# Victorious Behrend Hoopsters Even Season Mark; McKeesport and New Kensington Fall Before Cubs

by Tom Harvey
Sports Reporter

The Behrend Campus roundballers reached the .500 mark (55) by defeating New Kensington and McKeesport in Commonwealth Campus strife last week. On Wednesday, January 12, the Cubs trekked to New Kensington and came home with twenty seconds remaining in regulation time when Ike Burnett took charge. He scored twice on twisting, driving layups to send the Cubs into overtime and then took charge. He scored twice on twisting, driving layups to send the Cubs into overtime and then led them in the extra period with

The Cubs employed a zone press the entire contest and held a slim 42-40 halftime lead. The Cubs trailed by four (78-74) with 20 seconds left when Burnett's heroics put the Cubs into overtime and gave them their win on the visitor's boards. Coach Roger Sweeting singled out the persecond Sweeting singled out the per-formance of the bench as one of the two keys to Behrend's victory. Tom Kozeksy scored 15 points and hauled down eight rebounds in a relief role. Joe Olszewski was also mentioned by Sweeting for his team leading ten rebounds and adding eight key points. The other key was the performance of Ike Burnett. The play of co-captain Ike seems to have sparked the entire squad. The Cubs shot 48 per cent from the field and 55 per cent from the charity stripe. Glenn McKinney led the Cub scoring totals with 26 points followed by Burnett's 19 and Kozesky's 15. Mike Chancey and Todd Hurst split New Kensigton scoring honors with 21 points apiece. points apiece.

Behrend hosted McKeesport Centaurs on Saturday, January 15, and sent McKeesport away shackled with a 102-83 defeat. Once again the Cubs employed a zone press in an

In the second half, Coach Sweeting made a slight ad-justment in his defense. He still maintained the zone press but had his charges play a man for man defense when the press was broken instead of falling back into a 2-3 zone. This change seemed to make the difference as the Cubs upped their lead to twenty with

upped their lead to twenty with 7:30 left in the contest.
Behrend shot 43 per cent from the floor and 58 per cent from the free throw line. Glenn McKinney once again led all scorers with 30 points followed by Ike Burnett's 20 and Denny Deiner's 20 points. 28 and Denny Deiner's 20 points. Coach Sweeting singled out Burnett and Deiner for par-ticularly outstanding per-formances. Sweeting feels that Deiner is only beginning to find himself and should improve as the season progresses.
McKeesport featured a balanced
scoring attack led by Dennis
Mazur's 19 and sixth man Tony

Key's 15.

This week the Cubs are on the road as they seek to move over the .500 mark. Friday they travel to Dubois and Saturday Behrend invades. Facette, for a game invades Fayette for a game against the defending commonwealth campus cnampions and according to scouting reports compiled by Coach Sweeting the champs are better than last season's team.



#### Cub Hustler

Ike Burnett, number 42, was chosen Athlete of the Week after his outstanding performances in the Cubs last two games. Key plays by Burnett tied up both wins for Behrend.

### **Buses Available** For Fayette Game

Behrend students will have an opportunity to ride down with the basketball team this weekend. The Cubs have two away games against Dubois and Fayette.

Coach Sweeting has 12-15 seats available on both buses, and booster club members can ride down free of charge. Other students must pay \$1.

Behrend plays Dubois on Friday, and the bus will leave at 4 p.m. Saturday, the Cubs travel to Fayette at 1:30 p.m. Students who are interested should report to Erie Hall approximately one halfhour before the bus leaves to

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Coach Sweeting remarked, "this is a good opportunity to show your support. Try and make it either Friday or Saturday afternoon. Support the Cubs."

## Athlete Of The Week

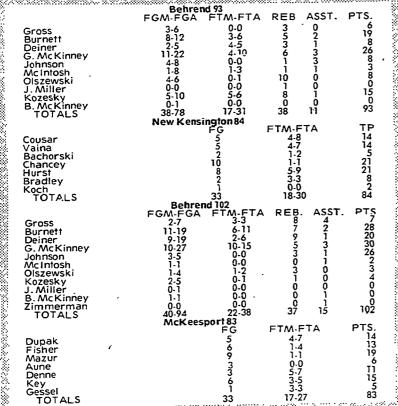
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Co-captain Ike Burnett, the former Meadville High flash, has been selected this week's "Athlete of the Week" for his. inspiring play against New Kensington and McKeesport. Ike tickled the twine for 47 points on 19 field goals and nine free throws. He added twelve rebounds and four assists to make this week's work complete.

Ike was ineligible for the first portion of the season and now that he's returned to the line-up it has become truly evident how much he was missed. As one of the team leaders and as a returning letterman, Ike combines determination and experience to give a stabilizing effect upon the rest of the squad.

Coach Roger Sweeting said of Ike: "Ike is a ballplayer who has been through the college basketball experience before. He knows what he can do, but more important than that, he goes out on the floor and does it."

As a starter on last year's second place commonwealth squad Ike was third high scorer as he drilled the nets for 324 points. It would not surprise this reporter if Ike surpassed that mark in only half as many games. It is with hustling play of the likes of Ike Burnett that Coach Sweeting looks for as the Cubs pursue the Commonwealth Campus Championship.



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