

Men's basketball shoots to 9-7 record

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trailing by 12 with 5 minutes left went on an incredible 19-0 run to overtake Keuka for the win.

The Lions never quit and rode the coat tails of a steaming Plyler 25 points (5 x 10 on treys) to shock Keuka and send them on their four hour bus ride in a state of confusion.

Things did not look pretty for the Paulsen-led club. In fact, Plyler's dialing of long-distance was all that kept the Lion heart even beating for much of the second half. Respress put in his fourth straight consistent game with 13 points to help the cause of Plyler, but no other player hit for more than eight.

Solid defensive play by Omar Thrower and a clutch 14-footer by

a stone-cold Clark (1 for 11 on the night) with :30 left broke the Warriors collective back sides

Lions 63 - Grove City 45

The Lions grabbed their third straight victory over an out-manned Wolverine squad. For the first time in Coach John Barr's distinguished career (20th season), the Wolverines entered Eric Hall on a 0-fer, 0-11.

The young Barr-squad hung tough for much of the contest but the experience and the depth of the Lions spelled doom for GCC. Clark, showing that good shooters get themselves out of slumps, hit for 16 points. Steady Thorne hit for 11, Plyler for 10. The 5'9" point led the Lions in rebounding with a career-high

eight.

Fredonia 74 - Lions 70 in Overtime

The Lions had notched an impressive win over an undefeated Fredonia squad earlier in the season in Eric Hall. This time the gang had to go across I-90 to the Blue Devils house, and came away disappointed.

The Lions had balanced scoring but not enough of it, as five players had numbers in double figures. Thorne (16), Respress (13), Clark (11), Plyler (10), and back up guard John Hawthorne (10), made up much of the scoring. The Lions shot fairly well, hitting on 47 percent from the floor, but Plyler and Clark were a collective 3 x 13 from beyond the 19'9" stripe.

In addition, the Lions hit on only 23 of 37 freebies (62 percent) while Fredonia hit for 22 out of their 29 chances.

Scott DeFoggi tied the game up with :02 left in regulation on a well designed inbounds play, but the Blue Devils outscored the Lions 11-7 in the extra session to grab the win. Hawthorne stood tall in the OT period collecting five of the Lions seven points. In the extra period Fredonia went 5 x 6 from the line.

Houghton 62 - Lions 55

The Highlanders jumped out to a six-point, 29-23 lead at the half and held on for the win. Houghton outscored the Lions at the line, 20-13, to make up much of the difference in this one. In addition to the difference at the

line, PSB turned the ball over an incredible 27 times to seal their own fate on this night.

Thorne and Rich Buzalka each notched 12 points. Buzalka grabbed six boards to share team high honors with Stephan Respress. Plyler hit for 11 points.

Next Up?

A Monday, January 27 Home dual with nationally ranked Buffalo State College. The Lady Lions play Buffalo State at 6 pm, the men at 8 pm.

A Thursday matchup on the road with yet another Top-20 team, St. John Fisher.

Lady Lions ranked third with 13-2 record

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The Penn State-Behrend's women's basketball team is presently ranked third in the NCAA's MID-ATLANTIC REGION with a 13-2 record.

Lady Lions Trounce Notre Dame

Saturday Dec. 7th, the women's basketball team buried the Falcons of Notre Dame (OH) 70-47 at Eric Hall. Notre Dame came off a 104-90 loss to a tough NAIA team from Walsh College.

The Lions' defense kept them in check as they jumped out to a 38-30 lead at the break. After the intermission, the team responded by stifling the N.D. offense and giving up only 17 second half points.

Sophomore Becky Swartz came off the bench to give the squad offensive support. She hit on 7 of 14 for 15 points. Wendy Boyd tossed in 14. Heather Shearer grabbed a team high eight boards. Missy Thompson and Anne Bonner each pulled down seven rebounds.

Lions Claw Lady Cats

After finishing strong in the academic setting the Lady Lions travelled to Greenville, PA, and put on another superb performance at Thiel College. The women routed the Lady Tomcats by the score of 77-45.

Behrend jumped out to a 12-4 lead. Thiel gradually cut into the lead with some long range shooting. The Lions needed a lift and got one as Michelle Grover stepped forward and started the squad rolling.

Grover hit on 4 of 5 jumpers against the zone as the Lions increased the gap. At the half Behrend was in control with a 43-28 lead. Boyd and Grover led with nine points apiece. The Lions were almost perfect from the charity stripe hitting on 15 of 17 for 88.2 percent.

As usual the Lion defense was up to par, forcing 19 turnovers in the first half alone. Coming into the game the team was focused on stopping Thiel's standout



I'll take that: Missy Thompson receives the Arby's Integra Invitational MVP Award from Intramural Coordinator Rob Wittman. The Lady Lions won the championship 82-29 and held the advantage in every statistical category.

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senior, Trica Kosenina. She was on a torrid scoring streak averaging over 30 points a game.

The Lions were up to the task as the team held her to 6 for 22 for a 27 percent shooting performance and forced her into seven turnovers.

The second half was all Lions. They held Thiel to 17 second half points as the Tomcats fell to 3-4. A balanced attack helped Behrend prevail. Heather Shearer had 12, Boyd and Grover 11 each.

The defense is the main reason. The team is only giving up 55.7 points per game, holding opponents to a 38 percent field goal percentage, and forcing 3 turnovers for every assist their opponents get.

Lady Lions Improve to 7-1

The Lady Lions handed Pitt-

Bradford their fourth loss in six games with a 69-54 setback. The Lions are off to a Behrend College best with a 7-1 record.

At the end of the first half the squad only led 31-23, but they came out running in the second half. A 12-0 spurt buried Pitt-Bradford. The Lions at one point held a 28 point advantage. All fourteen players entered the scoring column for Behrend.

Bonner paced Behrend with 5 of 6 shooting for 16 points while also grabbing 11 boards. Boyd netted 16, Swartz supported with 10 points on 4 of 6 shooting and Shearer snagged 8 rebounds.

Bonner and Boyd Garner Awards

For the week of January 4, 1992, Anne Bonner was recognized for her outstanding

play against University of Pitt-Bradford by making the ECAC Honor Roll for the first time. Anne registered 16 points and 11 rebounds in the game. The Lions buried the Panthers 69-54.

Over a two-game stretch, Boyd made the ECAC Honor Roll also for the first time. She shot for 24 points, including an 8 X 12 performance from the line and in the second game of the week she tossed in 14 points and dished 7 assists. The Lions defeated Notre Dame 70-47.

The Lady Lions Pick Up Tough Road Win at Waynesburg and Improve to 8-1

The Lady Lions, now ranked fifth in Pennsylvania's region of the NCAA, upended eighth

ranked Waynesburg in a hard fought 52-49 victory at Waynesburg.

The Lions got off to a cold start shooting only 32.1 percent in the first half, but managed a 23-22 lead at the break. Boyd led the team with eight first half points.

Down 50-49, Waynesburg missed a fifteen footer and Wendy Ebinger got the miss and was fouled. Ebinger calmly swished two free-throws to seal the victory with :02 remaining.

"The game was a huge road win for the basketball program. It wasn't well played but I think much of that you could blame on

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