

Cubs Drop Heartbreaker To 'Hurst

by Joe O'Keefe

A foul called with no time remaining ruined Behrend's Cubs' chance for a victory over Mercyhurst College, at the Erie Hammill Center last Wednesday.

The Cubs fell short, 61-62, to drop their record to 4-9 for the season so far. Mercyhurst upped their slate to 6-7 with the win.

Behrend assumed its aggressive role, leading the Lakers by five at halftime, 27-22. The Cubs came out roaring in the second half, building a considerable margin throughout. The Lakers could not control the hot hand of Steve Aden, who in his first start, poured in 14 points.

While Aden was hot from the corner, Shep Robinson and Don Vaughn added their respective inside strengths, as Behrend boosted its margin to 15 with some 13 minutes left.

But the 'Hurst responded with some hot shooting of its own. John Green was averaging 16 markers in 12 previous contests, added 18 of his own on Wednesday and scored on occasions when Behrend turned the ball over. Doug Birchard contributed another 15 to help whittle his team's deficit to four.

With three minutes left, Greg Becker made it a two-point game on a 20-footer from the corner. Robinson and Green each fouled and both exchanged baskets. Green then tied the game at 58.

Forced to play pressure ball, Behrend slowed down the pace somewhat, but Ty Vaughn was fouled on a tip-in. After he missed the second shot, Behrend was up by one.

Mercyhurst turned the ball over to the hands of the Cubs, when Don Vaughn was fouled. He missed just before time ran out, and the Cubs thought they had won the game. But referee Dick Misenhetler blew one last whistle on Ty Vaughn, who was called for a foul before time expired.

The Lakers' Rodney Coffield approached the charity stripe and sunk both free throws that gave his team a 62-61 victory.

It was the hardest way to lose a game that should have been won. Cubs coach Jim Sims lamented on the loss.

"We gave it away," said the Behrend mentor.

"We committed many errors down the stretch, when we came to the foul line we couldn't hit. Give all the credit to Mercyhurst. They hit their free throws and we didn't."

Cubs Now 1-0 In Conference

The Lady Cubs played their first conference counter game against the Tomcats of Thiel and won. Behrend had a slim one point lead (27-26) at halftime, but came out strong the second half to win 66-55. The Cubs were paced by Mindy Stasenko who had 19 points and 8 rebounds, Diane Metzgar with 16 points and 8 assists, and Missy Stasenko with 12 points.

The Keystone Conference is an odd conference, because games only count the second time around. The Cubs had lost to Thiel in December by 5 points, but last Monday night was the second time playing them so that counted towards their conference record.

The Cubs are now 6-5 and have a 3 game winning streak, beating Daemen, Allegheny, and Thiel. They also had a game cancelled last Saturday because of snow. Behrend's next two games are away at Shenango and Pitt-Bradford, the 23rd and 25th of January, but they come back the 27th to play Westminster at home, their 2nd conference counter game.

BACK COURT NOTE: A special congratulations to Mindy Stasenko who made District 18 player of the week. In two games Mindy averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds per game. She also had a total of 11 blocked shots. Mindy is also the first girl in Behrend history to achieve this goal.

"It wasn't a matter of being out of shape. We weren't tired. We simply made too many mental mistakes."

CUBS OUTMAN

VINCENT AT LATROBE
Behrend improved its District 18 slate at 2-2 with a 72-58 win over St. Vincent College of Latrobe on January 16.

The Cubs managed to connect from the free throw line, hitting on 18 of 29 attempts.

Even though outshot from the field, 28-27, the Cubs slowed down their attack and chose choice shots. For the game, Behrend shot better than 58 percent from the field.

Robinson paced the cub attack with 26 points to lead all scorers. Tom Blythe followed with 15 markers and Vaughn added another 14 to guide a Cub offense that never trailed in the game.

Blythe, Vaughn and Robinson also helped rebound the Cats, 36-30. The two co-captains each ripped down eight missed shots, while Robinson followed with seven.

Behrend's record now stands at 4-10, with 11 games to go. Still, a chance for post-season play is not being outruled.

Club News

Accounting Club

The Accounting Club, headed by Karen Anderson, president, and Kirk Kelly, advisor, will post signs to notify students of speakers coming to Behrend to talk about their field. These speakers are residents of the Erie community who work with nearby business firms as accountants, and these lectures are open to all students. If interested, look for signs posted around the Reed and Behrend Buildings for time and place.

"The Accounting Club is different from many clubs on campus because it really helps give accounting students familiarity with their future careers," says Club President Karen Anderson. Future events for the 29-member club will include a racquetball party and cross-country ski outing, to be held in the near future. Also, on Career Day, in the spring term, there will be many accountants for students to meet and talk with, and the club is planning on going on a tour of a nearby accounting firm soon. Finally, in the coming month of February, members of the Accounting Club will help nearby Senior Citizens as they file their tax returns this year.

Association of Black Collegians

On February 14th the A.B.C. is sponsoring a Black Cultural Festival. This festival will feature speakers of the community and entertainment in the form of choirs, dancers, and a fashion show with some of Erie's models. The speakers will talk about different subjects, such as black heroes, blacks in history, and the role of women.

The A.B.C. is striving to maintain unity on campus, and be active in community affairs. There are no restrictions such as age, sex, or race in the club, so membership is open to anyone who cares about, and wants unity among the college students of Behrend.

Behrend Campus Christian Association

The Christian Association continues to offer Bible studies in each of the residence halls, Sundays at 6:15. The Christian Association also holds a fellowship meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:00 on 5031 Jordan Rd. Dr. Hagenbuch, a physics teacher here at Behrend, also acts as student advisor to the club. All students are welcome to attend these meetings.

Members of the Christian Association are going to participate in the March for Life, a community-centered event to be held in downtown Erie. Also planned for the future is a retreat to Findley Lake in spring term, and a coffee house featuring Christian singers to be held before the end of the Winter Term.

Top of the Hill Gang

The Top of the Hill Gang, one of the newer clubs on campus, is organizing a dance on February 11th to kick off the Winterfest. This club, which has no age requirements, has been designed expressly to bring the older students, both day and night, together to think up items of interest to the older students of Behrend Campus. President Mary Geitner and members hold meetings on Fridays at noon in the Reed Lecture Hall, and are open to suggestions.

Vet's Club

Another new club on campus is the Veteran's Club, whose main objectives, says President Jackie Martin, will be to bring approximately 80 veteran students on campus together to share common experience and serve the community. Jackie hopes to find a charity to which the club can donate its time and money. A social will be held February 12th to bring members and people seeking membership together. Associate membership is available to non-veteran students and teachers. Meetings of the Veteran's Club are held every other Wednesday at noon in the Reed Building.

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