

SPORTS

Lady Lions demolish Hilbert Hawks 88-16

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able to force 27 turnovers in the first half alone.

This amazing feat was a key factor in helping them to snatch their 49-4 lead as of halftime.

Sophomore Rachel Richardson

was a big factor in the beginning of the game as she scored all ten of her points during the first half. Also adding points in the first half of play was junior Christine Krankota with seven and seven rebounds.

In the second half the Blue and

White saw a total of ten players score. Sophomore Natalie Engel led all scorers with 18 points followed by Nowacinski with 16 in the win over the Hawks. Sophomore Amy Oldach recorded a game high eight steals and six assists while Krankota recorded a double-double with 11 points and ten rebounds.

"It was a great defensive game," said freshman Courtney Bricher.

While talking to Bricher, as well as sophomore Kelly Nowacinski, it was clear that the players could not have been happier with their latest game performance.

"It felt good going into half time only allowing them to score four points," said Bricher and Nowacinski.

Prior to Wednesday's game the team had a 9-9 record overall and a standing of 7-5 in the AMCC rankings.

Hoping to improve their status the team set out for victory and in the end managed to conclude the game with an impressive victory, proving that some Hawks just aren't meant to soar.

Not only was the game an impressive win, but Bricher and Nowacinski believe that Wednesday's game gave them a

much needed confidence boost.

After coming off of a disappointing loss to Pitt-Greensburg 40-69, the team came back with a vengeance, and the two players agree that the Wednesday night win was greatly needed.

"It gave some of the underclassmen confidence and experience they needed to help them in post play," said Bricher and Nowacinski.

It is this new burst of confidence that the Lady Lions will rely upon as they round out their conference season.

On a final note, Bricher and Nowacinski stated that their latest win was an especially important one in helping them prepare for their next court showdown.

"It was a good win to get with Altoona coming up on Saturday. It helped to get us focused and back on track," said Bricher and Nowacinski.

The Behrend Lions face off against their fellow Penn Staters this Saturday, Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. The game will be an AMCC face-off to determine which branch campus has all the right moves. So get out there and root your fellow Lady Lions on to victory.



RITA WERYHA/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Senior Natalie Engel goes up for a layup.



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Sophomore Kelly Nowacinski sprints down the court dribbling the ball.



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True Domination

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It seemed like so long ago I was shaking hands on the riskiest bet of my life to date. It was a warm fall day, I was confident in my predicting abilities, and it seemed like nothing could go wrong.

Months later, it is a cold February night. I've had a few bad weeks, some unexpected things have gotten the best of me, and now all that's left is the taste of defeat.

As is clear by the results of our first round of "Beat The Experts," Connor Sattely is the superior sports fan. He is more enthusiastic, better informed, and has better instincts overall. Which is why, as a woman of my word, I am crafting a 500-word ode to his

fanhood. We didn't make our bets with money. Not food or chores. Instead, we tried to come up with the most humiliating thing we could think of. Attending all of our classes in a tutu? Singing on the lawn in front of the Reed Union Building? None of our ideas could stand up to this. Writing a full article celebrating the glory of our opponent.

We shook on it, and I'll admit I hesitated. I should have listened to that gut feeling. But then again, if I were better at listening to that gut feeling, someone else would be composing this article about me.

Connor's knowledge of the sports realm is devastating. Not

only does he have a broad understanding of current news and statistics, especially concerning football, but he knows his history inside, out and backwards. Never before have I heard anyone speak so fluently about things that happened decades before their own birth. But Connor can hold his own with the oldest sports bar patron.

This year, he picked a winning team on a personal level. Since he was six years old, Connor has been a Steelers fan. Everyone in this country is painfully aware of the fact that last week, Steelers fans were the happiest people on earth. As the summer began Connor was making ridiculous predictions about quarterback rat-

ings, defense rankings, and records that would be broken. Months later it turns out these statements were not simply blowing hot air (like he usually does) but a dead-on forecast of the season to come.

One of the major reasons Connor is so much better than me at sports casting is that he knows how to leave his heart out of the equation. I am a die-hard Packers fan, and I found it impossible to cast my lots against them even though the entire world knew they didn't stand a chance. Connor, unlike me, knew when to put his pride aside and pick the opposing team.

Connor's instinct blows mine out of the water. In many cases he

could spot an upset a mile away. There were many instances in which we in the newsroom were mocking him ruthlessly about a odd pick or two. But, seven days later, he would sail into the office on the wings of victory, laughing the last laugh.

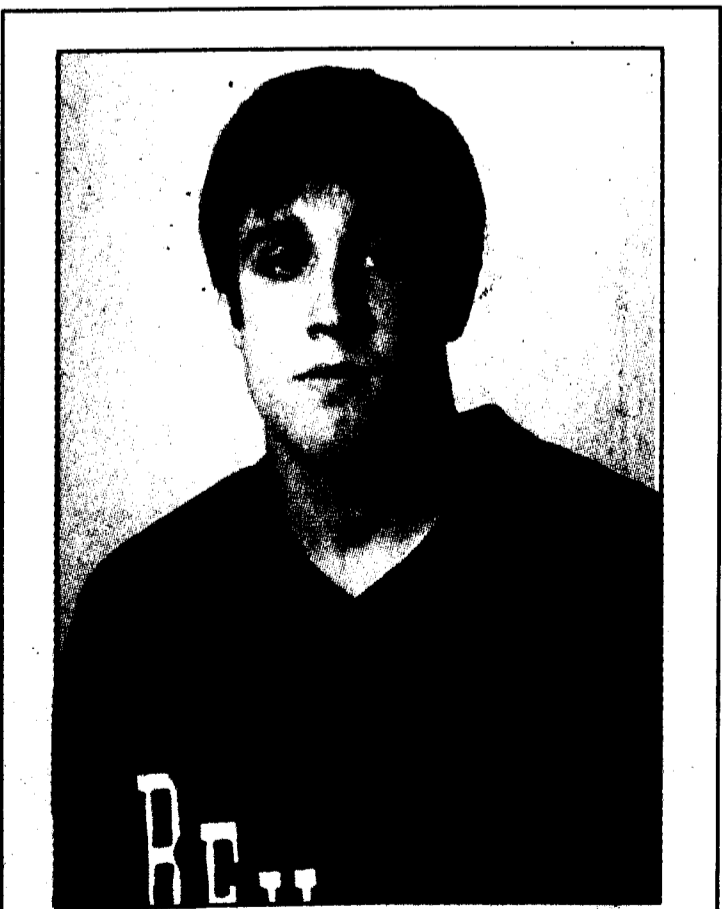
I have my share of excuses. I live with three other women, which means that precious hours I could have spent watching SportsCenter were instead spent on an 8-hour marathon of John and Kate Plus Eight. My living environment was not saturated with sports information, and all I knew I had to research myself. I wish I could tell you how many afternoons I lost the remote battle and watched the latest Disney

Channel movie instead of the Patriots-Jets game.

However, close only counts in hand grenades and horseshoes, and excuses don't count for anything at all. I take full responsibility for the choice I made and they way I performed. The truth was, I didn't stand a chance. It came out closer than anyone thought, and even I am proud to have stood up so well to such a champion. Connor was an honorable opponent, and I am privileged to have watched him work, learn a few things, and even lose to his prowess.

Bottom line: Connor Sattely is a better sports fan than Rachel Reeves.

Athlete Spotlight: Adam Kaiser



ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Adam Kaiser
Men's Basketball
Junior

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Growing up in Erie, less than five minutes away, Behrend junior Adam Kaiser attended Cathedral Prep High School where he was a three sport athlete.

Besides playing basketball, he also was on the cross country and track team. Kaiser earned a total of ten letters throughout his high school career, four in both cross country and track and field and two in basketball.

He won the Three Sport Athlete award two years in a row and the Athlete of the Year in his junior and senior year.

Kaiser started developing his basketball skills in third grade when he first started playing the sport. As he was growing up, he also played baseball.

Now, Kaiser is leading the Behrend Lions basketball team with two goals in mind.

"Our goals for the rest of the season are to win the AMCCs and make it to the NCAA tournament," said Kaiser.

Kaiser, an accounting major, said that his proudest moment playing for Behrend was winning the AMCCs last year. The

Behrend Lions hope to repeat this year as AMCC champs.

The Lions have won seven of their last eight games. According to the Behrend website, last week Kaiser led the Blue and White to two important AMCC victories to move into a first place tie with Penn State Altoona. Kaiser averaged 20 ppg in the two road victories going 10-for-21 from behind the arc. Kaiser is averaging 13.3 ppg on the year and 3.22 three-pointers a game.

In the must win game against Hilbert on Wednesday night,

Kaiser hit five three-pointers in just the first half alone and had 16 points going into the locker room at halftime. Finishing the game with 21 points and going 6-for-11 in the three point range, the Behrend Lions defeated Hilbert 81-59.

According to the Behrend website, the Behrend Lions are ranked fourth in the nation in scoring defense limiting their opponents to 58.7 ppg and ranked ninth in free-throw percentage at 77.4 percent.

The Penn State men's basketball team is coached by head coach Dave Niland who is in his fifteenth season at the position.

"Coach has helped me with ball handling, more than anything," said Kaiser. "I struggled with ball handling and he helped me a lot. He also helped me with defense."

With five crucial regular season games left against AMCC opponents, the Behrend Lions stand with an overall record of 14-6 and an AMCC record of 10-3.

"We are doing well this year," said Kaiser. "We have a lot of young guys on the team who have gotten better every game."

The Behrend Lions play Penn State Altoona in a huge AMCC game on Saturday in the Junker



RITA WERYHA/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Junior Adam Kaiser dribbles down the court.