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Youth hurts Lady Lions

by David Bruce **Collegian Sports Editor**

The Lady Lions current losing streak has Coach Karin Sabotta baffled. "I don't know what's the matter...we are young and maybe we haven't grown together yet, it just takes time. They have physical ability, but we have to get mentally together," said Sabotta.

Due to the high student turnover rate at Behrend, a lack of maturity is common among the school's sports teams, and this year's basketball team is no exception. Seven of the 10 players are either freshmen or sophomores as are four of the five starters

This lack of experience has affected a key team element: leadership. "Some of our older players are very hard on themselves, they overreach at times, it is not a lack of effort, perhaps they overanalyze the situation," said Sabotta. "We

don't seem to have control of the game, they get behind and then they panic... they don't play with confidence."

This was evident in the game against Geneva on Febuary 2. They were within three points with seven minutes left in the game, but their game fell apart and they lost by 22, 72-50. "We missed inside shots...it shows a lack of confidence and concentration," said Sabotta.

In the game, Behrend committed an abnormally high 29 fouls, and shot only 26 percent from the field. Lisa Butch was the leading scorer with 13 points and Erica Scribner added 10. "Erica is coming on really well, she did not play much early, but now she is second or third off the bench...she makes things happen," said Sabotta.

In other recent games, the Lady Lions lost to number-one ranked St. John Ficher, 94-104 and to Edinboro 85-64. In the St. John Fisher game, Lisa Dorenkamp scored 19 points and Connie Armstrong had six rerounds. High scorer against Edinboro was Michele Madison with 16 points, and she tied for leading rebounder with Denise McCloskey with 11.

Lion guard Lisa Dorenkamp is officially ranked in the latest issue of NCAA News for three-point field goals made per game. Dorenkamp is averaging 3.0 per game and is shooting 36 percent from that distance. Due to her efforts the team is ranked second in the same category averaging 3.3 three-points per game.

The Lady lions will play Elmira College on Feb.6 at Erie Hall before traveling to play SUNY-Brockport on Feb.8 and the Univ. of Buffalo on Feb.10. The women then play Gannon at home on Feb.15 and Westminister on Feb.19 before ending their season at Washington and Jefferson on Feb.23

Senior Chris Huff goes for two as Elmira's players watch. Behrend beat Elmira 67-51, Lisa Dorenkamp led the Lady Lions with 21 points.

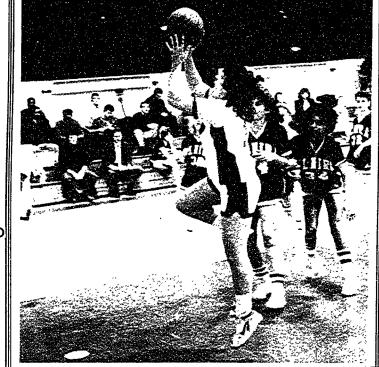


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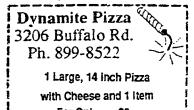
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The women's volleyball team is looking for a few good men and women to participate in their annual volleyball-a-thon. This year's event takes place on Feb.18 from 9pm to 2am and it will help raise money for new warm-ups and shoes for the players.

The team has been searching for squads to play against, so far several Behrend organizations have expressed interest, including one of the fraternities. This year, the team will raise additional money by charging these squads an entrance fcc-\$1 per player. However, if one of these squads wins their match, \$5 of the fee will be refunded.

"Last year we raised \$600...I'd like to get \$800 this year," said Coach Jan Wilson,"the girl who signs the most pledges will win either two free ski passes or dinner for two at the Waterfall Restaurant.

The volleyball-a-thon serves as a warm-up for the men's season and the women's spring season. The men play their first match Feb.6, while the women begin next month.



Collegian Athletes of the Week by Rick Cain

Assistant Collegian Sports Editor Congratulations to this week's Athletes of the Week, Gene Gorniak and Lisa Butch.

Gene Gorniak, the Lion's six foot seven inch forward, played impressively under the basket this past week. After his amazing 22point, 23-rebound performance against Mercyhurst, Gene continued his dominance under the boards with a 22-point, 18-rebound display against Pitt-Bradford. Gene finished the week with an 11-point, 14-rebound, seven blocked shot game against Bethany. Not only did Gene's performance win him this prestigious award, but it also won him a spot on the ECAC division III Honor Roll.

Lisa Butch, the Lady Lion's starting guard, did not just have a great week, but has played incredible basketball the entire season. Averaging 11.3-points, 3.7rebounds, 1.9-assists, and 2-steals a game, she is described by coach Karin Sobotta as, "the best athlete on the team." Combining this consistent play with a constant 100 percent effort makes Lisa Butch a true team leader.

Both Gene and Lisa will recieve dinner for two at Barbato'shin recognition of their achievements.

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You Make the Trade

by Darrell Freund Collegian Staff Writer

Have you ever become really angered over the futile trades your favorite professional sports team has made? It is obvious that some teams make all the great trades while others seem to flounder every year. Well, now is your chance to be a general manager for your favorite team.

This is how it works. You, the sports fan, decide on which team in which professional sport you would like to represent. You submit your ideas to the Collegian office and Submit as many trade ideas as you wish. We will try to get as many in as possible in each issue.

Have your ideas heard. Stop complaining and take some action. Did the Cardinals make a mistake by not signing Jack Clark? Are the Steelers doomed without an N.F.L. caliber quarterback? The following student submissions are examples of how the process works. If you disagree with my replies, let me hear from you.

Basketball

Action: " I would like to see the Philadelphia 76'ers trade back for Moses Malone. He is the premier center in the N.B.A. and he still has a few good years left. Why don't your ideas are then commented on. the 76'ers trade Mark McCormick and Mark McNamara to the Washington Bullets for Moses Malone?" - Moise Pingle, 4th

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Reply: Impossible, McCormick is no longer a 76'er. He was traded, along with Roy Hinson, to the Nets. Even if we ignore this fact, the trade would never take place. Washington does not need two more players over 6' 10". Terry Catledge and Manute Bol provide enough beef for the Bullets front line. Moses will finish his career in the nation's capital.

Football

Action: " The Steelers need a real quarterback. How about trading Walter Ambercrombie and this year's number two draft pick to

Cincinatti for Boomer Esiason or to Tampa Bay for Steve Deberg?" ---Mike Hughes, 8th semester, Psychology.

Reply: Mike this is a very popular idea, several other students submitted similar proposals. It is obvious that Pittsburgh needs a new quarterback. The Steelers should try to get DeBerg; he could be had for this price. If the Steelers were to draft a quarterback this year, De-Berg could keep the competitive until the draft pick is ready to take over.

Hockey

Action: " The Boston Bruins need to shake up their organization. Terry O'Reilly, their head coach should be fired and replaced."---Dave Seay, 2nd semester, Engineering.

Reply: How can you fire a coach who is in second place with a record of 30 wins to 19 losses? The Bruins will make the playoffs this year. How far they get depends on O'Reilly. He was a winning player and is now a winning coach. Shake up the organization, ut do not get rid of O'Reilly.

Action: " The Penguins should trade this years' first round draft pick and a minor league player to the New York Rangers for goalie, Bob Frocse." - Tom Rovnak, 2nd semester, Engineering.

Reply: The Penguins could definately use a goalic with the talents of Bob Froese, but I don't think that New York would bite. The Rangers have the best one-two goal tending pair in the league. Froese and John Vanbiesbrouck are quality players. I do not think that your offer is good enough.

Baseball

Action: " The Twins should ship Gary Gaetti to Detroit for Jack Morris." - John Quinones, 2nd semester, Business.

Reply: The Twins could use another starter to accompany Frank Viola. They could also use a dominant right hander. Jack Morris would fulfill both needs. The

Tigers need a third baseman. They could also use someone to make up for the 30 homeruns and 100 RBI's they lost with Kirk Gibson. This trade makes too much sense to take place.

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