

## Phillips hits 1,000 point plateau in junior season



FILE PHOTO

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Erin Phillips became the first women's basketball player to surpass the 1000 point mark in her junior year on Monday's game versus Waynesburg. At the 13 minute mark in the second half, she hit a lay-up to jump into the record books.

Upon entering Monday's game, Phillips had 982 total points. She is now sixth all-time in the record books. Jen O'Lare, her current teammate, is fifth with 1,023. Missy and Mindy Stasenko are fourth and third with 1,043 and 1,045 respectively. In second place is Lisa Butch with 1,062. Leading is Michele Madison with 1,409.

"Phillips became the first junior ever in Behrend's Women Basketball history to score 1000 points," stated Roz Fornari. Averaging 350 points a season, Phillips is on line to overcome Michele Madison, Behrend's top scorer of all time.

In the past two games Phillips had 15 points in the win over Pitt-Bradford, and 20 points versus Waynesburg.

Phillips graduated from McDowell High School in Erie, Pennsylvania. She is a 5'10" forward for this year's women's basketball team.

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## Cooper is helping to lead the new indoor track and field team

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Greg Cooper, a senior here at Penn State Behrend, is helping to lead the new Indoor Track and Field Team. He has been a member of track and field throughout high school and also during all four years at Behrend. Cooper is one of thirty-three individuals who is participating in the spring season.

Cooper competes in the 400m dash, the 800m dash and the 4 x 400 relay team. His main focus is the 400m dash and he is on the 4 x 400 relay team as well. While attending Behrend he and his teammates have managed to accomplish breaking two school records. He holds the record for the 800m dash with a time of 2:01.62. He also holds the record along with the three other members of his relay team with a time of 3:21.87. His three other teammates, which are on the relay team, are Shawn Furman, Tom Stovall and Steve Omasisky. Cooper participated in a meet at Clarion University during the 2000 track and field season where he took first place and he was also a member of the AMCC (Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference) cross country team this year.

This MIS (Management Information Systems) major definitely believes that it is difficult to juggle indoor track and field and school. However, he stated that being in school and participating in a sport has helped him with his time management skills. Along with those two activities, he also is a member of the cross-country team in the fall and he is helping to coordinate the start of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Cooper has come to Behrend from Union City, Pennsylvania. He attended Union City High School and has been involved with track and field for eight years. He was a member of his high school outdoor varsity track and field team for four years and has been a member of Behrend's outdoor track and field team also for four years. However, this is his first year competing in indoor track and field due to this being Behrend's first year



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Greg Cooper has been training hard for the first season ever for Behrend's indoor track & field team.

participating in the spring sport.

Cooper loves being a part of the team and has acknowledged his two coaches for all of their help and support. The head coach of the outdoor track and field team is Rich Hoffman and the sprint coach is Nate Wiley. Wiley is who Cooper works most closely with as the sprint events are his favorite competition. The practice times vary because the ARC has yet to be opened. Usually, practice is from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. throughout the week and at 8:00a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The practices are also held inside and outside depending on the weather.

Thus far, his favorite experience was during the 2000 track and field season. Cooper and his three teammates competed in the Baldwin-Wallace Invitational where they competed in the 4 x 400m relay. This was a significant invitational, and he and his

teammates took third place overall. So far this year, the team has not competed as an entire team against other schools. This is due to all of the members not being fully trained and conditioned. The team has mostly been involved with invitations and will be competing as a whole very soon.

Cooper and his teammates traveled their furthest during the 2000 track and field season. Several members of the team were invited to participate in Orlando, Florida, for the Walt Disney Wide World of Sports competition. The furthest destinations that the Behrend track and field team has to travel to in the northeast region are to Virginia and western Ohio. The next invitational is today at 5:00p.m. The Behrend indoor track and field team will be competing in the Baldwin-Wallace Invitational where approximately fifteen schools will be represented.

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closer.

Coming from this loss, the Lions faced another conference game against Pitt-Bradford. Bradford had a 5-12 overall record and were only 3-5 in conference play. The Lions were bitter after the last game, ready to de-claw the competition. From the start to the finish of the game, the Lions shot well. Shooting an amazing 70% from the free throw line and almost 50% from the field, the Behrend Lions did not give Pitt-Bradford a chance.

Controlling the boards, the Lions pulled down a total of 42 boards to Bradford's 29. Erin Phillips, a junior at Behrend, managed to drop 21 points on the Panthers. With 13 minutes left in the game, Phillips became the second Behrend woman this season to score her 1000<sup>th</sup> point in a Lions' uniform.

Phillips was not the only player to bring her play to the next level. Rookie Crystal McGarvey came in and tallied a total of 10

points. Kate Costanzo continued to play strong also putting up 10 for Behrend. Also, Erica Mozdy finished the game with 8 points. The Lions pounced Pitt-Bradford by a score of 63-48. This improved Behrend's record to 14-6 overall and 8-1 in the AMCC.

Penn State Behrend finally got a chance to regroup from conference play against Waynesburg in a non-conference game. This was a game where the team was able to move players around and try to fill the gap for senior Jen O'Lare. The Lions proved to be ready for the challenge. Keeping their momentum from the last victory, Behrend dominated over Waynesburg beating them 69-53.

This game proved to both the fans and coach Fornari that Behrend is a team of depth. "We have changed some players around and they have really responded well. Some of the younger players are starting to get going," said coach Fornari. Players such as Chris-

tine Charnock, Kate Costanzo and Crystal McGarvey are really adding to the backbone of Behrend's team.

Erin Phillips led the team again with 20 points. Following Phillips were Charnock (15) and Costanzo (14). Danielle Bemis came through for the Lions with 11 points.

The Lions overall record improved to 15-6 after the victory. The regular season is winding down for the Lions with their final three games all being AMCC conference games that could prove whether the Lions will host the AMCC Tournament for the third straight year.

The Lions play Frostburg at home on Saturday. The game will be televised and starts at 2:00 p.m. They then travel to Pitt-Greensburg on February 14, where the Lions will take on Pitt-Greensburg (6:00 PM). Finally, the Lions will host their last regular season game against Lake Erie, on February 17, at 6:00 p.m.

## TRACK AND FIELD

led his heat most of the way and nearly set a personal best. Ritzert had a time of 4:23.1 in the 1500m run. Tyler Travis continued to run well as he led Behrend in the 3000m, and teammate Dennis Halaszynski kept up with Travis' steady pace. Travis led Behrend in the 3000m run with a time of 9:46.0. Jessica Knapp, Andrea Sanko, Jessie Coe, and Tina Rubay ran an extremely fast 1500-meter race, while Norine Scida remained competitive in the distance events. Knapp was the leader in the 800m dash with a time of 2:41.7 and came in second for Behrend in the 1500m run with a time of 5:47.6. Sanko led the team in two events. She was the leader in the 1500m run with a time of 5:26.8 and in the 3000m run with a

time of 12:17.0. Coe also placed well in the 1500m run with a time of 5:53.9 and in the 3000m run with a time of 13:45.0. Rubay, another member of the women's team, also placed well in the 3000m run with a time of 13:05.0. Placing second for Behrend in the 3000m run was Scida with a time of 12:28.0.

Hoffman comments, "The biggest thing we will need to do for future seasons is the fall and winter break preparation. We are starting to grasp what is necessary to be ready to challenge the people we are competing against. For the immediate future, we embrace each meet as a fantastic training opportunity." The Behrend Track and Field team remains competitive from meet to meet. The indoor meets are merely preparation for

the outdoors. Coach Hoffman stated that placing, "is just icing on the cake," but that is not the team's primary goal. The meets provide the team with a terrific training environment for athletes where they can open up and run without the worries of snow and ice, or cold temperatures.

Behrend's next meet will be on Friday, February 9 at Baldwin-Wallace. The team will look forward to great competition and more opportunities for the athletes while preparing to improve their skills. Hoffman states, "we're doing fine- we face some challenges that some of our competitors don't, but in time some of those will be rectified. The athletes are taking the challenge and using every opportunity to their advantage."

## XFL IMPRESSION

the game is actually having the players introduce themselves. Indeed, we do not know any of these players, but those who are interested will find out in due time.

Two other items are of major concern to me. One is the interview with fans that may take place in the middle of a game. The XFL sends a beautiful woman into the stands to get fan reactions. In the San Francisco and Los Angeles game on Sunday, this was taking place as the quarterback was shouting out signals. The

woman proceeded to say the word "horny" and four members of the offense jumped causing a penalty to be called. It was as if that was scripted much like "sports entertainment" or wrestling. It did not bode well for the XFL, especially with Brian Bosworth doing the color commentary.

The other event that took place throughout every game were the 15 minute zooms of the cheerleaders. They are talented dancers and good-looking women, but we do not have to stop the game to

show them in their "uniforms." Don't get me wrong, I enjoy seeing them, but I believe there is a halftime and commercial breaks that the cheerleaders could be showcased in if that is what McMahon wants.

The XFL will probably survive for two years, and it will be entertaining. I mean, what other league can have "He Hate Me" on the back of a jersey. This year is the test run and next year will probably be what makes or breaks the XFL.