

ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Julia Andrus
SPORT: Women's Basketball
CLASS: Senior
DATE: Dec. 3, 2007

Julia Andrus (Corry/Corry) has been named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of Dec. 03, 2007.

Andrus has been a great points contributor thus far for the Behrend Lady Lions, tallying 66 total points, with an average 11.0 ppg. This past week, she had a game-high 18 points against Mt. Aloysius and then added another 10 points to defeat Frostburg State. Andrus leads the team in average ppg and in defensive rebounds, recording 18. Andrus is currently shooting 44 percent from the field, 65.5 percent from the line, and 37.5 percent long range.

In their next match-up the Blue and White will travel to Pitt-Greensburg for their last conference game before Christmas break on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.

Women's basketball wins three straight

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After starting the season off with four straight losses, the Penn State Behrend women's basketball team has bounced back to tally victories in their last three match-ups. The Lady Lions' three-straight victories have all come in conference play, catapulting the squad's once dismal 0-4 record to a respectable 3-4. Along with being a game back from the .500 mark, the Lady Lions are undefeated in the AMCC, an accomplishment that for now has hoisted Behrend atop their conference standings.

The Lady Lions' three victories, against Mount Aloysius, Frostburg State and Hilbert College, have come by an average of over 30 points, and, to the delight of head coach Roz Fornari, have revealed a much different Behrend team than what was displayed in the squad's first four match-ups.

"In our first four games, although we didn't play to our potential, they were against good teams," says Fornari. "We didn't play to win, but over these past few games our mindset has started to change. We've taken care of our intensity and we've gotten to the level to win games. We've been consistent and committed to showing the same effort on a daily basis because our leaders have stepped up to mentor that. Really, we've just worked harder."

Against Mount Aloysius, the team started off strong and never looked back. Behrend went into halftime with a commanding 43-20 lead, and then came out in the second half showing much of the same dominance. Senior guard Julia Andrus led the team in scoring with a game-high 18 points, while sophomore forward Jenn Emberg contributed 11 points and one assist en route to the Lady Lions' 82-52 victory.

"Against Mount Aloysius, we played really aggressively on both sides of the court," says Fornari. "For us that's the key: to be confident on both sides of the ball. We were able to turn

defense into offense against them and to establish a very consistent level of play all game."

In their following two match-ups, Behrend played host to two conference rivals, Frostburg State and Hilbert College. Against Frostburg State, Behrend's defense wrote the story of the game, as they were able to force 17 Bobcat turnovers. The Lady Lions' defense recorded 12 steals, and, in a 63-46 victory, were able to hold Frostburg State to 30 percent shooting from the floor for the game. Senior Meagan Bielanin led Behrend's offense with 17

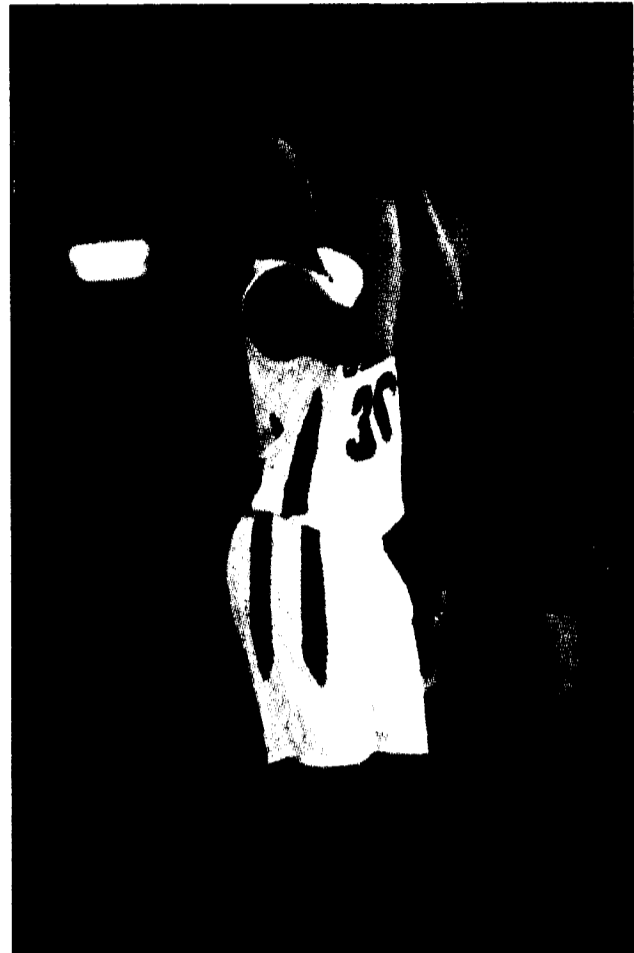
points and seven offensive boards, while Andrus added 10 points and nine rebounds.

"We did a great job, and while [Frostburg State] didn't shoot well, we were able to show we had lots of control over the game," said Fornari. "We had a very balanced scoring attack, and the team definitely showed that they understand what they need to do to win which doesn't always happen this early on in a season."

In similar fashion to their win against Frostburg State, the Lady Lions were able to record a decisive victory this past Wednesday evening against Hilbert College.

The visiting Hawks had trouble containing the Lady Lions as Behrend sprinted out of the gates to an impressive 41-7 halftime lead. The Lady Lions snatched 11 first-half steals and forced an even more remarkable 17 first half Hawk turnovers. In the second half Behrend showed no signs of slowing down, shutting out Hilbert for nearly the first six minutes of play. Bielanin once again led the Lady Lions offensive attack, contributing 15 points and two assists in the 66-21 victory.

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Sophomore Kayla McLaughlin

helps lead the Lady Lions.

In their next match-up the Lady Lions will travel to Pitt-Greensburg to face off with the Bobcats in a pivotal conference game. The Bobcats, who are 5-2 overall, currently hold a 2-1 conference record. Their 2-1 record places the Bobcats in fifth place according to AMCC standings. Last season, the Lady Lions were undefeated against Pitt-Greensburg, winning both of their contests by scores of 72-63, and 61-59. The match-up is set for Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.

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