

# Lady Lions set record with 21 wins

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The 1991-92 version of Penn State-Behrend Lady Lions' basketball team has made huge strides this far into the season.

Jenepher Banker's club began the season by clipping two outstanding clubs enroute to the Frostburg State Invitational Championship trophy, and have continued to excel all season long.

This team sounds like a broken record. Literally, win after win after win.

The team has smashed records in a number of categories including the most wins by a women's team, most consecutive victories, highest winning percentage, most forced turnovers, most steals, and most importantly, they have the most heart.

And they are not done yet. The Lady Lions are presently waiting for a berth in either the NCAA or ECAC tournament. The invite to either tourney would be another first for Lady Lions' basketball.

"It's very difficult to sit back and wait for committees to decide your fate. The team has had an

outstanding season, the best ever here at Penn State-Behrend, they've done what they've been asked," said Assistant Coach Brett Banker.

"It's unfortunate that outsiders now control your future, but the season has been just unbelievable," he continued.

Last Thursday evening in Erie Hall, the Lions disposed of Geneva College by the score of 70-51.

"Our players prepped themselves for Geneva the moment they lost to Grove City on Saturday. We talked about how the reaction to a loss is more important than the loss," commented Coach Jenepher Banker.

"They bounced back well and never allowed Geneva to be a factor," she continued.

The 21st win of the regular season shatters the old mark of 13. In fact, this is the first Behrend sports team to win twenty games since 1969.

Behrend jumped on Geneva and led 8-2 early. The Lions had trouble getting a run together because of all the whistles being blown. In all, 46 personals were called on the evening.

At the 13 minute mark of the first half, Behrend went on a 14-4 spurt and built a 15 point half-time advantage behind the aid of a Kimberly Boyd jumper and a Krista Hershner step through.

The Lady Lions' 39-24 advantage was the result of their hot shooting and forcing Geneva into 20 turnovers. The Lady Lions shot a smoking 56 percent.

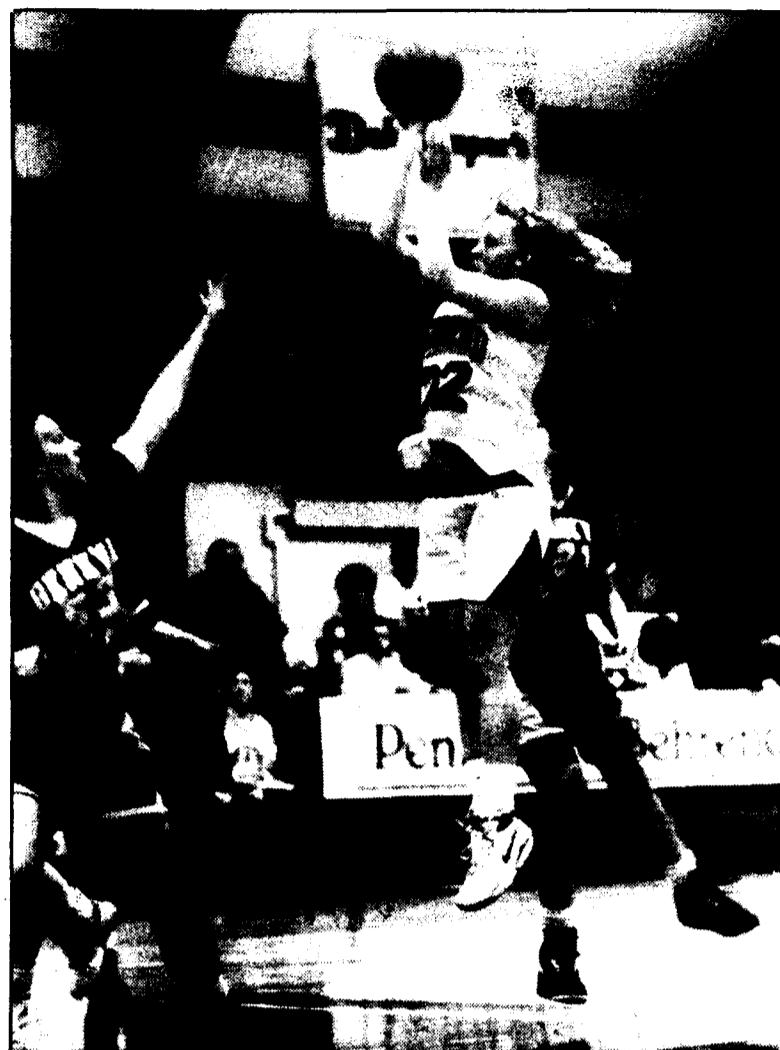
The defensive pressure got the Lady Lions rolling as they opened up a 29 point margin.

In a twelve minute period, the Lions held Geneva to only four field goals.

On the offensive end, Beisler hit a turn-around that was followed by a Missy Thompson 6-foot bank. A Darcie Bradley lay-up and a Becky Swartz three pointer contributed to the big spread.

Sophomore Heather Shearer paced the squad with a solid 12 points and six rebounds. Swartz hit for ten. Boyd netted nine to go along with four boards, and five assists. Beisler and Thompson scored eight each.

Collectively the team forced 31 turnovers, made 11 steals and passed out 22 assists.



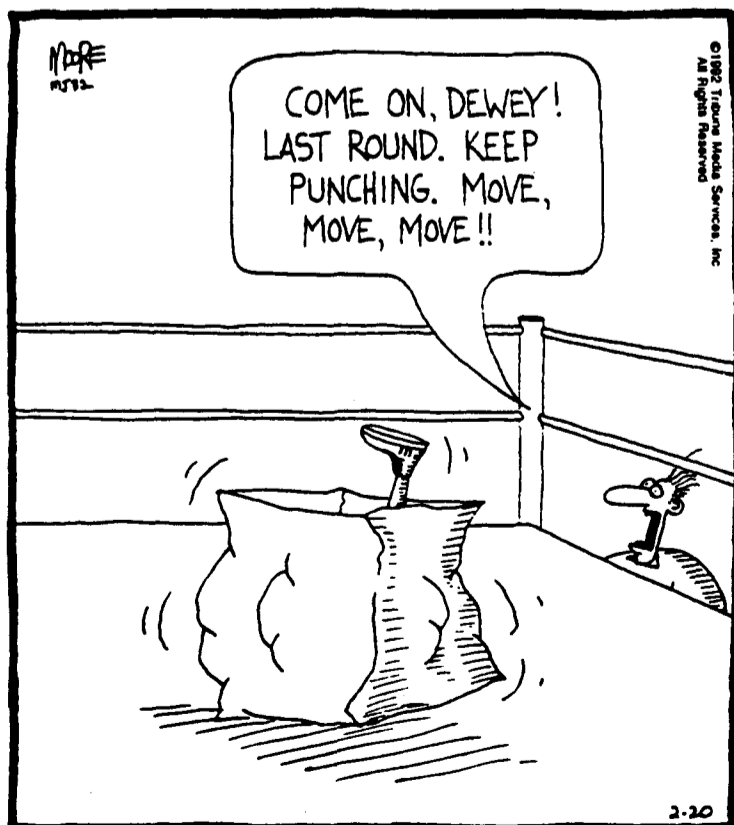
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Setting a record: Junior guard Darcie Bradley shoots a jumper against Geneva College, helping Behrend to a new school record.

Intramural 6 vs. 6 basketball begins end Friday at 4:00 pm. The tournament will be played Sat. Feb. 29 and Sun. March 1. Also, don't forget that 6 vs. 6 volleyball and soccer signups end Fri, March 6. They both feature men's, women's, and coed leagues. Play begins after spring break.

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by Steve Moore



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