

# Intro to B-ball



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**Ready, set, go!** Senior forward Michelle Grover takes a deep breath before her turn during the three point shoot-out held at the Open House Tuesday night.

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The night was filled with slams, great shooting and electricity in the air.

Tuesday night at Erie Hall the Behrend Athletic Department sponsored the third annual Behrend Basketball Open House. The Open House included introductions of both players and coaches, a 3-point shootout and a slam dunk exhibition.

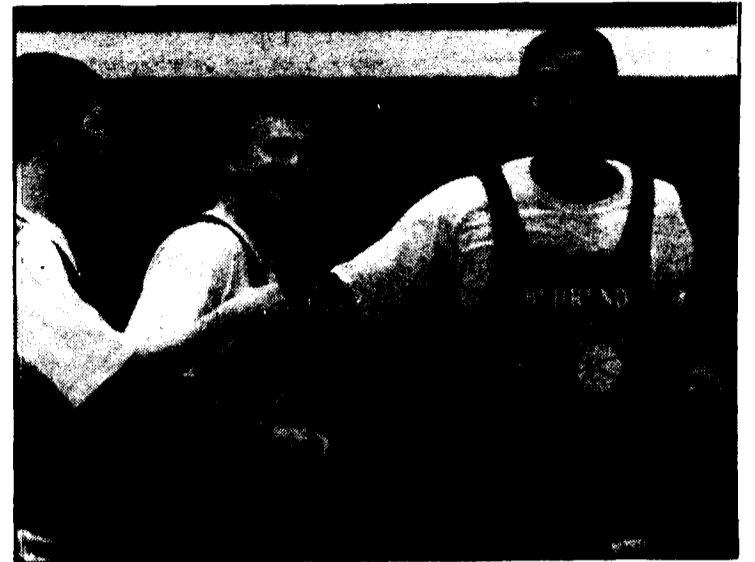
For the first time in its three year history, the Behrend Lions defeated the Lady Lions in the three point shootout.

Leading the way for the Lions was freshman point guard Chad Sutton who knocked down 12 out of 15 from the 3-point line. Asked whether he felt pressure about hitting his first seven shots Sutton said, "I didn't want to stop and think about it."

In the individual shooting Byron Thorne and Wendy Ebinger tied for second with nine, Jose Fortuno hit seven, Michelle Grover nailed six, Becky Swartz had five, and Don Plyler and Becky Reed each hit four.

Disappointed by his performance, Plyler said, "When it counts for three, I'll hit it."

In the slam dunk exhibition, freshman Todd Sturgin got the crowd going with his dunking exhibition. His aerial show brought the crowd to its feet and gave them a sample of what is



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**"Nice shot":** Freshman, guard Chad Sutton slaps fists with senior guard/forward Byron Thorne during warm-ups of the Open House, as senior guard Don Plyler looks on.

to come this year from the Behrend Lions.

When asked if he gets excited when the crowd cheers, Sturgin said, "when you get the crowd going, it really gets your blood pumping."

The other players in the dunking exhibition were Rob Hunt, Byron Thorne, Eddie Edwards and Steve Spencer.

For the two first-year head coaches, Joe Shapiro of the Lions and Roz Fornari of the Lady Lions, the Open House was both to their liking.

"The support that we did get from the crowd, administration and faculty was great to see and

I was very excited about that," said Shapiro.

Fornari said, "I loved the crowd and I loved the enthusiasm we generated."

Both coaches will be preparing their teams for battle next week for the opening of the season.

As for what we can expect from both teams this season, Coach Shapiro said, "our style will be a very fast, up tempo, high pressured style of play."

As for Fornari, she feels good about the upcoming season and that we can expect a little more offense with the same tough defense.

## The end has come

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It has come to an end. The 1993 soccer season is officially over. The team did not play their last game of the season at Slippery Rock University due to inclement weather conditions.

Did they reach .500? The answer is no, but they ended with a record of 7-8-1.

"It is very unfortunate that we didn't get to play," commented Coach Perritano, "but when I evaluate the season, a lot of learning took place. This season has helped me to understand what direction we are headed in."

"The group is a very young team. It takes a lot to adjust to college and understanding each other," said Coach Perritano. "To accomplish this record and more in the following years, the guys need to continue developing themselves as players and students."

The team is losing one

player from this year's team, Rusty Brown.

"I ended my career on a positive note. As far as a team and coaching staff, this group has a bright future," commented Brown.

Looking down the road to the future, many have commented on their expectations.

"Just looking at the future, the people, and the program, it looks very bright and enthusiastic," said Coach Perritano.

"We improved over the season and pulled together at the end. We had a lot of fun!" exclaimed Jason Freer.

"There's a lot of young talent returning and Coach Perritano is very excited about the next few years to come," commented Rick Nese. "If recruiting goes as well as it's going right now and we get the players, we will be competing for the NCAA Division III title."

## Sports bits

**MVP:** San Francisco leftfielder Barry Bonds received 24 of 28 first place votes and was named National League MVP on Tuesday. Bonds, who also won the award in 1990 and 1992, is only the eighth person to ever win the award three times. Bonds led the league in homers (46) and RBIs (123). Philadelphia Phillies' centerfielder Lenny Dykstra, who led the league in hits, walks, runs and at-bats,

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finished second in the voting with four first place votes.

**Win one for the Gipper:** Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz is only interested in a win in Saturday's showdown between the number one ranked Florida State Seminoles and the number two ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish. If the Irish are down by one point to the Seminoles late in the game, Holtz said that they will go for the two point conversion instead of a point after attempt. Co-editors' pick: Holtz's decision won't matter, The Irish are overrated and will lose 42-21.

**"Man with the fan":** James Miller, the paraglider who flew into the ring during the heavyweight title bout between Evander Holyfield and Riddick Bowe, may face a stiffer penalty than was first announced. Miller could face a year in jail if Nevada prosecutors upgrade the charge against him to a gross misdemeanor.

**New skin:** Arnold Palmer was chosen to replace suspended John Daly in the PGA Skins Game to be held November 27-28. Daly was suspended from the PGA Tour last Sunday.

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