

SPORTS

Men's basketball continues winning

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The Behrend Men's basketball team is looking to add to their winning streak this weekend on the road. Coming off of a dominant 69-29 win at Medaille Tuesday night, head coach Dave Niland and his Behrend Lions will take on two more conference challengers. On Friday, Lake Erie will host the defending Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference champions at 7 p.m. The next day, La Roche will host the Lions at 6 p.m.

With both games being within the conference the Lions will have to continue to succeed to maintain their winning record and repeat their performance at the AMCC semifinals last year against Lake Erie. However, only being a third of the way through the season, it is far from over. Penn State Erie has a season schedule of 18 conference games with only six of those completed so far. All of the schools in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference still have a chance. With a win on Friday at Painsville, Behrend can go into a tie with Lake Erie for the conference lead.

Behrend didn't fair well last season when traveling to Painsville, Ohio, losing 42-65. On a four game winning streak, Lake Erie's Reggie Richardson and Robert Williams who led Lake Erie to a 79-66 victory over Penn State Altoona, look to do the same against Behrend. Penn State coming off their own six game

winning streak, won't just roll over.

When asked how he expected his players to perform coach Niland replied, "Hopefully well, right now they [Lake Erie] are in first place in their league, so it's a big game for us." He also said, "They continue to do better, and get better with each practice both offensively and defensively."

Once again this season, the Lions will be led by Senior Captain J.J. Ferguson and Senior point guard Justin Jennings. They are hoping to continue the success they have had so far this season. Scoring 19 points and three rebounds last game, Ferguson seems to be the same leader he has been throughout the season. Sophomore David Gahan is also expected to aid the Lions cause. He led the team with eight rebounds in the recent match up against Pitt-

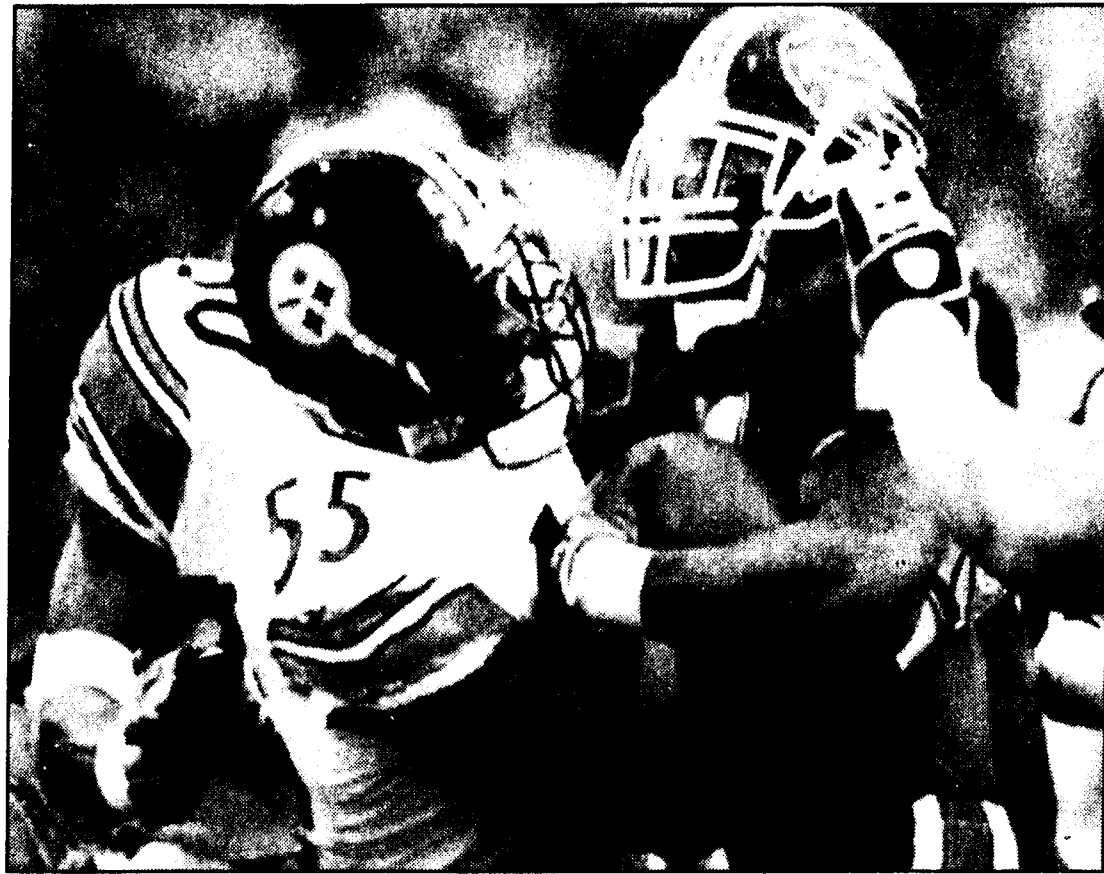
Bradford, and seems to be consistent. Kevin Buczynski, a 6-7 sophomore, has his name all over the leader boards, posting a team leading 23 point game at home last Saturday night and 9 rebounds away at Medaille.

La Roche, led by Junior captains Adam Kostewicz and Stacy Grady, are 5-8 overall this season and only 3-3 in conference. Not being able to defeat the Behrend Lions a single time last year, the Redhawks seem to be an easier game. However, Coach Niland said, "It's another tough game, and they're a good team." So it may not be as easy as

some of the statistics seem to imply. The Behrend Lions should have a tough weekend ahead of them playing against two tough AMCC NCAA Division III men's basketball programs.

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-Coach Dave Niland



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Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Joey Porter was not fined by NFL officials after his accusations of cheating by the referees in Sunday's game. Porter speculated that the refs were in favor of the Colts.

This Week's Hits and Misses

Hits:

- **Steve Smith** (WR Carolina Panthers): Smith recorded Panther records in Sunday's win over Chicago as he caught 12 balls for 218 yards and two touchdowns. Smith succeeded in confusing the pass coverage and eluding tacklers.
- **Martin Brodeur** (G New Jersey Devils): Brodeur saved 26 shots on Tuesday to bring him to fifth on the career saves list. Brodeur passes Hall of Famer Tony Esposito on the list for career saves.
- **Ronny Turiaf** (Forward Los Angeles Lakers): Six months after having open heart surgery, Turiaf signed a deal with the Lakers. Turiaf spent the majority of last year recovering from surgery to repair an enlarged aortic root that was found by team doctors in a routine examination.
- **Adam Morrison** (Forward Gonzaga): Morrison is leading the NCAA in scoring with 28.3 points per game. In addition, he is averaging six rebounds per game and a 52 percent shooting percentage.

Misses:

- **Joey Porter** (LB Pittsburgh Steelers): After the Steelers' win over Indianapolis, Porter made derogatory accusations about the officials in Sunday's game. Among the things Porter said were, "The whole world wanted Indy to win so bad, they were going to do whatever they had to do." Porter was not fined by the league for his accusations of the referee's alleged cheating.
- **Antonio Davis** (New York Knicks): After seeing his wife apparently being threatened by a fan, Davis, who is the NBA's president of the Players' Association, ran into the stands to protect his wife. Davis was stopped before a fight could ensue.
- **Angela Keathly** (Carolina Panthers): Former Panther cheerleader Keathly was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after she allegedly attacked a cheerleader who Keathly claimed spread rumors of sexual scandals.
- **Daniell Harper**: The wife of Indianapolis Colts' conerback Nick Harper was charged with the felonies of battery with a deadly weapon and criminal recklessness after she allegedly stabbed her husband in a domestic dispute. Harper claims that the stabbing was accidental.
- **John Paxson** (GM Chicago Bulls): He was fined \$15,000 after the Bulls' loss to Denver. Paxson was accused of verbally abusing officials. The Nuggets shot 41 free throws to the Bulls' 12.

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Weekly Sports Poll

What team do you think will play in Super Bowl XL?

1. Denver Broncos
2. Seattle Seahawks
3. Pittsburgh Steelers
4. Carolina Panthers

Last Week's Results: Ben Roethlisberger with 45 percent of the votes. Email Chris LaFuria at csl5005@psu.edu with your answer to this weeks poll. Results will be posted in next week's Beacon. Cast your votes now!

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