserve in the first round, where they scored a 67-56 victory.

Behrend's Jen O'Lare sparked the Lions with an all-around performance. O'Lare went for 14 points, 6 rebounds (4 offensive), 6 steals and 4 assists. Nestor also had a complete game with 12 points, 5 assists, 4 rebounds and 2 steals.

Host Marietta College won their first round matchup to put them in the final against the Behrend women. The host held a tight first half lead due to poor shooting (33%) by the Lions. The Lions improved in the second half, shooting 58% from the field, putting three players in double figures. Phillips scored 23 as Kate Costanzo hit a clutch shot to give the Lions the 62-61 victory.

The Lions continued their road trip as they traveled to Washington and Jefferson for their fourth straight road game. Both teams had a strong first half offensively, as W&J opened a 43-40 halftime lead. The second half, however, saw the Lions run away with it, outscoring their opponent, 36-17. O'Lare, Costanzo, Buck and Phillips all reached double figures with Phillips leading the Lions with 26 points. Behrend forced 26 turnovers and outrebounded W&J, 12-5, on the offensive glass.

The win moved the Lions to 4-2 with a three-game winning streak. The Behrend women return home for their second tournament of the year this weekend. They will play at 8:00 p.m. on Friday night with the consolation and championship games being scheduled on Saturday for 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., respectively.

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