

To The Edge

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week



Erin Phillips



Phillips, a junior from Erie, led the Behrend Lions to a pair of AMCC victories. Phillips had 22 points and 14 rebounds in a two-point win over Frostburg. She hit the game-winning bucket with 7 seconds remaining in overtime en route to 11 points and 11 rebounds in win over Pitt-Greensburg. Phillips averages 13.3 ppg and 6.6 rpg.

Intramural Calendar

DEADLINES

February 2 - Arena Football
(Men's and Women's divisions)
Play begins after February 5

February 23 - 4 vs 4 Volleyball
(Coed)
Play begins around March 13

March 2 - Volleyball
(Men's, Women's, and Coed
Divisions)
Play begins March 19

March 23 - Whitewater Rafting
at Ohiopyle

March 30 - Swimming Individual
(Men's and Women's Divisions)
Swimming Team
(Men's, Women's, and Coed
Divisions)

Behrend Sporting Events

January 27

Men's basketball Alumni
game 4:00 PM

Women's basketball vs. La
Roche 6:00 PM

Men's basketball vs. La
Roche 8:00 PM

January 28

JV Men's basketball vs Al-
legheny 3:00 PM

January 31

Women's basketball at
Penn State Altoona 6:00
PM

Men's basketball at Penn
State Altoona 8:00 PM

PENN STATE
BEHREND
LIONS



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The women's basketball team gets psyched up for their game on Monday against Bethany. Despite their efforts, they fell to Bethany by a score of 57-46.

Lions squeak past Bobcats, 56-55

Win gives Behrend women sole conference lead

by Bob Palivoda
staff writer

After pulling out a nail-biting victory in over-time (56-55) against Pitt-Greensburg on Saturday, the Penn State women's basketball team fell to Bethany on Monday with a 46-57 loss.

On Saturday, the Lions hosted a televised conference match up against Pitt-Greensburg (9-6) overall and (4-0) in the conference. Our women went into the game with a (10-4) record overall and an undefeated conference record of (4-0).

Behrend went into half-time trailing Pitt-Greensburg by a score of only 20-17. Both teams matched up evenly in the first half. The teams each shot 50% from the free-throw line. From the field, Greensburg had a slight edge shooting 32% to our 19%.

Through the second half, Penn State stepped up shooting 80% from the foul line and hitting nearly half of their three point shots. The Lions outscored Greensburg in the second half 29-26, pushing the game into over-time.

The contest remained air tight throughout over-time. The Lions own Erin Phillips (11 points, 11 rebounds, 4-4 free throws) ended Pitt-Greensburg's hopes with the go ahead

bucket to give Behrend the 56-55 victory. Winning this game sent Greensburg back home with their first conference loss of the year and kept Penn State Behrend's undefeated conference record (5-0) alive.

The Pitt-Greensburg game was a contest of team effort. Lisa Sanders led Behrend with 15 points. Sanders also hit the deciding shot to put the game into over-time. Coming off the bench to shoot 75% from three-point land was Katie Weigold. She ended up with 11 points on the night. Erica Mozdy came through for the ladies with 9 points and shooting 100% from the free-throw line. Second on the team for rebounding was Jen O'Lare pulling down a total of 7.

Two days after the Pitt-Greensburg victory, the Lions (11-4) hosted a non-conference game against Bethany (12-4). Penn State was not able to overcome Bethany losing 57-46 to them.

After the first half of play, the Lions went into the locker room trailing Bethany by only 10 points. The 10 points would be enough to keep the Lions out of reach as Penn State only out scored Bethany in the second half by 1 point (30-29).

Behrend's leading scorers of the night were Kate Costanzo (18), followed by O'Lare (16), and Erin Phillips (10).

Coach Rosalyn Fornari did not let the loss bother her. Instead, she was already focusing on Behrend's conference game at Lake Erie on Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00 PM. The Penn State Behrend women also host a conference game against La Roche on Saturday, January 27 at 6:00 PM.



PHOTO BY BECKY WEINDORF

Katie Weigold looks to pass the ball in Behrend's win over Pitt-Greensburg

Shulte led indoor track & field team in debut meet

by Jamie Salapek
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Behrend's very own Indoor Track and Field team made their debut last Friday at the Baldwin-Wallace Invitational. This invitational was a non-scored event, meaning no school went away as the winner, only the individual athletes collected those honors.

Lindsay Schulte was the lone place-taker, walking away with third place in the 300-meter dash for the women. Coach Rich Hoffman stated, "Lindsay ran a fantastic race in the 300m dash and finished third. She probably had the performance of the night for us, but everyone acquitted themselves well. Keith Ceroni ran a solid 55 meter, and Dave Ober had a good race

in the 300 meter."

The Behrend team competed hard and used the opportunity as a building block for the rest of the season. By competing to the best of their abilities, the team will improve each meet to dash past the competition. Hoffman confirmed, "we'll just continue to use these meets as stepping stones, evaluation tools, and a chance to run and compete hard."

The team will meet their next contender at the Mount Union Invitational on February 3. Hoffman plans to use some different athletes to give them a chance, exhibiting their skills, to show where they're at in terms of conditioning and fitness.

There was some celebration during the Behrend women's basketball team's loss to Bethany this past Monday as Jen O'Lare marked her spot in Penn State Behrend history by surpassing the 1,000-point mark, at the 16:56 mark in the first half with a driving lay-up. This has not been accomplished at Behrend in eleven years. O'Lare ended the night with a total of 1,012 points and is currently fifth on the all-time scoring list for Penn State Behrend women's basketball. She is expected to climb to second before the season is over.

The senior leads the Lions in points for the season with 15.1 per game and ranks second on the team in rebounds with 5.8, behind junior Erin Phillips.

O'Lare will continue to play a major role in the Behrend women's run for AMCC glory.

Caught in the Grasp
Douglas Smith



Temper tantrums in the NBA

I find it hard to believe that the National Basketball Association has developed into one of the least respected sports leagues in America. A few years ago Michael Jordan was a class act leading the NBA to the new millennium, but it was indeed time for him to retire. He now owns the Washington Wizards, but must be turning his head in frustration at some of the acts being performed by the high paid superstars of the NBA of today.

The gripe began this year when Philadelphia 76ers' guard Allen Iverson released a rap album that contained very explicit lyrics. It caused a commotion, but really should not have been that big of a deal. The commissioner of the NBA, David Stern, even got involved. The album was the center of attention right before this year's schedule began. It was kind of pathetic in argument, simply because Iverson is a professional athlete, although it is all right for Xzibit or Dr. Dre to rap about their life on the street. Those in the controlling offices of the NBA still hold Iverson at a higher standard, so his choice of words hurt the league.

The play itself is rather exciting. The 76ers, my personal favorite, are the number one team in the NBA and many teams look like contenders in the west. However, the play has been dampened by injuries to stars like Alonzo Mourning, Dikembe Motumbo, Kerry Kittles, and Keith Van Horn. Still we get to witness performances like the one this past Sunday night. Iverson scored 51 points for Philadelphia, but Vince Carter's 39 points and 10 rebounds in Toronto's victory over the 76ers countered that. However, these amazing spectacles are overshadowed by selfish acts that catch the spotlight.

NBA Conflicts

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