

ECAC's down the road

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"Defensively, we're a very good team. It's sad that we're not better offensively," are the words of head coach Fred Paulsen of the Behrend Lions men's basketball team.

For the season, the Lions post a 9-12 record. The most recent setback, a 69-58 loss to Grove City on February 3.

The turning point in the season in Coach Paulsen's mind was the Thiel game on the first of February, "We had a chance to go 10-10 if we beat Thiel, but we didn't. That was a big let down."

The team is still optimistic about their chances for the ECAC playoffs. "If we win our final four games, we'll end up 13-12 and hopefully the committee will look at us," said Paulsen.

Said senior power forward, Stephan Respress, "It's still possible." The Lions were only 15-11 when they got in last season, so there still is a possible chance if they play well down the home stretch.

Lion notes: Injured guard Don Plyler will have reconstructive knee surgery on February 17, at the Hamot Medical Center. Plyler was



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Words of advice: Freshman Bryan Gusmar takes a break during practice to listen to Assistant Coach Chris Viscuso.

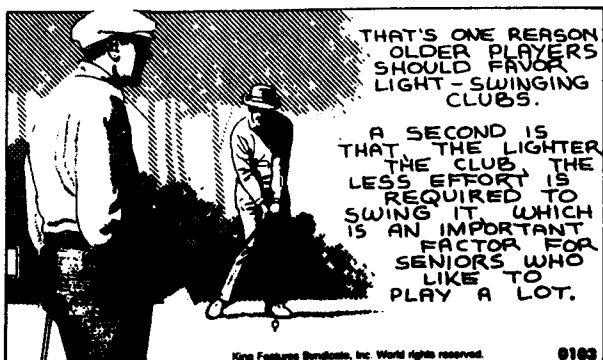
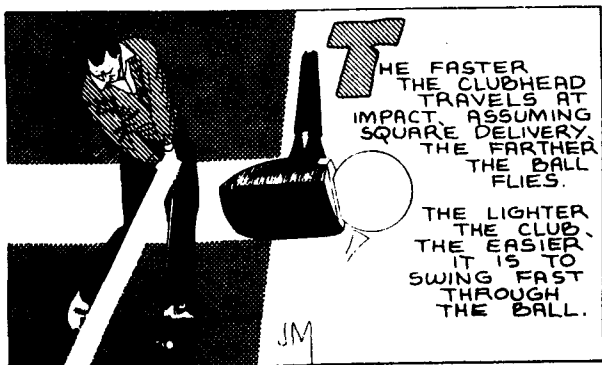
injured in the first half against SUNY-Fredonia on Jan. 13. The Lions are only giving up 63.2 points per game; however, they are only scoring 62.7 points per game. The Lions final three games are all on the road. The first being Thiel on February 17.

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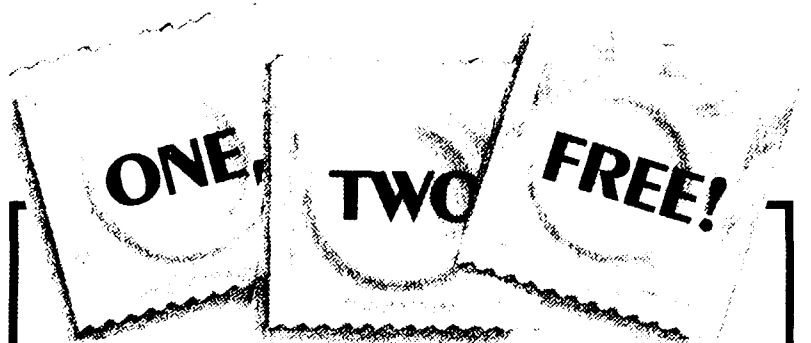
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**Wednesday (2/17)
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