

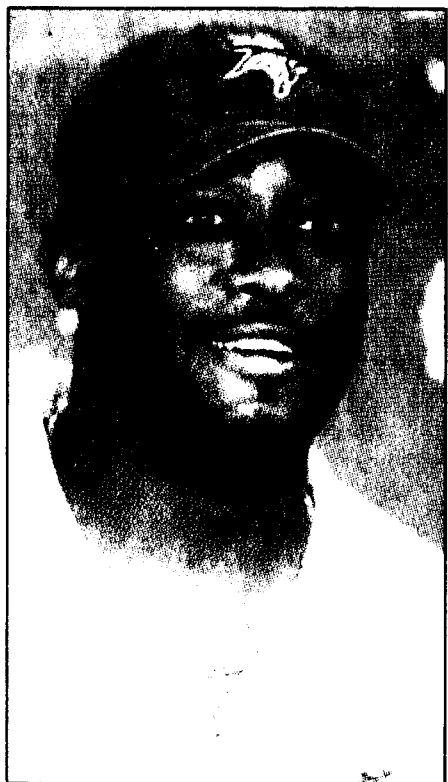
Steelers name a new head coach

By Danielle Brown
sports editor

The Pittsburgh Steelers named Mike Tomlin as their head coach on Monday Jan. 22, 2007. Tomlin was previously the defensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings. He is the first African-American head coach in the Steelers 74 year history as a team.

At the time he was hired by the Pittsburgh Steelers, Tomlin was the youngest head coach in the NFL.

Tomlin, being only 34, will bring fresh, new ideas to the Steelers that could possibly lead them to a successful season.



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Tomlin's Career

- 1995- Wide Receivers Coach at Virginia Military Institute
- 1996- Defensive backs and special teams coach at the University of Memphis
- 1997-98- Defensive backs and wide receivers coach at Arkansas State University
- 1999-2000- Defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati
- 2001-05- Defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- 2006- Defensive Coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings
- 2007- Pittsburgh Steelers head coach

Bears and Colts meet in Miami for Super Bowl XLI

By Danielle Brown
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On Feb. 4, 2007 the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears will battle for the title of Super Bowl XLI champs.

The New Orleans Saints and the Chicago Bears played for the NFC title. The Bears started off the first half of the game with three field goals by kicker Robbie Gould, and a touchdown by running back Thomas Jones to give them a 16-0 lead over the Saints. Before the end of the first half, Saints quarterback Drew Brees threw a touchdown pass to wide receiver Marques Colston, putting New Orleans on the board.

In the second half, the Saints looked like they had a chance when rookie Reggie Bush caught an 88-yard pass from Brees for a touchdown, giving the Bears only a 16-14 lead. The rest of the game was dominated by the Bears, who added three more touchdowns and a safety to their score, giving them a 39-14 victory and the title of NFC Champs.

This game was won by the Bears' defense, who forced four turnovers and more or less shut down the number one offense in the NFL, the New Orleans Saints. Other factors included quarterback Rex Grossman's zero turnovers and the two touchdowns and 123 yards running by Jones.

The Indianapolis Colts and the New England Patriots fought hard for the AFC title. The Patriots scored the first points of the game when running back Laurence Maroney fumbled a hand-off from quarterback Tom Brady, which was recovered by offensive lineman Logan Mankins in the end zone for a touchdown. The Colts answered this touchdown with a field goal, making the score 7-3 in



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Coaches Smith and Dungy are the first African-American head coaches in the NFL to take their teams to a Super Bowl.

the first quarter.

New England dominated the second quarter, scoring two more touchdowns and holding Indianapolis to only one last field goal before the end of the half. Going into the locker room, the Patriots had a commanding lead of 21-6.

The Colts came into the second half ready to fight back, scoring two touchdowns and a two-point-conversion to tie the game 21-21. The scoring went back and forth several times, tying the game at 28 and 31. Then, with 3:49 left in the game, Patriots kicker Stephen Gostkowski put New England ahead 34-31 with a 43-yard field goal. The Colts got the ball back and began to drive down the field when a roughing-the-passer call gave them the ball on New England's 11-yard line. Quarterback Peyton Manning handed the ball off to running back Joseph Addai three times, and he finally got into the end zone to put the Colts ahead 38-34, for the first time in the game, with exactly one minute left to

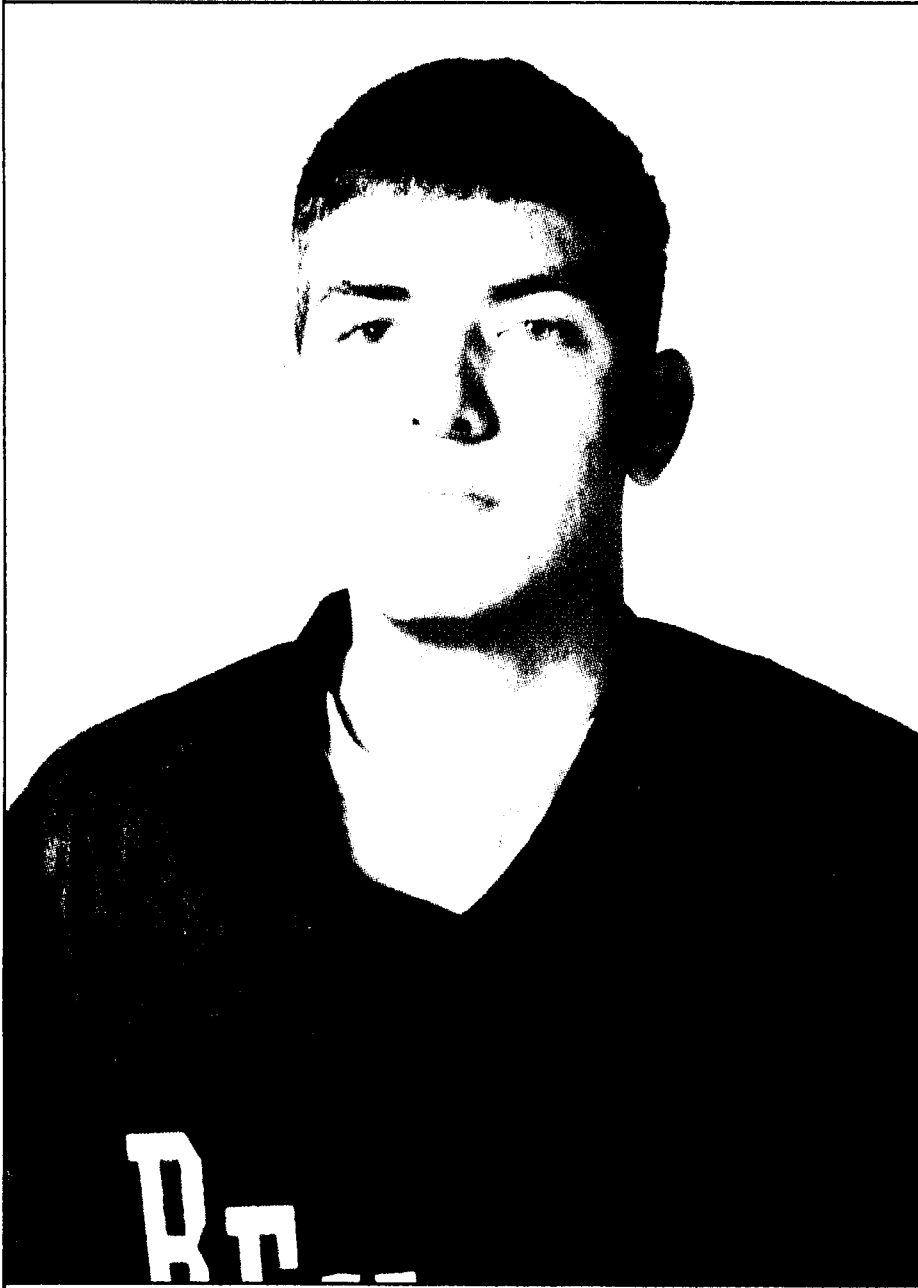
play.

Brady began driving down the field with two timeouts left, when he was intercepted by Sharon native Marlin Jackson to seal the win for the Colts who became the AFC Champions.

The wins for both the Bears and Colts made history in the NFL. Chicago coach Lovie Smith and Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy are the first African-American head coaches to take their teams to a Super Bowl. After the Colts victory, Dungy commented on this historical event saying, "I'm very proud of being an African-American. I'm very proud of Lovie." Smith also shared his feelings stating, "Tony Dungy has done an awful lot for our game. He hasn't had a chance to coach in the Super Bowl. I would love to see it."

Even though Dungy and Smith both respect each other, they both have only one thing on their minds--to win the Super Bowl.

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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NAME: Kevin Buczynski
SPORT: Men's Basketball
CLASS: Junior
DATE: January 22, 2007

Kevin Buczynski (Erie/Villa Maria) has been named the Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week.

Buczynski broke the coveted 1,000 career point mark this past week as the Behrend men's basketball team went 1-1 on the week to up their record to 9-1 in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) and 11-5 overall.

Buczynski was the bright spot for the men in a 63-51 loss last Thursday to Lake Erie. He had a game-high 26 points to go along with nine boards and five blocks. The 6-7 forward followed up with a 17 point and eight rebound performance in a 24-point victory over Frostburg State. Buczynski again proved dominate on both ends of the floor as he swatted another five shots against the Bobcats.

The men play again when they travel to Pitt-Greensburg on the Saturday, January 27.

Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week is selected by the Sports Information Staff.

Lady Lions know there's no "I" in team

By Kara Struski
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The Behrend Lady Lions are on a roll. The Lions have won 15 of their last 17 games and have no plans of stopping now.

On Jan. 10, the Lions played their most challenging game of the year, out-shooting conference rivals Medaille 50-49. In another recent home court victory, the Lady Lions got revenge against Frostburg State, winning 74-54. The first time the Lions faced Frostburg, they were dealt their first and only conference loss of the season thus far.

Head Coach Roz Fornari says the team is driven and focused. "They get it. They get that it takes everybody and not just one star or one person," says Fornari. "It's not something that has to be taught to them, they see that."

Although the team is rather young, with only three juniors and one senior, Fornari says the leadership on the team is stronger than ever. "The freshmen have come in and they aren't following us; they are going with us. The potential of the team is high because of them," says Fornari.

Senior guard Brittany Mays agrees that the depth and unity has been the biggest strength of this year's team.

Mays is playing a big role in the Lions success. She was recently named ECAC Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 15 and broke the 1,000 point barrier of her career during a recent game at Mt. Aloysius. Mays currently stands eighth all-time in points for Behrend.

"We have a good group which gives us cohesion on the court," says Mays. "Everyone knows their job which has helped us in a lot of games."

Sophomore point guard Natalie Engel agrees. "We are so well rounded and everyone is a team player this year," says Engel.

Coach Fornari is confident that winning the rest of this season's games is possible if the team plays to its ability. Hosting and winning the AMCC championship is a major goal for the team and they remain focused on that goal.

"We prepare for games like every game is the most important game of the season, with the same intensity and focus," says Engel. "We know if we focus on our strengths, we have the



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Brittany Mays going up for a shot

ability to win any game."

The Lions play at home on Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. against Hilbert. Lions finish off the week at home on Saturday, Feb. 3 against Penn State Altoona at 4 p.m.

Behrend men look to gain top spot in AMCC

By Matt Waronker
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The Penn State Behrend Men's Basketball team began the New Year by winning six of their last seven games, all of which were against conference opponents. The Lions, who currently sit in second place behind Lake Erie in AMCC play with an overall record of 12-5, earned a quartet of decisive victories to begin the year.

Behrend took a pair of crucial road games against Penn State Altoona and Pitt-Bradford, returned to Erie, and defeated Medaille and La Roche. Throughout the four game stretch, the Lions defense, which ranks fifth in the nation, only allowed an average of 58 points per game.

Behrend's momentum, however, could only last so long, as the Lions fell to conference rival Lake Erie 63-51 this past Thursday at the Junker Center.

Entering the heated match-up, both Behrend and Lake Erie held perfect 8-0 conference records, implying that the winner would take sole possession of the AMCC. Fueled to stay unbeaten, Behrend's defense went to work, allowing Lake Erie a season low 18 first half points. The Storm, however, controlled the second half, outscoring Behrend by 18 points and taking advantage of the Lions 12 second half turnovers. Junior Kevin Buczynski led all scorers with 26 points, while freshman guard Justin Kovac added 11 points. Junior forward David Gahan came down with 11 boards. "The turnovers hurt us," said head coach Dave Niland. "In

the second half, we didn't defend well and we gave them a lot of second chances."

Despite the loss to Lake Erie, Behrend bounced back with a pair of victories against conference foes Frostburg State and Mount Aloysius. The Lions won both games by over 20 points, defeating Frostburg State 67-43 and Mount Aloysius 104-75. Against Frostburg State, Behrend's defense took over the game, holding the Bobcats to 24 percent shooting for the game. The Bobcats did not have a single scorer reach double figures.

"Our defense was able to keep [Frostburg] off balance," noted Niland. "We were able to then take advantage of that."

Buczynski led with a team high 17 points, which was just enough to push the junior center over the 1,000 point mark for his career. He currently ranks thirteenth all-time in Behrend history.

The Lions followed the win against Frostburg State with another victory; this time in a shootout at Mount Aloysius College. The Mounties, who gave Behrend some trouble when the two teams met earlier this season, was no match for the Lions. Behrend shot a consistent 58 percent from the floor and out-rebounded the Mounties 38-24. Gahan led all scorers with 23 points.

Behrend looks to add to their win column this Saturday on the road against Pitt-Greensburg.