

Men's basketball team moves to 20-1

Homecoming win against Lake Erie is Lions' 13th straight

by Tim Denial
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Another milestone has been reached on the Junker Center court recently when Casey Ponsoll reached and surpassed the 1,000 career point mark.

Ponsoll, who entered the game just six points away from the 1,000 mark hit his second shot from behind the arc with just under 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

His performance was just icing on the cake Wednesday as the Lions continue to dominate opponents. Behrend played host to the Lake Erie Storm where 575 fans witnessed the 77-56 Penn State win.

"Casey has been a terrific player over his four years. As a group we are very happy for him and his accomplishment. Casey would be the first to mention that achievements like this are only possible through team efforts," said head coach Dave Niland.

Tom Lulich led all scorers, netting 18 points while Ponsoll added 15. Jared Clough finished the game totalling 12 points, with James Curren racking up 11 points respectively. Nate Malesek scored 15 points pacing Lake Erie.

The Lions were also in action on Saturday, when they visited Frostburg State.

The Lions came away with a hard-fought 62-54 victory. This time it was Ponsoll pacing the Lions with 14 points, while Curren and Lulich netted 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Lions, which are ranked 19th in the nation among Division III schools, remain undefeated in conference play and head into their next game on Saturday with an impressive 20-1 overall record.

One of the hallmarks of the Lions' stellar play has been outstanding defense. In the AMCC, there

are far ahead of other teams in scoring defense, allowing a mere 51.6 points per game. There also the No. 2 defensive team in Division III, behind only University of Rochester. The Behrend squad is also leading the AMCC in scoring margin, free throw percentage, field goal pct. and three point field goal pct.

The men are also performing well in several individual AMCC categories. Ponsoll is leading three point field goal pct. at .458. Clough is second in field goal pct. with a mark of .601 while Curren is second in rebounding with 7.8 per game.

With three games remaining before the conference tournament, the Lions have all but locked up the regular season title

as they are four games ahead of their closest competitor.

The Behrend squad's next game will come at La Roche on Saturday. They will then finish up the regular season with games at Hilbert on Wednesday and against Pitt-Greensburg on Feb. 21.

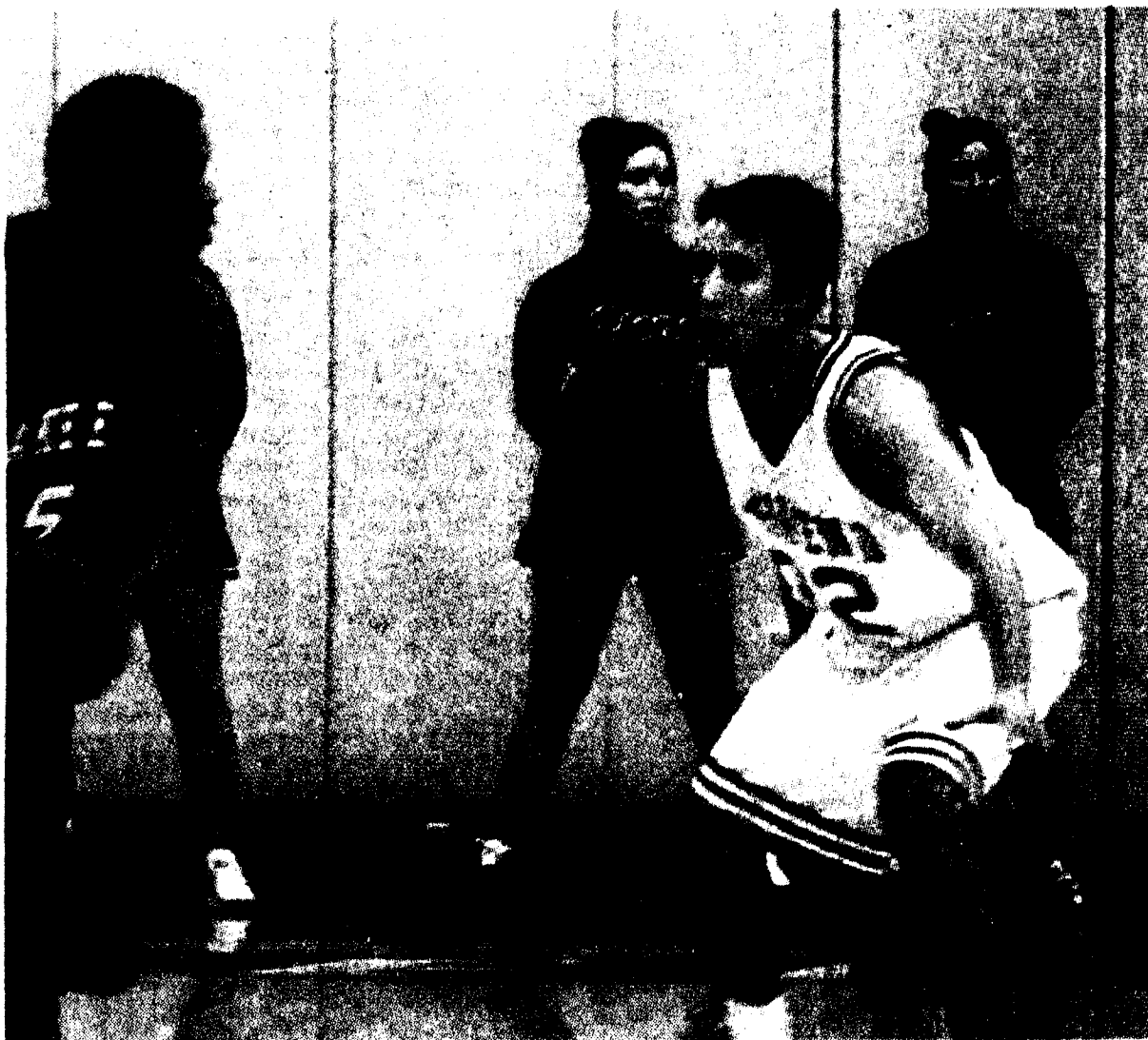


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Senior forward Casey Ponsoll scored his 1,000th point in the Lions' 77-56 win over Lake Erie on Wednesday night. Ponsoll scored 15 points in the game.

The Lions led Frostburg by nine heading into the locker room at halftime but was greeted to a Frostburg team that would not go away. Frostburg outscored Behrend 33-32 in the second half but the Lion's defense would not allow them to threaten their winning streak.

Lady Lions storm past Lake Erie in homecoming game

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The Lady Lions defeated Lake Erie College on Wednesday night to ensure an undefeated evening for Behrend in the first annual Basketball Homecoming celebration.

The men would go on to defeat Lake Erie in the nightcap. The win over Lake Erie was the second of the week for the women, the first coming against Frostburg State on Saturday. Behrend has won four straight, and 17 of its last eighteen.

The Lady Lions are 9-1 in the AMCC conference, behind only Pitt-Greensburg, who defeated Frostburg on Wednesday night by a score of 86-74. The Lady Lions will face Greensburg in their regular season finale on Feb. 21 at the Junker Center.

Lake Erie played the Lady Lions close for one half, shooting 40 percent from the field and connecting on four of six from downtown. Behrend did take a 27-25 lead into halftime. The Behrend hit 36 percent of their shots and only two of six from the three point arc, but hit seven of eight from the foul line.

In the second half, Behrend tightened up the defense, and took control of the game. Neither team shot incredibly well in the second half, but the Lady Lions were able to build on their lead from the charity stripe, connecting on seven of 11 from the foul line.

Behrend was led by junior forward Amber Krumpe, who had 12 points and two assists. Krumpe hit on eight of 10 from the free throw line. Freshmen forward Tenesha Aden recorded 12



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With their 58-43 victory over Lake Erie on Wednesday, the Lady Lions improved to 17-5 overall and 8-1 in the AMCC, good for a first place tie with Pitt-Greensburg, whom they will next face on Feb. 21.

points and three rebounds, and freshmen guard Brittany Mays scored nine points, grabbed three

rebounds and dished out two assists. Senior guard Carly Cochran contributed eight points, five boards and three assists.

Phylicia Chiappone scored 16 points and had nine rebounds, and Sarah Miller had 11 points and four rebounds to lead Lake Erie.

In last Saturday's game against Frostburg State, free throws once again played a huge role in Behrend's victory. Behrend shot 25 more free throws than Frostburg in the game, and made 21 more. The Lady Lions shot 78.4 percent from the line for the game, hitting nine out of 10 in the first half and 20 of 27 in the second half. Frostburg shot zero free throws in the first half and made eight of 12 in the second half.

Behrend won 70 -57 and was led by senior guard Erica Mozdy, who recorded a double-double with 17 points and 11 boards. She was named to the AMCC's Best of the Rest List for her performance. Krumpke scored 11 points and grabbed three rebounds, and Mays scored 10 points, secured three rebounds and recorded three assists.

Next up for the Lady Lions are two non conference road games against Hilbert and La Roche, before their final regular season game against Pitt-Greensburg.

Runners prepare for outdoor season at Fredonia

by Kevin Fiorenzo
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On Friday, the men's and women's indoor track and field teams continued their successful season with strong showings by both squads at the Fredonia Invitational

The men's team was the overall winners for the day with 68 points. The women's team finished in second place behind Fredonia.

Overall, the men's team accumulated eight first place finishes and seven second places. The women's team had six firsts and six second places.

Head coach Dave Cooper said, "Since this was our only 'scored' meet of the season, we instructed the athletes to go after points and places and not worry about times and distances."

In the men's 800m, junior Mike Barlett finished in first with a time of 2:01.60. He was followed closely in second and third by juniors Floyd Mattie and Clayton Kirschner.

Behrend also had the top two finishers in the 55m hurdles as junior Isaiah Meek and senior Dave Masilunas finished with times of 8.04 and 8.16, respectively.

Behrend was also the victor in both relay events, the 4x400m and 4x800m. Freshman Jon McKinney also had a strong outing as he won the long jump (6.33m) and high jump (1.67m). He also finished in second in the triple jump, behind sophomore teammate Shane Rock.

The men's team's final victory came in the pole vault, where junior Donnie Hackworth came out on top with a distance of 4.26m.

On the women's side, junior Claire Manelick won the 800m run with a time of 2:30.70. She was followed in second place by senior teammate Jessica Sarver with a time of 2:31.10. Sarver also performed well in the 1500m run, finishing in first at 5:05.05.

Senior Jessica Knapp emerged as the victor in the 3000m run with a time of 10:51.24. The women's team also won the 4x800m relay at 10:24.31.

Sophomore Staci Banaszek excelled in the jumping events, winning two events and finishing in second in another. She won the high jump and triple jump with distances of 1.56m and 10.75m. Her distance in the high jump was a Behrend record. She finished in second in the long jump with a distance of 16.9m, also a Behrend record and qualified for ECACs.

Coach Cooper was impressed with all the performances this weekend, especially with the struggles that the weather causes.

"The recent slight warm up has helped clear the areas where we train, but snow, ice, cold and wind have been a constant," said Cooper.

"Some of the times and performances they have had are remarkable when you consider the adversity."

With the strong performances this past weekend, the team can now look ahead optimistically toward the rest of the indoor season and soon, outdoor events.

"We continue to work with the goal of continued improvement through the indoor season and right into the outdoor competitions," said Cooper.

The teams will have three weeks between meets and then return at the Mount Union Invitational on Feb. 28.

Cooper said, "Not having a meet this weekend or next weekend will give us an opportunity to get a couple full weeks of training in so I believe it will help us in most events."

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Athlete of the Week



Erica Mozdy

SPORT: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
CLASS: SENIOR
DATE: FEB. 9, 2004

MOZDY DOMINATED THE COURT IN BEHREND'S 70-57 VICTORY OVER FROSTBURG STATE THIS PAST SATURDAY. SHE SCORED 17 POINTS IN ONLY 24 MINUTES OF PLAY, AND HAD 11 RE-

BOUNDS. MOZDY IS SECOND IN THE AMCC IN THREE POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE MADE.

BEHREND UP FOR THE BLUE AND WHITE WILL BE AN AMCC CONFERENCE GAME AT 4 P.M.