

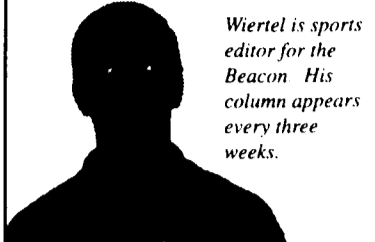
# Don't Get Me Started

## NFL season sees rise and fall of unlikely franchises

Now that it is January, and we aren't subject to the wrath of God just yet, it's time to once again analyze this year's occurrences in the National Football League. The 1999 season has been without a doubt the wackiest NFL season in recent history. A single season never has seen the collapse of so many dynasties or the emergence of so many former perennial losers. In short, this past season and the playoffs thus far have been unpredictable.

For years teams like the Green Bay Packers, Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers have dominated

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the NFL. But this season only the Cowboys advanced to the playoffs only to be immediately mauled by the Minnesota Vikings. The 49ers played as if they were in the California penal league, rather than the NFL, after seeing star

quarterback Steve Young fall to injury early in the season. The Packers were another riches to rags story this season. A team that won the Super Bowl three years ago failed to make the playoffs after compiling a disappointing 8-8 record. Fittingly, Packers' general manager Ron Wolfe fired the entire coaching staff after only one year on the job. I guess Vince Lombardi was right when he said, "winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." For the record I can't stand the Cowboys; therefore I am not going to explain to you why they are god-awful, if they only would stay out of jail maybe they'd have a snowball's chance in hell of beating up on the ragtag

teams in the NFC.

The same type of team disappointments can be found in the AFC as well. The two time defending Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos didn't have a chance to make it to the Sani-Flush Toilet Bowl let alone a third consecutive Super Bowl, after a dismal 6-10 season. Other perennial playoff contenders like the Pittsburgh Steelers are forced to watch the *Decade of Champions* video collection that highlights the years when the team wasn't quarterbacked by some overpaid hack.

But with all of the disappointments this year in the NFL, there are just as

many surprises. Teams like the St. Louis Rams, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Indianapolis Colts, who were formerly the doormats of the NFL, refuse to be stepped on anymore. Instead they are running over the competition. Each team recorded at least eleven wins en route to winning their respective divisions. The Colts made a miraculous turnaround, behind second year quarterback Peyton Manning, finishing the regular season 13-3 after going 3-13 last season. The Rams have made a turnaround behind former Arena football quarterback and supermarket stock-boy Kurt Warner. Warner threw over 40 touchdowns this

past season, which has only previously been done by Dan Marino.

But the miracles have carried over into the playoffs already. Last weekend in the AFC wildcard game the Tennessee Titans shocked the Buffalo Bills by pulling off a trick kick return. The Bills had scored what should have been the winning field goal, but due to the lack of coaching and execution on behalf of the Bills, the Titans returned the kickoff for a touchdown.

In my estimation, the remaining games in the playoffs will be more unpredictable than the games that already have been played. Just take a look at the way the season has played out so far, and that is ample evidence to support my claim.

# SCOREBOARD

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (9-5)

Penn State Behrend	3-0	9-5
Frostburg	2-0	6-5
Pitt-Greensburg	1-1	4-6
Penn State Altoona	1-1	3-4
La Roche	0-1	4-7
Pitt-Bradford	0-2	3-8
Lake Erie	0-2	2-6

AMCC Standings

## MEN'S BASKETBALL (11-2)

Penn State Behrend	3-0	11-2
Pitt-Greensburg	2-0	8-4
Pitt-Bradford	1-1	4-6
Lake Erie	1-1	2-10
La Roche	0-1	1-7
Frostburg	0-2	4-8
Penn State Altoona	0-2	1-7

AMCC Standings

Behrend	49	Grove City	53
Behrend	23 26	49	
Grove City	33 20	53	

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Buck	0-6	0-3	0-0	0
Nestor	0-1	0-0	0-1	0
Mausser	0-1	0-1	2-2	2
Jackson	2-5	0-0	2-2	6
Costanzo	5-10	2-3	0-0	12
Charmock	1-3	0-0	0-0	2
Phillips	3-5	0-0	4-4	10
Sanders	3-6	2-5	0-1	8
O'Lare	3-14	0-1	3-3	9
Totals	17-51	4-13	11-13	49

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Faller	2-3	0-0	0-1	4
Murphy	1-1	0-0	2-2	4
Thompson	0-3	0-1	3-4	3
Denniston	2-6	2-3	1-2	7
Kegg	3-14	0-5	2-2	8
Dixon	1-2	0-1	1-3	3
Wright	1-3	0-0	0-0	2
Yeats	3-10	0-0	0-0	8
Gottshall	1-3	0-0	2-2	2
Becker	6-9	0-0	0-2	12
Totals	20-54	2-10	10-12	53

Behrend	61	Juniata	71
Behrend	26	35	61
Juniata	33	38	71

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Buck	2-4	1-2	0-0	5
Nestor	1-8	1-3	2-3	5
Costanzo	4-8	1-3	5-5	14
Charmock	2-7	0-0	0-0	4
Phillips	2-6	0-0	2-2	6
Sanders	2-5	0-0	1-2	5
O'Lare	7-12	0-0	8-11	22
Totals	20-50	3-8	18-23	61

Behrend	60	Waynesburg	45
Behrend	22 38	60	
Waynesburg	16 29	45	

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Buck	5-10	5-9	0-0	15
Nestor	1-6	0-3	6-6	8
Jackson	5-10	0-0	1-1	11
Costanzo	1-5	0-2	0-0	2
Charmock	0-1	0-0	0-0	0
Phillips	2-2	0-0	1-5	5
Sanders	1-5	0-1	2-2	4
O'Lare	5-8	0-0	5-7	15
Totals	20-47	5-15	15-21	60

Behrend	58	Pitt-Bradford	49
Behrend	28 30	58	
Pitt-Bradford	28 21	49	

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Jenkins	3-12	0-4	0-0	6
Pollock	4-10	3-6	0-0	11
Stanley	0-1	0-1	0-0	0
Phelps	1-3	0-0	0-0	2
Latham	2-6	0-0	0-0	4
Pellegrini	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Litwinovich	1-4	0-0	0-1	2
Provost	1-5	0-0	4-4	6
Penner	2-4	0-0	0-0	4
Bradley	3-10	0-0	4-8	10
Totals	20-47	3-12	8-14	45

Behrend	58	Pitt-Bradford	49
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Pitt-Bradford	28 21	49	

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Buck	0-4	0-4	0-0	0
Nestor	0-3	0-0	6-6	6
Mausser	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Jackson	5-9	0-0	4-6	14
Costanzo	1-4	0-0	0-0	2
Charmock	1-1	0-0	0-2	2
Phillips	4-7	0-0	2-2	10
Sanders	1-7	0-3	2-2	4
O'Lare	7-15	0-1	6-9	20
Totals	19-50	0-8	20-27	58

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Pitt-Bradford	28 21	49	

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Goss	4-11	2-6	0-2	10
Kokanovich	0-3	0-0	0-0	0
Robinson	2-10	0-0	0-2	4
Plummer	4-12	0-1	0-0	8
Lindsay	3-14	1-3	4-6	11
Truitt	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Pearson	1-3	0-0	2-2	4
Luchs	0-4	0-0	0-0	0
Kubat	5-8	0-0	2-3	11
Totals	19-65	3-10	14-20	49

Behrend	75	Pitt-Bradford	67	Reese	0-1	0-0
Behrend	32 43	75	Towner	0-2	0-1	0-0
Pitt-Bradford	29 38	67	Barnes	1-4	0-2	4-4

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Lawrence	2-5	1-2	0-0	5
McKinney	0-2	0-2	0-0	0
Bercholdt	3-5	0-0	4-4	10
Dunn	0-1	0-1	0-0	0
Orris	1-1	0-0	7-9	9
Willson	0-0	0-0	0-2	0
Hughes	10-18	0-0	11-14	31
Keith	6-8	5-7	1-2	18
Park	1-2	0-0	0-0	2
Totals	23-42	6-12	23-31	75

# R Intramural P

## Round-Up

### Spring 2000

**Intramural Ping Pong**  
**Entries:** Deadline is Friday, January 28, at 4:00p.m. Entries are to be returned to the IM Office. No Entry Forms required but names and Social Security numbers are required.

**Note:** When you enter you must chose a Mon/Wed or Tue/Thu sequence. Games are played Monday - Thursday starting about 6:00 p.m.

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 charged to your student account

**Divisions:** Singles - men's, women's  
 Doubles - men's, women's and coed

**Time and Place:** All matches will be played in the Reed Commons. Tournament starting date is Monday, January 31. All entrants are required to check the schedule posted in the Intramural glass case by **Monday, January 31**, to see when you play.

**3-Point Shootout**  
**What:** The Office Intramural and Recreational Programs will be sponsoring a 3-point shootout. The shootout will be held in rounds with participants advancing from one round to the next until a champion is found.

**When:** The shootout will be held in Erie Hall on Tuesday, January 25, beginning at 9:00 p.m.

**Registration:** Deadline is Friday, January 21, at 4:00 p.m.

Activity	Entries Close
4 vs 4 Coed Volleyball	February 18
Soccer (M, W, Coed)	March 3
Volleyball (M, W, Coed)	March 3
Mod. Softball (M, W, Coed)	March 24
Badminton Singles (M, W)	April 7
Doubles (M, W, Coed)	
Swimming Ind. (M, W)	April 14
Team (M, W, Coed)	

# BEHREND Classifieds

**New in the Beat:**  
 - Campus news and sports updated for Behrend, Gannon, Edinboro, and Mercyhurst  
 - January on-campus events  
 - Y2 That's It?  
 - Times News coverage of Edinboro murder case.  
 - Check out the Beat at: <http://www.thebeat.com>

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