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NBA Conflicts

One major selfish act is the feud between Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant. Bryant is the league's leading scorer and seems to take a shot every time he gets his hands on the ball. Shaq is much the same type of player as Bryant. As you can see there is quite a problem when it comes to who gets the ball when the Los Angeles Lakers are on offense. Shaq supposedly wanted a trade because the feuding was getting out of hand. It was a very childish act that has not been resolved.

The worst part of this whole situation is that Phil Jackson is stuck in the middle of it. He may be the best coach of the modern era. He ranks at the top of almost any coaching list that implies greatness. Jackson himself was quoted saying the feud was very childish and that basketball should not take a back seat to wanting to pad someone's stats. The other players are also stuck in the middle of this feud and it is upsetting a few of them as the Lakers have not been playing up to their standards. Ron Harper reacted after a recent loss to the Miami Heat. "We stink. If this team comes out to score 100 points on us, we've got to stink," Harper said. "They came out early, hit shots, and their guys played harder. They deserved to win the game."

A few other items are worth discussing. Recently Tyrone Nesby was supposed to go before league officials regarding some disorderly conduct according to the

standards of the NBA. However, Nesby did not show up. He must not of thought that it was that important. The fines and suspensions will go up if a player does not attend hearings. I suppose that never occurred to Nesby, or he did not care about forking over some more money. He should have it, after all.

Perhaps the most vivid incident that allowed for this loss of respect toward the NBA occurred about two weeks ago in New York. New York has always been labeled as a tough team that may get into an argument here and there. This is especially true when they play the Miami Heat or Indiana Pacers, two rivals that always seem to play the Knicks in the playoffs. Well, unfortunately, yet another dispute broke out in New York with Marcus Camby as the guilty party.

In a game against the San Antonio Spurs Camby was poked in the eye by Danny Ferry. It is not clear whether it was on purpose or not. Camby got upset, and after some jawing on the floor, he ran after Ferry and attempted to deliver a blow. He lunged forward and caught his coach, Jeff Van Gundy, in the eye with his forehead and caused the coach 15 stitches. Camby was suspended 5 games and \$7500. It was a totally uncalled for occurrence. Camby was thought of as a strategic player. He took advantage of some injuries in the past couple seasons and showed fans at Madison Square Garden just what he could do for their team. Now he wanted to show them that he could get into a ring too, if need be. The irony of the situation is that Kurt Thomas will start in place of Camby. Thomas has been known to have a temper now and then, especially when he played the Knicks as a member of the Heat.

A few other items are worth noting. Jason Kidd has supposedly been abusive to his wife.

Gary Payton was recently suspended for losing his temper on his coach in the locker room. Two of the league's best guards should not be showing the world that off the court is a totally different story.

Maybe the NBA can recover from these events. They do have a few months of the season left to show that the NBA is worthy of good attention. Luckily the league still has people like Tim Duncan and David Robinson to let fans know it's not all bad.

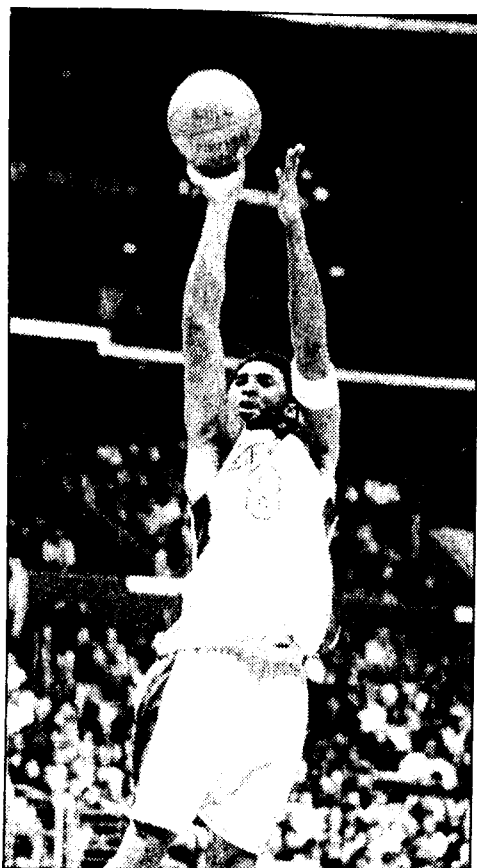


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Kobe Bryant works to up his stats.

Swim team looks forward to second half of season

by Bob Palivoda staff writer

The long Christmas break did not stop the Penn State Behrend swim team from accomplishing new goals in the Edinboro Invitational at the McComb Field House on January 20.

Although the women's team lost 125-56 and the men's lost 116-67, coach Josh Heynes was satisfied with the effort of the team.

"Despite the loss, I was very happy with the individual times of each swimmer. I was very pleased with the results", exclaimed coach Heynes. "This tells me a lot about what type of training we are doing."

Coach Heynes does have good reason to be satisfied with his team as the individual times of his swimmers improved greatly. The improved times were reflected by some swimmers shaving off almost 8 seconds from their normal times.

Adam DeMarco placed first in the Men's 1650 Meter Freestyle. Teammate Mark Ostrzeniec also had a great day, placing first in the Men's 50 Meter Freestyle and the 100 Meter Breast Stroke.

Lindsay Spiegel placed first for the women in the 100 Meter Breast Stroke.

Both the women and men's teams placed first in the 200 Meter Freestyle. The women's team, in this event, consisted of Joanne McCole, Denise Gorman, Nhien Hguyen, and Kristin Campbell. The Men's team consisted of Adam Demarco, Brian Vallor, Dario Kis, and Chad Holzshu.

The improvements made by the Penn State Behrend swim team are phenomenal considering they have not had a swimming pool to call their own. Instead the team had been practicing at Harbor Creek High until January 18, 2001. It was on this date that the ARC opened its doors to the swim team and gave them a pool on campus.

"We are all excited and appreciative of the athletic department to get us in there ASAP," commented coach Heynes.

PSU Behrend now looks forward to their next match against W & J and Frostburg on Wednesday, January 24, at 4:00 PM.

"We have Frostburg in our sights since they are in the AMCC and we will see them at the Grove City Invitational in February," coach Heynes remarked.

Coach Heynes' spirits are high, the team is improving dramatically, and they now have a pool to call home. The team hopes to have a strong second half of the season.

SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

School	C.R.	Overall
Frostburg	4-1	9-6
Pitt-Bradford	4-1	8-7
La Roche	4-1	6-8
Penn State Behrend	3-2	7-9
Lake Erie	1-4	6-9
Penn State Altoona	1-5	5-9
Pitt-Greensburg	1-4	1-15

Behrend 77 Frostburg State 70

Behrend	36	41	77
Frostburg St.	35	35	70

Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Brown	7-9	0-1	2-4 16
Hale	1-2	0-0	0-0 2
Tose	3-7	2-4	2-2 10
Grabill	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Bowery	6-15	0-3	5-6 17
Ayers	5-10	0-2	3-4 13
Mason	4-10	0-0	0-4 8
Millione	1-1	0-0	0-0 2
Henley	0-1	0-0	0-0 0
Hall	1-3	0-0	0-0 2

Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Curren	5-11	0-0	7-7 17
Orris	2-8	1-5	3-5 5
Hairston	3-7	0-1	5-5 11
Ponsoll	3-5	0-0	8-10 14
Keith	5-12	4-11	0-0 14
Timm	2-3	1-1	0-0 5
Merrill	0-2	0-1	5-5 5
Banner	2-3	0-0	2-2 6
Conley	0-0	0-0	0-0 0

Behrend 86 Pitt-Greensburg 60

Behrend	33	53	86
Pitt-Greensburg	25	35	60

Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Fisher	3-9	0-2	2-2 8
Winfrey	3-10	2-7	0-0 8
Dudek	4-10	3-5	4-5 15
Treese	2-2	0-0	2-3 6
Sapotichne	8-20	3-10	2-2 21
Kushner	0-3	0-3	2-2 2
Sera	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Krebs	0-1	0-0	0-0 0
Sral	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
DeCosmo	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Matovich	0-0	0-0	0-0 0

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Ponsoll	1-4	1-4	0-0 3
Keith	1-9	0-7	0-0 2

Behrend

Tanner	0-3	0-3	0-1 0
O'Lare	1-9	0-1	1-3 3
Philips	3-7	1-3	4-4 11
Sanders	6-13	3-6	0-1 15
Costanzo	0-9	0-3	4-4 4
Cochran	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Bemis	1-2	0-1	1-2 3
Weigold	4-6	3-4	0-0 11
Mauser	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Sorensen	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Charnock	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Mozdy	3-12	1-9	2-2 9
Mantini	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
McGarvey	0-0	0-0	0-0 0

Men's Top 25 Standings

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

Women's Top 25 Standings

1. Notre Dame	18 - 0
2. Connecticut	15 - 1
3. Tennessee	18 - 1
4. Duke	17 - 1
5. Georgia	16 - 3
6. Purdue	17 - 3
7. Iowa State	15 - 1
8. Louisiana Tech	15 - 4
9. Texas Tech	15 - 2
10. Florida	15 - 2
11. LSU	13 - 5
12. Oklahoma	13 - 4
13. SW Missouri St.	13 - 3
14. Rutgers	11 - 5
15. Clemson	15 - 4
16. Vanderbilt	15 - 3
17. Texas	15 - 5
18. Xavier	13 - 2
19. Penn State	12 - 6
20. Oregon	11 - 4
21. Utah	16 - 2
22. N.C. State	11 - 7
23. Arizona	14 - 4
24. Villanova	13 - 4
25. Colorado	13 - 3

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Lake Erie	2-3	6-8
La Roche	0-5	4-10
Frostburg	0-5	3-12

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Frostburg St.	34	41	75

Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Polucha	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Honesty	2-2	0-0	2-2 6
Paesani	1-1	0-0	0-0 2
Frisby	4-12	0-3	1-4 9
Valentine	1-1	0-0	0-0 2
Myers	6-16	4-8	3-4 19
Duncan	4-9	2-3	0-0 10
Harris	2-3	0-0	0-0 4
Mahoney	4-9	0-0	2-4 10
Faust	4-16	0-0	0-0 4
Yahnert	2-5	0-0	0-0 4

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Weigold	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Mauser	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Sorensen	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
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Pitt-Greensburg	20	26	55

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Kushner	7-13	0-0	2-2 16
Krebs	1-7	0-0	0-2 2
Auld	1-6	0-4	0-1 2
Fox	6-12	2-5	0-0 14
Arnold	6-15	0-0	6-8 18
Sera	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Sral	0-0	0-0	0-0 0
Matovich	1-8	0-0	1-2 3

NATIONAL SPORTS

NHL Standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Devils	25	12	9	0	59	162	111
Phil.	22	15	9	1	54	135	132
Pitt.	22	18	6	2	52	151	149
Rangers	19	24	3	1	42	149	168
Islanders	12	28	5	2	31	109	153

Western Conference

Central	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Lou	31	10	4	1	63	148	89
Detroit	27	15	4	4	62	144	129
Nash.	19	22	7	2	47	113	129
Chic.	20	21	4	2	46	128	129
Colum.	15	26	4	3	37	108	147

Northeast

Ottawa	26	13	6	1	59	152	114
Toronto	22	15	7	4	55	144	119
Buffalo	24	16	5	1	54	121	105
Boston	18	18	6	5	47	118	141
Montreal	15	25	5	3	38	119	136

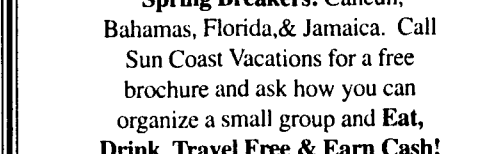
Southeast

Wash.	20	18	8	1	49	124	121
Carolina	20	17	6	2	48	116	122
Atlanta	15	22	9	1	40	129	158
Tampa	13	27	5	2	33	117	161
Florida	9	25	8	6	32	100	146

Pacific

Dallas	27	15	4	1	59	134	108
San Jose	26	13	7	0	59	131	106
Phoenix	22	13	11	1	56	122	107
L.A.	22	17	7	1	52	162	144
Anaheim	15	25	6	4	40	120	155

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