

Sports

Lions Slide Lose Two in 'The Pit'

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Behrend's men's basketball team did an about face last week by winning a close one on the road and dropping two in "The Pit."

The week began with an overtime win at SUNY-Brockport, 97-96. According to Coach Zimmerman the game was a dogfight. "We didn't come out ready to play," said Zimmerman, "we kept letting them back into the game. We were lucky to find a way to win." This upped the Lions to 11-5.

The Wolverines of Grove City came to Erie Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 25, to hand the Lions their first home loss of the season. "We didn't look as sharp as we normally do," said Zimmerman. Foul trouble to the inside men hurt Behrend's player rotation.

The Lions' leading scorer, forward Rick Demski, fouled for the fourth time just seconds into the second half. All this added up to a 74-65 loss for the Lions.

Turnovers plagued the Lions in a 91-79 loss to Westminster on Saturday in "The Pit."

Sophomore Randy Baughman, the Lions' point man, saw only a few minutes of play due to a case of the flu. Westminster, a big inside team, used this to their advantage by pressing and caused the Lions to give up the ball 21 times. "Their press hurt us," said Zimmerman, "that many turnovers cause problems." The loss brought the Lions to 11-7.

Coach Zimmerman points out that the Lions have played nine games in a 17 day stretch, and that fatigue has definitely been a factor in the later games. Despite the losses, the team has remained up, and are looking down the stretch with optimism.

"We have to finish really strong," admits Zimmerman, and claims that even six wins out of the remaining seven games wouldn't guarantee a postseason bid in either the NCAA or the ECAC tournaments. Behrend's seven remaining games include three at home and four on the road.

The Lions' lost their third straight at Houghton Monday, 84-71.



Lions' Guard Randy Baughman puts up a jumper against a Grove City defender. photo by Rick Brooks

Bits & Pieces

NFL

San Francisco 49'ers Head Coach Bill Walsh has resigned his coaching position to become the Niners' vice president of football operations. Walsh leaves with three Super Bowl titles (all in the 1980's) and with an overall record of 102-63-1. Defensive Coordinator George Seifert will assume head coaching duties.

Cincinnati Bengals' Head Coach Sam Wyche will stay in Ohio for a while longer. The Bengals' leader signed a five-year contract with Cincinnati management for an undisclosed amount.

Ex-Cleveland Browns Head Coach Marty Schottenheimer has taken over the reigns of the lowly Kansas City Chiefs.

Replacing Schottenheimer in Cleveland is former New York Jets Defensive Coordinator Bud Carson.

The NFL Hall of Fame announced its yearly inductees last week. Defensive back Willie Woods (Green Bay Packers), offensive lineman Art Shell (Oakland Raiders) defensive back Mel Blount (Steelers) and quarterback Terry Bradshaw (Steelers) will all be formally inducted in late August.

MLB

Major League Baseball has two more multi-millionaires. Minnesota Twins' center fielder Kirby Puckett signed a one year contract for \$2 million and San Francisco Giants' first baseman Will Clark signed a one year deal for \$1.125 million. Both players have additional bonus clauses built into their contracts.

Dwight Gooden, Rodger Clemens and company should be smiling as last season's notorious balk rules have been repealed.

NBA

The Chicago Bulls' Michael

"Air" Jordan scored his ten thousandth point last week against Philadelphia. Only the immortal Wilt Chamberlain has reached this total sooner.

PGA

Mark O'Meara sunk a ten foot birdie put on the 18th hole Sunday to win the Pebble Beach Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, CA. The put gave him a 11-under-par 277 and his first victory in four years.

Tennis

Ivan Lendl and Steffi Graf finished first once again. Lendl defeated Miloslav Mecir 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, to win his first ever Australian Open. Graf defeated Helena Sukova 6-4, 6-4 for her fifth straight Grand Slam event.

Chris Everett has announced that she will retire at the end of this season. Everett is presently ranked fourth in the world.

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