

## Hockey team off to record start

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Behrend's hockey team is off to the best start in the team's history and proved itself against team rival Edinboro. On Saturday, Dec. 3, the Blue and White outshot, outscored, overpowered and simply outplayed the Fighting Scots in their 10-2 victory. For the entire game, Behrend outshot Edinboro 55-15. With a powerful offense and a suffocating defense led by goaltender Pat Laskey's 13 saves, the Lions dominated every aspect of the game.

"Edinboro was the peak of our season. We played together and it was the best game of the season so far," said sophomore Daniel Thiessen.

Goals were scored by J.B. Beers (2), Joe Persang (2), Brysten Jones (2), Tim McGill, Brad Alayon, Daren Douglas, and Jon Romanelli. Other points were contributed by D.J. Craven with two assists, Alayon with three assists, Beers, Persang and Romanelli, Thiessen, Adam Pennypacker, Eric Baluh, Max Polinski, Andrew Bittner, Eric Fry, with one assist each. Adding to the success of the offense, Behrend also capitalized on four of the nine powerplays.

Another notable accomplishment for Behrend was the nearly flawless shutdown of Edinboro's and College Hockey East's leading scorer, Nick Tucci, who had accumulated 14 goals before Saturday night's game. Behrend's tenacious defense held Tucci to only one goal, his only point for the entire game.

Following the Edinboro game, Behrend

fell to non-conference Robert Morris 6-3 at RMU's Island Sports Center. Leading the scoring for Behrend was Polinski with two goals and Craven with one goal. Assists for the Blue and White were credited to Jones with two and Thiessen with one. Since this was a non-conference game, the loss does not affect Behrend's standing in College Hockey East.

Overall, Behrend is 8-3 with a 5-1 CHE record and sits atop the North division. Improving from last year's 4-7-3 record, the Lions look to make a run at the playoffs and a potential League Title. "We all hope to make the playoffs for the first time in our team's history. If we keep working hard and realize our goals, we can definitely accomplish that," said Thiessen.

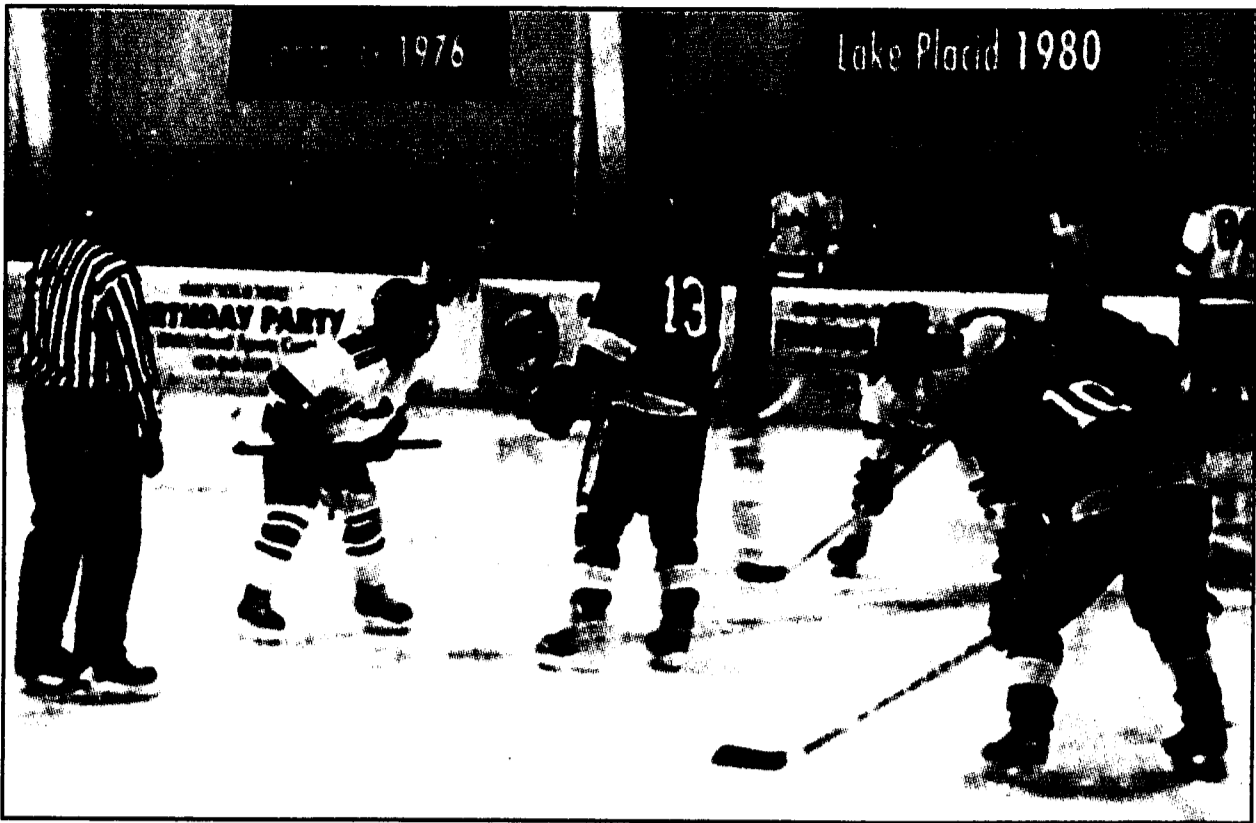
The hockey team also finds itself ranked nationally in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division III. Behrend is currently ranked tenth in the North Region of the Association.

Behrend hockey was in action Thursday night again against Edinboro, this time, the away team; however, the game was too late for a statistical report. On Sunday, Dec. 11, the men will travel to Center Ice Arena to play against St. Vincent.

"If we play as hard as we played against Edinboro the first time, we should have the same outcome," said Thiessen.

You can support your Blue and White Hockey team by attending their intense games or supporting their T-Shirt sale. To stay updated on Behrend Hockey, visit [www.eteamz.com/psbhockey](http://www.eteamz.com/psbhockey) for more information.

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(On last week's game against Edinboro)



Center Joe Persang prepares to take the face-off against Robert Morris. Despite their intense play in recent games, the Blue and White were unsuccessful in their quest to defeat non-conference RMU. The Lions sit at 8-3 overall.

Date	Event	Time
December 9, Women's Basketball	Behrend Tournament	6 p.m.
December 9, Women's Basketball	Behrend Tournament	8 p.m.
December 10, Women's Basketball	Behrend Tournament	1 p.m./3 p.m.
December 10, Men's Basketball	@ Fredonia	8 p.m.
December 15, Men's Basketball	@ Cal Tech Tournament vs. Puget Sound	7 p.m.
December 19, Men's Basketball	@ Cal Tech Tournament vs. Milwaukee	7 p.m.
December 21, Women's Basketball	@ Aridias Desert Shootout vs. Gettysburg	3:30 p.m.
December 22, Women's Basketball	@ Aridias Desert Shootout vs. TBA	11 a.m. or 1:15 p.m.



**HOVING AWARDS**  
**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

NAME: **Eric Gahan**  
SPORT: **Men's Basketball**  
CLASS: **Sophomore**  
DATE: **December 5, 2005**

Behrend's Eric Gahan was named Athlete of the Week for his performance in the game against Edinboro.

### Heisman Trophy Winners\*

1974	Archie Griffin	Ohio State	RB	Jr.
1975	Archie Griffin	Ohio State	RB	Sr.
1976	Tony Dorsett	Pittsburgh	RB	Sr.
1977	Earl Campbell	Texas	RB	Sr.
1978	Billy Sims	Oklahoma	RB	Jr.
1979	Charles White	USC	RB	Sr.
1980	George Rogers	S. Carolina	RB	Sr.
1981	Marcus Allen	USC	RB	Sr.
1982	Herschel Walker	Georgia	RB	Jr.
1983	Mike Rozier	Nebraska	RB	Sr.
1984	Doug Flutie	BC	QB	Sr.
1985	Bo Jackson	Auburn	RB	Sr.
1986	Vinny Testaverde	Miami (Fla)	QB	Sr.
1987	Tim Brown	Notre Dame	WR	Sr.
1988	Barry Sanders	Ok State	RB	Jr.
1989	Andre Ware	Houston	QB	Jr.
1990	Ty Detmer	BYU	QB	Jr.
1991	Desmond Howard	Michigan	WR	Jr.
1992	Gino Torretta	Miami (Fla)	QB	Sr.
1993	Charlie Ward	Florida State	QB	Sr.
1994	Rashaan Salaam	Colorado	RB	Jr.
1995	Eddie George	Ohio State	RB	Sr.
1996	Danny Wuerffel	Florida	QB	Sr.
1997	Charles Woodson	Michigan	CB	Jr.
1998	Ricky Williams	Texas	RB	Sr.
1999	Ron Dayne	Wisconsin	RB	Sr.
2000	Chris Weinke	Florida State	QB	Sr.
2001	Eric Crouch	Nebraska	QB	Sr.
2002	Carson Palmer	USC	QB	Sr.
2003	Jason White	Oklahoma	QB	Jr.
2004	Matt Leinart	USC	QB	Jr.

\*since the last two-time winner



College football's most elite player will be chosen for the Heisman Trophy this weekend in New York City.

## Behrend women rely on depth for success

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The Lady Lions basketball team began their season in the Behrend Tip-Off Tournament on Nov. 18 with a dominating performance over Westminster, a 68-57 win. The next day, the Blue and White faced Case Western in the championship game, but fell short by a count of 74-59.

After the long Thanksgiving break, the squad began conference play in the AMCC. On Dec. 2, the Lady Lions traveled south for two games in two days. First, the team squared off against Pitt-Greensburg for a hard-fought contest but lost by a score of 75-71. Unfortunately for the Lady Lions, Pitt-Greensburg senior forward Tish Hines dropped 32 points to give the opponents the edge.

The next day, the Lady Lions didn't fare much better. Frostburg State jumped out to a 42-20 lead at halftime and never

looked back as they emerged victorious, 69-53.

On Dec. 6, the "hoop squad," as the team likes to call itself, was set to face Fredonia at home, but due to a horrible snowstorm, the game was postponed to a time to be determined later.

"I guess Fredonia was on their way down the interstate, but the cops closed the road," said Behrend forward Annemarie Priester. "We showed up to the Junker, and wondered why Coach Fornari wasn't in her usual suit and why she was waiting for us at the door. She told us the game was canceled."

Tonight and tomorrow, the Lady Lions will host their Winter Classic Tournament. On Friday, Thomas More will face Buffalo State at 6 p.m. followed by Behrend vs. Grove City at 8 p.m. On Saturday, the consolation game will take place at 1 p.m., and the championship game will be at 3 p.m. The Lady Lions hope to end their three-game losing streak with a first-place finish in the Winter Classic.

So far this season, junior guard Brittany Mays leads the team in scoring with 14.8 points per game and in total rebounds with 28. Mays also limits her turnovers, which is vital for this young team to do in order to be successful. She only has four turnovers in four games. Mays was also selected as one of the "best of the best" for the week by the AMCC with her performances against Pitt-Greensburg and Frostburg State. She averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds, which amounted to an average of a double-double. Sophomore guard Jessica Serafin is second in scoring with 11.5 points per game. She is shooting a sizzling 12 for 27 (44 percent) from three-point range. Junior forward Rachel Slomski is third in scoring with 10.8 points per game and second in total rebounds with 26.

Other primary contributors include freshman forward Victoria Innes, who averages 7.8 points per game; sophomore forward Annemarie Priester who averages 8.5 points in conference play; and senior guard Kristie Connolly, who comes off the bench to provide a spark on defense. Everyone on the team averages at least 10 minutes per game, which shows Behrend's great depth.