

# SPORTS

## Behrend Lions cage Altoona Lions

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The Behrend Lions were not fazed by this run and responded with one of their own. The Blue and White went on a 10-2 run taking a 16-14 lead.

Head Coach Dave Niland keyed on defense to let the Lions retake control of the game.

"We switched from a man to a zone defense," Niland said. "That slowed them down a bit."

From there on out the Blue and White would be in control of the game for the remainder of the first half.

The Lions kept their run going and the lead built up to eight when Behrend junior Adam Kaiser buried a three.

The Lions continued scoring and got it from everyone. Every player that touched the floor for the Lions, in the first half, scored points.

The Blue and White went into half time with a 34-26 lead. They were led by Behrend freshman Nick Collella who came off of the bench and scored eight points.

The Altoona Lions were not going to give up though. They came out of half time ready to play and were able to cut the lead to four in the first two minutes of the second half.

Behrend senior Drew Seker



DANIEL SMITH/TheBehrendBeacon  
Adam Potter passes the ball.

would tame the Altoona Lions with a bomb from 3-point land bringing the Behrend lead back to seven.

This was just the beginning of a runaway victory for the Blue and White. Seker would hit another three, extending the lead to 10.

It was all but over from that point. The Behrend Lions continued their great defensive play that they pride themselves on and kept scoring buckets.

The Blue and White were able to extend their lead to 20 points with only 4:06 left in the game.

The Behrend Lions held the fort and defeated the Altoona Lions 77-60, to stay atop the AMCC standings.

Seker had a big game, scoring 13 points and tallying 5 rebounds, and was a big reason that his team was successful.

"We knew going into the game that we would be missing Chris Saltzman (did not play) who has been playing big minutes for us lately," Seker said. "I think the whole team did a great job stepping up in his absence."



KEEGAN MCGREGOR/TheBehrendBeacon  
Adam Kaiser looks up the court for open teammates.

Behrend junior Adam Potter also played a big role, scoring 18 points, 12 of which came in the second half, and nabbing 6 rebounds.

"I was very happy with our entire team's performance," Potter said. "Altoona beat us at their place, so this was a game we all had circled on our calendars. It was nice to get contributions like that from everyone."

It was a rough, physical game as well. There were not many fouls called; the referees let the

players play.

"In a big game like that, the referees are usually going to let the players decide the game and that's what happened," Potter said. "The refs let us play and we were able to come out on top."

The Behrend Lions are now in a three-way tie for first place in the AMCC, after a loss to Medaille this past Wednesday. The Blue and White have two regular season games remaining, both of which are conference games.



DANIEL SMITH/TheBehrendBeacon  
Steve Piotowicz prepares to run the team's offense.

# Behrend's Natalie Engel receives national recognition from ESPN

## SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE COURT LEADS TO RECOGNITION FROM NATIONAL MAGAZINE

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If you happen to turn on ESPN, or look at *ESPN The Magazine*, you would probably see the airtime, or writing, not only dominated by A-Rod talk, but by college basketball as well.

It is very rare; in fact, there is never any talk about Behrend sports or its athletes. However, a Behrend athlete has received recognition from *ESPN The Magazine*, one of the nation's

largest sports magazines.

Penn State Behrend's Natalie Engel has been named to the magazine's All-District Academic First-Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Engel, a team captain, is a senior on the women's basketball team and has been a standout her entire career with the Lions.

Engel is averaging 13.9 points per game and is averaging 29.9 minutes of playing time per game.

She also has 53 rebounds, 35

steals and 23 assists this season, and has started all 19 games for the Blue and White.

She ranks in the top ten at Behrend all-time in free throw percentage, and she is among the top 15 all-time in assists, steals, 3-pointers made and free throws made.

Not only is Engel a standout on the basketball court, she is a standout off the court as well.

Engel is a Biology major and is currently carrying a 3.95 GPA and has been named academic all-conference the past three years. It is

this success that has gotten her the recognition from ESPN.

"Coach told me at practice," Engel said. "I didn't really expect it, so when I heard I was really surprised."

Engel credits being a perfectionist to her incredible success on and off the court.

"I have always been a perfectionist, so I have to have everything right. I've always been like that," Engel said. She also says that basketball has helped her off the court.

"Basketball has definitely

helped me," Engel said. "It has been a big motivator because I have to get all of my work done to be able to play."

Engel also had a good high school career, which helped her on the court in college.

"I had a really good high school coach and a good senior year," Engel said. "I just worked really hard to get here."

Engel won't be done with school when she is done here at Behrend. She is going to graduate school for Genetic Counseling, which is within her major.

Engel has had a long career and has a few favorite moments. "There have been a lot of good times. When we beat Medaille

my sophomore year really stands out," Engel said. "Other than that, everything."

Sometimes it gets tough, but Engel says that you have to just push through.

"It's hard and stressful at times, but you just have to make time for it."

For any young athletes who are looking to be successful in sports and in the classroom, Engel has some advice.

"I would say that school is first for sure," Engel said. "If you put the time into it, and you really want to be good at it, anything is possible."

Rachel and Nick are tied for first place.

Connor is right behind them with 43 wins and Christine and Matt are tied for last place.

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## Beat The Experts

Connor Matt Rachel Christine Nick

### NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Minnesota @ Penn State	P.S.U.	Minn.	Minn.	P.S.U.	Minn.
#9 Michigan St. @ #20 Purdue	Mich. St.	Mich. St.	Mich. St.	Mich. St.	Mich. St.
#16 Kansas @ Kansas St.	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas
Texas Tech @ #2 Oklahoma	Oklah.	Oklah.	Oklah.	Oklah.	Oklah.
Nebraska @ #17 Missouri	Miss.	Nebraska	Miss.	Miss.	Miss.
W. Illinois @ Centenary	Centenary	W. Illinois	W. Illinois	W. Illinois	Centenary
USC @ #18 Arizona St.	A.S.U.	A.S.U.	A.S.U.	A.S.U.	A.S.U.
Oregon @ #24 Washington	Wash.	Oregon	Wash.	Wash.	Wash.
Binghamton @ Boston U.	Boston U.	Binghamton	Boston U.	Boston U.	Boston U.

### NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Iowa @ Penn St.	P.S.U.	Iowa	Iowa	P.S.U.	Penn. St.
#19 Pitt @ #1 Uconn.	UConn.	UConn.	UConn.	UConn.	UConn.
Syracuse @ St. John's	Syracuse	St. John's	Syracuse	St. John's	Syracuse
Georgia Tech @ #8 UNC	U.N.C.	U.N.C.	U.N.C.	U.N.C.	U.N.C.
#22 Notre Dame @ S. Florida	Notre D.	S. Florida	Notre D.	Notre D.	Notre D.
Colorado @ #12 Texas A&M	T. A&M	Colorado	T. A&M	T. A&M	T. A&M
#18 Ohio St. @ Iowa	O.S.U.	Iowa	O.S.U.	O.S.U.	O.S.U.
#9 Florida @ LSU	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
Eastern Michigan @ Miami(OH)	Miami	E. Mich.	E. Mich.	Miami	Miami
<b>Season Totals:</b>	<b>43-28</b>	<b>39-32</b>	<b>45-26</b>	<b>39-32</b>	<b>45-26</b>



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Natalie Engel prepares to take an open shot.