

Head coach stresses teamwork to increase league success



The men's defense is looking to control their AMCC foes.

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One key element every winning team needs is poise; being able to put the past behind them while looking to the future. The men's basketball team found their composure Saturday, January 13, by defeating Thiel College 71-57 after a

tough 4-point loss to key AMCC rival Pitt-Bradford on January 10. The win, which upped the Lions' record to 5-9 on the season, was a tune-up for the last ten games of the season in which Behrend plays their AMCC opponents in nine of those contests.

Inconsistency, the name of the game for Behrend most of the season, was evident in

the Thiel game as well. Behrend's defense came out ready to play, holding Thiel to eight first half baskets, including two free throws, for a commanding 34-15 halftime lead. The Lions' defense slacked a little in the second half, allowing Thiel to convert more than 50% of their shots after the break. However, it was not enough to overcome Behrend's steady offensive attack, and therefore dropped Thiel's record to 6-9 for the year.

Dave Hairston led the way with 17 points, his season high, on 7-10 shooting despite being limited to 16 minutes of playing time. Freshman Casey Ponsoll dropped in 15 points on the night, while lone senior Ashley Orris contributed 14 points, including three 3-pointers, to the winning effort. James Curren added nine points for the Lions and had a game high nine rebounds as well. For the game, Behrend shot 42% from the field and was 19-25 from the free throw line. Thiel, on the other hand, was only 6-6 from the line.

On Wednesday, January 17, Behrend traveled to Frostburg, Maryland, to take on the Bobcats of Frostburg State University. The 'Cats, 9-4 overall, have greatly improved from last year's 6-19 record to become a force to be reckoned with in the AMCC.

Frostburg, the only team in the AMCC with an overall winning record, are most likely going to lock up the number one seed in AMCC tournament, leaving the last three seeds up in the air for the moment.

For head coach Dave Niland, it has been a rough season, but he believes in the talent

that is out there right now. "It's a different situation than in years past because we don't have much experience. To do a lot of drastic changing here and there, it doesn't make a lot of sense," said Niland. "We've got a lot of young guys. It's going to be a process. It's just a matter of getting our individual talents to develop as a team." All in all, every game the Lions play is one more game under their belt and one more game of building team chemistry.

On Saturday, January 20, Behrend plays host to Pitt-Greensburg. Also nicknamed the Bobcats, Pitt-Greensburg enters the contest with a 1-13 record under the guidance of first year head coach Karl Radday. The 'Cats (21-9 a year ago), like Behrend, have struggled as a result of the loss of key senior players from last year's team, and like Behrend are less than average in size, with no player over 6'4".

Senior Josh Sapotichne leads the Bobcats with 21 points per game, near the top of the league leader board. Stopping him will be the key for the Lions, as only one other player, Rick Leahew (12.9), is averaging more than ten points a game for Pitt-Greensburg. The 'Cats are scoring 67 points per game, but are giving up a horrendous 85.6 points per game. They are scoring on 38% of their shots taken but are letting opponents shoot at nearly a 50% clip.

On Wednesday, January 24, Behrend will be the guest when they play Lake Erie College (located east of Cleveland), who come in with a 6-9 record so far. The Storm, as they are referred to, right now have the fourth seed in the conference, just ahead of Behrend.

Although it may be too early to tell, Lake Erie, at least for the moment, looks to be one of the teams Behrend may have to battle it out with for an AMCC postseason seed. Behrend has already lost to La Roche and Pitt-Greensburg, the numbers two and three seeds respectively, so the young Lions will need to mature very quickly if they want a chance to compete in the postseason.



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Ashley Orris continues to provide leadership with his young teammates as the team focuses on league play.

SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

School	C.R.	Overall
Frostburg	3-0	8-4
La Roche	3-0	4-7
Lake Erie	1-2	6-9
Penn State Behrend	1-2	5-9
Pitt-Greensburg	1-2	1-12
Pitt-Bradford	2-1	5-7
Penn State Altoona	0-4	3-7

Player	Timm	McKinney	Merrill	Banner	Conley
1-3	0-2	3-4	4-7	0-3	0-0
1-2	0-2	2-3	0-0	5-5	0-0
0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0
3	0	10	13	0	

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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

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Player	Behrend	Thiel
FG	34	15
3-pt	37	42
Pts.	71	57

Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Hesming	4-10	2-8	2-2
Townsend	2-8	0-2	1-1
Manley	6-10	4-7	0-0
Cilik	2-7	0-1	0-0
Davis	7-13	1-1	2-2
Hruska	0-0	0-0	0-0
Mathews	1-3	0-1	1-1
Gambridge	0-1	0-0	0-0
Bott	0-0	0-0	0-0
McFarland	0-0	0-0	0-0

Behrend 88 W & J 72

Player	W & J	Behrend
FG	33	45
3-pt	39	43
Pts.	72	88

Player	Hull	Stronsnider	Ceraso	Gasior	Solkovy	McDonald	Armitage	Brush	Egenrieder	Ruckert
4-8	6-9	6-9	0-6	0-0	0-0	5-8	0-2	3-6	7-13	0-0
0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-2	0-0	2-4	0-0
10	13	12	0	0	13	2	6	16	0	0

Player	Tanner	O'Lare	Philips	Sanders	Costanzo	Cochran	Bemis	Weigold	Mausner	Sorensen	Charnock	Mozdy	Mantini
0-2	10-15	6-10	5-9	3-5	0-0	5-10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-7	2-5	2-2
0-0	0-1	0-1	1-4	2-4	1-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0
0	25	13	13	9	0	12	0	0	0	4	8	4	

Behrend 65 Pitt-Bradford 41

Player	Behrend	Pitt-Bradford
FG	23	19
3-pt	42	22
Pts.	65	41

Player	Goss	Booth	Pearson	Myers	Dillaman	Kokanovich	Robinson	Plummer	Truit	Porter	Simmons
1-5	2-6	3-12	5-8	0-1	1-3	0-2	3-6	2-2	2-2	1-3	0-1
0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
0	4	8	10	0	3	1	7	1	4	2	0

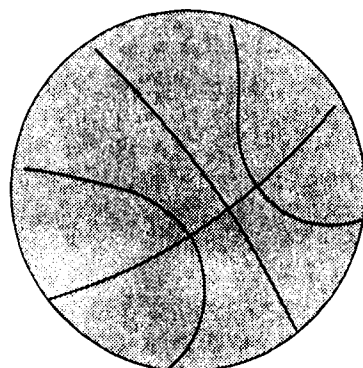
Player	Tanner	O'Lare	Philips	Sanders	Costanzo	Cochran	Bemis	Weigold	Mausner	Sorensen	Charnock	Mozdy	Mantini	McGarvey
0-5	7-13	3-7	3-7	3-8	1-3	0-1	1-4	0-1	1-2	1-3	0-3	2-5	1-3	0-1
0-4	0-0	0-1	0-3	2-3	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0
0	19	9	8	8	2	0	3	0	3	2	2	5	2	2

NBA Standings

Team	Record	Team	Record
Toronto	107	Charlotte	99
Miami	90	Chicago	91
Portland	103	Detroit	96
Seattle	106	Phoenix	87
Miami	93	Detroit	85
Houston	114	Toronto	99
Milwaukee	112	Clippers	91

Men's Top 25 Standings

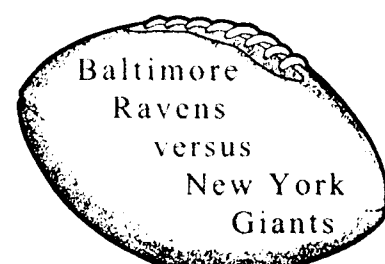
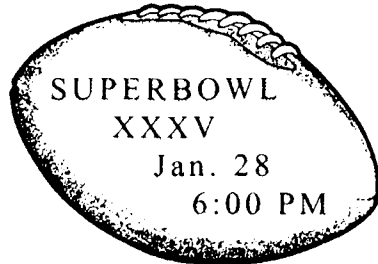
1. Stanford	15 - 0
2. Duke	15 - 1
3. Michigan St.	14 - 1
4. Tennessee	16 - 1
5. Kansas	13 - 1
6. North Carolina	13 - 2
7. Florida	11 - 2
8. Wake Forest	13 - 2
9. Syracuse	15 - 1
10. Illinois	13 - 4
11. Georgetown	15 - 0
12. Alabama	13 - 2
13. Virginia	11 - 3
14. Maryland	12 - 4
15. Connecticut	13 - 3
16. Iowa	14 - 2
17. Arizona	10 - 5
18. Wisconsin	10 - 4
19. Seton Hall	11 - 4
20. Southern California	12 - 3
21. Oklahoma	12 - 3
22. Mississippi	14 - 2
23. Iowa State	13 - 3
24. Texas	12 - 3
25. Boston College	12 - 1



NATIONAL SPORTS

NHL Standings

Eastern Conference					Western Conference										
Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic	21	11	9	0	53	144	101	St. Lou	29	8	4	1	63	148	89
Devils	21	14	9	0	51	126	118	Detroit	25	13	4	4	58	134	119
Phil.	20	17	6	1	47	135	136	Nash.	17	21	7	1	42	105	120
Pitt.	17	24	2	1	37	141	162	Chic.	18	20	4	2	42	120	124
Rangers	12	26	4	2	30	102	142	Colum.	13	24	4	2	32	97	136
Islanders	24	13	6	0	54	138	103	Northwest							
Ottawa	21	14	7	3	52	140	111	Col.	28	8	8	1	65	140	101
Toronto	22	15	5	1	50	117	102	Vancou.	23	13	4	4	54	143	126
Buffalo	17	17	6	4	44	111	132	Edmon.	21	19	6	1	49	129	129
Boston	14	25	4	2	34	112	130	Calgary	15	17	8	4	42	104	123
Montreal	20	16	8	1	49	119	113	Minnes.	14	20	8	2	38	93	108
Wash.	18	16	6	2	44	106	112	Pacific							
Carolina	15	20	8	1	39	121	146	San Jose	26	11	6	0	58	124	97
Atlanta	13	23	5	2	33	112	149	Dallas	25	13	4	1	55	122	93
Tampa	8	22	8	6	30	95	135	Phoenix	18	13	11	1	48	105	97
Florida	19	17	7	1	46	147	134	L.A.	19	17	7	1	46	147	134
	14	22	6	4	38	108	132	Anaheim	14	22	6	4	38	108	132



NFC CHAMPIONSHIP		AFC CHAMPIONSHIP	
New York Giants	41	Baltimore Ravens	16
Minnesota Vikings	0	Oakland Raiders	3

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