

Calendar of Events

Behrend Athletic Events

Saturday
Indoor Track and Field
@ Fredonia Invitational
12 p.m.

Women's Basketball
@ Frostburg
2 p.m.

Men's Basketball
@ Frostburg
4 p.m.

Wednesday
Men's and Women's
Swimming
Nazareth
Junker Center
6 p.m.

Women's Basketball
@ Lake Erie
6 p.m.

Men's Basketball
@ Lake Erie
8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9
Men's and Women's
Swimming
Penn State Altoona
Junker Center
1 p.m.

Women's Basketball
La Roche
Junker Center
6 p.m.

Men's Basketball
La Roche
Junker Center
8 p.m.

Intramurals Schedule

Friday
Intramural Arena Football:
Men's and Women's
Teams
Teams will consist of a
maximum of seven
players

Friday, Feb. 15
Intramural Swimming
Men's and Women's Indi-
vidual; Men's, Women's,
and Coed Teams

Friday, Feb. 22
Intramural Volleyball: 4
vs. 4 Coed Volleyball

Aerobics Classes
Junker Center Aerobic
Room
Monday through
Thursday from 7 - 8 p.m.
\$1 per class or \$20 for a
semester

All entries must be at the
intramural office
by 4 p.m.
on the scheduled date

Behrend men fall to No. 1 Pitt-Bradford in overtime

by Zoe Rose
staff writer

Penn State Behrend hosted the Pitt-Bradford Panthers in a televised conference game in front of 485 enthusiastic fans at the Junker Center on Wednesday. The Lions extended the action into overtime, but the Panthers pounced on the opportunity and came away with a 80-69 win.

The Junker Center was packed as the Blue and White prepared to take on the Panthers, the No. 1 team in the AMCC conference.

Behrend (13-6) moved swiftly around the court as both defenses warmed up and aggressive inside play became crucial in scoring. Bradford (15-3, 8-0 AMCC) eased into the lead by five points by halftime, 26-21.

Still in their seats and not answering the numerous chants from the other side of the court, the Behrend crowd was ready to help the Lions snatch the lead away from the Panthers. With 12:30 left in the game, Matt Keith sank a 3-pointer and pulled away with the foul. After Keith missed his second foul shot, David Hairston pumped up the crowd by rebounding the missed free throw, making a shot from the paint and drawing another foul.

As the Lions closed Pitt-Bradford's lead to 40-37, the Behrend fans became energized. Amid the fans' chants of "de-fense", the momentum quickly changed in favor of the Panthers as they extended their lead to 47-42.

Behrend again surged from behind. With 41 seconds left, Steve Merrill sank a 3-pointer, putting Behrend in the lead at 57-53. Merrill then sank two free throws for a six-point lead. Bradford didn't back down though, hitting two layups and a free throw to pull to within one. After Merrill made another free throw, Bradford's Doug Schneide sank a field goal with nine seconds left to tie the score 60-60.

Pitt-Bradford shined as it dominated the courts in overtime. The crowd was silenced as the Panthers controlled all the action during the five-minute overtime. The Lions fell behind as the Panthers' crucial free-throw shots won the game at 80-69. The Lions' record slipped to 6-2 in the AMCC with the loss.

Pacing the Lions was freshman Tom Lulich, who gathered 13 points, including three 3-pointers. David Hairston and Matt Keith both scored 12 points, while Hairston also snatched eight rebounds. The Lions were held to 42.8 percent shooting in regulation while the Panthers shot 46.1 percent from the field.

The Panthers' strength came during overtime as Pitt-Bradford dominated the paint. The Panthers shot a perfect 5-of-5 from the field to control the action and held the Lions to a mere 30 percent shooting.

The battle continued as the Panthers showed confidence with 90.9 percent free throw shooting, compared to Behrend's 25 percent.

Last Saturday, the Lions finished

their three-game road series by playing against Penn State Altoona. Behrend came out on top with a 68-65 victory.

The Blue and White dominated Altoona (1-18, 1-7) in the second half of last Saturday's game. The Lions claimed the lead for good at the six-minute mark. With their solid free throw shooting at the end of the second half, the Lions won the game 68-65.

Looking to gather a few more wins

and improve their winning record, the Lions will need to finish strong before the AMCC tournament at the end of February. They will be on the road again to visit Frostburg this Saturday and Lake Erie on Wednesday. Closing out the season, the Lions only have two home games left, excluding the alumni game on Feb. 9.

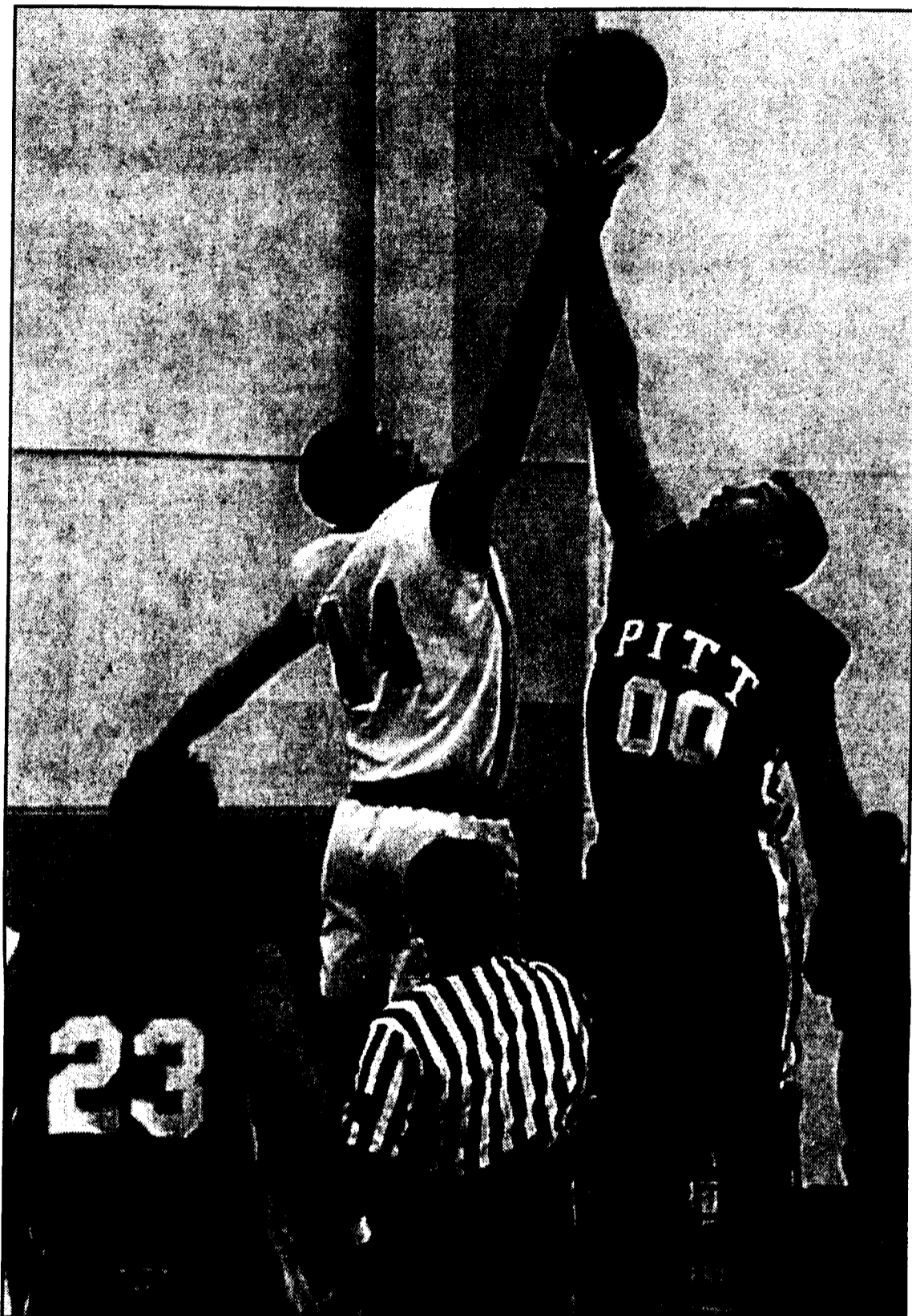


PHOTO BY JEFF HANKEY / BEHREND BEACON

Behrend sophomore Randy Conley and Bradford junior Matt Beacom reach for the opening tip-off on Wednesday at the Junker Center. Behrend dropped a heartbreaker, 80-69, in overtime against No 1 Bradford, dashing the Lions' hopes for a chance to host the AMCC tournament.

Women hoopsters crash and burn against Altoona

by Mike Bello
sports editor

What seemed like a hopeless situation for the women's basketball team turned into one of joy within the past week. After suffering a 24-point loss to Penn State Altoona on Saturday, Behrend rebounded to defeat Pitt-Bradford on Wednesday. More importantly though, Altoona, the No. 1 team in the AMCC,

Erin Phillips Watch
Michelle Madison's old record: 1409
Erin Phillips' Record: 1443
Rick Demski's Record: 1486
Points to Go: 24
Average Points Per Game: 16.8

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Wednesday @ Lake Erie, 6 p.m.; Feb. 9 vs. La
Roche, 6 p.m.

lost to Pitt-Greensburg on Wednesday. Now, both Lion squads are tied with 6-2 conference records, although both of Behrend's losses were to Altoona.

Greensburg's win over Altoona tightened the competition in the AMCC, as well. Greensburg and La Roche have beaten Altoona by six points, and Behrend has defeated both teams. This means, come playoff time, there will be no clear-cut candidate favored to win the championship. In order to have a chance at hosting the tournament, the Lions now must defeat their last four conference foes and hope La Roche, next Wednesday, or another AMCC team can knock off Altoona.

"The next couple of games will be important

for us to win, because right now anybody in our conference can lose," said senior Christine Charnock.

Behrend struggled early and often at the Adler Gym in Altoona to lose 84-60, the second time Behrend lost to Altoona by 24 points. The Lions made only 7-of-25 shots in the first half (28 percent) while Altoona (11-6, 6-2 AMCC) made an unheard of 67.9 percent of its shots (19-of-28). As a result, Behrend found itself down 49-19 at the half. Behrend came out stronger in the second half, outscoring Altoona 41-35, but a 30-point lead was too much to overcome.

Erin Phillips hit 10-of-12 foul shots and four field goals for 18 points, moving her to within 33 points of Rick Demski's all-time points record (1,466). Senior Kate Costanzo added 14 points and a team-high eight rebounds, while Charnock and sophomore Erica Mozdy both contributed nine points. Altoona's Jillian Klinar scored Behrend for 29 points on 13-of-17 shooting. Overall, Altoona shot 53.4 percent from the floor, while Behrend converted on exactly one third of its shots.

The loss may have been difficult to swallow, but the Lions see it as motivation to try even harder the rest of the season.

"The two losses against Altoona just make us want to beat them that much more if we would meet them in the playoffs," said senior Katie Weigold. "It won't affect our composure. If anything, it will pump us up and get us ready to play. We know that we have to win the rest

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Lady swimmers upset defending AMCC champ Frostburg

by Kate Levdansky Petrikis
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Penn State Behrend's men's and women's swimming teams visited Washington and Jefferson on Wednesday. The W & J men defeated Behrend 128-89, and the W & J women won 108-81. On Saturday, the Behrend men's and women's swim teams raced against Frostburg. The men (1-6-1) lost 148-76, but the women (1-6) came away with a 106-94 victory. The women upset the defending AMCC Classic champions.

"This win was significant in many ways," said

coach Josh Heynes. "First, it was the first time a women's aquatic team has won in our home pool. Second, we beat them without having any female divers on our side. You have to realize that overcoming a 32 point deficit and coming up with a win is very big."

Christine Williams set a new pool record in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:04.72 in the big win.

A record was also broken on the men's side by Casey Doody, who set a new team record in

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PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON

Freshman Casey Doody, shown swimming a lap in the Junker Center pool last week, was one of the bright spots for the men's swim team. Doody broke the team record in the 200 free in 1:50.61.

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week

PENNSTATE
Erie

Christine Williams



Williams (Seltzer/Pottsville) helped the Behrend women's swim team upset Frostburg, 106-94, on Saturday. This was the first home victory for a women's aquatic sport. Williams placed first in the 200-yard IM, and the 100-yard backstroke.

Williams owns team records in the 200 free (2:07.97), 500 free (5:44.14), 100 backstroke (1:04.64), 200 backstroke (2:18.33), 200 IM (2:25.90), 400 IM (5:18.39), and is part of the record-holding 200 and 400 free relay teams. Williams also owns pool records in the 50 (31.25) and 100 backstroke (1:04.72).

The next meet for the Blue and White is at home against Nazareth at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.