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Lady Panthers Fighting For Their Goals

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The Palmyra-Eagle girls soccer team have started their season with some tough competition but have kept up with their dedication and willingness to turn it around with upcoming games. With a young team this season and the help from experienced athletes, the soccer girls have been fighting strong as they near the half point of the 2019 soccer season.

In their last couple of games, the girls were not able to snatch a win but have not stopped their hard work during practices to soon surprise future opponents.

"Well the team is pretty young, so they're still kinda learning the ropes," Senior Monica Curtin said. "We have just progressively been getting better, so the first game was a little rough, second game we came back, we scored some goals, third game we tied and we really kept them back and held our own."

Monica and the team have been gearing up and prepared for these upcoming games as they continue their road to the warmer weather and tougher enemies. With the weather cooperating these upcoming weeks, the young team takes advantage of it and are practicing to clean up some patches which could be the key to victory against their rivals.

"I think they just need a lot more confidence with the ball you know and confidence with their skill to really take the ball up the field and challenge people," Curtin said. "Passing, definitely an issue. Just getting the ball down the field to the goal and then passing when you're down there to the open the people to get a shot off."

As the senior captains Monica Curtin and Mikayla Peardon combine heads to make sure their flaws are turned into perfections, they take care of the problems during practice everyday until they vanish and see their results in games. As they notice the youth within the team, they don't let it distract them as they see the strength in individuals and as a team as well.

"Strength, we definitely have a lot of talent like a lot of new talent, yes we talk a lot so the teamwork is very strong I just think we need to get our passing down in terms of weakness and confidence overall," Curtin said.

"Come to the games we exist were still here you know we're trying our best so you know come watch us see what we got," Curtin said.

As Curtin is planning on not continuing soccer after high school, she urges the school to come and support as not only she would



Photo courtesy Stephanie Schroeder

Junior Sophie Duester in full charge to retrieve ball for Team. appreciate it but as well for the team in general for these next upcoming winnable games to show you what they got.

"Just stick with it give your best in practice it will definitely pay off in the games, don't give up on yourself you're definitely going to have bad games your team will support you," Curtin said.

Before the season ends, Curtin is hoping to see improvement from the young team for their future and to finish this season better than last for her final year of her soccer career.

5 Reasons Why The Referendum Should Have Passed

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"They're a small school who cares." "They're in too much debt," says most of the people who voted "no" against the Palmyra-Eagle School Districts recent referendum. On April 2nd of 2019, many were left in despair of what may come and be of their school in the next couple of years as the referendum did not pass for us "Panthers". As mixed emotions came from both sides the ones that stuck out the most were from our fellow supporters of keeping the Panthers Home alive. As parents and kids of Palmyra-Eagle are left in confusion on what to do next year, we would have wished for the people who

never experienced how it felt to be a Panther to have had the chance and time to be from Palmyra-Eagle and show them the reasons on why the referendum should have passed.

1.) Not Everyone Wants To Go To Big School



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At a big school you don't get that feeling of a close knit community. Most people want to leave their school with pride of their school and for some that may be easy or hard. For the people that have a more difficult time feeling that will find it easier at a smaller school as at Palmyra everyone knows one another no matter if you're in many clubs or not, if you are the new kid, if you're in sports, etc. At Palmyra-Eagle we are such a close community that at some events you'll see half to more than the town there.

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Photo courtesy Hailey Lucht

Lucht will continue her running career this fall while attending UW-Parkside.

Senior Spotlight

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Senior Hailey Lucht has participated in cross country and track since sophomore year, while still maintaining good grades. Lucht went to the State cross country meet her junior and senior years, placing 83rd and 42nd. Dedicating her time to running and studying has allowed her to succeed. She will continue her athletic and academic career at UW Parkside this fall.

What made you decide on Parkside?

They actually reached out to me first and offered me an athletic scholarship. So that made me a little bit more interested into the college and look into it more.

Have you always wanted to run in college? What are your goals for running in college?

No I did not mainly because i did not run in the start of my high school career and even when i did i wasn't really planning on it but then I started to love running and wanted to continue my career. Currently I don't have any specifically but I'd like it in my 4 years of running to make it to nationals or something like that.

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Conor McGregor Retires From The UFC

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Conor McGregor is said to be one of the best UFC fighters of all time. From fighting arguably the best boxer in history to being the first person in UFC history to hold two belts at the same time, McGregor has had an eventful career.

That all comes to an end as Conor McGregor retires from UFC fighting [March 26, 2019](#).

McGregor made his announcement via "Hey guys quick announcement, I've decided to retire from the sport formally known as "Mixed Martial Arts" today." McGregor wrote.

McGregor ends his UFC career with a [21-4](#) record in the lightweight division. McGregor has found plenty of success landing him a number 12 spot on the ["Forbes 2018 Celebrity Earnings"](#) with \$99 million as well as breaking some of the most impressive records in the UFC including being the first person in UFC history to hold two belts at the same time.

The announcement came soon after an interview with Jimmy Fallon on "The Tonight show". That might not be it for McGregor's fighting career though. McGregor has hinted at a return during July, when his next fight was supposed to be.

"We'll see what happens, a lot of politics going on," McGregor said.

"The fight game is a mad game. But like I said, to my fans, I am in shape and I am ready." McGregor stated.

"I have done my piece for the company," McGregor said. "I don't necessarily need to fight. I am set for life. My family is set for life. We are good, but I am eager to fight. So, we'll see what happens. I'm staying ready."

Dana White, President of the UFC, didn't seem so surprised about the sudden retirement.

"It totally makes sense and if I was him I would retire too." White said.

Tyler Peardon, Sophomore at Palmyra Eagle High School, thinks there might be a different reason for McGregor's all of a sudden retirement. Peardon thinks that there may have been some legal issues involved for the split between McGregor and the UFC.

"Yeah there definitely was, Dana White probably said that to cover up his issues." Peardon said.

Fans are eager to see what McGregor does next as he announced a early retirement April 2016.

"I have decided to retire young. Thanks for the cheese. Catch ya's later." McGregor wrote as he came back and fought [Nate Diaz in UFC 202 four months later](#).

There's no telling what the Notorious Conor McGregor will do next, but one thing's for certain, people will be waiting and watching.



Mike Trout is the Best MLB Player of All Time

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It's officially baseball season and that means it's time to debate. Who is the best baseball player of all time? In my eyes, it's Angels center fielder Mike Trout. The other person that many consider is Babe Ruth. Trout has the better stats than Ruth and the stats don't lie. The fact that it would take a whole two elite MLB baseball players to match the skill level of Trout makes him the G.O.A.T of baseball.

Some believe that Babe Ruth is better than Mike Trout, which is false because, stats don't lie. Trout has played in the MLB for nine seasons, so it's only fair to compare Ruth's first nine seasons to Trout's. According to Wikipedia.com, Babe Ruth has been to two All Star Games and won one AL MVP Award. The amount of World Series that he won isn't even comparable considering the players he was surrounded by and the skill difference in overall MLB players from then and now. According to Wikipedia.com, Trout has been to seven All Star Games and won the AL MVP twice. That shows just how dominant Trout is.

What is Babe Ruth known for? Home runs right? According to MLBcomparisons.com, Ruth hit 238 home runs in his first 9 seasons. Trout, in his 9 seasons, has hit 245 home runs. For someone to beat the amount of homeruns that Babe freaking Ruth has is pretty insane.

Some believe that Mike Trout is not the best player because he is not at the skill level to become a great. That is not true because to get to Trout's skill, you have to combine a total of two elite MLB players.

The first player to add to the mix would be [2x NL home run leader, 2x silver slugger award, and 2016 Home run Derby Award Winner](#) Giancarlo Stanton. Stanton is one of the most powerful hitters in baseball, but to get to Trout's level, that's just what you need. The next player you need is someone who is speedy and is a huge threat on the basepaths. There is nobody better that comes to mind than Billy Hamilton, who is [3rd on all time bases stolen](#). Those elite players would make up the tremendous ability of Mike Trout. There is just simply no player that can match up to the elite nature of Mike Trout.

Obviously the Angels Organization knows that as well as they just recently signed Trout

for the biggest contract in the history of North American sports with a 12 year \$426 million dollar contract. With a contract like that, the stats, and the two elite players to combine to match Trout, it's hard to go against Trout. Stats don't lie.



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Mike Trout currently holds the largest contract in North American Sports.

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.) Athletes sport careers



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With the chance of the a school closing, no matter when it does it will interfere with many of students futures or goals, such as being an athlete all 4 years from were they started their career. For some students at Palmyra-Eagle it means it will take their opportunity to be a 12 ear athlete as bigger schools don't allow students to participate in more than 1 sport. So bigger schools don't give kids the opportunity to let any student into any sport as there are tryouts which leave some students who aren't as athletic the chance to step out of their comfort zone and give it a shot. Here at Palmyra-Eagle we allow that and give that opportunity to any student to participate in anything of their choosing.

3.) People Losing Jobs



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As like any business that were to close or shut down, there is going to be a loss of jobs. In this case or any case of a school closing big or small there's going to be many people losing jobs from custodians to teachers, coaches, principals, etc. To the faculty that have been at Palmyra-Eagle for decades and to the rest who have only been here for a couple years, might not even see this as a job but as a home and a home they won't find anywhere else. They are not just left jobless but with a very hard decision to either stick with their home till the very end or forced to look for a job they don't want as they may have families of their own to look out for. This goes out to many other faculties from other school districts that have been with their school for a long time who also see it as their home they wouldn't want to see shut down

4.) You Get To Know Everyone Easier



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At a big school you will meet someone new everyday you'll never know all your classmates that you will graduate with, you'll never have the same people your class and you'll have a smaller chance of finding someone with the same interests as you or may never find out that there was the perfect friend for you that big school. At Palmyra-Eagle or any other small school you will know and see everyone in your whole school. You'll meet your lifelong best friend and most likely have them in every class you're in at small schools. Being at a small school gives you the opportunity to know everyone you'll graduate with one day and gives every student the feeling of people knowing them no matter what before they depart. This goes to many teachers too as they build friendships with other teachers and every student. Being from a small school and everyone being known and close to one another will leave you missing friends, teachers, coaches and many more when you graduate.

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PEHS Band Students Adventure to NOLA

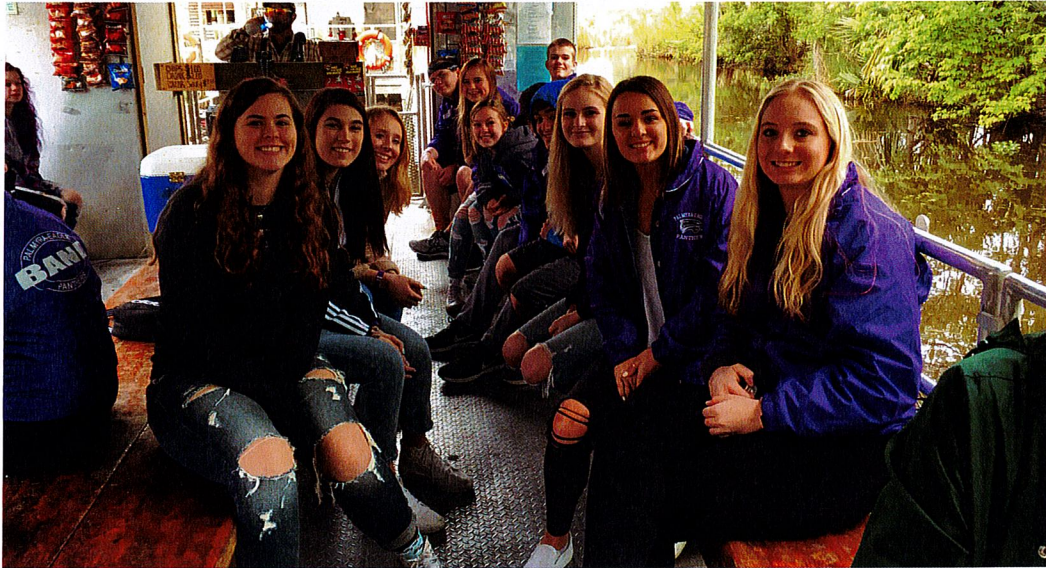


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Haley Hatzinger and members of the Palmyra-Eagle band enjoyed a swamp tour in New Orleans, Louisiana just before spring break.

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Hatzinger is a senior at PEHS and takes part in a lot of clubs/activities for PEHS. Just a few things that she's involved in is national honor society, student council and band. Hatzinger has participated in band since elementary school and continued to be involved all four years of her high school career. Hatzinger recently traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana with other band members.

How long did it take to arrive at New Orleans?

It took a little longer than expected because we had to make a lot of stops because we had a lot of people going. But overall, it took about 15 hours.

Where did you stop on the way there?

We stopped for bathroom breaks, to get food, to change drivers, to get gas, and we stopped at a plantation once we got closer to New Orleans.

How much did you have to play your instrument? Where was your favorite spot to play?

Well we only had to play for one day. We played at a clinic at a college and then we played at a park downtown. My favorite spot to play was at the college because we got feedback right away.

Did you do anything not related to band or music?

Yes we did. We went to the World War II museum, we went to the Mardi Gras museum, we did lots of shopping, and we went on a swamp tour. I know I'm forgetting a lot, but we did a lot of different activities. My favorite was probably the swamp tour. The tour guide was really funny and it was fun to see the alligators and I got to hold one too.

Did you learn anything on the trip that you didn't already know?

Well we went on a ghost tour in the city and learned a lot about New Orleans, and when we went to all the different museums, I learned a little from each place. So yeah I learned a lot that I didn't know.

Out of the two band trips you've been on, which one was your favorite?

I personally liked New York better. New York has been somewhere I've wanted to go my whole life and New Orleans is just crazier and not for kids I guess

Would you recommend doing band to incoming freshmen?

I would recommend doing band, it's fun. The trips are really fun and it's just something extra that's really good for you to do.



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Schroeder

The band trip took 58 students from PEHS/PEMS to NOLA

Band Drives Down South

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The Palmyra-Eagle band took a drive down south to visit the state of Louisiana, specifically New Orleans. The group traveled down their March 12th through the 17th.

The band students from Palmyra Eagle high school all got in bus and headed for Louisiana. They went down their to play in front of a college university band director and also to learn and sightsee from a few different places across the city.

"We played twice being both in the same day, the first spot we played was at Loyola University," Wilde said. "That was in front of their band director, then the second time we played at a park named Washington Artillery Park."

Brandon Wilde is a junior from Palmyra-Eagle that plays the trumpet that went on this trip. A Lot of interesting things happened on the trip but one in particular made New Orleans a lot warmer.

"The hottest day there actually was the day we were going down heading to the Oak valley plantation so we had just walked around that day and got all sweaty," Wilde said. "We still had probably two hours still on the bus back to our hotel and then the air conditioning broke in the bus so that made it even hotter."

The Palmyra-Eagle high school band goes on a trip every other year, so when Wilde was a freshman they went to New York and did basically the same things. They went and played in front of some people and did a lot of sightseeing.

The first place the band went to visit was the oak valley plantation. Their, they learned about the history of the plantation and learned about the slaves and aso the slave owners. A ghost tour was second on there list of places to visit, they learned about the most famous haunted stories in New Orleans.

The last destination they visited was most of the bands favorite spot of the whole trip. They got to ride in a boat down in a bayou and see wild alligators. If they wanted they also got to hold a much littler alligator inside the boat. Their tour guide was a very knowable person that grew up in New Orleans that gave the students a lot of interesting facts.

When Wilde was asked about his favorite part of the whole trip, him and alot of others shared the same memory.

"My favorite part of the trip was actually the swamp tour, because our tour guide grew up in New Orleans so he knew a lot of things and interesting facts about life on the bayou," Wilde said.

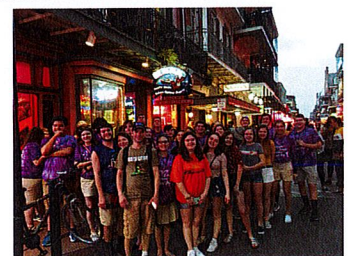


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Kaepernick Should Have A Job

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In 2016, Colin Kaepernick started kneeling during the national anthem before his NFL games. In protest of police brutality, and racism across the United States. By doing this he was risking his career, but he didn't care. He saw the bigger in trying to make change across the country. More and more people started joining his protest across the NFL. After his contract in 2016 ended he did not get resigned or even get a contract offer. Just because of what he believed in. That's exactly what the court also saw when he sued the NFL for the money he lost because he was not getting signed NFL general managers wanted to keep him out of the league. In February of this year Colin Kaepernick's lawsuit against the NFL came to a close as it ended in Kaepernick receiving \$10 million dollars. Colin Kaepernick should be a starting quarterback in the nfl right now. He is a great person off the field and on the field he is an incredible athlete. He should not be a starting quarterback because he kneels while the national anthem is playing before games. People think he does this to disrespect soldiers

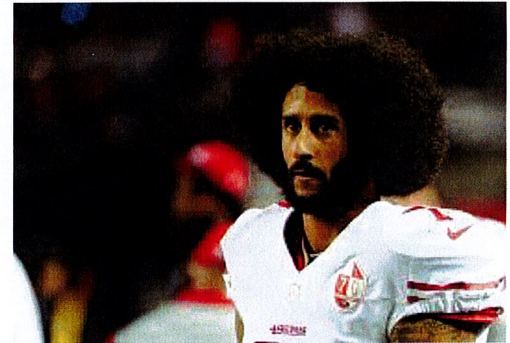
First, some people think he's not a good player, because they form a biased opinion about what he's doing when he is not playing. Another handful of people don't think he should get to be playing in the NFL because how he "disrespects" the national anthem.

For the people who see Kaepernick as a good guy and quarterback know you cannot deny his powerful impact on the field. For example in 2012 a twenty four year old Colin Kaepernick lead the 49ers to the super bowl that year. The following year according to business insider in 2013 Colin Kaepernick broke the NFL record for most rushing yards by a quarterback in a single game. He would rush for 181 yards against the Green Bay Packers in the playoffs.

Secondly, some people think less of him just because he voiced his opinion. Kaepernick receives a lot of hate for his protests. He got videos of soldiers saying that they felt disrespected watching him kneel during the anthem. At some points though, the hate would get so bad he would receive death threats.

People should actually look up to him, grow up knowing that if you want something enough and you believe in it and put your heart behind it. People who also believe in that will get behind you and have your back in the matter. Kaepernick had enough courage to stand up in front of the whole NFL and tell them what he stood for. Kaepernick made such an impact, one of the biggest lines of clothing Nike Reached out and wanted him to be in a commercial trying to promote his change on life on how to change the nation and also be the best person you can be on a larger scale according to vox.com.

Lastly, Kaepernick did not break any laws or rules while peacefully protesting. He was starting a movement, by simply kneeling during the national anthem. He wasn't burning down buildings or blocking the street or promoting violence. According to ajc.com Kaepernick was not breaking any rules from the NFL while kneeling during the national anthem. Some people give other people so much hate for voicing their own opinion, it's unnecessary. Especially when comes from someone so scared to voice their own opinion, and would rather sit at home and be keyboard warrior.



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Colin Kaepernick has not played in the NFL since 2016.

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Do you plan on continuing to run after college?

Professionally I don't really know, but anything could happen. Hopefully I can just still just run later in life. Maybe some more half marathons, or running with my kids.

If Parkside and running were not apart of your future plans, where do you think you would be going?

Originally I wanted to go to Florida but then I decided to run and didn't really want to run in that weather. And then Parkside reached out to me.

In addition to running, what will you be studying while attending Parkside? How did you decide on this major?

I will be studying exercise science. I originally had psychology and then I talked to a few people that my mom knew about it and they didn't really have a lot of job offers around the U.S. So then i started to think about my likes and I like to run and exercise so I thought I'd switch to major in

Exercise Science.

What is your "dream" job?

My dream job would obviously be something in the nature of exercise science something like an anatomist.

What is your favorite high school memory?

Running cross country and track, or prom. Because it was a highlight point in my high school career

What is something you'll miss most about high school?

Seeing the people I've known since kindergarten everyday... specifically Mikayla Peardon

What is one thing you hope to do in life, before you're no longer able to do it?

Scuba dive because it sounds fun.

What is a piece of advice for younger classmen?

Don't wait last minute to do your homework.

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5.) No One Wants To See Their School Close



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As most people graduate from their school they probably have the intention and hope to either one day enroll their own kids into their school or to just come back one day and see how their school has grown. With the thought of that may never happening for current students, teachers and alumnis from Palmyra-Eagle breaks many hearts. If this situation was for any other school the same feelings will most likely occur without doubt. No one wants to come around to visit their school knowing it will one day be abandoned, teared down, or replaced knowing that place was once your home. With that being said being a Panther from Palmyra-Eagle will only show you how amazing small schools are

Swinging into the season

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The Palmyra-Eagle baseball team is off to a great start so far into their 2019 season. The boys hope to continue their success further into the season, working hard to win conference.

In their last four games combined, the boys have a total score of 73-3 against their opponents.

"We have played four games so far, none of them have been against tough competition yet," senior Ben Metzdorf said. "We have executed what has been needed to be done to win the games at a decent score."

Metzdorf and the team have a tough few weeks ahead of them. They will be playing six conference games in three weeks, this being the most difficult part of their season. The competition will be more difficult compared to their previous games, and the next few weeks will be the fate of their season.

Although the future holds tough competition, the boys chemistry will be able to hold them together. Metzdorf stated the team chemistry is one of their strengths of this years team.

"We all get along very well and work together," Metzdorf said. "We all pick each other up when we're in our bad moments and support each other when we do good for the team. Our team chemistry this year is probably the best I've seen."

It may be the beginning of the season, but the team has already made big goals. Last year's team was able to win conference champions, and their goal this year is to keep the title.

In addition to working towards repeat conference champions, they have other obstacles their way.

This year's team is very new due to losing many seniors last season. The team will overcome this by working hard and practicing. Another weight on their boys back would be gaining the title of conference champions last year, creating a target on them for other teams.

Although Metzdorf will be working hard to help accomplish their team goal at the end of the season, he has his own individual goal for his final year.

"I personally am just looking forward to playing a good senior year since this is my last year playing," Metzdorf said. "I have played baseball my whole life so this is most likely my final year playing as I will not play in college."

Metzdorf hopes to accomplish their team goal through hard work, and his own by fun and playing well.



Photo courtesy Bob Mischka

This will be Metzdorf's final season of baseball, and he is hoping to end his career by playing well.

Three Strikes, You're Out

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The game is tied, 3-3. There's two outs, the count is three balls and two strikes. As the last inning of the game winds down to an end, the players on the field grow silent.

Slowly, the pitcher steps onto the mound and pitches the ball. Then, for what feels like eternity, the ball makes its way to the batter's box. With a slow motion swing, the ball pops off of the bat. A few short seconds later, the ball drops just behind the outfield fence. The panthers win.

The Palmyra-Eagle softball team is under a new head coach and have started a new season in the Trailways conference just a few weeks ago.

Panthers new head coach is Mr. Keelty. Keelty has coached summer ball teams in the past, but this is his first big gig for high school sports. The team is nothing but positive and happy with their new coach and assistant coach, Ms. Vic.

"I like having Keelty as a coach a lot, he knows softball, but he's always asking us seniors for advice and what we did last year that we wanna bring back into this years season"

senior pitcher Katelyn Millis said. "I just feel like he's a really good coach that cares about each and every one of us a lot."

The panthers are currently 2-2 with one loss in conference to Parkview, and two non conference wins against Dodgeland and one against Hustisford.

I think our hardest games will be against either Shoreland Lutheran or Horicon just because they have really good pitchers from last year and most of their returning players from last season were all conference players" Millis said.

Eight panthers returned from the team last year, and six panthers joined the team this season. There's a total of fourteen girls on the varsity team. Each players goal for this season is to build the younger athletes into stronger players for their future seasons, but to also have fun and work hard everyday.

"Another goal we have is to get as far as we can doing the best that we can, but also my personal goal is to pitch the best I can for my team" Millis said.

Millis plans to work as hard as she can on and off the field to be the best teammate and a role model to her younger teammates. She

wants the underclassmen to be the best players they can be as well. Millis said that she is always more than willing to help them especially because of their transition from rec ball to high school ball. There's many rule changes that the rest of the team has to learn yet.



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The Panther softball team changed up their usual look with new jerseys and white pants.