

# MEN'S BASKETBALL RECAP

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The Behrend men's basketball team ended their roller coaster season on Feb 23. At times they seemed to play as a top notch team, other times they were barely average. The Lion's lost many close games, at times it seemed that with a few lucky bounces the team could have gone on to have a great season. Unfortunately, luck had nothing to do with the Lion's season. Inconsistency on offense crippled the team all year long. When the Lion's shooting was good, they could play with anyone, but when their shooting was bad they had no chance.

The team's greatest strength was its defense. The Lion's held opponents to under 43% shooting for the year. Coach Zimmerman stressed the importance of this to the team all season. The Lion's placed pressure on the ball all over the court creating many turnovers. Defensive rebounding was turned into an art by junior Gene Gorniak. Gorniak hauled down an average of 13 rebounds a game and his presence under the boards as a shot blocker was just as important.

Guards Wayne Snyder and Bob Minford each had outstanding defensive presence on the court. These two were the catalyst for all defensive pressure on the ball. Freshman Rick Demski added rebounding strength and over-all heads-up play.

The team's leader on the court was senior Gary Zang, who always seemed to come up with the exact play the Lion's needed at the time, whether it be a rebound, blocked shot, or steal. Not to take away from any individual, it was Behrend's ability to play total team defense that allowed them to be one of the best defensive teams in the E.C.A.C.

However, even great defense will not win basketball games if the team can't put the ball in the basket. As a team the Lion's only shot 43% from the field. This poor shooting was the only thing keeping the Lion's in check all year. Because of this poor shooting the Lion's players didn't have the confidence to shoot the 3 pointer. This was a key element missing from the Lion's attack.

The team had many scorers but no shooters. By this I mean no one who could come into the game and

just start firing. Zimmerman stressed team offense as well as defense, but every team needs someone who can shoot the ball consistently. Even if shooting the ball is the only thing this player can do, he is a necessary part of the team. Were it not for this lack of a shooter the Lion's would have been much more competitive.

None of this should take away from the other aspects of the team's play. In almost every other phase of the game the Lion's were excellent. The play of the bench was strong with Randy Baughman filling in at guard spot, Mike Jenkins playing swingman and Greg Green playing center. Dave Gurska was the closest player to being the Lion's long range gun, he led the team in three pointers attempted and made.

Frank Keller came off the bench sparingly, but when he got in he displayed heads-up play that will help him next season. The newest addition to the team was Moise Pringle. Mo displayed some awesome pure ability to play in every phase of the game. He did not get as much playing time as he deserved but when he got in he gave 110% and posted some incredible

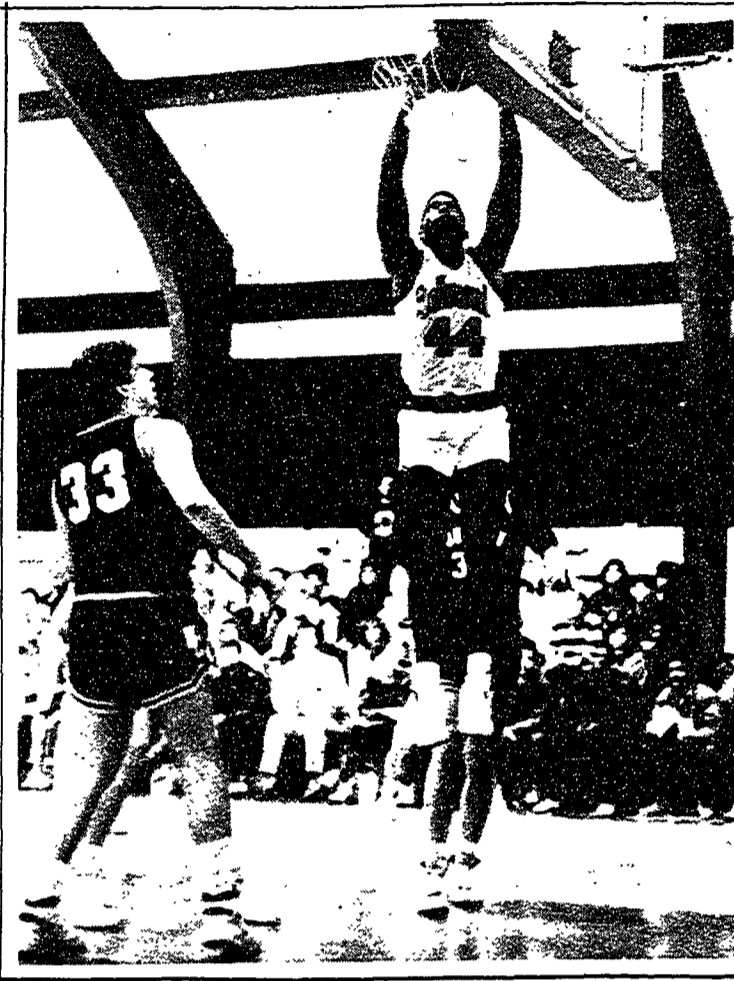
stats in the few minutes played.

The Lion's had a good season, disappointing to many but nevertheless good. In many games this year the team played exceptionally well against some great teams such as Mercyhurst and Pitt-Bradford. Both of these games were instances when the opposing team blew the Lion's away, but only on paper.

Perhaps it was in these two losses that the true character and pride of the Lion's really showed. Throughout the course of both games the Lion's never gave up and were it not for a few bounces of the ball the Lion's could have won both games.

A special note is given to all the seniors on the team, Wayne Snyder, Greg Green, and Gary Zang, who gave everything they had in probably the last organized basketball they will play. Through their leadership they have installed a new winning attitude here at Behrend which will be carried on by the underclassmen. Although their final record of 12-13 was not a winning one the class and character of the team made each member a true winner.

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Greg Green, one of three Behrend seniors

## The Road to Kansas City

by Jack Grow  
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In a couple of weeks, 64 of the top college basketball teams in the country will head to Kansas City to compete in the NCAA basketball tournament. Some of the top teams such as Oklahoma, Temple, and Purdue are figuring out their chances of winning it all while other teams such as Florida, St. John's and Indiana are calculating their chances of getting past the second round.

Temple seems to be the team to beat going into the tournament, after their convincing win at North Carolina they proved to be a top contender for the championship. Arizona has been one of the most consistent teams all year, and Oklahoma has also had a great year, they have had the largest average margin of victory of any Division I school. The Boilermakers of Purdue have clinched the Big Ten for the first time and don't have to share the title with any other school.

The Big East once again will place at least four teams in the tournament. Syracuse and Pitt will be the top two teams, but Georgetown, St. John's, and Villanova all stand good chances of doing well. Syracuse and Pitt have been highly ranked all year, Pitt has a better record and higher ranking, but Syracuse played a tougher schedule and consequently a worse record. Both teams should do very well in the tournament.

Bradley led by Hershey Hawkins, the nation's leading scorer, stands a good chance of doing well in the tournament. North Carolina, Duke, and Kentucky all should be in the thick of the hunt for the championship. These are a few of the teams that will be in the tournament, now here are some predictions for the outcome.

All of the top teams will advance past the first round, but in the second round some of the lower top 20 teams begin to fall out of the running. These teams include

Iowa, N.C. State, and Florida. The surprise team of the tournament will be Bradley. Hershey Hawkins will score 40 then 50 points in the first two games. In the next round top seeded Temple will lose a close game and be eliminated. Duke, Georgetown, and Michigan will all lose leaving only eight teams in contention. These teams are Oklahoma, Pitt, North Carolina, Purdue, Arizona, Syracuse, U.N.L.V. and Bradley.

U.N.L.V. will lose a close game to Pitt and the Panthers will be the first team to advance to the Final Four. North Carolina will defeat Purdue by 10 as J.R. Reid grabs 20 rebounds and scores 30 points. Arizona will end Bradley's run as they hold Hershey Hawkins to only 15 points. Syracuse will soundly beat Oklahoma as Rony Seikaly and Derick Coleman combine for 40 rebounds and 35 points. This will leave a Final four of Arizona playing Pitt and Syracuse taking on

## BULLETIN:

### Sobotta Resigns

by Dave Bruce  
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Karin Sobotta, the Penn State Behrend Women's Basketball Coach, has resigned after four years of service. The exact reason for her resignation is not yet known. According to Athletic Director Herb Lauffer, the college will be hiring a new coach within the next few weeks.

In addition to coaching the women's basketball team, Sobotta also coached the women's tennis team for the last two seasons.

"We appreciate the contributions Karin has made to our entire athletic program, not only the ones she has made to the two sports she's coached," said Lauffer, "She has also helped continue the growth of our women's athletic program and we wish her continued success in the future."

Sobotta came to Behrend in 1984 after graduating from the University of Idaho with a B.S. degree in Physical Education and a Master's degree in Sports Medicine. While in college, Sobotta played both basketball and tennis. She was named to the All-Regional team in both sports during her career and holds four Idaho basketball records.

During her career at Behrend, Sobotta has compiled a record of 29-69 in four years of coaching. She could not be reached for comment on her resignation, and her future plans are not presently known.

North Carolina. Syracuse will beat North Carolina by 5 as Matt Roc of Syracuse and Jeff Lebo of N.C. engage in long distance shootout. The final game will be as close as last year's but Syracuse will win the championship by one point over Arizona.

## You Make the Trade...

by Darrell Freund  
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"You make the trade" is going into its Fourth Collegian issue with strong support from the student community. The members of the sports staff greatly appreciate the submissions for this particular project.

In order to keep the article going, we still need in depth and insightful trade possibilities. You can submit any idea for any sport. All submissions will be taken seriously. Submit as many ideas as you wish. However, we can only use one per issue.

Here are some recently submitted ideas:

**Action:** The Dodgers should trade Mike Marshall and Franklin Stubbs to the Houston Astros for either Nolan Ryan or Joaquin Andujar or both. The Dodgers need a couple of starters and the Astros need power hitters.

John Bernardi  
4th semester  
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**Reply:** This would be a beneficial trade for both teams. The Dodgers recently acquired Kirk Gibson and could part with either Marshall or Stubbs. The only problem I could see would be Marshall's history with back problems.

The Astros could part with either Ryan or Andujar, but not both. Ryan is a big part of the

Astros club. He is the mentor for the young pitching staff. But, Mike Scott could easily take over the reign as leader of the staff. Andujar could also be spared, the only question with him would be his disciplinary problems. I'm not so sure that the "big city" atmosphere in Los Angeles would do much for his attitude problems.

**Action:** The New York Mets should trade John Gibbons, Randy Milligan, and Greg Jeffries to San Diego for catcher Benito Santiago.

Keith Frawley  
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**Reply:** This proposal would definitely tempt the Mets. Gary Carter isn't getting any younger. His best days are behind him. But, are the Mets willing to deal three young and untested talents for one young and untested talent. Santiago was National League Rookie of the Year, but can the Mets gamble with a "one year veteran". I think they should. Milligan is a 1st baseman but so is Keith Hernandez. Jeffries is an infielder, but the Mets are overflowing with young talent. This is a trade both teams could afford to make.

**Action:** The Steelers should trade Walter Abercrombie and a 2nd round draft pick to the Kansas City Chiefs for Todd Blackledge.

Tom Durkin  
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**Sunday, March 6:** After spending most of the last 26 hours on a bus, we pull into Behrend...Thank God. No more sharing a room with three other guys, no more fast food meals three times a day, no more 22-hour bus rides. I graduate this spring and I definitely will not miss this trip next year.

**Review:** Obviously we are not pleased with our performance, especially since we played our best game first and went downhill after that.

On a positive note, we did hit .315 as a team, stole nine bases in nine attempts and scored 26 runs in four games. Also we discovered a couple of new players who played well, including Dan Froelich who hit .385 and handled 25 chances without an error at first base. Also Eddie Malsch threw well in his outing giving up three runs in five innings.

But we still have too many questions and not enough answers.

## Athlete of the Week

by Rick Cain  
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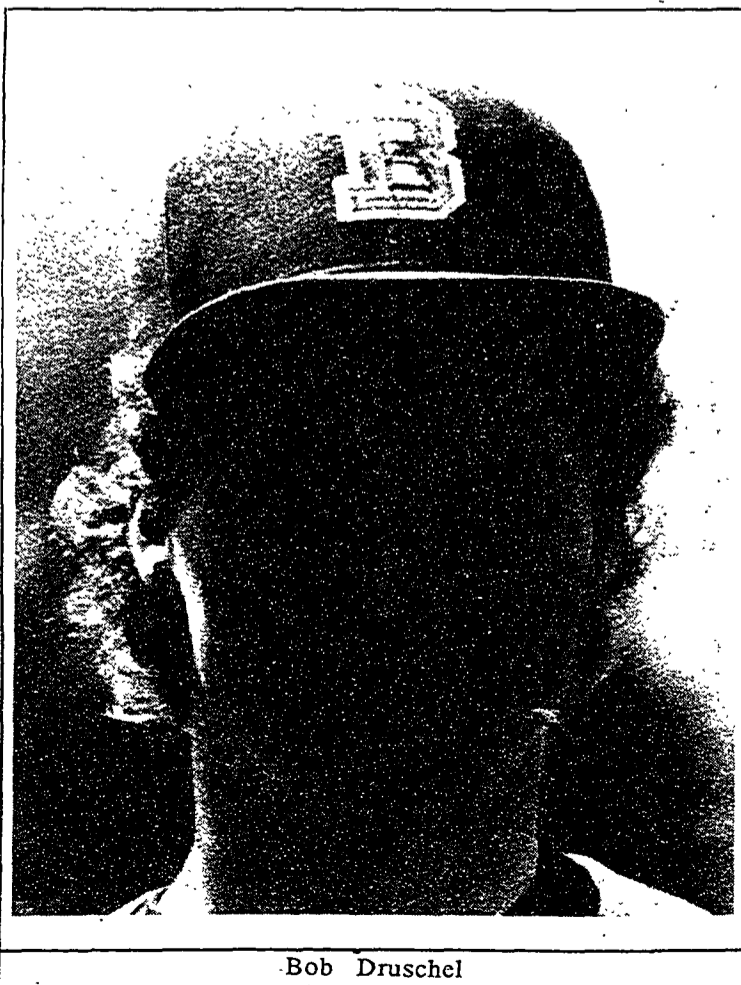
Congratulations to this issue's Athlete of the Week, Bob Druschel.

During the baseball team's recent trip to Florida, Druschel played outfield, pitcher, and catcher while racking up an impressive .400 average at the plate. In the four games the Lions played, Druschel went six for fifteen with six runs scored, three RBIs, three walks, a double and a triple. With stats like this, Druschel is sure to show up in this column again in the future.

Bob will receive dinner for two at Barbato's in recognition of his accomplishments.

(Due to a lapse in women's athletics in the past weeks, there is no female winner for this issue.)

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Bob Druschel

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