

Bad weather does not hinder Behrend snowboarder

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Feb. 8-Feb.10 Conditions for Peek 'n' Peak Resort

Days skiing: 70
Base Depth: 20-48 inches
Slopes Open Day: 27
Slopes Open Night: 27

Weekend Forecast
Shredability: Gnar

Past Events: "New Era Halfpipe Competition"

Feb. 2, 2008
Key conditions plagued competitors last weekend as Peek'n Peak Resort hosted the 2nd Annual New Era Halfpipe competition. Peek'n Peak is currently the only resort, world-wide, to hold a New Era sponsored event of this type.

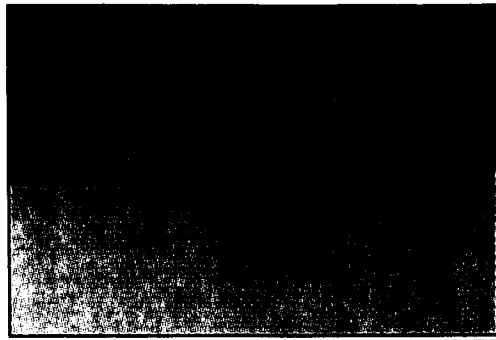
After an hour of warm-ups riders dropped in for the jam style format. Most finished the first round eliminations with four runs during which judges scored based on five main categories: amplitude, style, technical difficulty, consistency and variations.

After narrowing down the field from 35 to 10 riders Penn State Behrend Ski and Board Club's Drew Smith and Rick Osborne easily made it into the finals. The format during the finals was two scored runs and afterwards judges took each competitors highest score to determine first through fifth place.

Whispers circulated throughout the field when Red Bull rider Caleb Herb showed up as a late entry for the competition. Jet-lagged and running on fumes, Herb struggled to score big with the judges after a couple scrubbed landings which kept him off the podium.

Final results were Brian Falon taking the first place finish with his final run when he successfully landed a clean "720" on his last hit. Drew Smith went on to secure second place with a combination of smooth "frontside 540's" to win a custom New Era 59/50 Peek'n Peak Resort hat with prize check. The hats came in silk-lined metal cases and only 5 were issued specifically for this event.

Smith will be riding for Suburban Blend and Bay City Orthocare this weekend during round three of the Shop Showdown Series on Feb. 9 at Peek'n Peak Resort. New Era finalist and teammate Rick Osborne is also sponsored by "The Blend" and "Bay City" and will be trying his luck again at the halfpipe this weekend. Behrend freshmen Matt McLouth will be competing for the Peek'n Peak Freeride Team. All three also ride for the PSB-Snowboard Team.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Drew Smith doing a 540 in the New Era Halfpipe Competition

Upcoming Events at Peek'n Peak Resort:

"JSBIA Rail Jam"
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena Rail Jam
Feb. 8, 2008
Jamestown, New York
Prizes Sponsored by: Suburban Blend
Music by: DJ Host
Registration: 4-6 p.m.
Competition: 6-8p.m.

"Shop Showdown Halfpipe Competition"

Feb. 9 2008
Peek'n Peak Resort
Pre-Registered Team competition
Competition begins at 11 p.m.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Drew Smith posing after taking second place in the New Era Halfpipe Competition

Women's hoops dominate over Hilbert

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On Wednesday, Feb. 6, the Penn State Behrend woman's basketball team improved their conference record to 8-5 when they defeated the Hilbert Hawks by a score of 69-35. The women are ranked No. 5 in the AMCC Conference behind undefeated Medaille (13-0), Lake Erie (10-3), Pitt-Greensburg (9-4), and LaRoche (9-4).

Twelve players from the Lady Lions contributed to the 69 points against Hilbert. Almost half of their points were from players off the bench. Behrend lead at the half with a score of 35-14 over the winless Hawks, who are currently 0-20 for the season.

Senior forward Anne Preister had a solid game coming off the bench, scoring 12 points for the Lions as well as five rebounds. Another big contributor to the game was freshman guard Amy Oldach with 10 points for the night.

High scorers for Hilbert were senior guard Kaitlyn Miller with 11 points, and sophomore guard Courtney DeVille with nine points for the night.

Miller and DeVille's efforts were not enough however as Behrend mullered past the Hawks to bring home an important conference win.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Senior forward Meagan Bielanin driving to the hoop.

On Saturday, Feb. 2, after a hard fought game, the women fell to the Pitt-Greensburg Bobcats in the last few minutes by a score of 61-60. The Lady Lions ended the first half in the lead 30-26. The Bobcats fought back to take the lead in the second half and barely hung on for the victory.

The Lady Lions have five games remaining in their regular season. All five are conference games, including a big home game against No. 1 and reigning champs, Medaille College on

Wednesday Feb. 13. Following Medaille will be two more home games on Feb. 16 against LaRoche and Feb. 20 when the take on Lake Erie for a televised game. Their final regular season game will be on Saturday Feb. 23 against Pitt-Bradford.

Next up for Behrend is an away game on Saturday, Feb. 9 when they travel to Penn State Altoona. For more information on the Lions visit their website at <http://www.behrend.psu.edu/athletics/wball/index.htm>.

ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Ben Strunk
SPORT: Men's Swimming
CLASS: Freshman
DATE: Feb. 4, 2008

Ben Strunk (Cogan Station/Williamsport) has been named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of Feb. 2, 2008.

On Friday, the men and women's swimming and diving team took on Grove City College and Pitt-Bradford in a double meet. Strunk had two season best performances in the 100 and 200 breast, finishing first in both events. The men went on to beat Pitt-Bradford 106-20, but fell to the Wolverines 53-86. Ben was also named the AMCC swimmer of the week for his performances.

The Behrend swimming and diving team will gear up for the AMCC Championships at Grove City College. Competition will begin on Thursday, Feb. 14 and will conclude on Saturday, Feb. 16. The ECAC championships will follow on Feb. 29 through March 1.

Super Bowl showdown a suprise for most

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Put a "tree beer" sign in a bar window and watch the college students come crashing through the door. Put a ball in Tom Brady's hands and watch the Giants come crashing through the Patriots offensive line. At least that's what they did on Sunday, Feb. 3 as they battled their way to Super Bowl XLII victory.

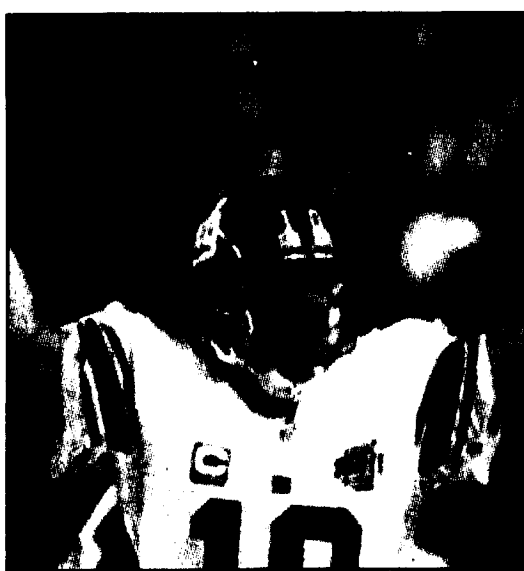
The buzz is still floating about how the New York Giants put an end to the New England Patriots' undefeated season when they upst the favored Pats 17-14. And the buzz will most likely confine for years to come as the game went down as one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history.

The 1972 Miami Dolphins can continue celebrating for another year as they go on to be the only team to have an undefeated season in NFL history with a record of 17-0.

The Giants had their game strategy down pat from the start of the game, all the way through the

final seconds of Super Bowl XLII. By winning the coin toss and choosing to start the game with their offense, they were able to keep Patriots QB Tom Brady off the field for almost the first 10 full minutes of the game. The opening drive lasted 9:59, the longest in Super Bowl history, resulting in a total of 63 yards and a 32-yard field goal putting the Giants up by three.

The Giants held the 3-0 lead until the end of the first quarter. The first play of the second quarter RB Laurence Maroney took the ball into the end zone to put the Pats up



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
New York Giants QB and MVP Eli Manning celebrating Super Bowl XLII victory.

7-3. Not much more would happen offensively for either team for the rest of the first half as well as through the third quarter. The Giants defense held Brady and his no. 1 offense to just seven points in three quarters. The Giants sacked Brady four times and hit him at least 15 other times.

Despite the sacks and high pressure, Brady still connected with his receivers 29 of the 48 attempts for a total of 266 yards and one TD pass. It looked like the Patriots were going to pull off another come-from-behind victory when with 2:42 left

on the clock Brady connected with Randy Moss to take the lead 14-10.

Then, the highly unlikely occurred. MVP Eli Manning took his team down the field in 12 plays for a total of 83-yards and a game winning 13-yard TD pass to Plaxico Burress. Manning went 19 of 34 for 255 yards and 2 TD passes. After dodging what most thought was surely going to be a sack to end the game Manning completed a 32-yard pass into the fingertips of David Tyree for the first down. After a sack and an incomplete pass Manning connected with rookie Steve Smith for a 13-yard gain. Smith ran out of bounds to stop the clock. The next play sealed the deal when Manning hit Burress for the touchdown and the Giants went on to become America's favorite football team; at least until next year.

Do not fret sports fans: the football season isn't over yet. On Sunday, Feb. 10, the NFC will take on the AFC in the NFL Pro Bowl, which is happening in Honolulu, Hawaii at Aloha Stadium. Kickoff is set for 4:30p.m.

