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## Lion's Still Optimistic

by Andy Dobry  
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Three games into the season, the men's basketball team has a record of 1-2 after losses to Westminster and Gannon, and a win over Keuka College.

In the season opener at New Wilmington, Behrend lost to Westminster by the score of 78-66. Westminster opened the game with a 13-0 run and never looked back. Behrend's first points of the season came on a three-pointer by Dave Gurska, seven minutes into the game. Behrend played the rest of the game even with the Titans, but could never recover from a 32-19 halftime deficit. Gary Zang led the Lions with 12 points, while Gene Gorniak and Rick Demski netted eight apiece.

A great defensive display gave the Lions a 88-74 win in the home opener against Keuka College. Trailing 45-44 early in the second half, freshmen Randy Baughman and Mike Jenkins led a defensive show that saw Behrend convert four Keuka turnovers into five fast-break buckets and a 10-0 Lion's run. Keuka led 35-31 late in the first half, but Jenkins responded with seven points and Behrend took a 40-37 lead into the locker room. All of Behrend's big men played extremely well in the victory. Gary Zang scored 15 points, Gene Gorniak had eight points to go with five rebounds, Greg Green had 10 points and eight rebounds, and Rick Demski scored eight points.

The Lions played well in an 83-63 loss to Gannon at the Erie Civic Center. Gannon is a Division II school that finished as national runner-up last season. Behrend outshined Gannon for most of the night, but in the end the Knight's inside strength proved too much for the Lions to overcome. Gary Zang was particularly impressive for Behrend, scoring 29 points for game-high honors. Gannon's starting lineup included Akol Tang, a freshman from Sudan, but the 7'4" player was never a big factor in the game.

The loss to Gannon was nothing that the Lions should hang their heads about. A 20-point defeat at the hands of an experienced team that is able to give scholarships is no great loss. For much of the evening, Behrend played with three freshmen on the floor, and they did not back down to the Knights. The game against Gannon was the last on the schedule for the next few years, as Behrend will concentrate on playing Division III opponents in hopes of making the playoffs.

The Lions looked very impressive against both Keuka and Gannon. Gene Gorniak is playing consistently, as expected, and Greg Green looks much improved over two seasons ago. Coach Zimmerman has the luxury of being two deep at the point guard slot, with Wayne Snyder and Randy Baughman both looking very good. Jim Webb and Bob Minford have both started at the wing, and Dave Gurska has provided quality minutes off the bench. Mike Jenkins has proved that he can play at either the wing or the forward slot, and Rick Demski has been very impressive inside. Demski made four or five strong moves past Gannon defenders, but could get nothing to drop. With this group of players, Coach Zimmerman should have no problem improving on last year's 11-14 record.

As a side note, congratulations go out to Dave Titley, who once \$100 by sinking a half-court shot during halftime of the Keuka game. The Lions return home against Oberlin on January 8th, and play Brockport on the 11th.

(right) Behrend's Rick Demski goes for two against a host of Gannon defenders

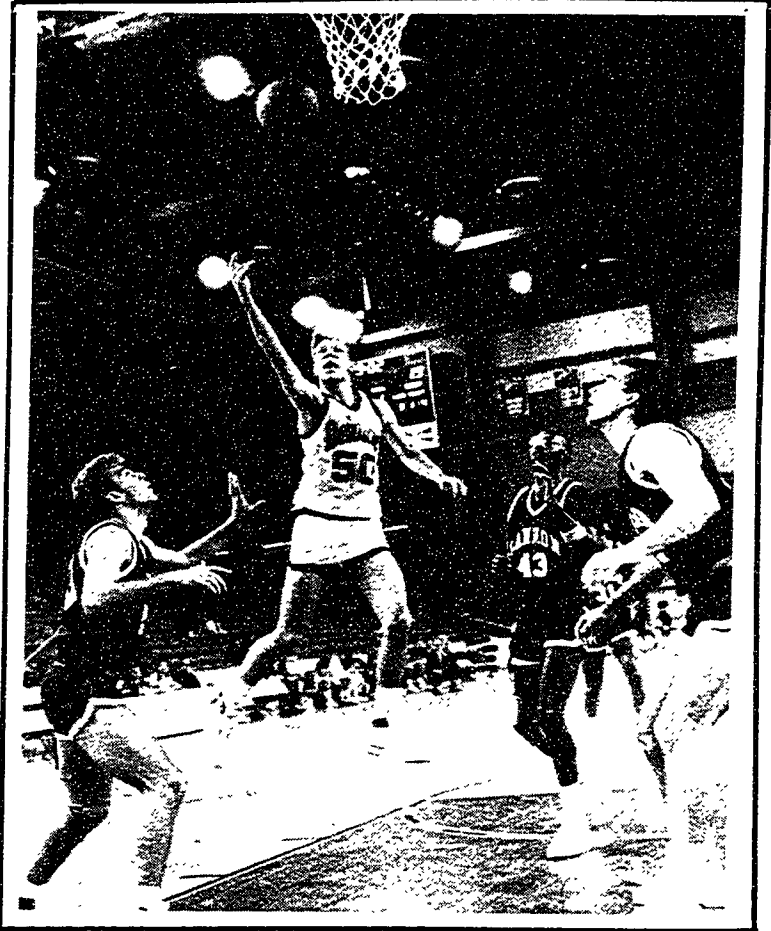


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### BASKETBALL STATS

#### MEN'S

#### SCORING

Gary Zang	17.5
Gene Gorniak	10.2
Mike Jenkins	10.0

#### REBOUNDS

Gene Gorniak	11.5
Gary Zang	7.8
Rick Demski	5.8

#### ASSISTS

Wayne Snyder	4.8
Randy Baughman	3.0
Gary Zang	2.5

#### FIELD-GOAL

Gary Zang	.58
Gene Gorniak	.53
Mike Jenkins	.45

#### WOMEN'S

#### SCORING

Michelle Madison	17.3
Lisa Dorenkamp	16.6
Lisa Butch	9.0

#### REBOUNDS

Michelle Madison	9.1
Denise McCloskey	5.6
Connie Armstrong	3.6

#### ASSISTS

Lisa Butch	2.0
Lisa Dorenkamp	1.4
Michelle Madison	.71

#### FIELD-GOAL

Denise McCloskey	.46
Michelle Madison	.41
Lisa Dorenkamp	.34

## Heisman Hype

by Darrell Freund  
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South Bend, Indiana is buzzing with anticipation over the soon to be announced Heisman Trophy winner. What could cause a small town in an obscure part of Indiana to become so excited over the coveted football award? The answer is Notre Dame's senior flanker, Tim Brown, the favorite to win the Heisman.

The 1,050 voters, mostly from the media, have known this since the middle of the 1987 NCAA Football season. There are so many polls done in advance of the voting that many know who has won before the first vote is cast.

Many consider Tim Brown to be the greatest college football receiver of all time. On the receiving end of the ball he has 39 receptions for 846 yards and three touchdowns. Rushing the ball, he has gained 144 yards on 34 carries with one touchdown. The statistics might not excite you, but take into consideration the fact that Tim Brown also receives kickoffs and returns punts. Not to mention the fact that most teams try to keep the ball away from him. He has returned 23 kickoffs for 456 yards. punt returns totaled 401 yards on 34 attempts with three touchdowns.

In the November 9th issue of the Sporting News Magazine, Notre Dame's Head Coach Lou Holtz expressed his feelings on Tim Brown's talents. "Tim is more than a presence on the field. Other teams are double-covering him.

They're triple-covering him. They're watching him every second." Added Penn State's Joe Paterno. "He can beat you so many ways."

There are many other talented players in this year's crop of Heisman hopefuls. Another blue chip player among this year's hopefuls is Syracuse's Senior Quarterback Don McPherson. McPherson has completed 129 of 229 passes for 2,341 yards and 22 touchdowns, and has rushed for 199 yards and five touchdowns.

While McPherson and Brown are seniors, there are also a couple of underclass favorites. Junior Tailbacks Craig Heyward, of Pitt, and Blair Thomas, of Penn State, have both rushed for over 1,400 this season. Unfortunately for them their underclassmen status will influence the voters who seem to prefer to give the award to a senior.

The list of hopefuls goes on. Lorenzo White, the senior running back from Michigan State, should receive a significant amount of votes. His 1,459 yards and 14 touchdowns, on 322 carries deserves some attention.

Thurman Thomas, a senior Tailback from Oklahoma State, will also win a few votes. His 1614 yards and 17 touchdowns on 251 carries are some of the most impressive statistics out of all of the hopefuls. But, according to Erik Brady, the college football reporter for USA Today, "Thomas doesn't play for a Notre Dame or a Penn State. OSU has a great program.

It's the schools like Notre Dame and Penn State that have enshrined the game of college football. These schools get the air-time. They get the hype."

This whole "hype" scheme could explain why the most deserving player of all will not get the Heisman. His name is Gordie Lockbaum. He played for Holy Cross, a small Division IAA Catholic University in Massachusetts.

Gordie Lockbaum is a dinosaur among the modern day giants of college football. He does something few college players do today, he plays both offense and defense.

As a receiver, he had 78 catches for 1,152 yards and 9 touchdowns. Rushing the ball, he had 85 carries for 403 yards and 13 touchdowns. Lockbaum also returned 21 punts for 209 yards and 12 kickoffs for 277 yards. On defense, Lockbaum played defensive back and made 18 tackles, two sacks and two fumble recoveries. These statistics prove that Gordie Lockbaum is a true all-around player.

The Heisman is supposedly given to the "team" player who has proven to be the key factor in his team's performance. Tim Brown is a truly remarkable athlete. But, did he play as much of a role for his team as Lockbaum did for his? Unfortunately for Lockbaum, the Heisman will reside in South Bend, Indiana, keeping Knute Rockne's legacy intact and Lucky the Leprechaun in good spirit.

## P.S.U. Football Notes

by Darrell Freund

Many Penn State students are eagerly awaiting this year's bowl games. With the Nittany Lions being invited to face Clemson University in the Florida Citrus Bowl, many students will be fixed to their television sets on New Year's Day.

The Lions were formally issued their bowl invitation on Nov. 21. This was the day in which all of the various bowl committees extended their invitations.

Penn State's 21-20 victory over Notre Dame on November 21st kept the Lions out of an undesirable predicament-playing the Florida Citrus Bowl with four losses.

"We didn't want to go to Florida seven and four if we could help it," commented Penn State Coach Joe Paterno in the November 24th issue of USA Today.

In 1985 Paterno refused to take the team to a bowl. The team had a six and five record that year and Paterno didn't feel the team deserved a bowl appearance. Rumors circulating out of University Park hinted that some players did not wish to "Drop into a bowl game."

The Lions 10-0 loss to Pittsburgh was a big set back. The team avoided another such set back a week later by stopping Notre Dame's two-point conversion attempt with 31 seconds remaining on the clock. Notre Dame's loss ruined their hope for a national championship and dimmed the luster of the Irish's Cotton Bowl invitation.

It seems that some of the Irish have mixed feelings about playing in the Cotton Bowl. "We didn't beat Penn State. I'm not so sure we should play in the Cotton Bowl," commented Heisman Trophy candidate Tim Brown in the November 24th issue of USA Today. It seems that the Irish are asking themselves the same question Penn State asked in 1985: "Do we deserve a bowl game appearance?"

It seems as if Notre Dame's eight and two record will be good enough to get the Irish into the Cotton Bowl. They will take on the winner of the Texas v. Texas A&M game. Both teams in the Cotton Bowl will receive \$2.2 million for their efforts.

While the major networks battle it out for the rights to cover the more popular bowl games, many colleges find themselves find themselves battling it out for the right to attend a particular bowl.

The six New Years Day bowls attract big league schools and big league bucks. Penn State and Clemson will each receive \$1.05 million for their Citrus Bowl efforts. The Rose Bowl, played in Pasadena California, will pay USC and Michigan State University six million dollars each. Over \$2.5 million will be awarded to Oklahoma and Miami who will duke it out for the national title in the Orange Bowl. The last of the major bowls is the Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska and Florida State will each get \$2.1 million for appearing in that game.

### 1987 NITTANY LIONS (8-3)

Penn State	45	Bowling Green	19
Penn State	13	Alabama	24
Penn State	41	Cincinnati	00
Penn State	27	Boston College	17
Penn State	27	Temple	13
Penn State	35	Rutgers	21
Penn State	21	Syracuse	48
Penn State	25	West Virginia	21
Penn State	21	Maryland	16
Penn State	00	Pitt	10
Penn State	21	Notre Dame	20

Penn State will play Clemson in the Florida Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1

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