

Lady Lions start home schedule by losing two of their first three games; Madison becomes fifth woman to break 1000

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After an impressive win in their home-opener against Pitt-Bradford, the Lady Lions have suffered two tough home-court losses as their record dropped to 1-4. One of the bright spots for the lady cagers has been senior forward Michele Madison. Madison became the fifth woman at Behrend to break 1,000 points.

On Saturday, Behrend lost to Mercyhurst, by the score of 74-61. The lady lions converted on 13 of 21 attempts from the line while Mercyhurst connected on 33 of 45 free throw attempts.

The lady lions were also out rebounded by Mercyhurst, 52-39.

Madison netted 21 points and was the only Behrend player in double digits.

Freshman guard Lori Nadolny comments on the attitude of the team after losing two straight home games, "We still have positive goals for the future."

The lady lions previously suffered a loss against Allegheny on Thursday, 80-79. Behrend led throughout the first period until Allegheny hit a jumper in the final seconds of the first half to take the lead, 39-38.

Behrend trailed in the second half until at 5:34 when they tied it at 69. Behrend then took the lead 71-70 at 4:30 on a foul shot by Nadolny. Behrend's momentum soon slowed down and Allegheny shot a jumper with two seconds left in the game to put the Lady Gators over the top, 80-79.

The lady lions converted only 4 of 17 attempts at the charity stripe and shot 41 percent from the field.

Madison finished with 22 points while sophomore forwards Melanie Dunn and Heather Murray had 17 and 10 points, respectively.

Nadolny said it was an "overall good effort."

The women's basketball team

easily defeated Pitt-Bradford by the score of 90-53 on November 21, at Erie Hall.

The lady lions offense in the first period was led by Madison and freshman forward Pam Torrelli. Madison had 12 points in the first period and Torrelli had 14. Behrend led 39-22 at the end of the first period and shot 14 for 29 (48 percent) and were 11-16 (69 percent) from the field.

At 16:05 in the second quarter, Madison became the fifth lady lion to go over the 1000 point career mark. Madison joins Sue Holmes, Lisa Butch, and Missy and Mindy Stasenka on the grand list. Holmes is the career scoring leader with 1104.

Madison finished the game with 18 points and Torrelli had 20.

Nadolny comments on the Pitt-Bradford game by saying, "We were mentally into it."

The next outing for the Lady Lions is on the road against Washington and Jefferson tomorrow night. The next home game for the lady hoopsters is on January 4 against Dyke college. Tip-off is set at 7 pm.

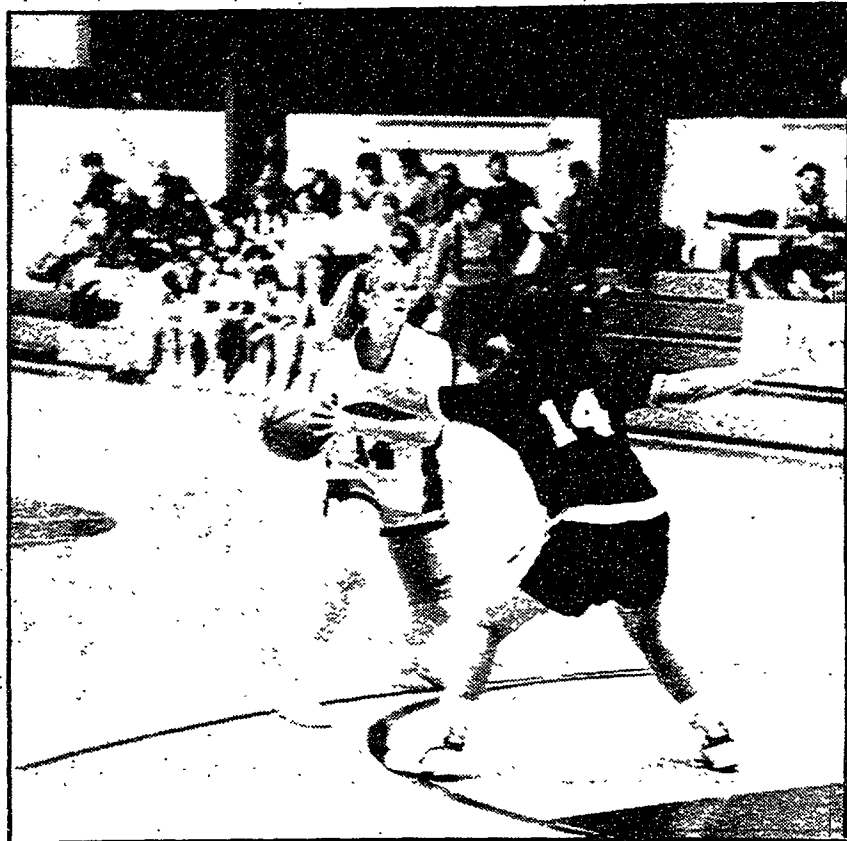


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Anybody open?: Pam Torrelli looks for someone to pass the ball to while being closely guarded by an Allegheny defender. Behrend played well, but lost in the final seconds, 80-79.

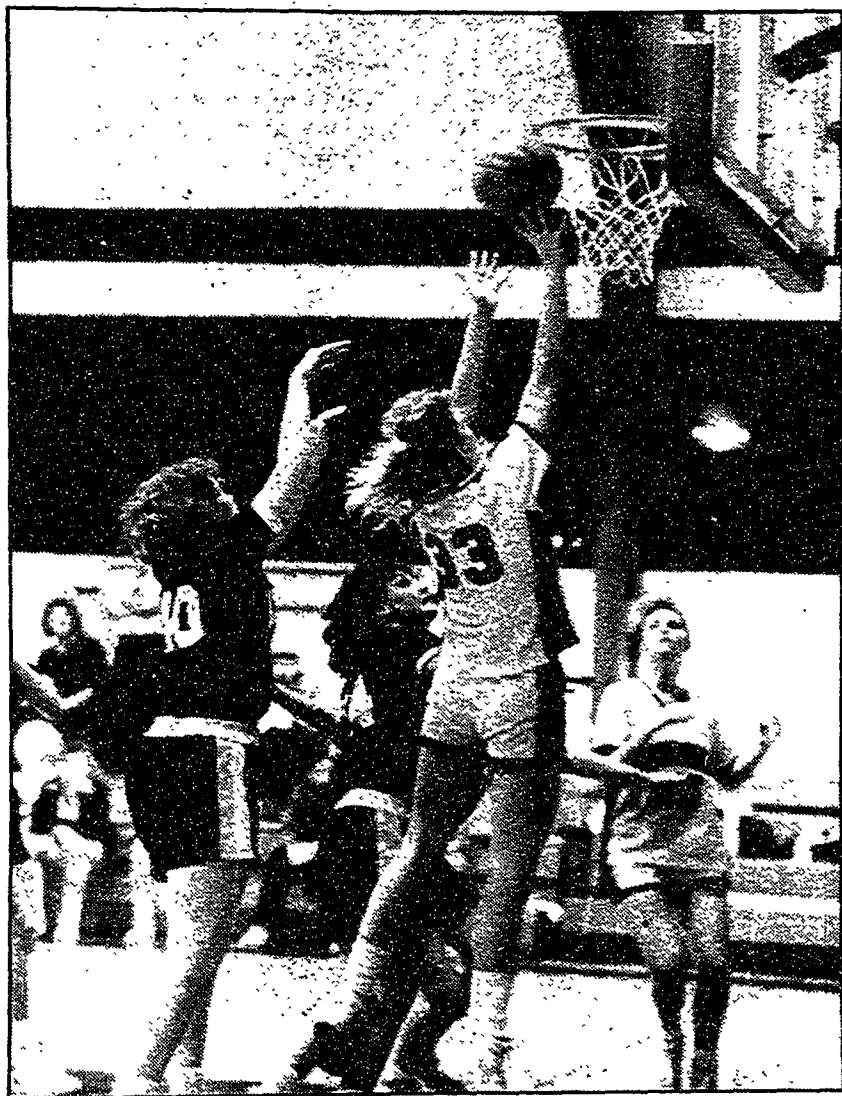


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Going in strong: Sophomore center Heather Murray flies in for a layup against the Lady Gators of Allegheny in last Thursday's game.

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