

Sports

Men's cagers will finish troubling season without their starting center Lions lose third player in past month

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The Behrend men's basketball squad suffered another major loss when star senior center Moise Pringle decided to quit the team after the Buffalo State game on January 22.

Pringle said in an interview this past Sunday he quit playing so he could get his academics straightened out.

Also, since Behrend is an NCAA Division III school and therefore is not allowed to give athletic scholarships, Pringle wasn't getting any financial aid to play basketball. This was another factor in Pringle's decision to quit the team.

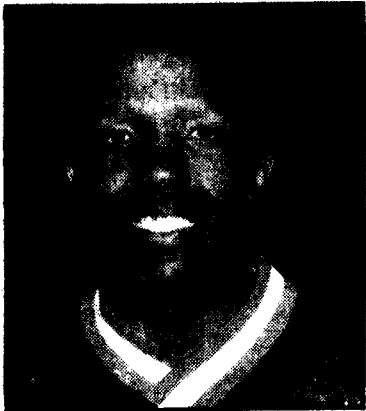
Previously, the team had also lost Junior guard Chris Viscuso and Freshman guard Omar Thrower. Viscuso was dropped from the team because of Behrend's academic policies, while Thrower quit the team because of personal reasons.

The Lions now have 10 players on their roster.

Heading into his last semester, Pringle stated, "It's time to look out for Moise now."

Pringle thought about quitting the team during the '88-89 season, so his decision was not an overnight idea.

Pringle said the coaching staff had nothing to do with his decision about quitting.



Moise Pringle: Quits team to focus on studies.

When Pringle first came to Behrend, he didn't try out for the team until his sophomore year so that he could get a good start on his grades. Part of Pringle's dedication to academics stems from the fact that he wants to be the first person from his family to graduate from college.

Head Coach Doug Zimmerman did not know how the loss of Pringle would affect his team. Coach Zimmerman said, "I really don't want to get into it."

Pringle averaged about 11 points per game and pulled down eight rebounds per contest. Pringle shot 53 percent from the field and 65 percent from the free throw line.

Pringle, a two-year starter, is a Management Information Systems major.

Men's Basketball

Lion's troubles continue on the road as losing streak reaches four Loss of Pringle, poor shooting hampers young team

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Behrend's problems continued last week with two road losses and the quitting of star senior center Moise Pringle.

Pringle said that he quit the team to concentrate on his academics. Pringle is the third player to leave the team, for various reasons, in the past month. For more information, please see related story on this page.

Seventh year Head Coach Doug Zimmerman commented on the rest of his team's problems Monday before practice.

"Other than wins and losses right now, one problem is the schedule", said the Lion's mentor. "We only have nine home games versus the twelve we had last year. Second, we're not as deep and we're not shooting the ball as well. We're also much younger this year compared to last."

Behrend's record away from 'The Pit' is a woeful 2-9, while their overall record stands at a disappointing 6-11. One bright

spot is their 4-2 home record.

As for their shooting, the Lions shot 47.8 percent from the field in the '88-89 campaign, compared to this year's 45 percent field goal clip. Senior David Gurska shot 47 percent from behind the three-point arc last year, but a recent cold streak has plummeted his three-point shooting to 36.5 percent.

Behrend's scoring average has also fallen, down to 77.9 points per game compared to last year when the Lions averaged 87.7 points per game.

Coach Zimmerman continued by saying, "We're not getting as much production off the bench. We're getting a good effort from the players, but our productivity is off at times."

Another major problem for Behrend is that senior shooting guard David Gurska is in a terrible shooting slump. Gurska has made only one field goal in the past three contests. He also hasn't been to the free throw line in those three matches.

Behrend's slump continued

Saturday night when they traveled to Latrobe, Pa., to play St. Vincent College. The Lions were defeated for the fourth straight time, by a score of 66-50.

Six foot-four sophomore guard Jeff Cowan led Behrend with 17 points. Out of the eight field goals made by the Lions in the first half, five were three pointers made by Cowan, which helped to keep Behrend close in the first half. The score at the end of the half was 30-27 in favor of the Bearcats.

Behrend shot 33 percent from the field while St. Vincent shot 40 percent.

Last Wednesday in Grove City, the Wolverines controlled the second half and went on to beat Behrend, 61-49.

This was the first game played by the Lions without the services of Pringle.

Forward Tim Mokma of the Wolverines was the leading scorer of the game with 14 points. Freshman center Steve Cooper and guard Jeff Cowan paced the

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Sports bits

On Saturday, February 3, Behrend will welcome members of the Behrend Constituent Society and the Penn State Club of Erie County at the basketball doubleheader.

Both the men's and women's teams will take on Elmira College beginning at 4 pm with the women's contest.

In between games, Ned Troutman, a representative of the Penn State Club will present Behrend coaches Jenepher Banker and Doug Zimmerman with \$300 gifts.

Following the men's contest, a reception will be held in the Memorial Room.

The 1990 Spring Volleyball-A-Thon. The Lady Lions volleyball team has announced that they will once again have a Spring Volleyball-A-Thon. This year, the fund-

raising event will be held on February 15 in Erie Hall, starting at 9 pm and lasting until 2 am.

Faculty members and students may help out in two ways.

Anyone interested may contribute by sponsoring a lady spiker by the hour, or those who would like to put a team together to challenge the women's team for prizes can participate. Any contribution, even those who are spectators, will be greatly appreciated.

Do you have some sports news that everyone at Behrend should know about? Then just drop off the information at *The Collegian* office with your name and phone number. Or just call us at 898-6488 between 9 am and 5 pm. Deadline is 5 pm the Friday before the publication that the information should be printed in.

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Friday, February 2 - Saturday, February 3

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- Free-throw Competition (first round) 8:00 p.m. Erie Hall
- Pictionary Competition 9:00 p.m. Winter Garden, Reed Student Union
- SPC Movie: *Dead Poets Society* 11:00 p.m. Reed Lecture Hall

Saturday, February 3, 1990

- Human Dog Sled Races 9:00 a.m. Athletic Fields
- Snow Softball 10:00 a.m. Athletic Fields
- Tube Races 12:00 noon Ski Slope
- Snow Soccer 2:00 p.m. Athletic Fields
- Free-throw Competition (finals) Half-time of Women's Basketball Game Erie Hall
- Twister Competition Half-time of Men's Basketball Game Erie Hall
- Snow Ball Semi-Formal Dance 10:00 p.m. Winter Garden, Reed Student Union (Awards Ceremony at midnight)



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