

# Eye on Sports

## Brandywine Lady Lions Score PSUAC Championship

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The Brandywine Lady Lions Basketball team is on fire! And I do not just mean team leader Shari Harper, who averages about three steals and nine rebounds per game! These talented young women have been working hard and playing even harder. The intense determination and perseverance that they show in every single game is reflected in their incredible winning streak.

Currently, the ladies are 13-1 in league play and 17-8 overall. Head Coach Larry Johnson reveals his excitement about the team's recent successes and proudly informs that this is the fifth straight time the program has made the play offs! It's also the fifth time in a row that the ladies have been the Penn State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) South Division Champs! Coach Johnson says the girls are doing an unbelievable job! Each individual player has done the best she could to bring in the game points.

Sarah deBeradinis, a guard from Strath Haven High School, has been impressing the fans by averaging about thirteen points per game! Cashae Hinton, also a guard from Norristown Area High School, has been wowing the crowd as well, with an average of about eleven points per game! Amber Chandler is another notable player who has been averaging nine rebounds per game, right up there with the team leader Shari Harper. If you have not been to a game yet, you are missing out! The team is currently on a five-game winning streak. On January 29th the ladies stole a remarkable 25 point lead before crushing division rival Penn State Schuylkill 82-75. On February 4th, they played the Bryn Mawr Owls and secured their tenth win of the season with a 74-59 victory.

February 6th was another gripping game for the Lady Lions as they took on Hazleton. Impressive defense tactics, as well as strong plays led by Shari Harper, Sarah deBeradinis, Amber Chandler and team co-captain Bobbi Caprice, kept Brandywine in the lead as they took their 68-59 point victory. On February 12th in a battle against Penn State Fayette, Shari Harper helped pull Brandywine up to first place in the PSUAC South Division by making two free throws in the final three seconds! The team defeated Fayette in a close match, 75-71. On February 13th and 15th, the team defeated Penn State York 80-65 and 86-77. On February 17th they took on Penn State Mont Alto and showed their skill with a 42 point lead, beating Mont Alto 72-30. The



Congratulations go out to the PSU Brandywine Lady Lions on landing the PSUAC Championship. (photo courtesy Penn State Brandywine Athletics)

first round of the PSUAC playoffs took place on February 19th when the Brandywine Lady Lions defeated Penn State DuBois.

With four minutes left last Wednesday morning, Penn State Brandywine's hopes of winning the PSUAC women's basketball title appeared bleak. PSU Beaver, the three time defending league champion, had a 13-point lead and was in total control. Brandywine coach Larry Johnson called a timeout and told his team that it was now or never. The Brandywine Lions responded with a comeback for the ages. Amanda Congialdi hit a 3-pointer with five seconds left to give Brandywine a dramatic, 57-54, come-from-behind victory over Beaver at the Bryce Jordan Center. "It was the perfect four minutes," Johnson said. Cashae Hinton (14 points) and Sarah deBeradinis both turned two steals into layups to fuel the comeback. Hinton also was 5 for 6 from the free throw line in the last five minutes. Amber Chandler contributed 12 points and 12 rebounds. Shari Harper added 11 points and nine boards for Brandywine, which is seeded ninth in the USCAA national tournament, which begins next Wednesday. The win avenged three straight playoff losses to Beaver including an 82-54 setback in last year's championship game. "It was a good feeling to show that they weren't that much better than us," Johnson said. "The girls worked hard to get to this point. They really deserved it."

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## Will There Be An NFL Lockout?

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The collective bargaining agreement between the NFL Players Association and the NFL's owners is about to end on March 3rd, and with no new deal in sight, there is a strong chance there will be a lockout on the 2011 NFL season.

An NFL lockout would be a disaster for football fans everywhere. The National Football League has millions of fans across the country and generates billions of dollars in revenue each year, but if a new collective bargaining agreement isn't reached by football season the NFL will lose around \$400 million dollars for each weekend there is no football.

The NFL owners have a definite advantage over the players despite being looked at as greedy by the media. Many people have the opinion that the owners are just money hungry billionaires that are looking to have the cash to buy one or two more houses. Needless to say the owners do not see themselves in this way.

Many of the owners think they got the short end of the deal in the last collective bargaining agreement.

"We signed a (bleep) deal last time and we're going to stick together and take back our league and (bleeping) do something about it," says Jerry Richardson, the Carolina Panther's owner, according to Yahoo.

It would also make sense that the Carolina Panthers are one of the teams that are struggling financially. According to NFL executives, if more money is not directed towards the owners in the new collective bargaining agreement than a couple teams are going to have a tough time financially, and some could even have to relocate to a new city.

These financial struggles of some teams have led to rumors such as the Jacksonville Jaguars moving to Los Angeles, despite their owner strongly denying the accusation.

"That's my way of saying the Jacksonville Jaguars are the Jacksonville Jaguars, and they're not going to be anything else," says Weaver, according to bleacher-report.com.

Despite the problems some teams are going through, players might have even more financial problems if a lockout were to occur. Many players, surprisingly enough, need some of the money they are not going to get if a lockout happens. This seems ridiculous to most people, but many players don't anticipate not playing when it comes to their financial situations.

The NFLPA and NFL executives have had a hard time trying to come to an agreement. Each side has not really budged at all in their demands, and that is why Roger Goodell decided to bring in a professional mediator to help bring the two sides closer to a new deal.

With March 3rd getting closer and closer, the two sides have been talking and making some progress.

"Just continue talking, man-that's what we're doing. I think ownership-everybody-needs to know that we're all committed to it and committed to get something done," Jeff Saturday, an NFLPA executive committee member and center for the Indianapolis Colts, said to Yahoo.

One of the issues that have been brought up is making a rookie wage scale. This would stop unproven rookie players, who haven't even played a down in the NFL yet, from receiving lucrative amounts of money right away.

The NFL owners would also like to see the 60% of revenue the players receive decrease significantly. The owners are also talking about maybe making the NFL schedule have 18 regular season games instead of 16. The NFLPA sees this as asking the players to do more work and receive less money, which they would essentially be doing.

It will be interesting to see if the two sides can somehow pull out a miracle and come to an agreement before the March 3rd deadline, but that is highly unlikely.