

Taking it to the slopes

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Feb. 1-Feb. 3 Conditions for Peek 'n' Peak Resort

Days skiing: 63
Base Depth: 20-48 inches
Slopes Open Day: 27
Slopes Open Night: 27
Weekend Forecast
Shredability: Very High

Past Events: "Shop Showdown"

Competitors from local and regional ski/board shops met last Saturday for a head-to-head no holds slopestyle team competition at Peek'n Peak Resort. The Shop Showdown series consists of three separate events over the months of January- February which place teams of skiers and snowboarders in a winner-take-all battle for area bragging rights. Each team is sponsored by regional ski shops or resorts and comprised of four male/female skiers and/or snowboarders. Team Sponsors included Peek'n Peak Resort, Suburban Blend Snowboard Shop, Little Mountain LTD, Bavarian Village, as well as many others.

After the hour and a half jam style format it boiled down to Little Mountain and Bavarian Village in the finals with 14-year old Bryan Kiss from Little Mountain, LTD taking the first place finish with his "mute grab-540" followed by a "switch-720."

Penn State Behrend students Drew Smith and Rick Osborne both compete for Suburban Blend Snowboard Shop while fellow rider Matt McLouth is on the Peek'n Peak Freestyle Team. Due to intense competition and slow conditions, none of these three finished on the podium but look for them to finish strong at the next Shop Showdown on Feb. 9.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Rick Osborne riding at Peek 'n' Peak resort



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Drew Smith shredding the white wave



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Matt McLough grinding the box

Upcoming Events at Peek 'n' Peak Resort:

Peek'n Peak is the only resort world-wide to host a New Era half-pipe event!

Find out why, Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Retreat Lodge.

This open half-pipe competition is for both skiers and boarders of all ages and abilities.

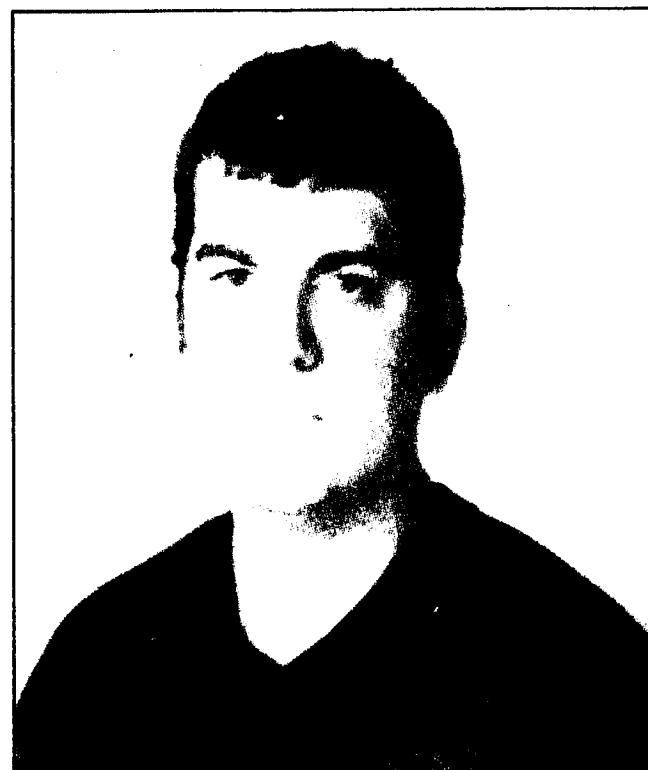
Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the Retreat Lodge.

The competition will start at 11 a.m. Hats to the first 50 participants

Peek'n Peak prizes and custom New Era hats for winners.

(Helmets are required for competition)

ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

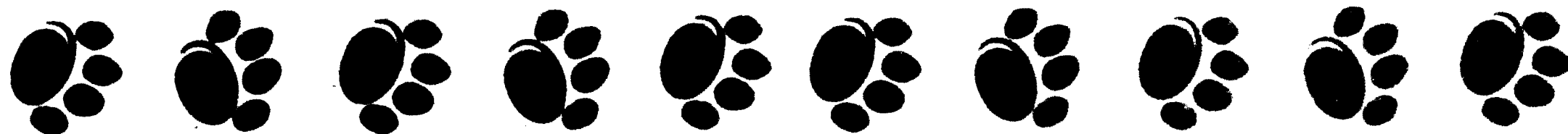


NAME: David Gahan
SPORT: Men's Basketball
CLASS: Senior
DATE: Jan. 28, 2008

David Gahan (Erie/East) has been named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of Jan. 28, 2008.

On Thursday, Gahan had a superb performance against the Lake Erie Lakers scoring 10 points, adding ten rebounds. The blue and white would go on to defeat Lake Erie College 58-42. This win put the men in sole possession of first place in the AMCC standings. On Saturday, Gahan would add seven points and five rebounds but would not be enough as the Behrend Lions fell to Frostburg 60-57. The men are now tied with Lake Erie for first place.

The Behrend men's basketball team will play Mt. Aloysius on Wednesday, Jan. 30 in the Junker Center. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. Then on Saturday, Feb. 2, the squad will host Pitt-Greensburg for their final meeting of the season. Only eight games remain for the blue and white, leading up to the AMCC Tournament beginning Feb. 26.



Super Bowl XLII showdown

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On Sunday, Feb. 3, the New England Patriots will be looking to make NFL history by being the first team to go 19-0 in a single season when the take on the New York Giants for a Super Bowl XLII showdown in Glendale, Ariz.

To say that QB Tom Brady has had a stellar season is an understatement. However, a performance much like the one against the San Diego Chargers in the AFC Championship game could create some turmoil this week for the undefeated Pats. Let's not jump the gun here though. The Patriots have already set an NFL record of scoring 589 points while Brady has thrown a total of 50 touchdown passes this season.

All of the hype about Tom Brady has cast a shadow over Giant's QB Eli Manning. Manning has thrown an impressive 99.1 percent rating in the postseason. Manning is most likely used to being hidden behind someone else such as his older brother, Peyton who has already won a Super Bowl of his own in 2006 with the Indianapolis Colts. Having the young-gun, slightly underrated Manning step in and lead his team to a Super Bowl and shunning the Patriots and Belichick from a superb season would be bittersweet.

Many would like to see the Patriots make history, while many others would like to see them falter in

the big game. If the Pats were to go all the way and slip-up in the

game that matters most, all of the other 18 victories would mean almost nothing.

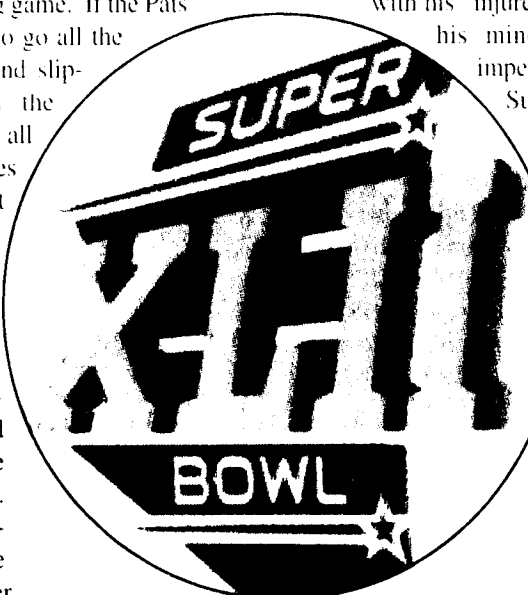
The New York Giants franchise is familiar territory for Patriots head coach Bill Belichick. Belichick was the defensive coordinator and assistant coach in the 1980s for the Giants. While on board the coaching staff for NY, the Giants won two Super Bowls, one in 1986 and the other in 1990. Giants head coach and close friend of Belichick, Tom Coughlin was also a part of the coaching crew as a wide receiver coach for the Giants at the same time as Belichick when they won Super Bowl XXV in 1990.

During the two week lull between the Division Championship games and the Super Bowl game, there has been plenty of media hype on the health conditions of some of the players. Brady, for one,

with his "injured" ankle, is fine and feels that his minor sprained ankle will not impede his playing performance on Sunday. And as for the New York Giants, some players had a miserable flight from New York to Arizona when they came down with the flu.

Some may be wishing that Giants WR Plaxico Burress had caught the bug as well, because while some players were throwing up, Burress was running his mouth with his prediction on the outcome of the game with a score of 23-17 in favor of the Giants. Fuel to the fire, Burress. Didn't you see what happened to

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Super Bowl XLII Sunday Feb. 3 at 6:30pm



DB Anthony Smith of the Pittsburgh Steelers when he ran his mouth about guaranteeing a win over the Pat's during the regular season; and then went on to get trampled on miserably on more than one occasion? Another Giants player, Osi Umenyiora, called Patriots Matt Light "dirty" last week. If they Giants are going to win the game "smack-talking" is not going to help. They need to remain focused and get out on the field Sunday in order to get the job done with min-

imal mistakes. They need to bring a powerful defense, while score touchdowns on offense when they get in the red zone (not settle for field goals like the Chargers), and - the most obvious - they need to keep Brady off the field for as long as possible.

When it comes to deciding how big of a deal Super Bowl XVII is, the ticket prices about say it all. The National Football League originally tagged prices for seats at a range from \$700-\$900. However, for scalpers and online resellers, the range is much, much larger, going from \$2,450-\$19,446 on StubHub, which gives an average of \$4,300 for a seat at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

The stadium normally is able to seat 63,400 spectators; however, for the Super Bowl the indoor stadium will expand in order to accommodate 75,000 fans.

Although Brady had a slaky game against the Chargers and Manning has prevailed through the playoffs showing strong numbers, considering the rest of the season statistics for both teams, the odds are certainly in favor of the Patriots. However, let's not forget game 17 when the Patriots barely squeezed past the Giants with a score of 38-35. Tune in to Fox network to watch while both teams try to make history. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

