

Sports

Going up for two



photo by Rick Brooks

Krista goes up: Five-foot eight forward Krista Fortson goes up for a basket during action in Behrend's exhibition on Saturday against a Canadian All-Star team. The Lady Lions won the pre-season match, 83-61.

Lady Lions out to prove last season's strong finish was not a fluke

Women's basketball team travels to SUNY-Fredonia for tournament to open '89-90 hoop season

by Robert Kitchen
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The women's basketball team hopes to continue last year's strong finish with a successful 1989-90 season. The Lady Lions need leadership and improvement from the returning players and solid performances from their new players to accomplish this.

The Lady Lions have played well in the pre-season, defeating Lake Erie College by 16 points. On Saturday, the lady hoopsters defeated a team of Canadian All-Stars, 83-61. Senior Michelle Madison, '88-'89's leading scorer, lead Behrend with 16 points. Sophomore forward Melanie Dunn and freshman Pam Torrelli netted 14 each. Center Heather Murray added 13 points.

Behrend shot an impressive 51 percent from the floor.

There are seven letterman returning to this year's squad. The team will be looking to the two returning seniors, Madison and Lisa Dorenkamp, for leadership. With Madison working inside (15.1 ppg and 7.5 rpg) and Dorenkamp on the outside (Behrend record 95 career three-pointers), the Lady Lions have a potent one-two punch. Madison can also shoot from outside, nailing 55 percent of her attempts behind the three-point arc.

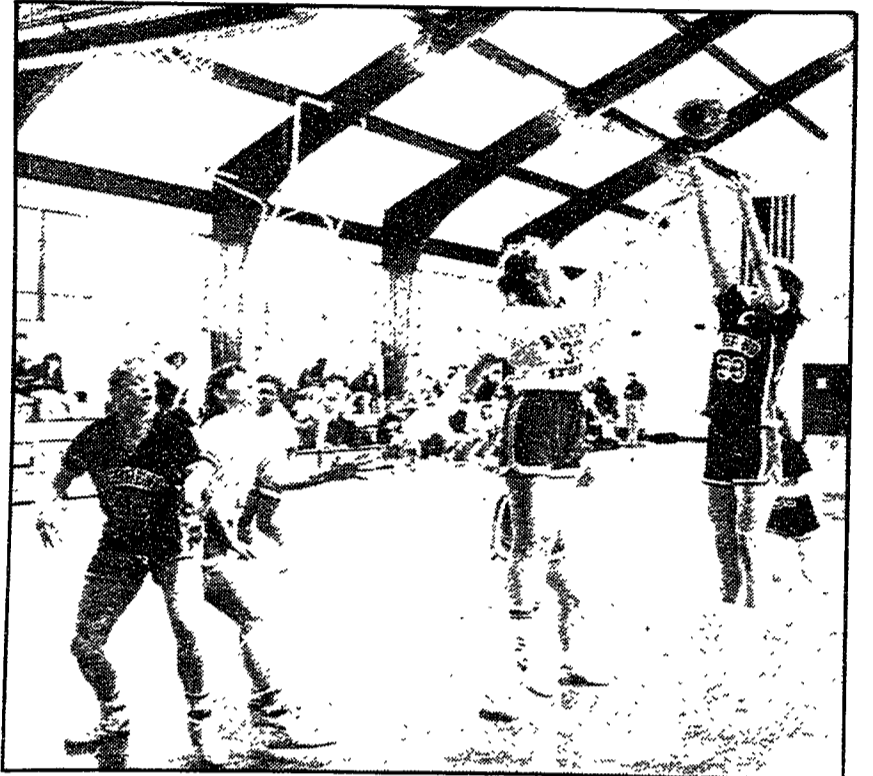


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Over the top: Sophomore center Heather Murray puts up a shot in the paint over the outstretched hand of a Canadian All-Star defender. Murray finished last Saturday's exhibition game with 13 points.

The Lady Lions will also get offensive help from Murray and Dunn.

When asked about the freshman, second year Coach Jenefer Banker said, "The Freshman have played very well and I look forward to all four of them to contribute this year."

Banker's goal for the season is

to see us improve steadily as the year goes on" and "some leadership out of the returners to help us get out to a real good start."

Madison said, "If we stay positive, we can definitely have a .500 season. We have a really good group of freshman" and

Women's Basketball Home Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
11/21	Pitt-Bradford	6 pm
11/30	Allegheny	5:30 pm
12/2	Mercyhurst	7 pm
1/4	Dyke	7 pm
1/6	Westminster	6 pm
1/11	Geneva	6 pm
1/13	Thiel	6 pm
1/18	Fredonia	6 pm
1/22	Buffalo State	6 pm
2/3	Elmira	4 pm
2/7	Bethany	6 pm
2/20	Grove City	6 pm

Men's Basketball Home Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
11/21	Pitt-Bradford	8 pm
11/30	Oberlin	7:30 pm
1/6	Grove City	8 pm
1/11	Geneva	8 pm
1/13	Thiel	8 pm
1/22	Buffalo State	8 pm
1/31	Houghton	7:30 pm
2/3	Elmira	6 pm
2/17	Keuka	7:30 pm

Men's hoop team to open season this Friday in Slippery Rock Tourney

Lions look to better last year's 15-11 record

by Mike Leshner
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The Behrend men's basketball team had an excellent season last year, qualifying for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference playoffs for the first time, while posting a 15-10 regular season record. The Lion's high scoring, fast paced offense, along with their aggressive defense will be back again this year.

The Lions have eight returning players, including four of last years starting five. The only starter not to return is Bob Minford, who graduated and is now an assistant coach for the Lions. Therefore, Behrend's nucleus has remained mostly in tact.

That nucleus includes junior forward Rick Demski, last years leading scorer (17.7 ppg) and rebounder (10.1 rpg), along with the teams leading three-point shooter, senior guard Dave Gurska (team record 83 trifectas). Gurska, who usually came in off of the bench, gives the Lions instant offense whenever he enters the game.

The three other returning starters are high-flying junior

forward Moise Pringle, junior guard Chris Viscuso, and junior guard Randy Baughman. Baughman was second in scoring (15 ppg) and lead the team in assists, averaging seven dishes a game. Viscuso is a versatile player who is not afraid to let it fly from long range (45 treys, including a record eight triples in one game) or go inside. Pringle was second to Demski in rebounding (8.2 rpg) and averaged just under 12 points a game.

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Basketball Coach**

The Lions will also count on 6-4 sophomore guard Jeff Cowan, whose freshman season was hindered with injuries. If Cowan stays healthy, his ability to hit long-range jumpers and drive to the hoop gives Zimmerman a different dimension at guard.

Senior Michael Colucci and sophomore David Mojock also return, giving the Lions more depth and experience at their

strongest position, guard.

Of the newcomers, point guard Omar Thrower and forwards Steve Cooper and Rich Buzalka look to be the most promising, although all of the newcomers have shown talent. With Buzalka and Cooper (6-5 and 6-3, respectively), the Lions have some extra size on the bench, a luxury they did not have last year.

According to Behrend's coach, Doug Zimmerman, Behrend has good team speed and quickness. "We are going to be able to wear people down," said the seventh year coach.

Zimmerman also said that shooting ability is another of his team's strengths. "We don't shoot the ball too bad," said the coach.

Probably the most important attribute the Behrend hoopsters has is its team chemistry. Zimmerman said that the team "gets along well with each other. The chemistry is there."

Behrend's schedule this year will be rough, as they will host only nine home games this year. Zimmerman feels that one of the keys to the Lions success will be

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