

# Sports

## Setting the offense

### Men's Basketball Struggles continue with a home loss to Buffalo State

*Viscuso, Thrower no longer on team*

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After winning 15 games last year and making an appearance in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference playoffs, the men's hoop squad has found several obstacles in their way as they struggle to find last year's success.

A major crisis for the team has been the loss of junior guard Chris Viscuso and freshman guard Omar Thrower. According to Men's Basketball Coach Doug Zimmerman, "Chris Viscuso is ineligible for the year due to the university's policies on academics." One of the ironies of this story is the fact that Viscuso is eligible by NCAA standards, but did not meet Behrend's higher requirements.

As for Thrower, the seventh year coach said, "Omar Thrower just quit the team for personal reasons."

Another problem has been the Lions' rigorous schedule, which has placed them on the road often away from the friendly confines of Erie Hall.

The Lions, now with only ten players on their roster, have been a disappointing 3-7 in their past ten games. The slide continued last Thursday when Behrend dropped a road game against SUNY-Fredonia, losing on a buzzer beater by Jamie Eichel, 74-72. Sophomore guard Randy Baughman was the games leading scorer with 19 points. Rick Demski added 15 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Jeff Cowan also had 12 buckets to help pace the Lions.

One of the highlights of the ten games was against Thiel College on January 13, when Behrend won at home, 107-97. Junior forward Moise Pringle lead all scorers with 22 points.

The story was different two days prior. Six-foot-seven center

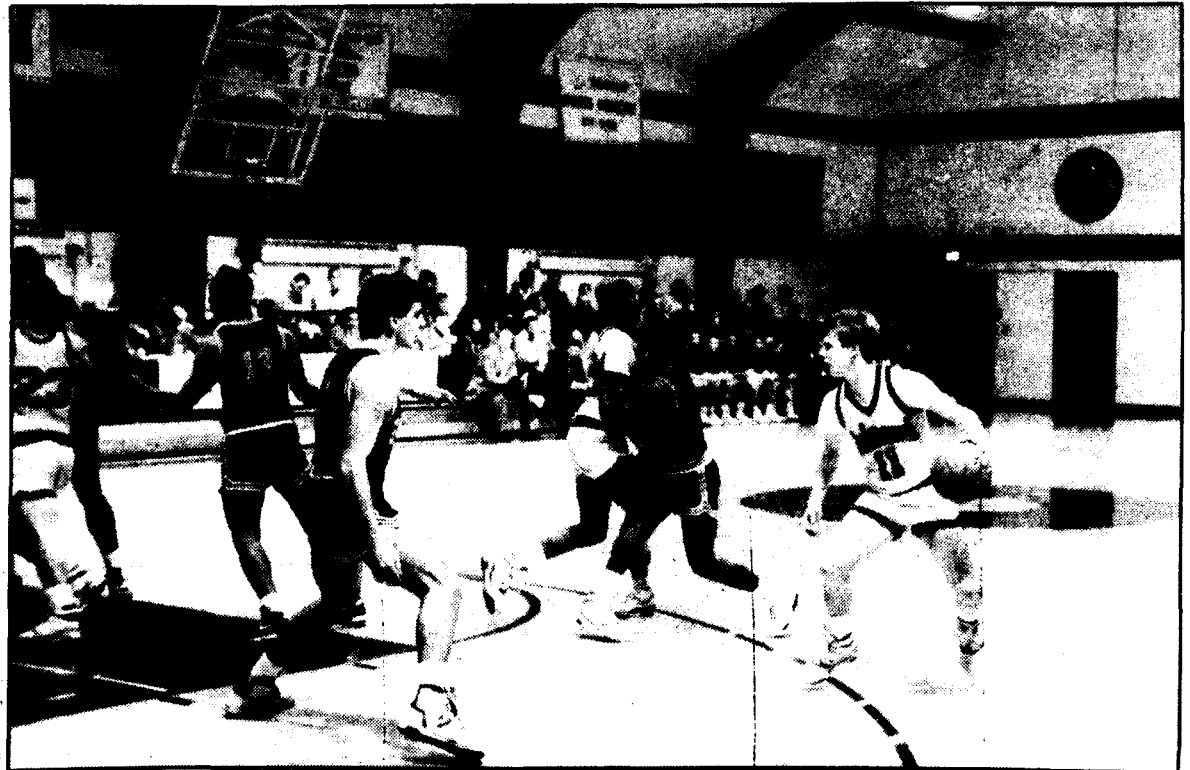


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**Manning the point:** Junior backcourtman Randy Baughman (11) looks for an open teammate in Monday's game against Buffalo State.

Todd Dean of Geneva College had 34 points and dominated the inside play while leading the Golden Tornadoes to a 95-77 win in Erie Hall on January 11.

On January 6, the Lions defeated Grove City College by a score of 82-76 in "The Pit". Rick Demski was game high scorer with 21 points. Randy Baughman nailed a three pointer

at the end of the half to give the Lions a one point advantage. The Lions used pressure defense in the second half to extend their advantage, and a late Wolverine three-point goal made the final margin closer than it actually was.

Behrend faced Bethany College of West Virginia and local rival Edinboro University in the

Allegheny Tournament in Meadville, which was played on January 2 and 3.

The Lions opened the tourney against Bethany in a rematch of their December 9 game. In that game, played at Bethany, Behrend was defeated by a 91-78 count. The final score in the tournament opener was also in the Bison's

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### Women's Basketball

### Lady Lions give a good effort, but come up short at the foul line

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The women's basketball team easily defeated the Blue Devils of SUNY-Fredonia in "The Pit" last Thursday by a 64-41 score.

Behrend was trailing early in the home match, but senior guard Lisa Dorenkamp hit two trifectas and teammate Michele Madison put in eight points on the board to end the first half with an eight point lead, 32-24.

The Lady Lions played a strong final half to eventually win by 23 points. Madison finished with 16 points to lead the Behrend offense.

Freshman Lori Nadolny said that, "We played well. It was a team effort and we got the job done."

Behrend next suffered a 93-60 loss to a strong Saint Vincent team in an away game on January 20. The Lady Lions trailed at the half, 48-36, and then were outscored 45-24 in the second half to produce the final margin.

Madison again led the Behrend scoring, this time pumping in a game-high 22 points.

The Lady Lions entered Monday's night play with a

record of six wins against nine losses. Four of the wins have come in the month of January, against Fredonia, Geneva College, Westminster College, and Dyke College.

On January 11, the lady cagers smothered the Lady Golden Tornadoes of Geneva, 83-66. Madison cut loose with 31 points to lead all scorers in the home court triumph. Sophomore forward Michele Beisler chipped in with 19, and Dorenkamp tossed in 13.

The Westminster Lady Titans visited Erie Hall on January 6. Madison (20) and Dorenkamp (13) sparked the scoring as the Lady Lions were the victors in a tight battle, 65-61.

The lady hoopsters ended up having the night off against Dyke College on January 4 when Dyke forfeited the game.

Nadolny says that the Lady Lions "have a good attitude. Everybody's giving 100 percent."

The Lady Lions next three games will be played on the road. Play will return to Erie Hall on February 3 to take on Elmira College. Gametime is 4 pm.

As we went to press: The Lady Lions dropped a close home



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**Roses for a record setter:** Senior Michele Madison, in a pre-game ceremony on January 11, receives roses from Women's Assistant Basketball Coach Michael Bari and Head Coach Jenefer Banker for her record breaking accomplishments. Madison has rewritten the scoring and rebounding standards at Behrend, amassing 1,235 points and 694 rebounds with nine games remaining. Sue Holmes (1,104 points) and Natalie Kuhn (623 rebounds) were the former record holders, in '83-86 and '79-83, respectively.

game against the Buffalo State Lady Bengals. Both teams drilled 30 field goals, but the visitors held a big advantage at the free throw line with 17 makes in 28 tries. Behrend had only nine chances from the charity stripe, canning five of those.

Michele Madison once again led all scorers with 30 points, and also collected eight rebounds. Melanie Dunn (13) and Lisa Dorenkamp (10) were the only other double figure scorers for Behrend.

Buffalo entered the game

ranked 15th in NCAA Division III and now has an 11-2 record. The loss dropped Behrend to 6-10.