

Lady Lions Near End Of Season

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As their season ends, the Lady Lions continue to have problems. They have lost their last four games and their record has dropped to 6-17.

Against the University of Buffalo, Behrend lost 79-72, despite a 23-point performance by Lisa Dorenkamp, who made six three-pointers and was five for seven from the foul line.

Connie Armstrong also played well, scoring a season-high 11 points.

Behrend then played Gannon and lost to the Lady Knights, who are ranked 16th in Division II, 73-48. In the game, Michele Madison scored 11 points and Dorenkamp added 10, nine of them coming on three-point bombs.

The Lady Lions then came home to host Westminster and to pay tribute to senior co-captain Chris Huff, who was playing in her last home game. Unfortunately, Behrend could not come up with a victory, losing to the Lady Titans, 66-45.

Madison again led Behrend with 16 points and Lisa Butch had 13.

Coach Karin Sabotta believes that fatigue plays a factor in the team's lack of success. "It is both physically and emotionally draining to play catch-up ball all the time. Against Univ. of Buffalo we were down by two with 1:30 left in the game, but we tried to force it inside instead of taking the outside shot and we ended up losing by seven...we don't know how to pace ourselves, we're always in a state of panic," said Sabotta.

Two other reasons for the team's problems are fouls and turnovers. Behrend is averaging 18.3 fouls and 18.8 turnovers per game, both figures are extremely high.

As far as individual stats go, Madison is leading Behrend in scoring with 15.8 points per game. Dorenkamp is second with 14.5 and Butch is third with 10.8.

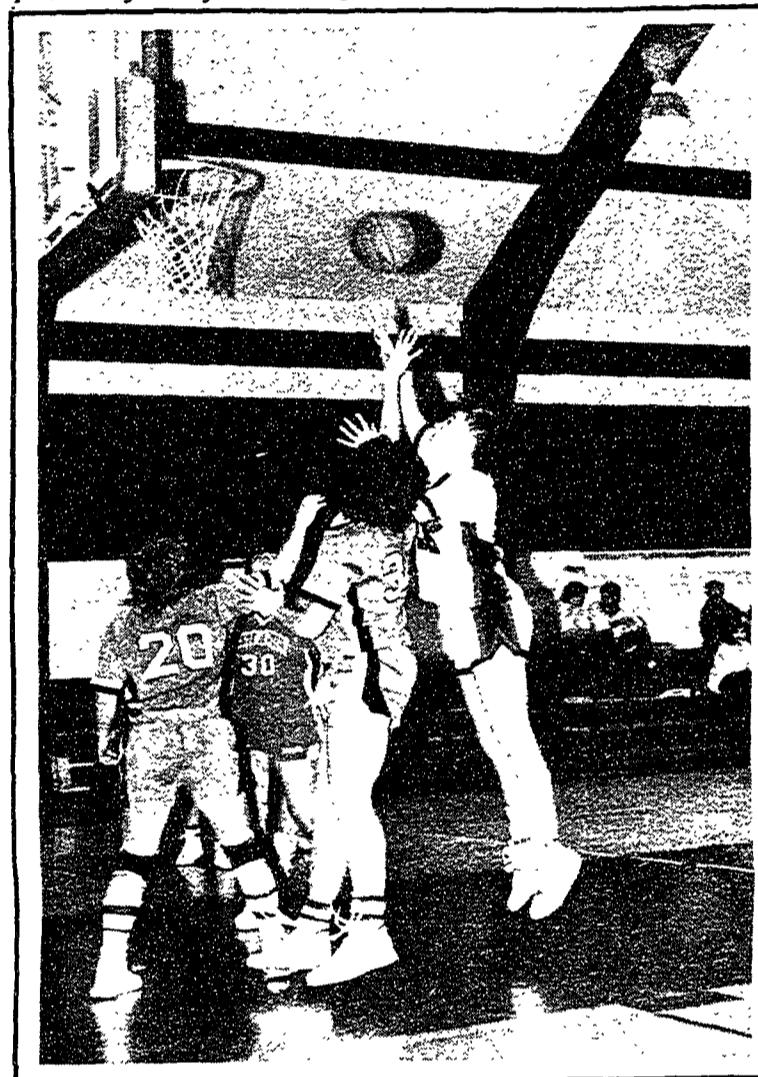
Madison also leads in rebounding, averaging 8.0 per game. Armstrong is next with 6.3 and Denise McCloskey is third with 4.3.

The Lady Lions play their final game of the season on Feb. 23 at Washington and Jefferson. Sabotta believes it will be an "even match" since both teams are young and basically inexperienced.



Junior guard Lisa Butch (left) looks for an assist while sophomore Michele Madison (below) crashes the boards during the Lady Lions' 66-45 loss to Westminster.

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Inconsistency Keeps Lions Out of Play-offs



Sophomore Dave Gurska (left) drives towards the lane as freshman Rick Demski (below) goes for the jam during the Lions' 92-77 victory over Houghton.

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The men's basketball team came into the home stretch of their season with an outside shot at making the play-offs. Unfortunately, the team fell short of their goal by losing three out of their last four games.

On Feb. 10, the Lion's lost to Alfred, 83-80. Gary Zang led the team with 25 points and Rick Demski grabbed nine rebounds. The key to the game was Alfred's ability to control the boards. Behrend was out rebounded 38-28. When the Lion's do not control the boards, they lack the shooting ability to dominate the game as other teams do.

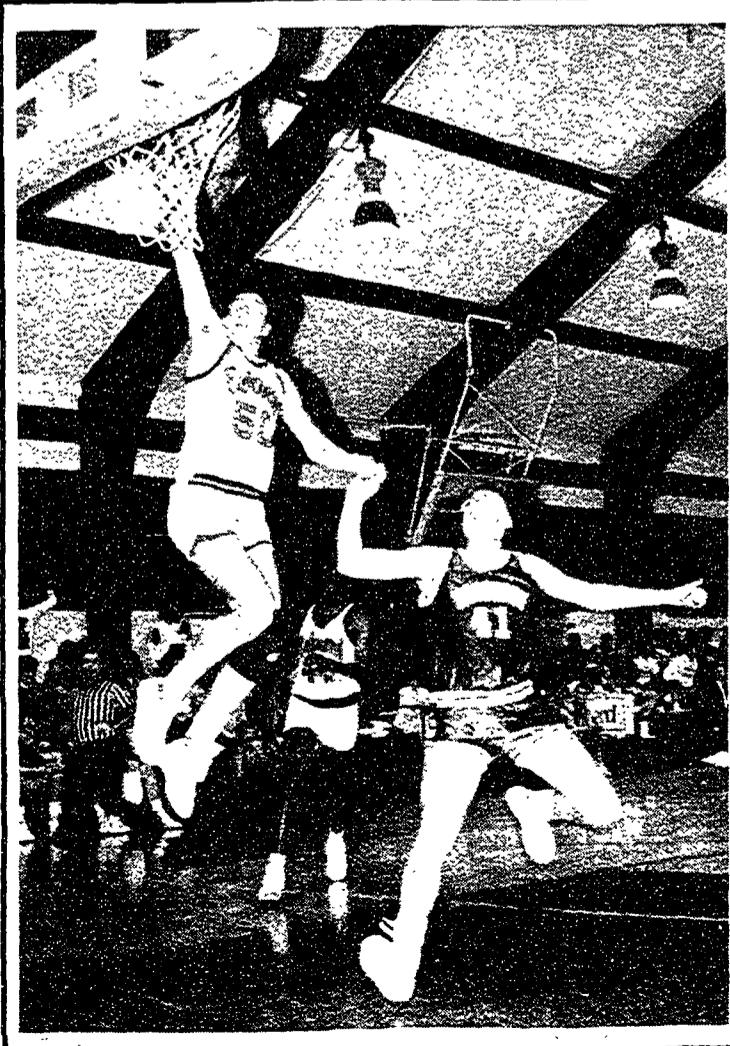
Keuka was the Lion's next opponent. On Feb. 14, Behrend was outrebounded once again and eventually lost by a score of 95-88. Keuka shot the ball extremely well from the perimeter hitting over 50% from the field. Behrend's lack of a pure outside shooter was evident as the Lions made only one of eight three point shots. Gene Gorniak led all scorers with 29 points while Randy Baughman came off the bench and dished out seven assists.

The Lions got back on the winning track Feb. 16, with a 92-77 win over Houghton. Wayne Snyder led the team with five assists but it was the outstanding play of Mike Jenkins and Dave

Gurska that carried the team to victory. Jenkins tallied 19 points, two assists and two steals while Gurska was the deep threat sinking five of seven three point shots. This was the first game all season in which the three point shot was a factor for the Lions. As a team, Behrend shot 52% from the field compared to Houghton's 41%.

The Lion's last opponent was Geneva who handed them another defeat, 86-73. Gary Zang played a great game with 19 points, six rebounds, four-assists, and three blocked shots, and Rick Demski scored 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. Overall, the Lion's shot a dismal 36% from the field. Perhaps the only other bright spot in the game was the play of Moise Pringle. With only six minutes of playing time, Mo racked up nine rebounds and seven points, which is just short of spectacular.

The Lion's have a decent basketball team and have made strides to improve themselves throughout the course of the season. Their main problem was their outside shooting. Without consistent outside shooting, their opponents could afford to sag deep into a zone and dare the Lion's to take the long jumpers. For the season, Behrend shot only 46% from the field. Their record now stands at 11-13. The Lions have played some solid basketball but their inconsistent shooting has kept them out of play-off competition.



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