

# Effort comes up short, Panthers out of playoffs

## Look towards next season

by Brian Gregory  
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It's all for naught. It's over. These are the words on the mind of thousands of Erie Panther fans as the Panthers were eliminated from the playoffs this year.

But do not say that. Don't even utter that phrase. The 1994-95 Erie Panthers gave 110% to try to win every game this season.

Look at the front lines: the McKinnon-Burfoot-Charbonneau line in it's prime at the middle of the season was a scoring machine. They scored more goal and worked better together than even the Big Dead Machine. Burfoot still is among the league leaders the in scoring and assists. McKinnon is one of the tops in

shooting percentage. Charbonneau's slap shot has earned him league leads in goals.

Even with Burfoot gone, Jeff Hoad, Todd Dvorak, and Cam Brown have played impressively on their lines.

Take a look at the defense. With Jason Smith, a hockey veteran from Erie and the hardest shot on the team, anchoring, Sverre Sears, a star player in college, and many other talents, the Panthers are dishing out the hits on the ice.

And the goaltending was good, too. Francis Ouellette, another ECHL veteran had more losses than wins, but had a lot of saves and a low goals against average.

So when you look at the Erie Panthers, don't feel sorry for them. This team was good. Brown, McKinnon, Paul Krake,

and Charbonneau were all called up to other leagues for short periods of time. Burfoot has been playing for the Fort Wayne Comets of the International Hockey League since the first week of February. This team wanted to win. They had the will to win. And more importantly they CARED about the game of hockey enough to come to Erie in the middle of the winter and give us something to cheer about.

So come out to the Erie Civic Center this Saturday to see the Panthers battle the play-off bound Wheeling Thunderbirds.

And when you hear the PA man say: ERIE GOAL, A POWER PLAY GOAL, SCORED BY #44 CAM BROWN, AND ASSISTED BY #12 JEFF HOAD & #16 KEVIN MCKINNON. Stand up and show the team you care. Stand up and cheer.



The Penn State Behrend baseball team started the young season on a positive note by winning its scrimmage with Grove City College 7-6 yesterday afternoon.

Sophomore outfielder Bill Vitron lead Behrend with two triples and two runs scored. All of the pitchers on Coach Dan Perritano's staff pitched during the scrimmage.

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"We have an enthusiastic bunch of kids, and it showed today," explained Coach Perritano.

# Reed ATW for consecutive weeks

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For two consecutive weeks, Junior Becky Reed is the Housing & Food Services Athlete of the week. Instead of basketball, its for her exceptional performance in softball.

The season started in Florida over spring break. Reed, a shortstop, had 33 at bats, 12 runs, 16 hits, and 17 runs batted in.

Reed has played softball at Behrend for three years. "I've been playing since I was eligible for T-ball," she said.

Since the season is just beginning, it's the perfect time to make expectations about the season.

"I have high expectations for the team. I'd like us to make it to the NCAA tournament. Our team is talented and we have the right components to go all the way," Reed said.

With her performance in Florida it indicates a tremendous season. Megan Musante said, "she was really consistent the whole week in Florida, both offensively and defensively."

"This team is one of the more talented groups I've played with. We have a good attitude, we get along well, we have high expectations," said Reed.

She also added, "we're hard workers, I anticipate a good season as long as everyone contributes."

Reed believes that her strengths lie primarily with herself.

"I feel I'm a good leader. My coach and my teammates have a lot of confidence me. They give me the confidence to do whatever I need to do," Reed said.

Sue Mazur agreed, "she is one of my teammates that I feel most confident in. She's a great leader."

Every player has to overcome

adversity to have a successful season. As for Reed she has to work on being a perfectionist.

"Getting down on myself when I make a mistake is my biggest adversity. I think I should always have a perfect game. I need to work on it because it brings everyone down including myself. I'm not going to do that this season!" Reed said.

Reed gives inspiration to the team.

Julie Stocker said, "it seems when Becky plays well we play well as a team. She's our spark."

"It's great to have your team behind you. It's a good feeling. Were planning on having a great season," Reed concluded.



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Softball star: Becky Reed

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