

SPOPTS

Behrend men look to end strong

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With the AMCC Tournament beginning in less than a week, the Behrend Lions are looking to cap off the season on a strong note. Currently, the Lions have a record of 17-6 overall and are 11-5 in AMCC play. This past Saturday, Behrend went on the road and roared over Pitt-Bradford 67-58. Sophomore Center Kevin Buczynski shot 8-11 from the field contributing 24 points and 9 rebounds.

The win on Saturday was very important, since it ended a two-game skid heading into the end of the season. They fell in heart-breakers, falling on Feb. 4 to Hilbert, 55-54, and on Feb. 7 to Penn State Altoona, 52-50.

Despite the team dropping close games toward the end of the season, they still stand as an "elite Division-three team." Head Coach Dave Niland is impressed with the way the team has performed this season. "We are a fairly young team with just a couple of seniors. I am very happy with the way we have played this season. Even in the games we've lost, the team has fought hard until the end and that's all you can ask for," he said.

The Lions statistics and teamwork show that they have had an impressive season, and they should be ready for the upcoming home games and tournaments. They continue to stand high among several statistical rankings throughout Division- three play. Currently, they rank twelfth in the nation in field goal percentage,

and nineteenth overall in defense.

In the AMCC, Behrend is first in scoring defense, only allowing an average of 61 points per game. They are shooting the lights out, with averages of .510 from the field and .386 behind the arc, both topping the AMCC. When asked about the upcoming tournament, Coach Niland said, "I think the players are ready for the tournament; hopefully we'll come out with an AMCC Championship."

The Lions have two games before the AMCC Tournament, which begins on Feb. 21. They will take on La Roche on Friday at the Junker Center in what will be the second televised game this season on the Image Sports Network. Then they will face Lake Erie at home on Saturday. Both games are scheduled for 8 p.m.



Left: Kevin Buczynski grabs a rebound during a recent AMCC game. Buczynski leads the Lions with 18.5 points per game.

Men's Schedule and Results for Feb.

February 3 @ Mt. Aloysius
Result: W 80-63
Record: 16-4, 10-3
February 4 @ Penn State Altoona
Result: L 52-50
Record: 16-5, 10-4
February 7 @ Hilbert*
Result: L 55-54
Record: 16-6, 10-5
February 11 @ Pitt-Bradford
Result: W 67-58
Record: 17-6, 11-5

Sports Trivia 101

What are the only two countries south of the Equator that have won medals at any Winter Olympic Games?

Last Week's answer: **Michael Jordan**
(answered by Samuel Del Verne)

The answer will be posted in next week's Beacon issue. Email your answers to csl5005@psu.edu. The first person to answer correctly will have their name printed next week. Good Luck!

Greg Lanich: Winter Olympics Update

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America is doing well at keeping a top gold medal count in the 2006 Torino Winter Olympics. As of Feb. 14, USA had six gold, two silver and one bronze. Day one consisted of the Men's 20km Individual Biathlon, the Nordic Combined 15km, the Freestyle Ladies Mogul Skiing, and America's first gold of the games, the Men's 5000m speed skating, by Chad Hedrick. Day two led to a win in men's half-pipe snowboarding, by 19-year-old Shaun White. Feb. 13 was a double gold medal day for America, with wins in Men's Speed skating and Ladies snowboarding by Joey Cheek and Hannah Teter. Feb. 14 led to gold medals by Ted Ligety in Alpine Skiing. America suffered their first day without a gold on Feb. 15, but made it back in with Seth Wescott in Snowboard cross.

Another headline of the Olympics involves American Champion Figure Skater Michelle Kwan, and her exit from the games. Michelle Kwan pulled a muscle in practice last Saturday, and the injury worsened over time. She withdrew after Dr. Jim Moeller evaluated her early Sunday morning and recommended she not continue. Michelle Kwan appeared at press conferences to announce her withdrawal stating, "I wish I was here in better circumstances," then said, "I respect the Olympics too much

to compete and I don't feel I can be at my best." Kwan's replacement, Emily Hughes, is Olympic Gold Medalist Sarah Hughes' younger sister. Hughes was originally cut from the team when all spots were filled, and Michelle Kwan received a medical bye for the try-outs. While Kwan is possibly the world's foremost figure skater, Emily Hughes is confident about her chances. "I think I have been training hard ... I'll be ready to compete whatever it is, and right now it is the Olympics. I feel ready."

America's second upset was a slip by Apollo Anton Ohno, 2002 gold medal winner, in the Men's 1500m Short Track Speed Skating. Possibly contributing to the slip, Ohno showed up to the race late and likely did not have the time to warm up appropriately. Ohno still has the 1000m, 500m, and relay events to bounce back.

Italy spent nearly \$2 billion in the construction of the entire "Olympic Village." For a time, the Olympic committee threatened bankruptcy due to immense costs, similar to the predicament in Athens for the 2004 Summer Olympics. Construction included five sports venues, athlete housing, the Olympic Torch and multiple tracks for downhill luge, bobsled and skeleton. Also included is a completely new ski-lift system, and many nearby roads have been fixed and re-laid.

Four years ago, America took third in the gold medal count. Right now, America has the lead and is hoping to hold it for the remainder of the games.

Right:Head Coach Dave Niland sends a signal to his players during a recent Blue and White men's game.



Record as of Feb. 10, 2006

All Games:
Overall: (17-6)
Home:(10-1)
Away: (6-4)
Neutral: (1-1)

Conference:
Overall: (11-5)
Home: (6-1)
Away: (5-4)
Neutral: (0-0)

Non-Conference:
Overall: (6-1)
Home: (4-0)
Away: (1-0)
Neutral: (1-1)

2006 Olympic Winter Games Medal Update

Country:	Tot.	G	S	B	Country:	Tot.	G	S	B
Norway	13	1	6	6	Switz.	4	1	2	1
Russia	11	5	2	4	S. Korea	3	1	1	1
Germany	10	5	4	1	Estonia	2	2	0	0
U.S.	9	6	2	1	Australia	1	1	0	0
Canada	8	1	3	4	Bulgaria	1	0	1	0
Austria	6	3	2	1	Croatia	1	0	1	0
China	6	1	2	3	C. Rep.	1	0	1	0
Italy	5	2	0	3	G. Britain	1	0	1	0
Finland	5	0	2	3	Slovakia	1	0	1	0
Sweden	4	2	1	1	Latvia	1	0	0	1
France	4	2	0	2	Ukraine	1	0	0	1
Nether.	4	1	2	1					

February and March Sports Schedule

Feb. 18, Women's Basketball	Lake Erie	6 p.m.
Feb. 18, Men's Basketball	Lake Erie	8 p.m.
Feb. 21, Women's Basketball	AMCC Tournament	TBA
Feb. 21, Men's Basketball	AMCC Tournament	TBA
Feb. 23, Swimming and Diving	ECAC Tournament	TBA
Feb. 24, Swimming and Diving	ECAC Tournament	TBA
Feb. 24-25, Women's Basketball	AMCC Tournament	TBA
Feb. 24-25, Men's Basketball	AMCC Tournament	TBA
Feb. 25 Women's Water Polo	@ Bucknell vs. Wagner	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 25 Women's Water Polo	@ Bucknell vs. Marist	5:20 p.m.
Feb. 25, Swimming and Diving,	@ ECAC Tournament	TBA
Feb. 25, Indoor Track and Field	@ Mount Union Invit.	11 a.m.
Feb. 25, Men's Tennis	Waynesburg	1 p.m.
Feb. 26 Women's Water Polo	@ Buck. vs. St. Francis	8 a.m.
Feb. 26 Women's Water Polo	@ Buck. vs. Maryland	12:40 p.m.
March 1, Women's Basketball	ECAC Tournament	TBA
March 1, Men's Basketball	ECAC Tournament	TBA
March 2, Women's Basketball	NCAA Tournament	TBA
March 2, Men's Basketball	NCAA Tournament	TBA
March 3, Women's Water Polo	@ W&J	7:30 p.m.
March 3-4, Indoor Track and Field	@ ECAC Champs.	TBA
March 4, Women's Basketball	ECAC Champs.	TBA
March 4, Men's Basketball	ECAC Champs.	TBA
March 4, Women's Basketball	NCAA Tournament	TBA

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