



# SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

## Field Hockey

### 2011

### Fast Facts:

- ▼ One of the elite programs in Division III, Springfield College reached the national championship in 2000 and the national semifinals in 1999.
- ▼ Head Coach **Melissa Sharpe**, 2008 NEWMAC Coach of the Year, led the Pride to an undefeated 8-0 conference record en route to a fifth NEWMAC championship in 2008.
- ▼ Under Coach Sharpe, Springfield College captured five straight NEWMAC championships (2004 through 2008).
- ▼ Affiliations: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).
- ▼ Conference: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC).
- ▼ Home Field: Stagg Field



sophomore  
**Kelly Gallo**



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# HEAD COACH Melissa Sharpe



▼ **Education**  
- Springfield College '02, G'04

▼ **Honors**  
- NEWMAC Coach of the Year (2004, 2008)  
- NFHCA New England East Region Coach of the Year (2004, 2008)

▼ **Sharpe as a Springfield College Student-Athlete**

- Second in Springfield College history in scoring with 128 (59 goals, 10 assists)  
- 2001 NFHCA/STX First-Team All-America  
- 2001: First in Division III in goals (28)  
- 2001: Second in Division III in points (62)  
- 2001 NEWMAC Player of the Year  
- 2001 ECAC Division III Co-Player of the Year

After seven years as head coach of the Springfield College field hockey team, **Melissa Sharpe '02, G'04**, a native of Southwick, Mass., has continued the Pride tradition of winning on the field hockey turf, posting an impressive 115-44 record, good for a winning percentage of .723.

Earning NEWMAC Coach of the Year honors in 2008 as well as National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) New England East Region Coach of the Year honors, Sharpe led the Pride to the NCAA tournament for the fifth straight season. Under Sharpe's watch, the Pride had the first player in conference history, Jane Kelleher, to win back-to-back NEWMAC Field Hockey Player of the Year honors since 1991.

In her debut as head coach in 2004, Sharpe led Springfield College to a 19-4 record, which earned her both NEWMAC Coach of the Year and NFHCA New England East Region Coach of the Year honors. The 2005 squad finished the year with an impressive 21-3 record and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III Tournament. In 2007, Sharpe led the Pride to a 21-4 overall record, and its fourth straight conference title. Springfield College picked up a pair of wins in the NCAA tournament and advanced to the Elite Eight.

Sharpe served under long-time head coach Dottie Zenaty for two seasons while pursuing a master's degree in athletic administration. As a player, Sharpe enjoyed one of the most productive careers in Springfield College field hockey history. As a senior team captain in 2001, Sharpe was an NFHCA/STX First-Team All-America after leading all of Division III in goals (28), while finishing second in points (62). She was also the NEWMAC Player of the Year and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Co-Player of the Year in 2001.

Sharpe's playing career coincided with a successful era in the program's history. A four-year letter winner from 1998 to 2001, she sparked the Pride to an 80-22 record, two trips to the NCAA Division III Tournament, and a pair of NEWMAC championships in 1999 and 2000. Sharpe helped the Pride to the Division III national semifinals as a sophomore in 1999. In her junior season, she helped propel Springfield College to the 2000 national championship match.

Sharpe was awarded a bachelor's degree in sport management in 2002. She also currently serves as an assistant professor in the physical education department.

## Springfield College Field Hockey in Division III\*

Season	W-L-T	Postseason
1995	8-10-2	First NCAA Division III season
1996	13-8	ECAC Division III Tournament semifinals
1997	14-7	NCAA Division III Tournament first round
1998	20-5	ECAC Division III New England Tournament semifinals
1999	21-4	NCAA Division III National semifinals
2000	20-6	NCAA Division III National runner-up
2001	19-7	ECAC Division III New England champions
2002	8-12	NEWMAC Tournament
2003	16-10	ECAC Division III New England runner-up
2004	19-4	NEWMAC Tournament, NCAA Div. III Tournament Sweet Sixteen

Season	W-L-T	Postseason
2005	21-3	NEWMAC Tournament, NCAA Div. III Tournament Elite Eight
2006	17-6	NEWMAC champions, NCAA Div. III first round
2007	21-4	NEWMAC Tournament, NCAA Div. III Tournament Elite Eight
2008	16-7	NEWMAC Tournament, NCAA Div. III Tournament Sweet Sixteen
2009	12-9	NEWMAC Tournament
2010	9-11	NEWMAC Tournament

**15 Seasons 254-113-2 (.691)**

\*Prior to the 1995 season, Springfield College was an NCAA Division I member.

# 2010 Honors and Awards

- ▼ Longstreth/NFHCA Division III All-Region Second Team:  
Meg Bradley, Kelly Gallo
- ▼ NEWMAC All-Conference Second Team:  
Meg Bradley, Kelly Gallo
- ▼ Zenaty Invitational All-Tournament Team:  
Meg Bradley (MVP), Kayla Sokol
- ▼ Maroon Club Athletes of the Week:  
Sep. 6–Kelly Gallo; Oct. 11–Meghan McHugh
- ▼ NEWMAC All-Academic Team:  
Meghan Bradley, Meagan Dobson, Joelle Gage, Alison McCarthy, Lexa Mish, Jaclyn Novitzky, Anna Ragonese, Kayla Sokol
- ▼ NFHCA Division III National All-Academic Team:  
Meg Bradley, Kelly Gallo, Meagan Dobson, Joelle Gage, Alison McCarthy, Lexa Mish, Jaclyn Novitzky, Anna Ragonese, MaryKate Murray, Meghan McHugh, Liz Hurley, Alexa Carlson

# Springfield College NEWMAC Player of the Year

- 1998 Sarah Kelly
- 1999 Shannon Eysaman
- 2000 Abigail Perham
- 2001 Melissa Sharpe
- 2004 Kim Stevens
- 2006 Brittany Veazie
- 2007 Jane Kelleher
- 2008 Jane Kelleher

# Springfield College NEWMAC Rookie of the Year

- 2004 Brittany Veazie
- 2005 Jill Urtz

# 2011 Returning Varsity Players

Name	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown
Alexa Carlson	Sr.	F	New Milford, Conn.
Liz Hurley	Jr.	M	Holden, Mass.
Meghan McHugh	Jr.	F	Greenfield, Mass.
Lynne Donoghue	Sr.	D	Yarmouthport, Mass.
Kaila Dee	Sr.	F	New Hartford, Conn.
Amy Dean	So.	D	Westbrook, Conn.
Kayla Sokol	Jr.	M	West Brookfield, Mass.
Kelly Gallo	So.	F	Westfield, Mass.
Anna Ragonese	Jr.	M	Hopedale, Mass.
MaryKate Murray	So.	F	Killingworth, Conn.

**Head Coach:** Melissa Sharpe (eighth season, Springfield '02, G'04)

**Assistant Coaches:** Sarah Antosik, Brittany Glenn

**Captains:** Kaila Dee '12, Kayla Sokol '13



senior  
**Alexa Carlson**

# 2010 Results (9-11-0, 4-4 NEWMAC)

## September

- 4 Worcester State<sup>^</sup> W, 3-2, PS
- 5 Southern Maine<sup>^</sup> W, 2-0
- 7 Keene State L, 0-4
- 16 Connecticut College L, 2-6
- 22 No. 19 Amherst L, 0-4
- 25 MIT\* L, 1-4
- 26 at No. 6 Cortland L, 1-2
- 29 at Williams W, 2-1

## October

- 2 Wellesley\* W, 4-2
- 5 at Smith\* W, 9-4
- 9 WPI\* W, 3-1
- 13 at Plymouth State W, 2-1
- 16 at Wheaton\* L, 1-2
- 19 Clark\* W, 3-0
- 21 at No. 20 Trinity L, 0-4
- 23 at Babson\* L, 0-3
- 26 Tufts L, 0-4
- 30 at Mount Holyoke\* L, 1-4

## November

- 2 at Mount Holyoke% W, 4-2
- 6 at Babson% L, 0-1

<sup>^</sup> Zenaty Invitational  
\* NEWMAC match  
% NEWMAC Tournament  
Home games in **Bold**



## Facilities

The field hockey team plays at Stagg Field, renovated in the summer of 2007. The new FieldTurf® field, the 2000th installation of FieldTurf worldwide, replaces the former AstroTurf surface. The stadium, with a seating capacity of 3,867, is lighted according to NCAA standards for night games and has a heated and air-conditioned press box. Stagg Field has played host to numerous NCAA football, field hockey, and men's and women's lacrosse championships.



senior  
**Lynne Donoghue**

## 2011 Season Preview

The Springfield College field hockey team is continuing its quest to once again hoist the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) tournament trophy after a two-year hiatus from the NCAA tournament.

Offensively, the Pride returns more than 95 percent of its total points from a year ago. Leading the offense will be NEWMAC All-Conference Second-Team selection **Kelly Gallo**, who led the team in scoring as a rookie last season with 11 goals and five assists.

Senior **Alexa Carlson**, who scored six goals and tallied a team-best nine assists, compliments Gallo's knack for finding the back of the cage. **Meghan McHugh** also has the potential to create her own offense as she recorded five goals a year ago.

In the midfield, juniors **Kayla Sokol** and **Liz Hurley** look to control the pace of play and work together in solidifying the Pride's offense. Together, the duo combined for 14 points last season and are poised for breakout years.

## 2011 Schedule

### September

4	Sun.	<b>Brockport</b>	1:00 pm
7	Wed.	at Keene State	6:00 pm
14	Wed.	at Connecticut College	4:30 pm
21	Wed.	at Amherst	7:00 pm
24	Sat.	at MIT*	1:00 pm
28	Wed.	<b>Williams</b>	7:00 pm

### October

1	Sat.	at Wellesley*	12:00 pm
4	Tue.	<b>Smith*</b>	7:00 pm
6	Thu.	at Tufts	5:00 pm
8	Sat.	at WPI*	12:00 pm
12	Wed.	<b>Plymouth State</b>	5:00 pm
15	Sat.	<b>Wheaton*</b>	11:00 am

### October (continued)

18	Tue.	at Clark*	7:00 pm
20	Thu.	<b>Trinity</b>	6:00 pm
22	Sat.	<b>Babson*</b>	11:00 am
29	Sat.	<b>Mount Holyoke*</b>	1:00 pm

### November

2	Tue.	NEWMAC Championship Quarterfinal	TBA
5	Sat.	NEWMAC Championship Semifinal	TBA
6	Sun.	NEWMAC Championship	TBA

\*NEWMAC game  
Home matches in **bold**  
All times subject to change