



EDINBORO UNIVERSITY Softball 2000

Ready To Put Out PSAC Fires!

2000 SEASON SCHEDULE

March			
3	at Queens(NC) Tournament at Queens(1) vs CW Post(1)	Charlotte, NC	1:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
4	at Queens(NC) Tournament Presbyterian(1) Lees-McRae(1)	Charlotte, NC	10:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
7	at Coker(2)	Hartsville, SC	2:00 p.m.
9	at Armstrong Atlantic(2)	Savannah, GA	1:00 p.m.
10	at Francis Marion Tournament at Francis Marion(1) Longwood(1)	Florence, SC	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
11	at Francis Marion Tournament vs Coker(1) West Georgia(1)	Florence, SC	2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
18	at Univ. of Charleston Tournament Shippensburg(1) Salem-Teikyo(1)	Charleston, WV	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
19	at Univ. of Charleston Tournament Indiana(Pa.)(1)	Charleston, WV	12:00 p.m.
29	at Mercyhurst(2)	Erie, PA	3:00 p.m.
April			
5	at California(Pa.)*(2)	California, PA	3:00 p.m.
8	LOCK HAVEN*(2)	HOME	1:00 p.m.
11	at Slippery Rock*(2)	Slippery Rock, PA	3:00 p.m.
14	GANNON(2)	HOME	3:00 p.m.
15	at Clarion*(2)	Clarion, PA	1:00 p.m.
16	at Indiana(Pa.)*(2)	Indiana, PA	1:00 p.m.
19	INDIANA(Pa.)*(2)	HOME	1:00 p.m.
21	CALIFORNIA(Pa.)*(2)	HOME	3:00 p.m.
25	at Lock Haven*(2)	Lock Haven, PA	3:00 p.m.
27	SLIPPERY ROCK*(2)	HOME	3:00 p.m.
29	CLARION*(2)	HOME	1:00 p.m.
May			
5-6	at PSAC Championships	TBA	TBA

* Denotes Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Western Division game

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS

Location: Edinboro, Pennsylvania
Enrollment: 7,200
President: Dr. Frank G. Pogue
Nickname: Fighting Scots
Colors: Red and White
Athletic Director:
 Bruce Baumgartner
Athletic Phone: 814-732-2776
Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year):
 Dan Gierlak (Edinboro '83)
Record at Edinboro:
 157-186-2, 10 years
Career Coaching Record:
 157-186-2, 10 years
Assistant Coach: Ben Shank
Conference: Pennsylvania State
 Athletic Conference
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
1999 Record (Conference):
 20-22-1 (11-9 PSAC West)
Last Time in Post Season: 1990
Home Field (Surface): Edinboro Field
 (Dirt)
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HEAD COACH DAN GIERLAK



Dan Gierlak enters his eleventh season at the helm of the Edinboro University softball program

Gierlak has enjoyed success as the coach of the Edinboro softball program. He guided the Boro to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference playoffs in 1990 and led the Scots to a 21-10 overall record in 1994. Last season, the team posted a 20-22-1 record, the third 20-win season under Gierlak.

Gierlak began his coaching career in football before concentrating on softball. He coached the softball team from 1989-94, then after a one-year hiatus in 1995 to concentrate solely on his duties as an assistant on former head coach Tom Hollman's football staff, he returned in 1996.

After graduating from Edinboro in 1983, Gierlak moved on to Thiel College, serving as an assistant football coach in 1984. His next stop was semi-professional football, directing the Chicago Cowboys to a national title in 1984 and a second-place national finish in 1985. Gierlak returned to his alma mater in 1986, serving as an assistant football coach at the Boro for nine seasons. He was responsible for the recruitment and coaching of eight Fighting Scot All-Americans, including 1989 Harlon Hill Finalist Elbert Cole and Jeremy O'Day, a 1996 first-team All-PSAC offensive lineman and a member of the 1998 CFL Grey Cup Champion Toronto Argonauts.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Gierlak graduated from Edinboro with a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education. He was a three-year letterman for the Scots' football team as a defensive back.

Gierlak and his wife, the former Amy Adams, also a graduate of Edinboro University, have three children, Alexandria Alicia, Daniel Jr. (Joey) and Lauren. Amy is also a former Nancy Acker Award winner, recognized as the top senior female athlete at Edinboro in 1989.

GIERLAK'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

Year	Overall	PSAC	Pct.
1989	18-11	5-5	.621
1990	14-19-1	6-4	.426
1991	11-23	2-8	.324
1992	6-16	2-8	.273
1993	13-20	5-5	.394
1994	21-10	6-4	.677
1996	19-19	9-11	.500
1997	20-22	7-13	.476
1998	15-24	9-11	.385
1999	20-22-1	11-9	.478
Total	157-186-2	62-78	.455



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EDINBORO COACHING RECORDS

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

Year	Coach	Record	Year	Coach	Record
1999	Dan Gierlak	20-22-1	1986	Monica Pellman	23-8
1998	Dan Gierlak	15-24	1985	Monica Pellman	20-9
1997	Dan Gierlak	20-22	1984	Monica Pellman	12-7
1996	Dan Gierlak	19-19	1983	Monica Pellman	7-11
1995	Lisa Nemeth	9-39	1982	Monica Pellman	9-11
1994	Dan Gierlak	21-10	1981	Fred Caro	0-8
1993	Dan Gierlak	13-20	1980	Betty Hammond	3-7
1992	Dan Gierlak	6-16	1979	Judy Saurer	5-6
1991	Dan Gierlak	11-23	1978	Judy Saurer	8-4
1990	Dan Gierlak	14-19-1	1977	Judy Saurer	10-5
1989	Dan Gierlak	18-11	1976	Judy Saurer	NA
1988	Stan Swank	17-6	1975	Judy Saurer	10-3
1987	Monica Pellman	16-14	1974	Judy Saurer	NA

CAREER COACHING RECORDS

Coach	Years	Record	Pct.
Dan Gierlak	1989-94, 96-present	157-186-2	.455
Monica Pellman	1982-87	87-60	.592
Judy Saurer	1974-79	33-18	.647
Stan Swank	1988	17-6	.739
Lisa Nemeth	1995	9-39	.263
Betty Hammond	1980	3-7	.300
Fred Caro	1981	0-8	.000

ASSISTANT COACH BEN SHANK



Ben Shank enters his first year as an assistant coach for the Fighting Scot women's softball program. Shank spent the fall season serving as an assistant volleyball coach under Lynn Theehs. He came to Edinboro after serving for three years as the head varsity coach for the girls' volleyball team at New Oxford (PA) High School, where he was named *Coach of the Year* in 1998.

Shank earned his Bachelor's Degree in History/Pre-Law from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1995. While at Indiana(Pa.), Shank was a four-year member and a senior captain on the IUP men's volleyball team, which was ranked number one in NCAA Division II for a good portion of his senior campaign. He also acted as an assistant for the women's volleyball program at IUP.

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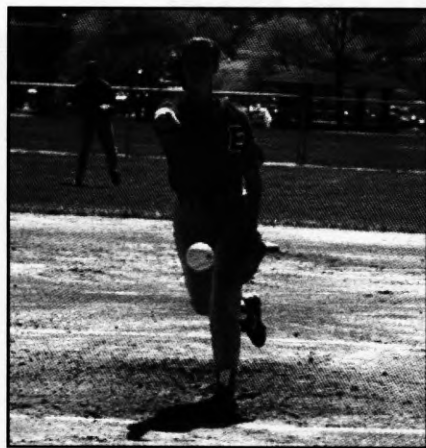
Last year's late season charge and third place finish in the PSAC West, combined with a returning nucleus of key players, has coach Dan Gierlak and the Edinboro softball team eager to get back on the playing field.

"This team has great potential," noted Gierlak. "There is a good mixture of veteran leadership and young talent on this team. We are definitely excited about this year."

As usual the Fighting Scots will open the season by playing some of the stiffest competition in the country. Within the first week of the 2000 campaign the Boro faces NCAA Division II Regional qualifier C.W. Post and Coker College, which finished 7th in Division II last year.

"We play against some great competition," said the 10-year veteran. "The tough schedule helps us when we get into conference play."

Unfortunately, when conference play arrives the schedule doesn't get any easier for the Scots. Two-time National Champion and perennial Division II power California(Pa.) and Indiana(Pa.), the two teams that finished ahead of the Scots in the PSAC West last year, are not the only



Senior Suzanne Nimelli, a two-time All-PSAC second team selection, is part of Edinboro's dynamic pitching duo.

PSAC teams that pose a threat.

"The PSAC has gotten better each year since I arrived at Edinboro. We have to show up to play every game because there is not a weak team in the league or on our schedule," said Gierlak.

This year's success will depend on the team's offensive production. "We need to do some things like bunt and run to jump start the offense," stressed Gierlak. "We have the ability to be an outstanding hitting team, it is just a matter of getting everyone hitting at the same time."

Last year, the Scots scored three runs or fewer in 27 games, compiling an 8-18-1 record. Edinboro averaged just 3.44 runs per game. "With our pitching we don't need to score a lot of runs we just need to be consistent," Gierlak added. The Boro was 6-7 in one run games and 10-8 in games decided by two runs or fewer during the 1999 campaign.

The 2000 version of Edinboro softball has all the elements of a winning team with solid veteran pitching as well as a defense that committed just 66 errors in 43 games. "We have good gloves and strong arms all around," commented Gierlak. "The kids have worked hard and we have some three and four-year starters that understand what I expect and how to push themselves. We won 10 out of 16 down the stretch last year so they also know what it takes to win games."

Pitching

Two-time All-PSAC second team performers Brianne Taylor and Suzanne Nimelli anchor the pitching staff. Sophomore Tiffany Miller and freshman Kelly Griffith will also be looked upon to provide some innings.

"Our pitching is outstanding. The better Nimelli and Taylor throw the better we will be," stated Gierlak.

A year ago the Edinboro pitching staff allowed just 2.54 earned runs per game, tossing nine shutouts while holding the opposition to a .222 batting average.

"No team in the league has a better pair

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of pitchers," Gierlak boasted. "They understand how to pitch and are the main strength of our team. They are the best pair of pitchers I have seen in my tenure at Edinboro."

Taylor, a junior, made 25 appearances, completing 19 of her 20 starts. She posted an 11-10 record, leading the Scots in wins and innings pitched with 139.2. In addition, Taylor registered 127 strikeouts, while only allowing 38 walks. She also tossed 4 shutouts.

Nimelli, a senior, finished 9-10 with 132 strikeouts in 134.2 innings of work. Her 6.86 strikeouts per seven innings ranked second in the PSAC last season. In 23 appearances she recorded 15 complete games, fired 4 shutouts and allowed only 37 free passes.

Gierlak believes Griffith has the potential to be better than Taylor and Nimelli. Unlike Taylor and Nimelli, who were thrown to the wolves as freshmen, the former first team All-New York State performer will have time to develop. Griffith already has good movement on all her pitches and a great knuckleball.

Miller, a freshman, has worked hard on becoming more consistent in her delivery. She will be a role player this season but has already improved greatly from fall to spring.

Infield

Depth and versatility are two words that can be used to describe the Fighting Scot infield. A year ago injuries gave players the opportunity to learn and develop at other positions. As a result, six of the seven members of this year's infield have the ability to play multiple positions.

Brandy Henderson, a second team All-PSAC performer as a freshman, solidified her spot at first base with last season's performance. She batted .306 in her first season with team-highs in doubles (6), runs scored (23) and stolen bases (10). She also had 34 hits and 10 runs batted in during the 1999 campaign. She is expected to bat cleanup, and could also spend



Sophomore Brandy Henderson hit .306 while scoring a team-leading 23 runs. She also led the team with 254 putouts at first base.

some time roaming the outfield.

Sophomore Kelli Higgins is a solid backup at first. In six games as a freshman she had one hit in seven at bats.

The middle infield is where the Boro has the most flexibility with three players possessing the ability to play either short-stop or second base. Amanda Riley, a junior, emerged as a quality second baseman, committing just 4 errors. She only hit .228, but has the ability to hit the long ball as well as beat out grounders with her outstanding speed.

Junior Jen Patsy missed most of last year due to an injury. In limited action she batted .333 with three hits in nine plate appearances. Despite last season's injury her range has improved and combine that with a good glove, strong arm and quick release and she gives Gierlak another solid defensive player.

Lisa Blackhurst filled in at short last year after playing a majority of her first two seasons at second base, and did an outstanding job, earning second team All-PSAC West recognition. Blackhurst hit .290 with 31 hits and 15 runs batted in, second best on the team.

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She will play shortstop or second base and has the ability to be an All-PSAC selection at either spot.

The anchor of the infield is senior co-captain Stormy Alexander. She possesses a strong arm, outstanding knowledge of the game and a wealth of experience. Alexander was an All-PSAC third baseman in 1999 and a second team All-Region performer as a freshman. She has been the team's number three hitter since her freshman season. The team captain is extremely versatile, earning All-PSAC status as a utility player and third baseman. She hit over .300 for the third straight year, hitting .344 with a team-best 42 hits and 16 runs batted in.

Junior Heather Geer is coming off a knee injury that limited her to 18 games last year. Defensively the third baseman/catcher has a strong arm and has regained her range during the offseason. If she hits well enough she will see plenty of action, whether at third base, catcher or as the designated hitter.

Catcher is the one position in Gierlak's



Junior Sarah Roseto will battle Heather Ulmer for time behind the plate.

lineup still up in the air. Sarah Roseto is the early favorite. She has worked hard on the fundamentals of catching and becoming more comfortable behind the plate. Last year she batted .194 but showed signs of power with four doubles.

Heather Ulmer, a sophomore transfer from John Carroll University, is an outstanding defensive player with good arm strength. Like Roseto, Ulmer needs to develop with the bat. A year ago at John Carroll she batted .185 and scored eight runs in 29 games.

Outfield

Unlike last year, depth in the outfield is not a luxury on this year's Edinboro softball team. Gierlak has only four full-time outfielders on the roster, one of whom is trying to recover from a serious knee injury. However, the three healthy regulars at his disposal are solid players with the ability to be All-PSAC players.

Co-captain Diane Trickey, a four-year starter, with the the last three seasons in right field, is a strong-armed, intelligent outfielder. Trickey can bunt, drive the ball or execute on the hit and run. Although she batted just .178 last year, she drove in 11 runs.

Junior April Hurd struggled last season after being named the PSAC West Rookie of the Year in 1998. She was also an All-Region center fielder as a freshman. Hurd suffered the proverbial sophomore slump, batting .233 with 13 RBIs, 16 runs scored and a team-high 10 bases on balls last season. As a freshman she hit .385 with a team best 17 runs batted in.

Meghan Seth, a sophomore left fielder, is a former standout at nearby Fort LeBoeuf High School. She is a converted high school shortstop with a strong arm. In her first season, she hit .240 with 10 RBIs and one home run.

The final piece of the outfield picture is junior Jamie D'Angelo, who is recovering from an serious knee injury. D'Angelo hit .280 last season and her .345 on base percentage was third on the team.

2000 EDINBORO SOFTBALL ROSTER

No.	NAME	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Yr.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
24	Stormy Alexander	3B/C	5-9	L/R	Sr.	Thompson, OH/Ledgemont
21	Lisa Blackhurst	SS/2B	5-3	R/R	Sr.	Franklin, PA/Franklin
23	Jamie D'Angelo	OF	5-6	R/R	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA/North Hills
32	Heather Geer	3B/C	5-6	R/R	Jr.	Mount Jewett, PA/Kane Area
4	Kelly Griffith	P/OF	5-5	R/R	Fr.	Franklinville, NY/Franklinville
44	Brandy Henderson	1B/OF	6-0	L/L	So.	Indiana, PA/Indiana
20	Kelli Higgins	1B	5-7	L/L	So.	Apollo, PA/Kiski Area
8	April Hurd	OF	5-7	R/R	Jr.	Robinson Twp., PA/Montour
2	Tiffany Miller	P	5-2	L/L	Fr.	Ridgway, PA/Ridgway
12	Suzanne Nimelli	P	5-7	R/R	Sr.	Lake City, PA/Girard
22	Jennifer Patsy	SS/2B	5-8	R/R	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA/North Allegheny
7	Amanda Riley	2B	5-4	R/R	Jr.	Connellsville, PA/Geibel Catholic
34	Sarah Roseto	C/IF	5-7	R/R	Jr.	Harborcreek, PA/Harbor Creek
3	Meghan Seth	OF	5-10	R/R	So.	Waterford, PA/Ft. LeBoeuf
27	Brianne Taylor	P	5-5	R/R	Jr.	Waterford, PA/Ft. LeBoeuf
6	Diane Trickey	OF	5-4	R/R	Sr.	Seneca Castle, NY/Midlakes
13	Heather Ulmer	C	5-6	R/R	So.	Erie, PA/Villa Maria

Head Coach: Dan Gierlak

Assistant Coach: Ben Shank

Student Manager: Keith McCarthy



CAPTAINS PROFILES



24 **Stormy Alexander**
3B ♦ 5-9 ♦ Sr.
Thompson, OH/Ledgemont **24**

At Edinboro: Started 40 games in 1999 ... paced the team with a .344 batting average, 42 hits and 16 RBI's ... a first team All-PSAC selection at third base ... also a first team All-PSAC and second team All-Region player as a freshman ... has played first base, third base, catcher and designated hitter during her career ... has a career batting average of .335 with 43 runs batted in and 45 runs scored ... has hit over .300 in each season, with a high of .346 as a sophomore ... **High School:** Four-year varsity athlete at Ledgemont High School ... also lettered in volleyball and basketball for the Redskins ... **Personal:** Born January 28, 1978 ... majoring in Speech Communication ... daughter of Charleen and Roland Alexander.

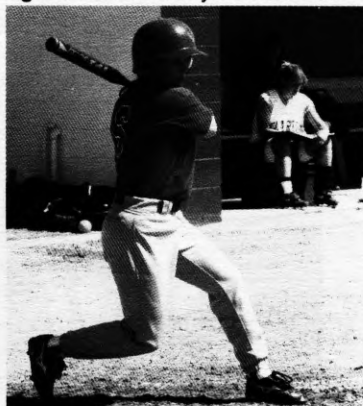


YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1997	38	99	19	31	18	0	7	.313
1998	37	107	6	37	9	0	1	.346
1999	40	122	20	42	16	0	6	.344
Career	115	328	45	110	43	0	14	.335



6 **Diane Trickey**
OF ♦ 5-4 ♦ Sr.
Seneca Castle, NY/Midlakes **6**

At Edinboro: Has started 113 games in her career, including 34 starts in 1999 ... tied for team lead with 3 triples last season ... also had a home run, 3 doubles and 11 runs batted in ... paced the Scots with 9 sacrifice bunts ... received 8 walks, second best on the team ... has 72 hits and 32 RBIs in her career ... **High School:** a four-year starter at Midlakes (NY) High School ... a four-time first team All-Star in softball ... named the female senior Athlete of the Year ... also lettered in soccer and basketball ... **Personal:** Born March 10, 1978 ... majoring in Criminal Justice ... active member of the Edinboro volunteer fire department ... daughter of Corene and John Trickey ... National Criminal Honor Justice Society member ... student athlete advisory committee member.



YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1997	40	116	27	29	13	0	5	.250
1998	39	110	16	25	8	0	0	.227
1999	34	101	12	18	11	1	1	.178
Career	113	327	55	72	32	1	6	.220

PLAYER PROFILES

21 **Lisa Blackhurst**
2B/SS ♦ 5-3 ♦ Sr.
Franklin, PA/Franklin



At Edinboro: A versatile fourth-year player ... batted .290 with 15 runs batted in, second best on the team, as a junior ... her 31 hits was third on the team ... committed just 5 errors while recording 66 putouts at shortstop for a .966 fielding percentage ... **High School:** Four-year starter at Franklin High School ... earned first team All-County honors during junior and senior seasons ... also lettered in soccer and basketball ... **Personal:** Born January 27, 1978 ... Health and Physical Education major ... daughter of Karen and John Blackhurst ... also a member of the Edinboro women's soccer team.

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1997	23	38	4	9	6	0	2	.237
1998	30	61	7	13	2	0	1	.213
1999	41	107	10	31	15	0	5	.290
Career	94	206	31	53	23	0	8	.257

12 **Suzanne Nimelli**
P ♦ 5-7 ♦ Sr.
Lake City, PA/Girard



At Edinboro: Third season at Edinboro after transferring from Augusta State (GA) ... a two-time second team All-PSAC West selection ... finished 9-11 in 1999 with a 2.39 ERA ... struck out 132 batters while walking only 37 ... held the opposition to a .219 batting average in 134.2 innings of work ... tied for team lead with 4 shutouts ... made a team-high 21 starts, throwing 15 complete games ... finished third in the PSAC in strikeouts per 7 innings in 1999 ... **High School:** Enjoyed an outstanding career at

Girard High School ... four-year letterwinner for the YellowJackets in softball. **Personal:** Born December 14, 1976 ... Health and Physical Education major ... daughter of Judy and Richard Nimelli.

YEAR	W	L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO
1998	6	6	2.06	16	75.0	70	30	68
1999	9	11	2.39	23	134.2	118	37	132
Career	15	17	2.27	39	209.2	188	67	200

23 **Jamie D'Angelo**
OF ♦ 5-6 ♦ Jr.
Pittsburgh, PA/North Hills



At Edinboro: Entering third season as a Fighting Scot ... batted .280 with 14 hits, including a pair of doubles and a triple ... scored 7 runs while playing in 21 games, making 19 starts ... played 36 games as a freshman recording 19 hits and 4 RBIs ... **High School:** A

four-year varsity starter at North Hills High School ... also competed on the women's basketball team ... **Personal:** Born August 2, 1979 ...Elementary Education/Early Childhood major ... daughter of Dolores and Thomas D'Angelo.

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1998	36	86	10	19	4	0	4	.221
1999	21	50	7	14	3	0	2	.280
Career	57	136	17	33	7	0	6	.243

32 **Heather Geer**
3B/C ♦ 5-6 ♦ Jr.
Mount Jewett, PA/Kane



At Edinboro: Third season with the Scots ... provides depth at third base and catcher ... could also serve as a designated hitter ... saw action in 18 games, making four starts while recovering from a knee injury in 1999 ... hit

PLAYER PROFILES

.304 with 7 base hits and 2 RBI's ... started 32 games as a sophomore, recording 15 hits, 10 runs scored and 6 RBIs ... **High School:** Three-year letterwinner in softball at Kane Area High School ... also a two-year starter in volleyball ... **Personal:** Born August 5, 1978 ... Elementary/Special Education major ... daughter of Debora and Jack Geer.

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1998	32	87	10	15	6	0	4	.172
1999	18	23	3	7	2	0	0	.304
Career	50	110	13	22	8	0	4	.200

8 April Hurd OF ♦ 5-7 ♦ Jr. Robinson Twp, PA/Montour



At Edinboro: Former PSAC West Rookie of the Year and second team All-Region player in 1998 ... led the Scots in walks (10) and triples (3) in 1999 ... third on the team with 16 runs scored and second with 8 stolen bases ... also had 30 hits,

3 doubles, a home run and 13 runs batted in ... two-time PSAC Scholar-Athlete ... hit .385 with 17 RBIs and 20 runs scored as a freshman ... a career .307 batter with 36 runs scored, 77 hits and 30 runs batted in ... **High School:** A four-year starter in softball at Montour High School ... 1996-97 All-Section outfielder ... also lettered in basketball and track ... **Personal:** Born September 10, 1979 ... Health and Physical Education major ... Athletic Coaching and Psychology minors ... daughter of Rose Mary and William Hurd.

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1998	39	122	20	47	17	1	1	.385
1999	41	129	16	30	13	1	8	.233
Career	80	251	36	77	30	2	9	.307

22 Jennifer Patsy SS/2B ♦ 5-8 ♦ Jr. Pittsburgh, PA/North Allegheny



At Edinboro: Was limited to seven games last season after suffering a knee injury ... hit .333 (3 for 9) in limited action ... rounding into form after missing freshman and most of sophomore seasons with injuries ... has a good

glove, strong arm and quick release in the field ... provides depth in the middle infield ...

High School: A two-year starter at North Allegheny High School ... Section VII All-Star team selection as a senior ... also lettered in golf ... **Personal:** Born April 8, 1979 ... Health and Physical Education major with a Physical Fitness Management minor ... daughter of Bonnie and Richard Patsy.

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1998	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1999	7	9	1	3	1	0	0	.333
Career	10	13	1	3	1	0	0	.231

7 Amanda Riley 2B ♦ 5-4 ♦ Jr. Connellsville, PA/Geibel Catholic



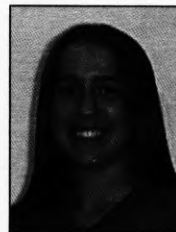
At Edinboro: Third season as a member of the Edinboro middle infield ... recorded 13 base hits and scored 9 runs while batting .228 ... **High School:** Three-year softball starter at Geibel Catholic High School ... helped the Gators to two WPIAL

championships ... three time All-County performer ... also participated in volleyball and basketball ... **Personal:** Born November 12, 1978 ... Elementary Education/Early Childhood major ... two-time Scholar-Athlete award winner ... daughter of Linda and Tom Riley.

PLAYER PROFILES

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1998	19	26	3	6	3	0	0	.231
1999	25	57	9	13	6	0	2	.228
Career	44	83	12	19	9	0	2	.229

34 Sarah Roseto C/IF ♦ 5-7 ♦ Jr. Harborcreek, PA/ Harbor Creek



At Edinboro: Started 29 games at catcher last season after playing first base as a freshman ... batted .194 with 13 hits and 10 runs scored ... rapped 4 doubles while driving in 4 runs in 1999

... recorded a .975 fielding percentage, committing 5 errors in 185 chances ... **High School:** A three-year starter on the Harbor Creek High School softball team ... two-time third team All-Erie County selection ... honorable mention All-State volleyball player ... **Personal:** Born April 29, 1979 ... Speech Communications major ... daughter of Betsy and Dave Roseto ... also a member of the Edinboro women's volleyball team.

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1998	21	37	5	8	3	0	0	.216
1999	29	67	10	13	4	0	2	.194
Career	50	104	15	21	7	0	2	.202

27 Brianne Taylor P ♦ 5-5 ♦ Jr. Waterford, PA/Ft. LeBoeuf



At Edinboro: One of the top pitchers in the PSAC ... a two-time PSAC West second team selection ... had an impressive 2.16 ERA while going 11-10 last season ... opponents hit just .215 against her ... struck out 127 batters while issuing just 38 base

balls ... paced the Scots with 19 complete

games in 20 starts ... also threw a team-high 139.2 innings in 25 appearances ... tied for team lead with 4 shutouts ... ranked ninth in the PSAC in ERA (2.16) and fifth in strikeouts per 7 innings (6.19) ... **High School:** Holds the Fort LeBoeuf High School pitching record with a 0.79 ERA ... earned first team All-Erie County honors as a senior ... Women in Sports award winner for softball ... team MVP during her senior season ... **Personal:** Born August 13, 1979 ... Elementary and Special Education major ... daughter of Crystal and Alan Taylor.

YEAR	W	L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO
1998	6	9	2.29	17	101.0	98	29	66
1999	11	10	2.16	25	139.2	115	38	127
Career	17	19	2.21	42	240.2	213	67	193

44 Brandy Henderson 1B/OF ♦ 6-0 ♦ So. Indiana, PA/Indiana



At Edinboro: Earned second team All-PSAC recognition at first base in 1999 as a freshman ... third on the team with a .306 batting average ... led the Boro with 23 runs scored, 6 doubles, 10 stolen bases and 254 putouts ... had 34 hits and 10

RBI's ... appeared in 40 games, making 38 starts ... led the team with a .982 fielding percentage, committing just 5 errors while recording 254 putouts ... **High School:** A four-year starter at Indiana High School ... had career batting average of .323 ... two-time *Indiana All-Gazette* team member ... named Student-Athlete of the Year in senior season ... also lettered in basketball and volleyball ... **Personal:** Born September 24, 1979 ... Business Administration and Accounting major ... daughter of Marge and Ken Henderson.

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1999	40	111	23	34	10	0	10	.306

PLAYER PROFILES

20 Kelli Higgins 1B ♦ 5-7 ♦ So. Apollo, PA/Kiski Area



At Edinboro: Saw limited action in first season, playing in six contests as a freshman ... **High School:** A two-year starter for the Kiski Area Cavaliers ... led the team to a 16-4 record and sectional championship as a senior ... **Personal:** Born

February 3, 1980 ... Elementary and Special Education major ... daughter of Pamela and Ron Higgins.

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1998	6	171	1	0	0	0	0	.143

3 Meghan Seth OF ♦ 5-10 ♦ So. Waterford, PA/Ft. LeBoeuf



At Edinboro: Solid player in all aspects of the game with potential to be one of the top players in the PSAC according to Gierlak ... batted .240 as a freshman with 18 hits, a double, a home run and 10 RBIs ... **High School:** A four-year starter for the

Fort LeBoeuf Bisons ... an All-County softball and volleyball performer in 1998 ... **Personal:** Born April 7, 1980 ... Health and Physical Education major ... daughter of Brenda and William Seth.

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	SB	AVG
1999	29	75	8	18	10	1	2	.240

13 Heather Ulmer C ♦ 5-6 ♦ So. Erie, PA/Villa Maria

At Edinboro: First year at Edinboro after transferring from John Carroll University ... hit .185 in 29 games while scoring 8 runs in 1999 for the Blue Streaks ... a sound defensive player with good arm strength ... **High**



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Kelly Griffith P/OF ♦ 5-5 ♦ Fr. Franklinville, NY/ Franklinville



At Edinboro: Highly touted freshman hurler ... will serve as a third pitcher behind Suzanne Nimelli and Brianne Taylor ... has potential to become a dominant pitcher with consistency ... **High School:** Cattaraugus County Scholar Athlete of

the Year ... senior Athlete of the Year at Franklinville High School ... first team All-New York ... All-Western New York Academic softball team ... five-year starter in softball ... also lettered in soccer and basketball ...

Personal: Born November 26, 1980 ... Health and Physical Education major ... daughter of Miriam Griffith.

2 Tiffany Miller P ♦ 5-2 ♦ Fr. Ridgway, PA/Ridgway



At Edinboro: Freshman pitcher with plenty of raw talent ... Gierlak is working with her to develop consistency in her delivery ... will be a role player this season ... **High School:** Four-year starter at Ridgway High School ... also played volleyball and basketball ... **Personal:** Born November 27, 1979 ... a General Studies major ... daughter of Brenda Miller and Dana Miller.

1999 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Edinboro University softball team started the 1999 campaign with just two wins in its first eleven contests. But the Fighting Scots rebounded to go 18-13-1 over the next 32 games, finishing the year with a 20-22-1 ledger. The 20-win season was the third under head coach Dan Gierlak and just the fifth 20-win mark at the Boro.

Part of the reason for the rough start was no doubt a difficult early season schedule that pitted Edinboro against several top-notch Southern programs on its annual spring break trip.

After returning from the spring trip the Scots headed to the University of Charleston to play in a two-day tournament. The Boro finished 4-3 at the tournament with wins over the University of Charleston, Ohio Valley, Salem-Teikyo and Alderson-Broadus.

The Scots finally played their first home contest 17 games into the 1999 campaign. Over the four game homestand the Boro was 3-1, pushing its record to 9-12.

After a 2-0 win over Lock Haven on March 31, Gierlak's troops hit another dry spell, dropping two games to Indiana(Pa.).

The Scots finished 1-2-1 in a four-game stretch with local rivals Mercyhurst and Gannon.

After a week lay-off caused by weather, Edinboro bounced back to win five straight games, including a 2-1 win over national powerhouse and two-time NCAA champions California(Pa.). The win streak pushed the team's record to 15-16-1, keeping the Boro in contention for a spot in the PSAC Tournament. The Vulcans rebounded to win the nightcap, 9-6, ending the Scots five-game win streak.

Weather conditions forced Edinboro to play its final 16 games in 12 days. Although they got off to a good start after the mid-season weather break, the string of contests soon caught up with the team. In the next six games, the Boro split with Lock Haven, Clarion and Indiana(Pa.).

California(Pa.) dashed the Scots' playoff

hopes when it handed the Boro two shutout defeats on May 2. Edinboro rebounded the next day to finish the year with a pair of wins over Slippery Rock.

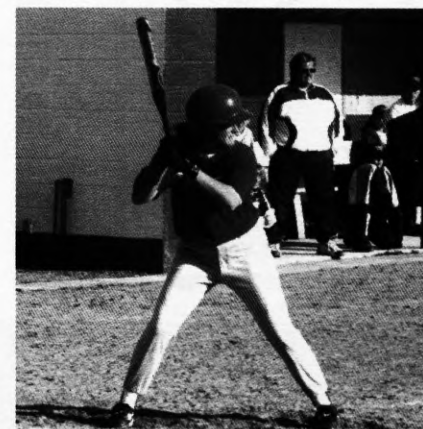
Taylor finished the year 11-10 with a 2.16 ERA, tenth in the PSAC. She also had 127 strikeouts in 139.2 innings, ranking fifth in the conference at 6.37 strikeouts per seven innings. Nimelli was equally impressive on the mound, finishing 9-11 with a 2.39 ERA. She struck out 132 batters in 134.2 innings of work, finished second in the PSAC with 6.86 strikeouts per seven innings. Both pitchers were awarded All-PSAC second team honors for their efforts.

Stormy Alexander paced the offense, leading the team with a .344 batting average and 16 RBIs. She also finished second on the team with 20 runs scored.

Brandy Henderson enjoy a solid freshman season, batting .306 while leading the team in runs (23), doubles (6) and stolen bases (10).

Shortstop Lisa Blackhurst batted .290 with 10 runs scored and 15 RBIs, second on the team.

After batting .385 as a freshman, April Hurd struggled to a .233 average last season. Despite the slump she still managed 13 RBIs and 16 runs scored while rapping 3 doubles, 3 triples and a home run.



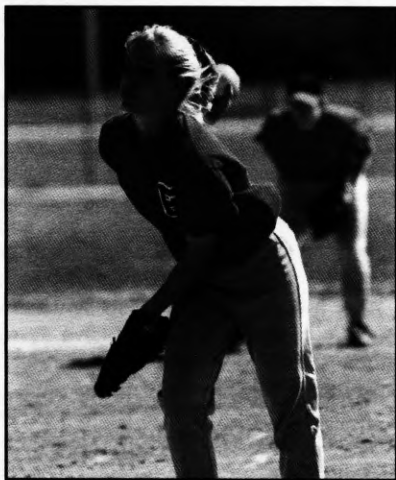
Junior April Hurd will serve as the Boro's centerfielder and leadoff hitter.

1999 FINAL STATISTICS

HITTING																	
Player	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	SLG	SO	BB	HP	S	OB	TB	AVG
Alexander	40/40	122	20	42	4	1	0	16	6	.393	7	7	2	2	.389	48	.344
Patsy	7/2	9	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	.333	2	1	0	0	.400	3	.333
Henderson	40/38	111	23	34	6	1	0	10	10	.378	10	5	1	3	.342	42	.306
Geer	18/4	23	3	7	0	0	0	2	0	.304	4	1	0	0	.333	7	.304
Blackhurst	41/41	107	10	31	2	0	0	15	5	.308	6	3	0	7	.309	33	.290
D'Angelo	21/19	50	7	14	2	1	0	3	2	.360	8	3	2	2	.345	18	.280
McClain	33/33	102	12	25	5	0	1	11	2	.324	14	3	1	3	.271	33	.245
Seth	29/28	75	8	18	1	0	1	10	2	.293	7	1	1	3	.260	22	.240
Hurd	41/41	129	16	30	3	3	1	13	8	.326	22	10	1	2	.291	42	.233
Riley	25/24	57	9	13	2	0	0	6	2	.263	8	3	2	4	.286	15	.228
Hale	19/14	43	4	9	3	1	1	6	2	.395	9	5	0	1	.292	17	.209
Roseto	29/29	67	10	13	4	0	0	4	2	.254	9	5	1	2	.257	17	.194
Ward	26/23	55	4	10	1	0	1	5	3	.255	10	8	0	2	.281	14	.182
Trickey	34/34	101	12	18	3	3	1	11	1	.297	14	8	1	9	.245	30	.178
Berube	21/11	37	5	6	1	0	1	4	0	.270	5	5	1	1	.273	10	.162
Berlin	15/6	24	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	.083	10	1	0	1	.120	2	.083
TOTALS	43/43	1119	148	276	37	10	7	119	46	.316	148	69	13	42	.297	354	.247

FIELDING

Name	PO	A	E	DP	FLD%
Hale	95	7	0	0	1.000
McClain	3	0	0	0	1.000
Cable	0	1	0	0	1.000
Henderson	254	17	5	0	.982
Taylor	4	36	1	1	.976
Hurd	38	1	1	0	.975
Roseto	180	14	5	0	.975
Blackhurst	66	74	5	1	.966
Riley	42	58	4	0	.962
Berube	47	7	3	0	.947
Seth	19	2	2	0	.913
Trickey	18	2	2	0	.909
Nimelli	3	31	4	0	.895
D'Angelo	17	0	2	0	.895
Alexander	24	60	11	0	.884
Berlin	4	2	1	1	.857
Patsy	2	3	1	0	.833
Ward	31	21	14	0	.788
Geer	4	9	5	0	.722
TOTALS	851	345	66	1	.948



Junior Brienne Taylor paced the Scots in wins (11), complete games (19), innings (139.2) and ERA (2.16) as a sophomore.

PITCHING

Name	G/GS	W	L	S	CG	SH	IP	R	H	ER	SO	BB	HP	WP	BK	ERA
Taylor	25/20	11	10	1	19	4	139.2	75	115	43	127	38	4	3	0	2.16
Nimelli	23/21	9	11	0	15	4	134.2	82	118	46	132	37	9	5	0	2.39
Cable	6/2	0	1	0	0	0	9.2	18	17	14	3	9	0	4	0	10.14
TOTALS	43/43	20	22	1	34	8	284.0	175	250	103	262	84	13	12	0	2.54

1999 GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	W/L/T	Score	Pitcher of record	R-H-E
March 5	vs. USC-Spartanburg	L	3-5	Taylor (0-1)	3-10-1
	vs. Wingate	W	12-9	Nimelli (1-0)	12-14-4
March 6	vs. WV Wesleyan	L	2-3	Taylor (0-2)	2-7-1
March 7	vs. Queens (NC)	L	4-7	Nimelli (1-1)	4-6-2
March 8	vs. North Dakota State	L	0-10	Taylor (0-3)	0-3-1
	vs. North Dakota State	L	4-9	Nimelli (1-2)	4-7-1
March 10	at Armstrong Atlantic	L	0-8	Taylor (0-4)	0-3-5
	at Armstrong Atlantic	L	1-2	Nimelli (1-3)	1-0-1
March 12	at Catawba	W	1-0	Taylor (1-4)	1-5-0
	at Catawba	L	1-2	Nimelli (1-4)	1-4-3
March 20	vs. WV Wesleyan	L	2-3	Taylor (1-5)	2-4-1
	at Univ. of Charleston	W	2-1	Nimelli (2-4)	2-9-1
	vs. Ohio Valley	W	16-1	Taylor (2-5)	16-16-1
	vs. Davis & Elkins	L	4-5	Nimelli (2-5)	4-8-3
March 21	vs. Salem-Teikyo	W	1-0	Nimelli (3-5)	1-4-0
	vs. Alderson-Broaddus	W	4-3	Taylor (3-5)	4-9-1
	vs. Indiana(Pa.)	L	0-8	Nimelli (3-6)	0-4-4
March 27	WESTMINSTER	W	6-0	Taylor (4-5)	6-7-0
	WESTMINSTER	W	4-3	Nimelli (4-6)	4-4-1
March 31	LOCK HAVEN*	L	1-5	Taylor (4-6)	1-4-2
	LOCK HAVEN*	W	2-0	Nimelli (5-6)	2-5-0
April 3	at Indiana(Pa.)*	L	0-1	Taylor (4-7)	0-0-2
	at Indiana(Pa.)*	L	2-12	Nimelli (5-7)	2-3-2
April 14	MERCYHURST	W	11-9	Taylor (5-7)	11-14-1
	MERCYHURST	T	1-1		1-5-1
April 15	GANNON	L	2-8	Taylor (5-8)	2-6-3
	GANNON	L	1-10	Cable (0-1)	1-3-4
April 22	at Slippery Rock*	W	3-1	Taylor (6-8)	3-8-1
	at Slippery Rock*	W	3-0	Nimelli (6-7)	3-4-0
April 24	at Clarion*	W	5-1	Taylor (7-8)	5-11-0
	at Clarion*	W	6-0	Nimelli (7-7)	6-11-2
April 25	at California(PA)*	W	2-1	Taylor (8-8)	2-5-0
	at California(PA)*	L	6-9	Nimelli (7-8)	6-9-3
April 27	at Lock Haven*	W	2-0	Taylor (9-8)	2-6-0
	at Lock Haven*	L	2-6	Nimelli (7-9)	2-4-4
April 28	CLARION*	W	6-0	Taylor (10-8)	6-9-0
	CLARION*	L	0-1	Nimelli (7-10)	0-2-1
April 29	INDIANA(PA)*	L	3-11	Taylor (10-9)	3-6-4
	INDIANA(PA)*	W	9-1	Nimelli (8-10)	9-14-1
May 2	CALIFORNIA(PA)*	L	0-11	Taylor (10-10)	0-2-1
	CALIFORNIA(PA)*	L	0-7	Nimelli (8-11)	0-3-2
May 3	SLIPPERY ROCK*	W	9-1	Taylor (11-10)	9-12-0
	SLIPPERY ROCK*	W	5-0	Nimelli (9-11)	5-6-1

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Edinboro University is a member of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC), one of the most competitive conferences in NCAA Division II baseball.

The 13-team conference is split into two divisions, East and West. Schools other than Edinboro in the West include: California, Clarion, Indiana, Lock Haven and Slippery Rock.

The seven teams in the East include Bloomsburg, East Stroudsburg, Kutztown, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, and West Chester. The top two teams in each division advance to the state tournament, held in Boyertown, Pa.



Final 1999 PSAC Softball Standings

Western Division	PSAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
California*	17-3	.850	38-18	.679
Indiana	15-5	.750	27-19	.587
Edinboro	11-9	.550	20-22-1	.477
Lock Haven	7-13	.350	14-22	.389
Slippery Rock	7-13	.350	12-28	.300
Clarion	3-17	.150	8-24	.250
Eastern Division	PSAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Bloomsburg	22-2	.917	42-10	.808
Shippensburg	17-7	.708	42-16	.724
Kutztown	14-10	.583	24-23	.511
Millersville	12-12	.500	23-19	.548
Mansfield	9-15	.375	19-19	.500
West Chester	6-18	.250	19-32	.373
East Stroudsburg	4-20	.167	5-31	.139

* PSAC Tournament Champions

PSAC Players of the Week

East	West
3/30 Hickey, BU	Petor, IUP
4/2 Miller, BU	Rape, IUP
4/12 Miller, BU	Heslop, CAL
4/19 Miller, BU	Dugan, IUP
4/26 Stover, SHIP	Hall, CAL
	Pagana, MAN
5/3 Atkins, MILL	Ferrari, CAL
	Heslop, CAL

PSAC Pitchers of the Week

East	West
3/30 Kittle, BU	Brooks, CAL
4/2 Kittle, BU	Giacomin, IUP
4/12 Kittle, BU	Monger, LHU
4/19 Smith, SHIP	Giacomin, IUP
4/26 Smith, SHIP	Brooks, CAL
	Taylor, EDIN
5/3 Adams, SHIP	Brooks, CAL

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

First Team All-PSAC West

First Base:	Jamie Petor, IUP
Second Base:	Staci Reichert, LHU
Third Base:	Stormy Alexander, EUP
Shortstop:	Molly Carr, IUP
Catcher:	Stacie Miller, LHU
Outfield:	Angela Hileman, IUP Kristen Rowles, SRU Meaggan Wilton, CAL
Designated:	Allana Ferrari, CAL
Utility:	Holly Hall, CAL
Pitcher:	Melissa Brooks, CAL Julie Giacomin, IUP

Second Team All-PSAC West

First Base:	Brandy Henderson, EUP
Second Base:	Jen Rape, IUP
Third Base:	Tanya Schnur, IUP
Shortstop:	Lisa Blackhurst, EUP
Catcher:	Jamie DeShong, IUP
Outfield:	Kristen Dinkel, CLAR Marissa Dugan, IUP Nicole Fiedler, CAL
Designated:	Lauren Lyle, IUP
Pitcher:	Suzanne Nimelli, EUP Brianne Taylor, EUP

Edinboro All-PSAC Performers

1999	
<i>First Team</i>	Stormy Alexander (3B)
<i>Second Team</i>	Brandy Henderson (1B) Lisa Blackhurst (SS) Suzanne Nimelli (P) Brianne Taylor (P)
1998	
<i>Rookie of the Year</i>	April Hurd (CF)
<i>First Team</i>	April Hurd (CF)
<i>Second Team</i>	Suzanne Nimelli (P) Brianne Taylor (P) Michelle Mosberger (SS)
1997	
<i>First Team</i>	Keri Criscione (DH) Stormy Alexander (Util)
<i>Second Team</i>	Leigh McMahan (C)
1996	
<i>First Team</i>	Heather Clark (OF)
<i>Second Team</i>	Kristin Neuburger (2B) Diana Holder (3B) Amy Burlingame (Util) Leigh McMahan (C)
1995	
<i>First Team</i>	Heather Clark (C)
<i>Second Team</i>	Diana Holder (2B)
1994	
<i>First Team</i>	Kristin Neuberger (2B) Andrea Williams (OF) Terri Spaulding (DP) Diana Holder (Util)
1993	
<i>First Team</i>	Terri Spaulding (DP) Heather Heist (OF)

PSAC AWARDS

Player of the Year:
Molly Carr, Indiana(Pa.)

Coach of the Year:
Rick Bertognolli,
California(Pa.)

Rookie of the Year:
Melissa Brooks,
California(Pa.)



Senior Lisa Blackhurst was an All-PSAC second team selection last year.



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