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Sports

ENTERPRISE RENT-À-CAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Amy Oldach SPORT: Women's Basketball CLASS: Sophomore DATE: Dec. 1, 2008.

Amy Oldach (Erie/Villa Maria) has been named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of Dec. 1, 2008.

Oldach led the Behrend Lion offenses dishing out three assists in a 77-82 loss to the Fredonia State Blue Devils. She also tallied 18 points against the Blue Devils to lead the team. Oldach began the season earning a place on the Behrend Tip-Off All Tournament team. Oldach leads the team with 3.7 assists per game and third on the team with eight steals and 13.7 points per game.

The Blue and White will open AMCC play on Wednesday, December 3 starting at 6:00 p.m. on the Junker Center hardwood. The matchup with the Mt. Aloysius Mounties will be televised on Image Sports in the Erie area. Behrend enters the game with a 1-2 record while the Mounties are 0-3 on the year. The Behrend Lions will continue league play on Saturday, December 6 at Frostburg State.

Lions take a bite out of the Mounties in their AMCC confernence opener

By Nick Blake

There is no doubt that the winter season is upon us here in Erie. Not only does that bring cold, snowy weather to the campus of Penn State Behrend, it also brings another season of Behrend Lions' basketball.

On Wednesday night, the Blue and White hosted the Mt. Alyosius Mounties in Behrend's Junker Center in their first AMCC game, of this early season. Lions' coach Dave Niland set a game plan so that his team could emerge successful against the Mountaies. "Take good shots



DANIEL SMITH / TheBehrendBeacon Lions' Pat St. Andrews goes hard for a lay up.

and try to limit [Mt. Alyosius'] top scorers," Niland said.

Mt. Alyosius came out of the gates with the momentum early in the game. They made a few three-point shots early in the match that seemed to give them an early advantage.

It did not take long however for the Lions to settle and get into a sports editor npb5041@psu.edu rhythm. The Blue and White

made some shots of their own and slowly started to take control of the game. The score was close at halftime, with the Lions winning 39-30.

The Mounties came out in the second half looking to take control of the game themselves.

They unleashed a half court trap on the Lions that seemed to be turning the tide. Although the Blue and White had built a lead, it was slowly slipping away.

The Lions reacted to the trap and were able to beat it. "We did not handle it well at first, but once we saw it a few times, we spaced it out and the guys did a good job of executing." Niland said.

The Lions played well on defense as well as offense. The team created 18 turnovers throughout the span of the game and Niland was pleased with that.

"We were very active," Niland said. "Tom Newman and Drew Seker were very aggressive."

Once the Lions got the game back under control, they were able to roll on to victory. The final score was 79-64.

Top performers for the Blue and White included Adam Potter, Tom Newman, Drew Seker and Adam Kaiser.

Potter was the Lions' leading scorer, producing 21 points in the contest. Newman and Kaiser also put up double figures in the win. Newman had 16 points and five assists, while Kaiser netted 14 points.

The Blue and White also performed well from the free throw line, making 19 of 28 free throws

e on the night.

Not only was it important for the Lions to get their first conference win, but it was also important to get a win at home.

"You need to get all of your home games," Niland said.

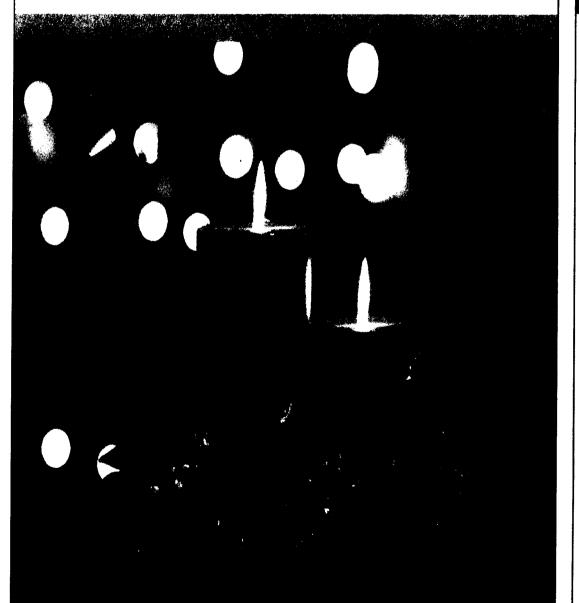
With a big conference win at home, the Lions' are looking forward to playing well this season as they look to defend their AMCC Championship.

"We have to work hard every day, have fun and enjoy the process," Niland said.



Anthony Capizzi goes around a defender to the basket.





Friday, Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m. Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery Chapel Meet at the RUB desk at 6:30 for a 5-minute drive to a chapel in the woods for a candlelight celebration Sponsored by Campus Ministry (x7139 or x6245)

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