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The ball is out of the Lions' court for AMCCs

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The waiting is the hardest part, as far as the women's basketball team is concerned. After doing everything in their power to wrestle the AMCC tournament away from Penn State Altoona except actually defeating the Lady Cougars, the Lions must hope Pitt-Bradford can defeat Altoona on Saturday to knock the Cougars into second place. Bradford lost to Altoona by 15 points earlier in the season. On Wednesday, Altoona defeated Frostburg by six to jump to 9-2 in the AMCC.

Behrend finishes out its regular season Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Junker Center against Pitt-Greensburg, third in the AMCC. Should Behrend defeat Pitt-Greensburg and if Altoona wins its last conference game, the Lions will host the No. 7 seed on Wednesday, Lake Erie. The No. 1 team gets a bye on Wednesday. The Lions would play the winner of the Pitt-Greensburg/Frostburg game Feb. 22 and quite possibly Altoona Feb. 23 - both in Altoona - for the AMCC crown.

It doesn't really matter to the players where they play. They will be ready to win.

"If we will have to play on the road, it will be a difficult task, but one that we can accomplish," said senior Christine Charnock.

"After we beat Greensburg on Saturday, we will go wherever we have to for the tournament," said senior Kate Costanzo. "We'll be ready and well prepared. Here or there, we're ready to win another AMCC championship."

Behrend last won the tournament in 1999.

Costanzo reached a milestone of her own on Monday, scoring 16 points against Grove City to become the sixth player to reach the 1,000-point plateau (1,001). The Lions lost to the Wolverines 72-49, dropping their record to 13-11 overall, although they maintained a 9-2 conference record. Before breaking the record, Costanzo had one tough decision to make.

"Coach (Fornari) called a time out with like two minutes left in the game and told me I was a basket away from 1,000," said Costanzo. "So she wanted to know if I wanted to stay in and try to get it at Grove City or come out and wait until Saturday. I decided to stay in to see if I could get it there because I'd rather do it quietly on the road."

So with 43 seconds left, Costanzo took a pass from Bambi Lewis and sank a 15-foot jumper.

"I have played with two other 1,000-point scorers," said Costanzo. "I have always looked up to Jen (O'Lare) and Erin [Phillips] as players and teammates. I'm just honored to join them. It also says a lot about my teammates and coaches. You can't score 1,000 points without them."

Behrend's offense chilled in the first half, making only 20 percent of its shots (6-of-30). Grove City shot over 50 percent and was up 34-18 at the half, highlighted by a 10-0 run midway through the half. Behrend came out stronger in the second half, but the Wolverines, who used 16 players in the game, were too much for Behrend. The Lions shot 27.1 percent overall while Grove City made 47.6 percent of its shots.

Phillips and Costanzo both added 14 points, while Phillips grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds. Phillips stretched her points record to 1,526 after back-to-back 14-point games. Behrend avoided foul trouble most of the night, sending Grove City to the line nine times (6-of-9) while the Lions made 15-of-19. The loss snapped the Lions' four-game winning streak.

The Lions showed better poise Saturday night in an 84-60 win against La Roche in front of 303 fans at the Junker Center. Behrend (43.1 percent) shot only slightly better than the Redhawks (41.9 percent), but the Lions' sharp free throw shooting put the game away. They shot 22-of-26 from the line (84.6 percent) while La Roche made 7-of-13. For the season the Lions are shooting at a 69 percent clip.

Costanzo and sophomore Erica Mozdy were the stars of the game, as both players sank 22 points. Costanzo also grabbed 11 boards and Mozdy sank five 3-pointers and had seven steals. Charnock and Phillips added 14 points.

As the Lions head into the post-season, one concern for the team has been injuries. Sophomores Carly Cochran (broken thumb) and Crystal McGarvey (torn ACL) have been out since Jan. 23 and Jan. 19, respectively. McGarvey is out for the season and Cochran may be back next week after an evaluation on Tuesday.

Senior Katie Weigold was out of action for the Grove City and La Roche games with a deep bone bruise on her knee. The Lions were forced to play with four reserves for those games. Fornari hopes Weigold will be ready for Saturday.

The Greensburg game on Saturday is also senior night. The team will announce all four seniors – Phillips, Costanzo, Charnock, and Weigold – and hold a party for the players afterwards. The seniors know the game will be unforgettable, but there is still work to be done.

"What we need on senior night is a big win so that we are guaranteed a tie for first in the conference," said Costanzo. "We've (the four seniors) finished in first all three years that we've been here."

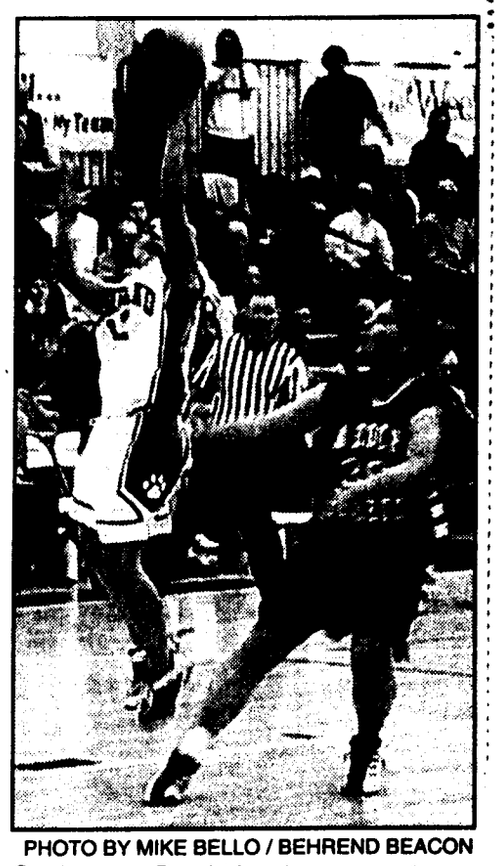
"For me, senior night is special," said Charnock. "It will represent the last 13 years of games that I've played in, especially the ones at Penn State Behrend."

The Lions, though, can't help but look ahead to a possible rematch with Altoona.

"I wish that we would've beat Altoona so that we could host the tournament, but what happened, happened," said Charnock. "Now we'll have to beat them in the championship game on their court."

The Lions can't wait for the chance to get revenge against the Cougars.

PHOTO BY MIKE BELLO / BEHREND BEACON
Senior Christine Charnock gets the ball knocked loose on a rebound Saturday at the Junker Center. Charnock scored 14 points and grabbed four rebounds against the Redhawks.



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Sophomore Bambi Lewis goes up for two against La Roche on Saturday.

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Women's Basketball

School	C.R.	Overall
Penn State Altoona	9-2	16-6
Penn State Behrend	9-2	13-11
Pitt-Greensburg	8-3	11-13
La Roche	5-6	12-10
Pitt-Bradford	5-6	8-16
Frostburg	2-9	6-17
Lake Erie	1-11	2-21

Men's Basketball

School	C.R.	Overall
Pitt-Bradford	10-1	20-4
Penn State Behrend	8-3	16-7
Frostburg	8-3	13-11
Pitt-Greensburg	5-6	8-16
La Roche	3-8	7-16
Penn State Altoona	3-8	4-20
Lake Erie	2-10	8-17

Women's Basketball Stats

Player	PPG	RPG
Erin Phillips	17.4	7.5
Kate Costanzo	13.5	5.2
Erica Mozdy	9.3	5.1
Christine Charnock	9.3	3.7
Crystal McGarvey	7.5	1.8
Katie Weigold	5.9	3.8
Carly Cochran	4.0	2.1

Men's Basketball Stats

Player	PPG	RPG
James Curren	14.4	7.7
Casey Ponsoll	11.2	3.2
Steve Merrill	10.6	3.4
Dave Hairston	8.7	6.9
Randy Conley	6.7	3.5
Tom Lulich	4.2	1.7
Matt Keith	3.8	1.6

PENN STATE BEHREND LIONS

THE NATIONAL SPORTS ARENA

National Basketball Association
League Leaders

Points Per Game (PPG)

	Player	Team	POS	PPG
1	A Iverson	PHI	G	30.2
2	K Bryant	LAL	G	26.2
2	P Pierce	BOS	F-G	26.2
4	S O'Neal	LAL	C	26.1
5	V Carter	TOR	G-F	25.5

Blocks (BLK)

	Player	Team	POS	BLK
1	B Wallace	DET	F-C	154
2	R LaFrentz	DEN	C-F	138
3	T Dunan	SA	F-C	137
4	D Mutombo	PHI	C	127
5	P Gasol	MEM	F	117

Rebounds Per Game (RPG)

	Player	Team	POS	RPG
1	T Duncan	SA	F-C	13.2
1	D Fortson	GS	F	12.4
3	B Wallace	DET	F-C	12.0
4	D Mutombo	PHI	C	11.8
4	K Garnett	MIN	F	11.8

Steals (S)

	Player	Team	POS	S
1	A Iverson	PHI	G	113
2	J Kidd	NJ	G	104
3	D Armstrong	ORL	G	98
4	K Malone	UT	F	96
5	L Hughes	GS	G	94

Assists Per Game (APG)

	Player	Team	POS	APG
1	A Miller	CLE	G	10.7
2	J Kidd	NJ	G	9.9
3	G Payton	SEA	G	9.1
4	J Tinsley	IND	G	8.8
5	B Davis	CHA	G	8.7

Free Throw Percentage (FTP)

	Player	Team	POS	FTP
1	T Brandon	MIN	G	.988
2	R Miller	IND	G	.915
3	C Whitney	WSH	G	.906
4	R Hamilton	WSH	G-F	.903
5	T Hudson	ORL	G	.889

Field Goal Percentage (FGP)

	Player	Team	POS	FPG
1	S O'Neal	LAL	C	.567
2	D Marshall	UT	F	.558
3	D Davis	POR	C-F	.538
4	T MacCulloch	NYJ	C	.531
5	E Brand	LAC	F	.529

3-Pt. Field Goal Percentage (FGP)

	Player	Team	POS	FGP
1	S Smith	SA	G-F	.518
2	S Padget	UT	F	.500
3	W Person	CLE	G-F	.476
4	W Szczerbiak	MIN	G-F	.462
5	E Piatkowski	LAC	G-F	.457

Division I College Basketball
AP Top 25

Men's Basketball

	Team	Record	Points
1	Duke	22-1	775
2	Kansas	21-2	743
3	Maryland	19-3	710
4	Oklahoma	19-3	672
5	Cincinnati	22-2	660
6	Florida	18-4	618
7	Alabama	20-4	534
8	Gonzaga	22-3	524
9	Kentucky	16-6	482
10	Arizona	17-6	469
11	Miami Fla.	20-4	419
12	Marquette	21-3	348
13	Virginia	15-6	322
14	Stanford	15-6	309
15	Oklahoma St.	18-6	302
16	Pittsburgh	21-4	272
17	Wake Forest	17-7	237
18	Oregon	17-7	228
19	Illinois	17-7	206
20	Ohio St.	17-5	167
21	Syracuse	18-7	153
22	Georgia	18-6	137
23	UCLA	16-7	136
24	Indiana	16-7	122
25	USC	16-6	81

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES
Xavier 72, Western KY 57, North Carolina State 52, Memphis 43, Hawaii 33, Utah 26, Butler 20.

National Hockey League
League Leaders

Points (Pts)

	Player	Team	POS	Pts
1	J Iginla	CGY	RW	64
2	J Thornton	BOS	C	61
2	M Naslund	VAN	LW	61
4	K Tkachuk	STL	LW	58
5	4 tied with			57

Assists (Ass.)

	Player	Team	POS	Ass.
1	A Oates	WSH	C	46
2	J Thornton	BOS	C	39
2	J Roenick	PHI	C	39
4	A Zhamnov	CHI	C	37
4	J Sakic	COL	C	37

Goals

	Player	Team	POS	Goals
1	J Iginla	CGY	RW	35
2	B Guerin	BOS	RW	32
3	M Sundin	TOR	C	31
4	B Shanahan	DET	LW	30
5	2 tied with			29

Bud Light Plus/Minus (+/-)

	Player	Team	POS	+/-
1	C Chelios	DET	D	40
2	S Gagne	PHI	LW	32
3	J Roenick	PHI	C	30
4	G Murray	BOS	RW	28
5	K Draper	DET	C	27

Goals Against Average (GAA)

	Player	Team	POS	GAA
1	T Conklin	EDM	G	1.62
2	I Bryzgalov	ANA	G	1.88
3	J Storr	LA	G	1.89
4	D Aebischer	COL	G	1.92
5	P Roy	COL	G	1.96

Save Percentage (%)

	Player	Team	POS	%
1	T Conklin	EDM	G	.939
2	J Theodore	MTL	G	.929
3	P Nurminen	ATL	G	.928
3	D Aebischer	COL	G	.928
3	M Legace	DET	G	.928

Penalty Minutes (PM)

	Player	Team	POS	PM
1	P Worrell	FLA	LW	247
2	B Ference	FLA	D	194
3	K Sawyer	ANA	LW	187
4	A Nazarov	PHX	LW	184
5	D Lambert	ANA	LW	173

Shots on Goal

	Player	Team	POS	Shots
1	B Guerin	BOS	RW	258
2	B Rolston	BOS	C	254
3	P Bondra	WSH	RW	252
4	M Naslund	VAN	LW	228
5	P Kariya	ANA	LW	227