

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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Congratulations to this issue's Athletes of the Week, Brenda Rose and Lisa Butch.

Freshman Brenda Rose has proven to be an important addition to the Lady Lions this year. Coach Burbules described her as "very coachable" possessing "great concentration" and the "best attitude" on the team.

Junior Lisa Butch is a "good leader who comes through when needed," commented Burbules. She has proven to be consistent both defensively and offensively.

Both Brenda and Lisa will receive dinner for two at Barbato's in recognition of their performance.

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Brenda
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LIONS FALL INTO DEEP SLUMP

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The Behrend Lion's Baseball team slumped severely in the past weeks as their regular season record fell to two wins and ten losses.

Their downfall began on March 30, when they traveled to Washington & Jefferson. The first game saw the Lions fall 11-4. Their only offense of the game came in the third inning when Rich Adams and Tom Partridge led off with back-to-back doubles. This set the stage for Reese Wetzel who delivered a triple, scoring himself on a error by the center fielder. Then with two outs, Shawn Selby walked, stole second and scored on a single by Dan Froehlich. The second game was a pitcher's duel in which the Lions came up short, 2-0. Eric Haus pitched well in the complete game loss but his teammates could manage only two hits.

On April 2, the Lions returned home to face Malone. They continued their offensive struggle and were shut out of the first game, 11-0. The second game saw the Lions momentarily revive their bats. Froehlich had three hits, Selby a single and a double, and Jim Senyo had a two-run homer. Unfortunately the defense severely faltered and they lost, 15-5.

Their next opponent was local rival Mercyhurst. The Lion's offensive machine was once again stagnant as they lost the first contest 8-1. Tom Partridge had two hits. The second game appeared to be much like the first as the Lions trailed 12-4 going into the last of the seventh. It was in the seventh, though, that the Lions combined three hits, seven walks, and a number of fielding errors to generate a miraculous nine runs to win the game, 13-12. Bob Druschel had three hits (two of them in the seventh) and Senyo had two. Bob Duma picked up the win in relief.



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THE LIONS WERE ONE STEP BEHIND THEIR OPPONENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR HOMESTAND

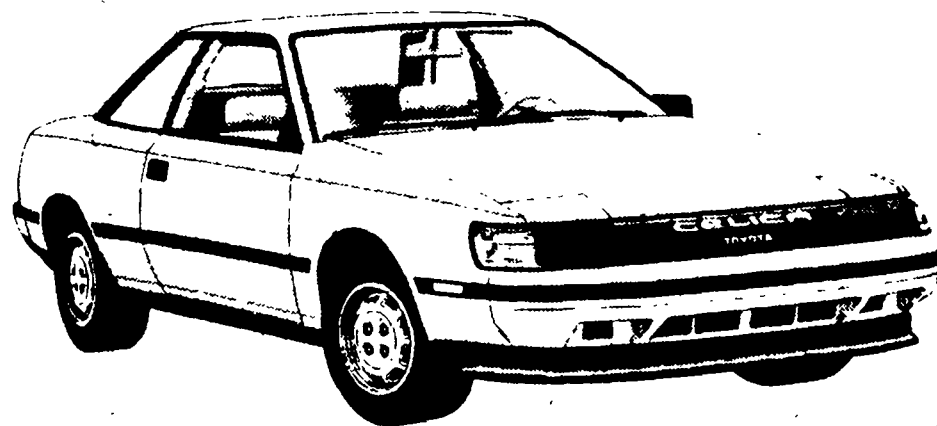
An April 7, meeting with Allegheny was rained out making their next opponent Fredonia on the 9th. Again the bats fell silent as the Lions lost the first game 5-0. Steve Davido pitched decently in the complete game loss but the offense scattered only three hits. The second game appeared to be a repeat of the Mercyhurst win. Trailing 7-0 in the seventh, the first three Lions to bat scored. However the rally ended, and the game, with a double-play with two men on.

The Lions completed their long home stand on Sunday, April 10. The double-header soon turned into "Sunday Bloody Sunday" for the home team as they lost 13-1 and 17-0. The Lions were completely outplayed at every position on the field in both games. Druschel had a triple and two singles and Chris Biebel had two singles.

As the Lion's home stand turned disaster, their hopes of a .500 season turned into a dream. In the last 10 games they hit only .203 as a team while striking out .274 as a team. Combine this with their defense problems and you have a 2-16 team (including four games played in Florida) that is going no where fast. Without a serious turnaround soon, their thoughts of bettering last year's miserable 6-33 record may too be just a dream.

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