

Sports Bits

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Bowl busters: A celebration in Dallas of the Cowboys' Super Bowl victory ended in violence Tuesday as groups of teen-agers fought with one another and police. 16 people needed hospital care and 14 were arrested.

So close: Unranked Penn State (6-12, 1-8) nearly upset number one Indiana (21-2, 10-0) in double overtime Tuesday in Big Ten play at State College, Pa. The Hoosiers held on for an 88-84 win, but Indiana coach Bobby Knight was quoted as saying that "Penn State deserved to win."

Laid to rest: Former tennis great Arthur Ashe was buried Wednesday in Richmond, Virginia. Ashe died Saturday from AIDS complications after fighting the disease for more than five years. More than 5,400 mourners showed up to pay their last respects to Ashe at the executive mansion of Gov. L. Douglas Wilder.

Tough Jet: Dennis Byrd, partially paralyzed in an on-field collision with a teammate on December 2, will leave Mount Sinai Medical Center on Friday, three months ahead of schedule. Doctors say that Byrd might ultimately walk again without a cane or brace, although many feared he would be paralyzed for life just a few months ago.

New Mistake?: The Cleveland Indians are building a new stadium as they try to lose their nickname that has stuck for years: "mistake by the lake." The new stadium, Gateway Center, is due to open in April of 1994.

February Final Four: Dissatisfied with its role of little sister, women's college basketball is pondering giving its sport greater visibility by moving its final four one month ahead. Two committees are looking at starting the women's season one month early to avoid going head-to-head with March Madness.

Hot spot: The Phoenix Suns maintain their first place status this week with a 34-9 record and a five game lead in the Pacific conference. Sun's forward Charles Barkley is still the number one choice for league MVP.

Imposter Found

"Tasmanian Devil" wreaks havoc on court

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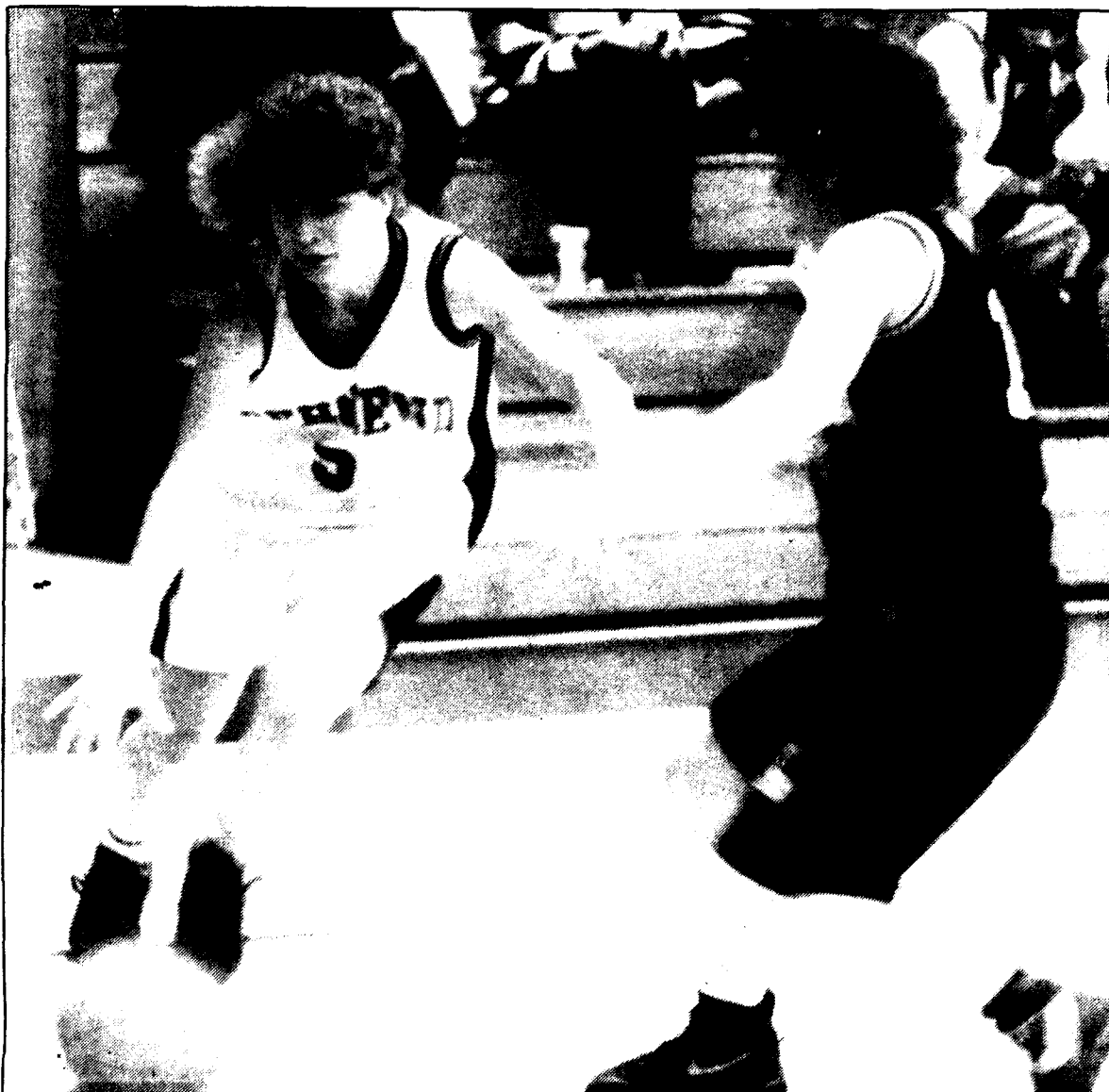
There is a famous cartoon character named the Tasmanian Devil. Experts say they have spotted an imposter here on the Basketball courts of Behrend.

The Tasmanian Devil imposter is this week's Athlete of the Week, Emmy Arnett. Arnett is a talented, quick, fast learning guard who is not only averaging 7 points per game, but has worked her way into the starting lineup. Coach Jenepher Banker said, "She works very hard and has had no problems adjusting to playing college ball."

Arnett played high school basketball at Conneaut Valley High School, and made quite a name for herself. She was the first girl to reach 1,000 points as a junior, and broke the all-time scoring mark during her senior year.

Although Arnett has played well this season, she still feels that she has plenty of room to improve. She said, "There is always room for improvement. I need to be able to see the floor better, and improve my outside shot."

Banker agreed, "She is aggressive, plays good defense, and is already a good division three player. A better outside jumpshot will make her a more



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Frenzy: Emmy Arnett drives to the hoop in a game against Waynesburg last night. The Lady Lions were victorious 80-66.

potent player."

Her play during last week's game against Grove City, (15 points, five rebounds and three assists may be), may be an indication of how potent she may become.

Not only does Arnett strike a

resemblance to the Tasmanian Devil, but she does a pretty good job of impersonating Deion Sanders. Like Sanders, Arnett is quite proficient at two sports. She was the MVP and captain of her softball team during her senior season, and plans on

playing this spring at Behrend.

When she is not on the court or the field, she shows rodeo horses. During the summer, she worked for her father's lawn and garden store mowing lawns (I guess she was trying to imitate John Deere!).

Lions offense improving

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The Lady Lions reversed their recent misfortunes by starting a four game winning streak. In those four games, they have averaged a 31.5 points scoring margin.

Coach Jenepher Banker believes that "The increase in running drills during practice has helped the team pick up the speed in our running game."

As a result of the better defense, the offense has been able to improve.

The February 6 win at Bethany (72-58) was a shining example of the Behrend improvements, Wendy Ebinger exemplified this great mix of offense and defense. She scored 18 points, got 8 rebounds, 7 assists and a team high 3 steals. Becky Swartz tossed in 19

points to lead the ladies.

Behrend also reversed a trend that had been causing them problems: fouls. Against Bethany, they out-rebounded the Lady Bisons 35-26 while committing only 20 fouls.

Banker foresees the Lady Lions winning the remainder of their four regular season games. Whether this anticipated 19-6 record will be enough to send Behrend to the NCAA's is up to the selection committee. Banker is hoping that "political conflicts" will not interfere in the committee's decision to put this impressive Lions team in.

The bids will be given out around March 1 for both NCAA's and the ECAC.

It's hard to forget that last year's 23-4 squad did not make the NCAA tournament, so hopes for this team are slim, but nonetheless possible.



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Time Out: The Lady Lions listen intently to Coach Jenepher Banker's instructions.