



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Men's Tennis

2011-12

Fast Facts:

- ▼ Through the 2010-11 season (the 99th year of men's tennis), the Pride's all-time record is 567-410-16 (.580).
- ▼ In 2006 and 2007, the Springfield College men's tennis team produced back-to-back NEWMAC Rookies of the Year.
- ▼ First-year head coach **Toby Coffin** brings experience with Springfield-area tennis.
- ▼ 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 Facilities:
Outdoor - Appleton Tennis Courts;
Indoor - Springfield College Field House



*senior co-captain
Doug Nickerson*



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HEAD COACH Toby Coffin

▼ Education

- Herkimer County Community College '88
- SUNY Cortland '90
- Springfield College G'01

Toby Coffin is entering his first season as the head coach of Springfield College's men's tennis program. He has recently been coaching the varsity girls tennis team at Longmeadow (Mass.) High School and is a member of the U.S. Tennis Association.

Coffin is returning to Springfield College, where he earned his master's degree in physical education in 2001. In his two years at the College, he concentrated in athletic administration and assisted the women's tennis program.

Coffin also currently teaches physical education and health to students in grades 6-9 at the New Leadership Charter School in Springfield.

Along the way in his career, Coffin was also the varsity girls' tennis coach at Cathedral High in Springfield from 2007 through 2010, was the varsity boys' tennis coach at Minnechaug High School in Wilbraham from 2000 to 2003, was a tennis instructor at the Ludlow Tennis Club from 2007 to the present, and was a tennis camp instructor at Springfield College in 2007 and 2008.

Coffin began his college education at Herkimer County Community College in Herkimer, N.Y. where he earned an associate's degree in science in 1988. He moved on to SUNY Cortland in Cortland, N.Y. where he received a bachelor of science degree in physical education in 1990.

Fall Season: September-October

The fall season begins with tryouts and training during the first full week of classes. Coordinated by the assistant coach, the fall season is also an important part of the overall program for both player development and team bonding. Training sessions consist of drills, conditioning, and match-play preparation. An emphasis is placed on team cohesion, physical and mental toughness, and competitive strategy. During the fall season, Springfield College plays several matches. In addition, the Pride's top players compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional individual tournament at the beginning of October.

Spring Season: February-May

The spring season starts with hitting sessions indoors in the new Springfield College Field House, opened in September 2008. Four courts, surrounded by netting, are available. During the spring break in March, the team travels to a warm-weather destination, such as Florida or Puerto Rico, to compete against other teams from around the country. The team then returns to play the bulk of its schedule, including its New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) matches, in April. The spring season then culminates with the NEWMAC championships and the NCAA championships.

2010-11 Honors

▼ NEWMAC All-Academic Team:

Doug Nickerson, junior

Sean Seifert, junior.

2011-12 Roster

Name	Class	Hometown
Benjamin Burnap	Jr.	Westerly, R.I.
Joe Giannelli	So.	Watertown, Conn.
Zac Goldstein	Jr.	Shelton, Conn.
Kyle Mersereau	Fr.	Brunswick, Maine
Doug Nickerson	Sr.	Falmouth, Maine
Zach O'Leary	Sr.	Westboro, Mass.
Cody Rodrigues	Fr.	Westfield, Mass.
Sean Seifert	Sr.	Chicopee, Mass.

Head Coach: Toby Coffin G'01 (First Season)

Assistant Coach: Perry Wright

Captains: Zach O'Leary '12, Doug Nickerson '12

2010-11 Results

Fall Season

September

18	at Holy Cross Invitational	3rd of 4
24	at ITA Regionals	
26	RPI	W, 8-1
29	Wesleyan	L, 0-9

October

8	WNEU	W, 8-1
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Spring Season

March

29	Rhode Island College	W, 5-4
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April

6	Wheaton*	L, 0-9
9	at Coast Guard*	L, 0-9
14	Connecticut College	L, 0-9
16	MIT*	L, 0-9
21	at Clark*	W, 5-4
23	at Babson*	L, 0-9

*NEWMAC match

Home matches in **bold**

junior
Zac Goldstein





Facilities

The men's tennis team plays on the Appleton Courts, located between the Physical Education Complex and Blake Track. The facility boasts eight lighted courts, and has been the host site of many regional and national competitions.

The College's new 93,280-square-foot Field House, which features four synthetic-surface courts, presents players with indoor options should there be inclement weather.



junior
Ben Burnap

2011-12 Season Preview

Entering his first season at the helm of the Springfield College tennis programs, head coach **Toby Coffin** has four key returners to lean on who have significant experience.

Under the direction of Coffin, the Pride look to return to the NEWMAC tournament and make a run at a conference championship.

Junior **Ben Burnap** will lead the Pride again as its No. 3 singles player, while former All-NEWMAC and All-Academic honorees **Zach O'Leary** and **Doug Nickerson** proved to be two of the Pride's top performers a year ago. The senior duo will be relied on heavily for their leadership and consistency on the court.

Sophomore **Joe Giannelli** provided Springfield College with gritty play at No. 5 singles and will look to continue to improve.

2011 Fall Schedule

September

10	Sat.	at Stonehill Doubles Tournament	TBA
14	Wed.	at University of Hartford	TBA
18	Sun.	at RPI	TBA
23	Fri.	at ITA Regional Championships	TBA
24	Sat.	at ITA Regional Championships	TBA

October

2	Sun.	at Utica	12:00 pm
3	Mon.	at Western New England	3:30 pm
7	Fri.	MCLA	4:00 pm

2012 Spring Schedule

March

27	Tue.	at Rhode Island College	3:30 pm
31	Sat.	Clark*	1:00 pm

April

4	Wed.	at Wheaton*	4:00 pm
7	Sat.	Coast Guard*	1:00 pm
10	Tue.	UMass Dartmouth	4:00 pm
14	Sat.	at MIT*	1:00 pm
21	Sat.	Babson*	1:00 pm
28	Sat.	NEWMAC Championship Semifinals	TBA

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