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In the spotlight: Head Coach Fred Paulsen prepares to present Senior Rick Demski with a basketball for becoming Behrend's all-time scoring leader.

Rick Demski secures his place in Behrend's all-time record book

Becomes scoring, field goal percentage leader

by Sue Cepicka
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Number 44.

For the past four years Behrend has counted on number 44 to help it win games and, perhaps more importantly, provide the leadership to hold a series of diverse teams together.

In fact, number 44 is the foundation that Behrend basketball has been built on. He's a player so concrete, so solid, that he makes the interior of the court his own.

That player is Rick Demski.

On January 8, at an away game against Grove City College, Demski caught the ball on the rebound and put it back up to sink a basket that put him into Behrend's record books.

Demski became the all-time leading scorer and all-time leader in field goal percentages in Behrend history.

The record was previously held by Glenn McKinney with a grand total of 1276 points.

Demski had 17 points in the Grove City game to put him up over the top.

"I really never thought about it until after the game," commented the Erie native, "You get caught up in it."

While the final figures aren't in yet, some hoop followers speculate Demski has cleared the old mark by 40 points.

He wasn't recognized for his accomplishment until Behrend came back home to play SUNY-Fredonia on January 17. Before the tip-off, Demski was awarded a game ball that, at the completion of the season will be marked with the total points accumulated over his four year career.

Demski is still shooting around 50%, with an impressive average of rebounds hovering around 7.8 per game.

The 6'5" senior will graduate next December from the School of Business. After college Demski plans on getting into coaching. He said he would prefer to start coaching younger kids

and perhaps sometime in the future, coach a little more experienced players. "I like working with kids," he adds.

Demski is by no means inexperienced in the fine art of coaching. For the past three summers, he has coached at Niagara University in Niagara Falls, Canada, teaching basketball to hearing impaired children. "They're fun to work with," said Demski.

Before graduation and any coaching plans, Demski still has to finish the last five games of the season.

"I'm very optimistic, I think we can do it (win the team's five remaining games)," commented Demski.

When the top scorer of all time in Behrend College history was asked if he had any other personal goals to achieve, he replied, "To go out a winner."

It doesn't seem likely that Rick Demski could go out as anything else.

Lions edge Elmira by two

Clinch second-straight road win

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The Behrend men's basketball team is definitely off the roller coaster and on the right track after a spectacular, nerve-racking win against Elmira on Saturday.

The basketball train has taken the Lions to two consecutive wins on the road.

Behrend came from behind to win against Elmira by a slim margin of two points, 67-65.

The Lions were down by 12 points with ten minutes left in regulation time, but battled back to a deadlock with less than a minute to go. There were only 50 seconds left when Junior Rick Clark sunk a free throw to put Behrend up by one, 64-63.

The Lions kept the lead in the final seconds to nail the win.

"It was a great defensive effort at the end," said Head Coach Fred Paulsen.

This physical game saw Paulsen receive a technical foul for arguing with an official over the ejection of Chris Morrow. The freshman guard was ejected for fighting.

Morrow got into a slight shoving match with an Elmira guard when a second Elmira player took a swing at Morrow and an official ejected the Elmira instigator. Following that, a second official threw Morrow out for the confrontation.

Due to NCAA regulations, Morrow is not permitted to participate in the game following an ejection by a registered official.

Also unable to play is injured Freshman Don Plyler. Plyler has a possible stress fracture which will not be confirmed until Friday.

According to Paulsen, he is determined to stay on the winning track for the remainder of the season. He plans on continuing to concentrate on tough defensive play and hard work.

"I don't think anybody realizes how hard this team works," commented Paulsen.

The coach realizes that it will be defense that wins the games for his team.

"Our defense starts with Randy Baughman. When he plays well against the guards on the front, we play much better defense."

With a demanding coach pounding the word "defense" into the team daily, it would not be difficult to forget about the other side of the game, offense. But the Lions haven't.

"Offensively, we are shooting better than we did earlier in the year," commented Paulsen on his team's performance. "We are over achievers."

This is evidently true due to the Lions record being better this year than what it was at the same point last year in the season.

Paulsen is optimistic that the combination of accurate shooting and tough defense will help the Lions win their remaining five games and finish up with a winning year.

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