



Facilities

The men's gymnastics team competes in the 2,000-seat Blake Arena located in the Physical Education Complex. Gymnasts train in Kresge Gym, a fully equipped, top-notch facility. Team members practice and compete on the most up-to-date equipment, including an AAI Palmer Spring Floor, two AAI pommel horses, three sets of AAI parallel bars, two AAI high bars, two sets of AAI rings, and a spring-loaded AAI vaulting table. Two above-ground free foam safety pits are used for development of new skills on the high bar, rings, parallel bars, floor, and vault.



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS Men's Gymnastics 2010

2010 Season Preview

The Springfield College men's gymnastics program experienced plenty of team and individual success during the 2009 season. The Pride defeated William & Mary for the first time in 27 years, won its fifth New England Championship in six years, and had the USAG National Champion in the vault in **Ty Evans**. Guided by NCGA Eastern Region Coach of the year **Steve Posner**, Springfield sent six individual Pride gymnasts to the NCAA Division I Championships, hosted at the University of Minnesota.

Springfield will be led this year by the duo of **Josh Fox** and **Ty Evans**, both of whom had great success a year ago. Evans burst onto the gymnastics scene as he captured the national championship in the vault and was also an All-American in both the all-around and floor exercise. Fox has continued to be a force for the Pride and looks to continue to improve, especially after finishing second on floor exercise and fifth on the high bar as well as the all-around at the ECAC Championships.

Also looking to bolster the Pride's squad will be seniors **Keith Stumpf**, **Josh Spencer**, and co-captains **Kyle Bartgis** and **Matt Tocchio**, all of whom will aim to make their final season at Springfield their finest.

The History of Springfield College Gymnastics

Springfield College has a long and rich gymnastics tradition, which dates back to 1891. Today, the Pride is one of the top squads in the Northeast.

James Naismith, the inventor of the game of basketball; Amos Alonzo Stagg, the grand old man of football; and Dr. Luther Gulick, father of U.S. physical education and recreation, are among those who have called themselves Springfield College gymnasts.

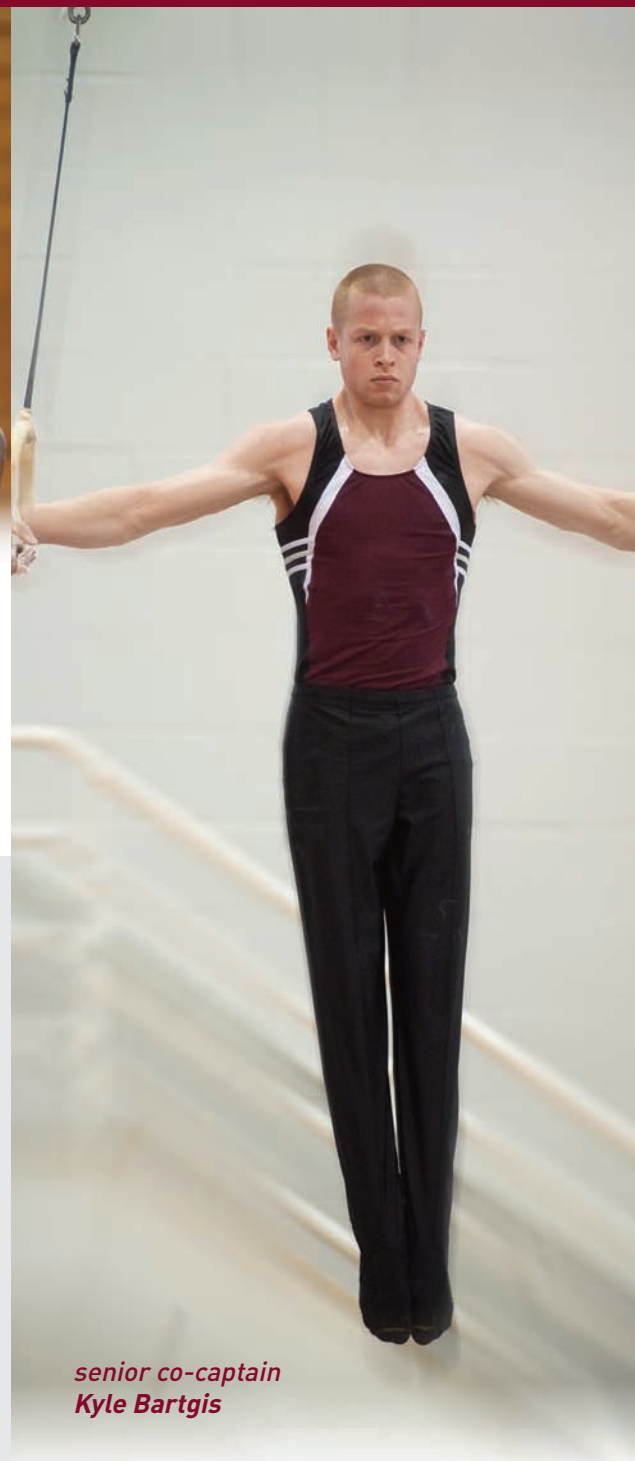
Springfield College gymnastics coaches have been pioneers in the sport. In 1921, Leslie Judd became the first full-time gymnastics coach and went on to create the world-famous "statuary of youths" that was later renamed

"tableaux." For decades, tableaux have been a trademark of the Springfield College gymnastics program. In 1939, *Life* Magazine featured the tableaux in its January issue, while *International Gymnast* magazine profiled them in the December 2004 issue. Springfield College gymnasts have performed all over the world, and, in 1996, thrilled a sold-out Fleet Center crowd in Boston at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Frank Wolcott, who coached the team from 1955 to 1981, was a driving force behind initiating intercollegiate teams for both the men's and women's gymnastics programs. He is a past president of the National Gymnastics Coaches Association.



*sophomore
Ty Evans
returning USAG National Champion*



*senior co-captain
Kyle Bartgis*

FAST FACTS:

- ▼ Gymnastics was the first varsity sport at Springfield College in 1891. Over 115 years later, the Pride remains a USA leader in competitive and exhibition gymnastics.
- ▼ One of the top squads in the East, the Pride has produced many ECAC medalists, USAG All-Americans, and NCAA qualifiers.
- ▼ Head coach **Steve Posner** has coached 132 All-Americans and 18 national champions in his 27 seasons at Springfield College.
- ▼ Springfield College's famous gymnastics exhibition show, a performance unique to the gymnastics world, attracts more than 3,000 spectators each fall. The show on Nov. 6 and 7, 2009, celebrated 100 years of the exhibition.
- ▼ Affiliations: National Collegiate Athletic Conference (NCAA) Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)
- ▼ Conference: Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (EIGL)
- ▼ Home Facility: Blake Arena

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Head Coach Steve Posner

▼ Education

B.A., University of California-Berkeley '76
 M.A., Syracuse University '80
 Ph.D., University of Connecticut '99

▼ Coaching Accomplishments at Springfield College

- Three straight USAG crowns ('91-'93)
- USAG and National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches (NACGC) Division II-III Coach of the Year ('92 and '93)
- NCAA Eastern Regional Coach of the Year ('02, '08, '09)
- Received the prestigious CGA Coaches Honor Award for 25 years of meritorious service to the sport of gymnastics ('07)

Entering his 28th season as head coach, **Dr. Steve Posner** is one of the outstanding gymnastics coaches in the East. In 2009, his team finished first in the New England Championships; fourth in the USA Gymnastics Championships (USAG), hosted by Springfield; and fifth at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)/Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (EIGL) Championships.

Under Posner, the Pride has consistently been regarded as one of the top squads in the East, winning five of the last six New England Championship titles.

One of Posner's gymnasts and former graduate assistant, Ricardo Portalatin, was chosen to represent Puerto Rico at the 1995 World Championships in Japan. In 1984, another one of Posner's gymnasts, Jeff Coelho, finished second in the NCAA Division I Championships behind Olympic Champion Tim Daggett, as Coelho edged out Olympian Mitch Gaylord.

Posner served as the gymnastics chair for the World Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1997. He was the chairman of the USAG Collegiate Committee from 1991 to 1994 and is a current member of that committee.

Posner competed at the University of California-Berkeley and earned All-America honors in the floor exercise in 1974. The following year, he helped lead the Golden Bears to the NCAA Division I Championship. He was a member of the U.S. Elite National Team from 1973 to 1975 and won gold medals in the floor exercise and in the all-around at the 1973 Maccabiah Games.

Posner, an associate professor of sport management, joined the Springfield College staff in 1982 after coaching at SUNY Cortland for two years. He also served as an assistant coach at Syracuse University from 1977 to 1980.

The Record Book

Event	Score	Athlete	Year	Event	Score	Athlete	Year
All-Around	55.55	Ron Spinelle	1988	Rings	9.90	Jeff Coehlo	1984
Floor Exercise	9.70	Jason Lewenczuk	1996	Vaulting	9.775	James Mlynarski	1999
High Bar	9.70	Ron Spinelle	1988	Team			
Parallel Bars	9.50	Scott Stilwell	1988	(5 scores)	266.40	USGF Champ.	1991
Pommel Horse	9.45	Ron Spinelle	1988	(4 scores)	212.90	ECAC Champ.	1996

2010 Roster

Name	Cl.	Event	Hometown/Club
Kyle Bartgis	Sr.	AA	Nottingham, Md./Columbia Gym
Joe Carlson	Fr.	FX/PH/V	Naugatuck, Conn./USA Gymnastics
Ian Crider	So.	AA	Bethpage, Tenn./The Masters Athletic Center
Ty Evans	So.	AA	San Jose, Calif./California Sports Center
Josh Fox	Jr.	AA	Ellicott City, Md./Colombia Gym
Joe Gianino	So.	AA	Burlington, Mass./Gym & More
Chris Jost	Fr.	V/FX/SR	Ashland, Mass./Gymnastics Training Center
Michael Licari	Jr.	FX/PH/V/HB	Haverhill, Mass./Yellow Jackets
Alex McCabe	Fr.	FX/PH/PB/HB	St. Paul, Minn./Midwest Gymnastics
Kevin Miner	Fr.	FX/SR/PB	Canton, Conn./USA Gymnastics
Timothy Monaco	Jr.	SR/PB	Braintree, Mass./Ellis Gym
Roger Moulton	Jr.	FX/V/HB	Wenham, Mass./Yellow Jackets
Jimmy Pezzino	Fr.	FX/PH/V	Buffalo, N.Y./Stumpf's Gymnastics Center
Tyler Robertson	So.	AA	Temecula, Calif./S.C.E.G.A.
Rich Ruggiero	Fr.	PH/PB/SR	Northford, Conn./Inflight Gymnastics Center
Kelvin Soares	So.	AA	New Milford, Conn./USA Gymnastics
Josh Spencer	Sr.	AA	Las Vegas, Nev./Go For It USA
Keith Stumpf	Sr.	FX/PH/V/HB	Buffalo, N.Y./Stumpf's Gymnastics Center
David Tilley	Jr.	AA	Hebru, Conn./Dunne's Gym
Matt Tocchio	Sr.	AA	Braintree, Mass./Ellis Gym
Jeff White	Fr.	V/SR/PB	Douglas, Mass./R+R Gymnastics Center



senior co-captain
Matt Tocchio

Head Coach: Steve Posner (28th season, UC-Berkeley '76)
Assistant Coaches: Dan Berlin, Matt Davis, Greg Monaco
Captains: Kyle Bartgis '10, Matt Tocchio '10

2009 Season Wrap-Up

USA Gymnastics National Collegiate Championships

Team Place - 4th w/ 328.950 points
 Kyle Bartgis - 2nd in parallel bars*
 Matt Bolognese - 6th in still rings*
 Ty Evans - 1st in vault*; 2nd in all around*;
 4th in floor exercise*

Michael Freundlich - 5th in pommel horse*
 Andrew Kelly - 4th in parallel bars*
 Josh Spencer - 6th in high bar*

*All-America recognition

ECAC Championships

Team Place - 5th w/ 333.350 points
 Matthew Bolognese - 1st in still rings^
 Josh Fox - 5th in all-around^; 2nd in floor exercise^;
 5th in high bar^
 Ty Evans - 1st in vault^; T-3rd in floor exercise^;
 5th in parallel bars^

^All-ECAC recognition

New England Championships

Team Place - 1st w/ 318.950 points
 Josh Fox - T-2nd in parallel bars%; 3rd in floor exercise%;
 T-4th in high bar%; 5th in all around%

New England Championships (continued)

Kyle Bartgis - T-2nd in parallel bars%; T-6th in still rings%
 Michael Freundlich - T-4th in high bar%
 Andrew Kelly - 1st in parallel bars%
 Keith Stumpf - 2nd in vault%
 Matt Tocchio - T-4th in pommel horse%
 Ty Evans - 1st in floor exercise%; 1st in vault%;
 2nd in all around%; T-6th in still rings%;
 6th in pommel horse%

% All-New England recognition

NCGA Eastern Region Coach of the Year

Steve Posner

USAG Varsity Collegiate Assistant Coaches of the Year

Greg Monaco, Gary Loomis, and Matt Davis

CGA USAG Division National Gymnast of the Week

Ty Evans - February 26
 Matt Bolognese - March 19

Maroon Club Athletes of the Week

Josh Fox - February 9
 Ty Evans - March 23
 Kyle Bartgis - March 30

2009 Results

JANUARY

16-17 at Army Invitational 4th of 6 with 326.2 pts.
 24 at Navy 4th of 6 with 324.15 pts.

FEBRUARY

7 at MIT 1st/3 teams with 326.05 pts.
 16 **New England Invitational Championships** 1st of 15
 20 **Temple** L, 331.550-345.600
 28 at Navy 3rd of 3 with 328.1 pts.

MARCH

8 **Army** W, 326.950-317.150
 14 at Army Quad 2nd of 4 with 328.650 pts.
 21 **MIT** W, 335.450-315.200
 27-28 at USAGs 4th of 9 with 328.950 pts.

APRIL

3-4 at ECAC Championships 5th of 7 with 333.950 pts.
 17 at NCAA Championships no team score

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2010 Schedule

JANUARY

15-16 Fri.-Sat. at Army Invitational 7:00 pm
 23 Sat. at Navy 3:00 pm
 31 Sun. **Army** 1:00 pm
 31 Sun. **Navy** 1:00 pm

FEBRUARY

13 Sat. at Temple 7:30 pm
 21 Sun. **New England Championships** 12:00 pm
Army 1:00 pm

MARCH

6 Sat. at Army 1:00 pm
 14 Sun. **Air Force** 1:00 pm
 26-27 Fri.-Sat. at USAG Championships 5:00 pm

APRIL

2-3 Fri.-Sat. at ECAC Championships 6 pm
 15 Thu. at NCAA Championships 1 pm

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