

# Behrend men upset in conference tournament

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It was like *déjà vu* all over again. Yogi Berra could have been talking about the 2000 Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference men's basketball tournament when he uttered those infamous words.

The Behrend men finished the regular season in first place, earning the right to host the conference tournament... just like last year. After a first round bye, Behrend hosted La Roche in second round action in Erie Hall... just like last year.

They avoided a repeat of last year's upset by beating La Roche

68-62 on Friday, February 25. Unfortunately, Behrend was not able to capture the conference tournament crown, like last year. They were defeated by Pitt-Greensburg 49-43 in the tournament finale on Saturday, February 26.

Behrend was down 5-0 two minutes into the game and never led during the entire contest. Woeful shooting and a key injury doomed the Lions, who, besides a stretch to start the second half, never were able to put together a run to overtake Greensburg. The Lions shot 30% (15/50), including 11% (2/19) from the three-point line, for the game. Senior forward and team captain Nate Willson

left the game with an injury midway through the first half and did not return.

Behrend was down 27-16 at the half, but opened the second half with a 10-2 run, and the score was 29-26 with 15:12 to play. From that point on, though, Greensburg held Behrend at bay and pulled out the 49-43 victory.

"You're not going to win them all," said forward and senior Andy Lawrence. "It's college basketball, and things are going to go wrong. I mean, it was a bad day shooting, everybody got into foul trouble, we lost Nate, it was just everything that could go wrong did. And it was just one of those days."

Behrend head coach Dave Niland agreed "It just wasn't our day. Getting hurt, us missing lay-ups early on and then missing lay-ups late, missing a couple of key free throws; unfortunately, you're going to have stretches like that. Ours was exaggerated over an extended period of time. And when that happens against a team like Greensburg, you're probably not going to win."

Center Chris Hughes led the team with a game-high 20 points, but no other Behrend player scored more than five. Hughes had eight rebounds, and Lawrence had seven boards. Normally sharp-shooting guard Matt Keith typified Behrend's shooting struggles,

making only one of ten with the lone basket being one of his nine three-point attempts.

Behrend's game versus La Roche was an eagerly anticipated contest. La Roche had knocked Behrend out of last year's AMCC tournament, and, most likely, ended their run at even greater things. Keith said that that game was on the player's minds this year.

"Very much. I mean, we don't speak about stuff like that too much, but coach let us know before the game, and we've been looking forward to [that] one. We found out we played La Roche, and we were all pumped up. The kind of team we have, we were

gunning for La Roche, because they probably knocked us out of the NCAA tournament last year."

AMCC All-Conference selections were announced in the days following the tournament, with Behrend players and staff grabbing several of the awards.

Chris Hughes was honored as Conference Player of the Year and a First Team selection. Coach Niland was given his second consecutive Conference Coach of the Year award. Andy Lawrence joined Hughes on the All-Conference First Team. Guard Ashley Orris was named to the Honorable Mention All-Conference Team.

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### AMCC SEMIFINALS

Behrend	68	La Roche	62
Behrend	38	30	68
La Roche	25	37	62
<b>Behrend</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Lawrence	4-12	3-8	8-14
McKinney	0-0	0-0	0-0
Berchtold	2-2	1-1	1-1
Orris	2-6	0-3	1-1
Willson	0-1	0-0	1-1
Hughes	7-11	0-0	6-10
Keith	6-9	5-8	0-0
Park	1-4	0-1	0-0
Totals	15-50	2-19	11-13
Assists: 14, Rebounds: 28, Blocks: 3, Steals: 5, TO: 11			
<b>La Roche</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Lodovico	2-6	2-4	2-2
Walker	5-8	1-2	1-2
Casto	4-8	3-6	0-0
Hall	6-15	3-7	4-6
Framitti	1-3	0-1	0-2
Williams	2-3	0-0	0-0
Kirschner	3-8	0-0	0-0
Andrulis	0-0	0-0	0-0
Totals	23-51	9-21	7-13
Assists: 11, Rebounds: 27, Blocks: 4, Steals: 7, TO: 11			

### AMCC CHAMPIONSHIP

Behrend	43	Pitt-Greensburg	49
Behrend	16	27	43
Pitt-Greensburg	27	22	49
<b>Behrend</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Lawrence	1-6	1-3	0-0
McKinney	0-2	0-2	2-2
Berchtold	1-4	0-2	0-0
Dunn	2-3	0-1	0-0
Orris	1-3	0-0	3-3
Willson	1-2	0-0	0-0
Hughes	7-16	0-0	6-7
Keith	1-10	1-9	0-1
Park	1-4	0-2	0-0
Totals	15-50	2-19	11-13
Assists: 11, Rebounds: 30, Blocks: 4, Steals: 5, TO: 11			
<b>Pitt-Greensburg</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Geleitko	0-2	0-0	0-0
Trout	4-9	1-5	4-8
Manns	3-7	3-6	0-0
Leahew	2-2	0-0	1-1
Curenton	3-7	0-0	1-2
Karaica	4-6	0-0	2-6
Sapotichne	2-8	1-5	0-0
Totals	21-48	10-25	6-9
Assists: 11, Rebounds: 30, Blocks: 4, Steals: 5, TO: 11			

### AMCC SEMIFINALS

Behrend	67	La Roche	56
Behrend	25	42	67
La Roche	35	21	56
<b>Behrend</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Buck	3-6	1-3	1-2
Nestor	1-1	0-0	5-8
Weigold	0-1	0-0	0-0
Jackson	3-5	0-0	0-1
Costanzo	2-4	0-1	1-2
Phillips	9-12	0-0	6-8
Sanders	0-2	0-1	0-0
O'Lare	4-5	0-0	9-11
Totals	22-36	1-5	22-32
Assists: 13, Rebounds: 35, Blocks: 2, Steals: 7, TO: 11			
<b>La Roche</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Davis	1-2	1-2	1-1
Havrilla	1-8	1-3	0-0
Hiben	1-12	0-5	0-0
Alton	2-5	2-3	4-5
Stuart	4-9	1-5	0-2
Swiatek	0-1	0-0	0-1
Balbach	0-1	0-0	0-0
Cousins	4-9	2-3	0-0
Payne	2-4	1-2	0-0
Nabezyny	0-3	0-0	2-2
Penak	4-8	1-2	2-2
Dillon	0-0	0-0	0-0
Rosser	0-0	0-0	0-0
Totals	19-62	9-25	9-13
Assists: 9, Rebounds: 30, Blocks: 1, Steals: 6, TO: 13			

### AMCC CHAMPIONSHIP

Behrend	58	Frostburg	75
Behrend	27	31	58
Frostburg	31	44	75
<b>Behrend</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Buck	1-6	1-6	0-0
Nestor	1-4	0-1	2-2
Weigold	0-8	0-2	0-1
Jackson	3-11	0-0	4-4
Costanzo	6-13	4-9	4-4
Phillips	4-10	0-0	3-3
Sanders	1-4	0-3	0-2
O'Lare	4-11	0-0	0-0
Totals	30-57	5-21	13-16
Assists: 13, Rebounds: 26, Blocks: 1, Steals: 6, TO: 11			
<b>Frostburg</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Schmuck	3-8	1-2	2-2
Abucevicz	5-7	0-2	0-0
Paesani	0-2	0-0	0-0
Calhoun	3-4	0-0	0-0
Myers	0-1	0-1	0-0
Duncan	5-6	2-2	5-6
Rexrode	7-12	0-1	1-1
Faust	4-6	0-0	2-6
Rugg	3-11	1-5	1-1
Totals	20-62	4-14	11-16
Assists: 14, Rebounds: 43, Blocks: 5, Steals: 7, TO: 19			

### NCAA DIVISION III

Behrend	64	Alvernia	60
Behrend	39	25	64
Alvernia	25	35	60
<b>Behrend</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Lawrence	5-8	1-2	2-2
McKinney	0-0	0-0	0-0
Berchtold	0-3	0-2	6-6
Orris	3-8	1-4	3-5
Willson	1-1	0-0	0-0
Hughes	4-8	0-0	3-4
Keith	7-12	6-9	0-0
Park	1-4	0-1	0-1
Totals	21-44	8-18	14-18
Assists: 15, Rebounds: 25, Blocks: 1, Steals: 5, TO: 8			
<b>Alvernia</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Lambert	5-8	0-1	3-3
Craig	1-1	0-0	0-0
Alba	4-9	1-2	2-2
Shockley	1-2	1-2	0-0
Kratzer	5-9	1-4	0-0
Walker	0-0	0-0	0-0
Sims	4-11	0-0	1-3
Carolina	5-8	0-0	1-3
Totals	25-48	3-9	7-11
Assists: 8, Rebounds: 27, Blocks: 2, Steals: 2, TO: 10			

### 1999-2000 WOMEN'S AMCC ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

- First Team**  
 Chris Hughes Penn State Behrend  
 Damian Hall La Roche  
 Jason Trout Pitt-Greensburg  
 Matt Barnes Pitt-Bradford  
 Jeff Karaica Pitt-Greensburg  
 Andy Lawrence Penn State Behrend

- Second Team**  
 Don Bentley Pitt-Bradford  
 Rob Ayers Frostburg  
 Brandon Dominick Lake Erie  
 Marcess Williams La Roche  
 Clyde Manns Pitt-Greensburg  
 Matt Beacom Pitt-Bradford  
 Eugene Ahmed Penn State Altoona

- Honorable Mention**  
 Ashley Orris Penn State Behrend  
 Josh Baker Penn State Altoona  
 T.J. King Penn State Altoona  
 Mike Rustifo Lake Erie  
 Steve Lodovico La Roche

- Player of the Year**  
 Chris Hughes Penn State Behrend

- Newcomers of the Year**  
 Brandon Dominick Lake Erie

- Coach of the Year**  
 Dave Niland Penn State Behrend

### ECAC PLAYOFFS

Behrend	56	Carnegie Mellon	67
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Carnegie Mellon	30	37	67
<b>Behrend</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
O'Lare	5-14	0-0	3-7
Phillips	2-5	0-1	0-0
Buck	0-7	0-5	0-0
Nestor	0-4	0-1	4-5
Sanders	4-13	0-4	4-4
Weigold	0-2	0-2	2-2
Costanzo	8-17	4-7	1-2
Charnock	0-0	0-0	0-0
Totals	19-62	4-20	14-20
Assists: 11, Rebounds: 38, Blocks: 1, Steals: 11, TO: 15			
<b>Carnegie Mellon</b>			
Player	FG	3-point	FT
Brady	8-10	0-0	2-3
Novak	3-4	0-0	4-4
Coval	4-6	0-0	0-0
Sodini	3-7	1-5	0-0
Petruzzi	3-7	0-3	4-4
Perretta	0-0	0-0	0-0
Byers	1-3	0-0	0-0
Bennett	0-0	0-0	0-0
Rectenwald	1-6	0-1	0-0
Omer	0-2	0-0	0-0
Cribbins	0-3	0-2	0-0
Neuman	0-0	0-0	0-0
Thomas	4-8	0-0	2-4
Totals	27-56	1-11	12-15
Assists: 16, Rebounds: 40, Blocks: 6, Steals: 6, TO: 18			

### 1999-2000 WOMEN'S AMCC ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

- First Team**  
 Shannon Rexrode Frostburg  
 Stephanie Pencak La Roche  
 Erin Phillips Penn State Behrend  
 Jen O'Lare Penn State Behrend  
 Kristy Hiben La Roche  
 Caroline Creuzberger Penn State Altoona  
 Mandy Lindsay Pitt-Bradford

- Second Team**  
 Erin Arnold Pitt-Greensburg  
 Carrie Nestor Penn State Behrend  
 Jaimee Sweeney Pitt-Greensburg  
 Amy Gross Pitt-Bradford  
 Angie Frabotta Lake Erie  
 Rosa Casiano Lake Erie

- Honorable Mention**  
 Danielle Berardinelli Lake Erie  
 Nacole Kubat Pitt-Bradford  
 Heather Abucevicz Frostburg  
 Cristin Cousins La Roche  
 Misty Meredith Penn State Altoona

- Player of the Year**  
 Shannon Rexrode Frostburg

- Co-Newcomers of the Year**  
 Erin Arnold Pitt-Greensburg  
 Caroline Creuzberger Penn State Altoona

- Coach of the Year**  
 Roz Fornari Penn State Behrend

