

Men's basketball still on a roll

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The Penn State Behrend Men's Basketball team tallied two more wins this past week, defeating conference rivals Pitt-Greensburg and Hilbert College. The victories, which marked the team's third and fourth straight win, improve the Lions to 14-5 overall, and 12-1 in AMCC play.

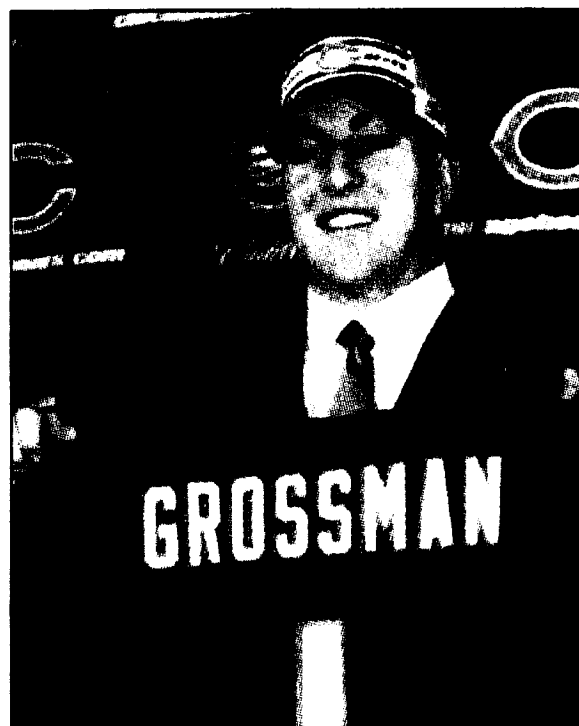
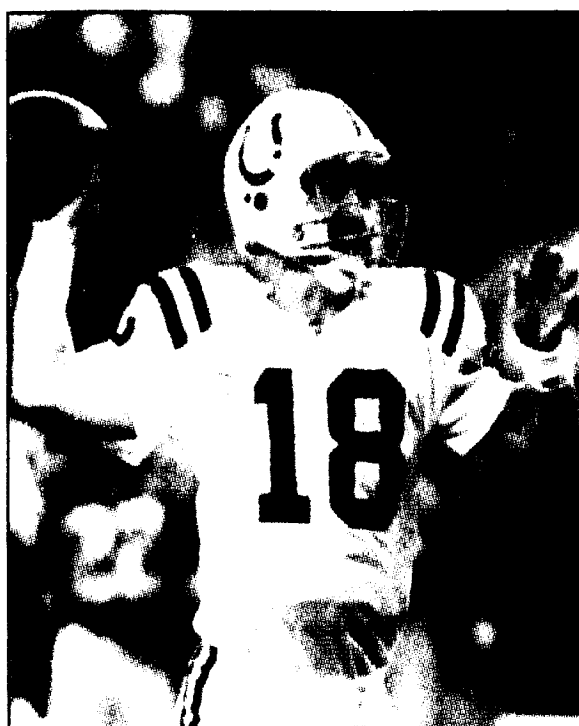
The first of the two victories came this past Saturday, Jan. 27, with a dominating 88-60 performance on the road at Pitt-Greensburg. Coming out of the gates, the Lions struggled to pull away from Pitt-Greensburg, keeping a slight lead through the entire first half. Behrend managed to enter halftime with a 34-29 advantage; the Lions were able to come into the second half firing on all cylinders. Behrend shot an almost automatic 74 percent from the floor, outscoring the hosting Bobcats by 24 points. Behrend was led by junior center Kevin Buczynski who led all scorers with 22 points. Defensively, the Lions were stellar, holding the Bobcats to just 42 percent from the field. Pitt-Greensburg had only one scorer reach double digits. Behrend once again dominated the boards, out-rebounding Pitt-Greensburg 39-24. However, more significant than the team's tenacious effort to get the ball was their ability to hold onto the ball. Behrend only committed two second half turnovers.

Head coach Dave Niland says the team undoubtedly created a positive situation by not turning the ball over. "The fact that we didn't turn the ball

over allowed us to have a good shot every time we had the ball," Niland said.

Behrend's second win came at home this past Wednesday, January 31, against visiting Hilbert College. The Lions defeated Hilbert 65-50. In similar fashion to their previous game, Behrend needed a strong second half to pull away with a win. After starting the game exchanging shot for shot, Behrend began to cement their lead, going on an 18-8 run to close out the first half. The Lions 33-23 halftime lead continued to grow and despite a few scares early in the second half, Hilbert was unable to catch Behrend. Once again Behrend's defense silenced the opposition, holding the Hawks to 29 percent shooting for the game. Offensively, Behrend got a handful of contributions with four players reaching the double digit mark in scoring. Junior guard Doug Straub led the team with 12 points, shooting 4-for-7 from beyond the arc. Also contributing to the winning effort was Buczynski who had a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Sophomore guard Tom Newman and freshman forward Adam Potter had 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Lions next game is Feb. 3 at home against conference rival Penn State Altoona. From there, the Behrend men will set out on a three-game conference road trip before ending their regular season at home on Feb. 17 against Pitt-Bradford. The AMCC tournament play officially begins on Feb. 20.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Peyton Manning and Rex Grossman go head-to-head in Super Bowl XLI in Miami on Feb. 4 on CBS.

Bears or Colts? Only time will tell

By Andrew McLachlan
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Well, it's that time of the year again. A time where buddies get together, throw back some drinks and watch a little football. That's right, it is time for the Super Bowl. This year's game pairs two teams that have interesting backgrounds, which could make for a very exciting game and draw a large audience.

The Indianapolis Colts, coached by Tony Dungy, are known for being an offensive powerhouse, but, so far during the playoffs, they have had to rely on their defense, which was one of the worst in the regular season. One of the reasons why the Colts had such a poor defense during the season was due to multiple of injuries to key defensive players that include Corey Simon, Mike Doss and Erie native Bob Sanders. With Sanders now healthy and playing, it seems that the Colts' defense is playing to the similar defense they had during the 2005-2006 season.

Even though the Colts' defense has been the surprising story of the playoffs, it still does not take the attention away from their offense, which is led by all-pro quarterback Peyton Manning. He is however known as one of the greatest quarterbacks of his time, he has never reached the Super Bowl. Now with that out of the way, all he needs to do is win the game to put him in the

elite class of Super Bowl winners, like John Elway, Joe Montana and Tom Brady.

Look for the Colts to try to use their air attack of Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark to throw off the Bears' defense and to test their young defensive backs. Clark, the fourth year tight end from the University of Iowa, will be the player to watch in the backfield. If the Colts can get a Manning to Clark rhythm going, that will open up passing lanes for All-Pro's Harrison and Wayne to take advantage of. Another player to watch for is Colts half-back Joseph Addai. The rookie out of LSU has had a very successful freshman season in the pros and could be useful on draws and screens.

The Chicago Bears, coached by Lovie Smith, has been one of the elite teams in the league all year. Led by their defense, the Bears have shut down opponent's offenses and left teams bruised and confused. Linebacker Brian Urlacher, the seven year All-Pro out of New Mexico, has proven, especially this year, that he is in his own class at the linebacker position, which has led to comparisons of another great Bears linebacker John Singletary.

The Bears offense is led by third year pro quarterback Rex Grossman. The former Florida Gator has been taking some verbal abuse from the media, calling him a "bum" and

requesting for his backup, Brian Griese, to take his spot. After a strong showing against the Saints two weeks ago, Grossman looks to silence his critics by winning the Super Bowl.

Players to watch for are Bears half-backs Thomas Jones and Cedrick Benson. With the Colts having the worst defense against the run, the Bears might look to establish a running attack early, with their two stud backs. Other players to look out for are Bears cornerback Nathan Vasher and rookie returnman, All-Pro Devin Hester. Vasher, known for being a ball-hawk, will look to shut down the Colts passing attack and Hester looks to continue his reign as one of the most dangerous returnmen in the game.

Penn State Behrend Political Science major Chris Brown picks the Colts to win. He went to Cathedral Prep and the University of Iowa like Bob Sanders. Brown says, "Sanders is going to wreck-house against the Bears. Their defense with him is better or just as good as the Bears."

Behrend Junior Josh Lane and Senior Ben Raymond both think the Bears are going to come out on top. Lane says, "the team with the best defense win the Super Bowl every year, so the Bears definitely have the advantage."

Only time will tell which defense will help their team win Super Bowl XLI.

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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NAME: Brittany Mays
SPORT: Women's Basketball
CLASS: Senior
DATE: Jan. 29, 2007

Brittany Mays (Keystone/Knox) has been named the Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week. Mays eclipsed the 1,000 point mark last week when she dropped 16 points on 8-of-14 shooting to go along with 12 boards. Behrend went on to beat Mt. Aloysius 79-53.

In game two of the week, Mays again hit double-digits as she connected for 12 points and three steals as the Behrend women edged out a tough Pitt-Greensburg team on the road 61-59. Women's basketball is now an impressive 16-2 on the season and tied atop the AMCC at 11-1.

Behrend is back in action again on Saturday, February 3 when the women will welcome Penn State Altoona into the Junker Center for a 4 p.m. tip-off. The game will be broadcast live on the Image Sports network.

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

Fantasy Football for Super Bowl XLI

By Danielle Brown
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To make Super Bowl XLI a little more interesting, my boyfriend Anthony and I decided to have a one game Fantasy Football League.

Here is the point system for our one-game league: Each team will have one quarterback who will score one point for every 20 yards passing and six points for each touchdown pass. However, if the quarterback throws an interception, two points will be taken off of the score.

There will be one running back on each team who will score one point for every 10 rushing yards they complete, and if they get over 100-yards rushing, a three point bonus will be awarded.

One wide receiver will be on each team and will score one point for every 20 reception yards they complete, and if they get over 100-yards receiving, again a three point bonus will be awarded.

A touchdown by either the running back, wide receiver or quarterback would add six points to the score. If any of these players fumble the ball, two points would be taken from the score.

The last two team members are the kicker and the defense. The kicker could score one point for each extra-point successfully completed, three points for a field goal under 40 yards, four points for a field goal between 40-49 yards, and so on.

The defense scores Fantasy points for holding the opposing team to a low number of points. For example, if my defense only gave up seven points, I would get 10 Fantasy points. If they held the other team to 8-14 points, I would get nine Fantasy points, and so on. Also, if a defensive touchdown is scored, six points would be added to the Fantasy score, and if any member of the defense sacks the opposing quarterback, one point is awarded.

Anthony and I flipped a coin to see who got the first pick. I got the first pick and these are our teams:

	<u>Danielle</u>	<u>Anthony</u>
Quarterback:	Manning (Ind.)	Grossman (Chi.)
Running Back:	Jones (Chi.)	Addai (Ind.)
Wide Receiver:	Harrison (Ind.)	Wayne (Ind.)
Kicker:	Gould (Chi.)	Vinatieri (Ind.)
Defense:	Bears	Colts

Look for our results in the next edition of the Beacon.