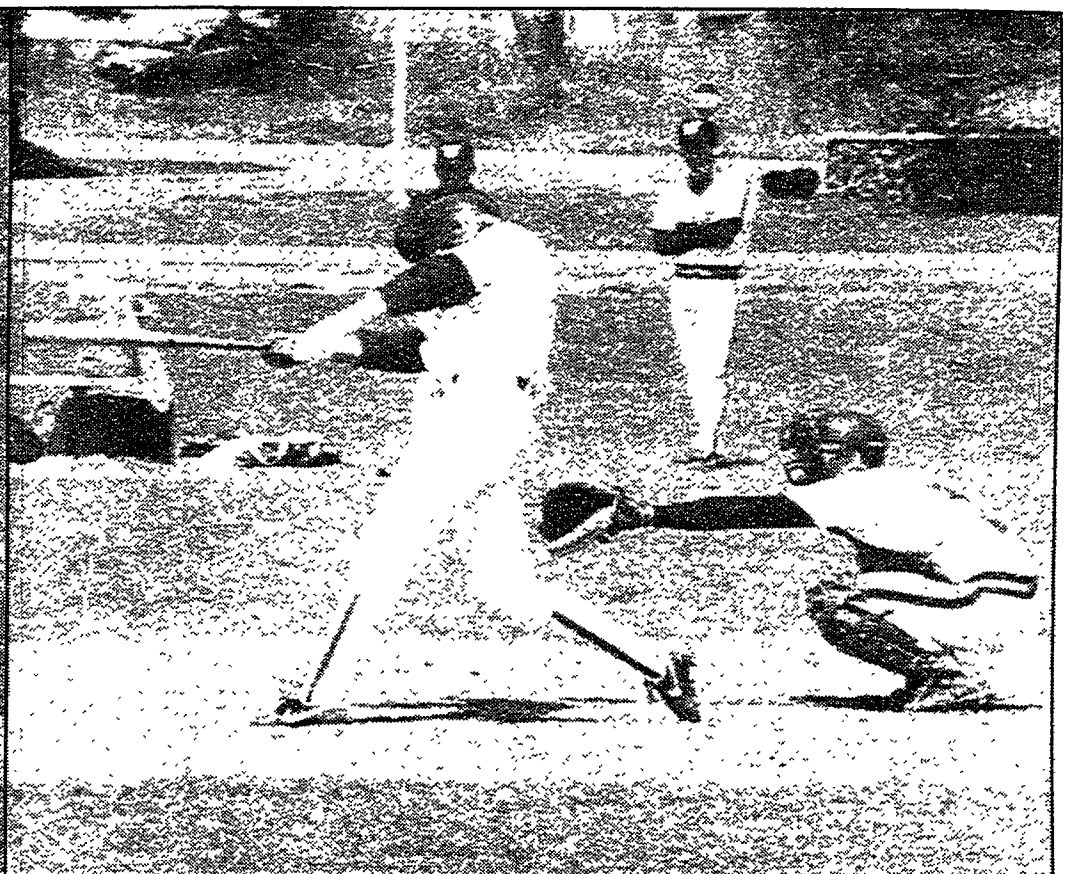


Rough Cut On The Diamond

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The Lions Trevor Johnson took a tough loss on the mound against Gannon



The Lions Darin Wotus belted two doubles and a homerun against West Virginia-Weslyan.

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The Lions baseball squad might have better luck if they played more teams in the east. "We haven't beaten a team west of us," Coach Mike Bari pointed out.

Gannon (3-0, 5-2), and West Virginia-Weslyan (7-5, 9-1). Against Gannon, a school from the west side of Erie, Bill Taylor went 3-for-4 and Trevor Johnson pitched a complete game in the opener. In game two, Pete Zulick had one hit and 2 RBI's.

Behrend is the would-be Beast of the East, its the western competition that gives the Lions the most trouble

That's one explanation for the Lion's dismal 1-16 mark. Their lone victory came against SUNY-Fredonia, the only school longitudinally east of Penn State-Behrend. As scheduling has it, that could mean a long season for Bari's Lions. The majority of their opponents are "west" schools. Another difficulty for the Behrend nine has been NAIA and Division II opponents; they are 0-14 against them. The Lions are 1-2 against division III schools.

The difficulties continued last week as the Lions were swept in two doubleheaders against

Darin Wotus and Ray Cerqua were the bright spots against Weslyan. Wotus hit two doubles and Cerqua came through with a bases loaded double that knocked in three runs. In the second game, Wotus came back to belt a pinch-hit homer for the Lion's only run.

Bari's squad will be back in action against an east school Thursday when they travel to Rochester to tangle with RIT. The Lions will host Mercyhurst on Saturday, and Sunday they will visit Fredonia.

Lady Lions On A Tear

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The Behrend Lady Lions softball team ran their record to 8-2 with doubleheader sweeps of Thiel College and Gannon University during the past week.

On Sunday, the Lady Lions ripped Thiel in the opener with 11 runs on nine hits as they scored in every inning but one. Tammy Altman and Jen Mowris stroked two hits apiece to lead the Lady Lion offensive outburst. Erika Renwick tossed a three-hitter as she won her fifth consecutive decision.

The second game came down to Behrend's last at bat, with Lisa Butch coming through with the game-winning hit, giving her two hits for the game as the Lady Lions pulled out a 4-3 victory.

Also collecting two hits were Melanie Dunn and Teresa Sumner. Beth Balizet got the win, but was touched up for three runs despite only yielding three hits.

Last Thursday at Scott Park, the Lady Lions took two from Gannon with identical 8-5 scores despite being out-hit in both games. In game one, Behrend trailed 4-1 entering the seventh inning when they scored seven runs on the strength of four walks and six hits. Jen Mowris, Erica Scribner, Kellie Jordan, and Melanie Dunn all ripped two hits each. Dunn also gathered two RBI's.

Renwick was the winning hurler for Behrend. In the nightcap, play got sloppy as both teams combined for eight errors. Jordan paced the batting for the Lady Lions with a double, a single and two runs batted in.

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