



Facilities

The field hockey team plays at Stagg Field, newly renovated in the summer of 2007. The new FieldTurf® field, the 2000th installation of FieldTurf world-wide, 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.



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Field Hockey 2007

2007 Season Review

For the fourth-consecutive year, the Springfield College field hockey team advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament after winning the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) title. The Pride continued to show it was one of the top programs in the country as it advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three seasons.

Springfield featured one of the most potent offenses in the country and was paced by the duo of **Jane Kelleher** and **Brittany Veazie**. The tandem, who were both selected as All-Americans, combined for 109 points as Kelleher tallied 23 goals and nine assists while Veazie registered 23 goals and eight helpers. Kelleher was chosen as the NEWMAC Player of the Year in 2007 while Veazie earned the honor in 2006.

Senior **Eileen Jenkins** completed the Pride's offensive trio as she recorded 11 goals and seven assists. A shutdown defender for the Pride, **Jill Urtz** was honored with a 2007 NEWMAC All-Conference Second Team selection as well as an all-region second team pick.

Senior **Emma Kaplan** anchored the defense this season in her final year at Springfield. A NEWMAC All-Conference First Team selection, Kaplan allowed only 19 goals in 25 games giving her a 1.31 goals-against-average.



junior back
Jill Urtz

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 Rogers**, 2001 NEWMAC Player of the Year, led the Pride to a 21-4 season en route to a fourth NEWMAC Tournament in 2007.
- ▼ Under Coach Rogers, Springfield has captured four straight NEWMAC Championships (2004 through 2007).
- ▼ 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



junior midfielder
Jane Kelleher,
2007 NEWMAC Player of the Year

2007 Results (21-4-0, 6-2-0 NEWMAC, 3-0 NEWMAC Tour., 2-1 NCAA Tour.)

SEPTEMBER

1	Sat.	RPI [^]	W, 5-1
2	Sun.	Worcester State [^]	W, 2-0
5	Wed.	at Keene State	W, 4-0
8	Sat.	at Ithaca	W, 4-2
11	Tue.	Middlebury	L, 1-4
13	Thu.	at Connecticut College	W, 5-0
19	Wed.	at Amherst	W, 1-0
22	Sat.	at Babson*	L, 1-2 (OT)
26	Wed.	Williams	W, 3-2 (OT)
29	Sat.	Clark *	W, 6-0
30	Sun.	SUNY Cortland	W, 4-3

OCTOBER

2	Tue.	Smith *	W, 5-1
6	Sat.	at MIT*	W, 3-0
9	Tue.	at WPI*	W, 4-0
13	Sat.	at Wheaton*	L, 1-2
16	Tue.	Mount Holyoke *	W, 4-1

OCTOBER (continued)

20	Sat.	Wellesley *	W, 2-0
23	Tue.	Plymouth State	W, 2-1
25	Thu.	Trinity	W, 2-1
27	Sat.	Mount Holyoke#	W, 3-0

NOVEMBER

3	Sat.	Babson#	W, 3-1
4	Sun.	Wellesley#	W, 3-0
7	Wed.	King's (Pa.)%	W, 3-1
10	Sat.	Christopher Newport%	W, 2-1 (OT)
11	Sun.	Salisbury%	L, 1-2

[^]Zenaty Invitational Game
^{*}NEWMAC Game
[#]NEWMAC Tournament Game
[%]NCAA Division III Tournament Game
 Home games in **bold**

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Head Coach Melissa Rogers

▼ Education

Springfield College '02, G'04

▼ Honors

NEWMAC Coach of the Year (2004)
New England East Region –
Coach of the Year (2004)

▼ Rogers as a Springfield College Student-Athlete

Second in Springfield College history in scoring with 128 (59 goals, 10 assists)
.349 career batting average in 136 games
2001 NFHCA/STX First-Team All-American
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 only four years as head coach of the Pride, **Melissa Rogers**, a native of Southwick, Mass., has continued the Springfield College tradition of winning on the field hockey turf, posting an impressive 78-17 record, for an amazing winning percentage of .821.

Winning and Springfield field hockey have become synonymous. In the 2007 campaign, Rogers led the Pride to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth-straight season, and took the team to the Elite Eight for the second time in three years.

In 2006, Melissa's squad finished 17-6. That included its third-straight NEWMAC tournament title and NCAA Division III post-season tournament appearance.

A year before, the 2005 squad finished the year with a mighty impressive 21-3 record. Before bowing out by falling in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III Tournament, the Pride had won 10 straight at season's end, including a NEWMAC Tournament championship.

In her debut as head coach, Rogers led the Pride to a 19-4 record, sweeping the NEWMAC regular-season and post-season titles; Springfield earned its fourth berth into the NCAA Tournament at the time.

Rogers' playing career coincided with an incredibly 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 (an average of 20 wins per season), two trips to the NCAA Division III Tournaments, and a pair of NEWMAC championships in 1999 and 2000. Rogers helped the Pride to the Division III national semifinals as a sophomore in 1999. In her junior season, she helped propel Springfield to the 2000 national championship match, where the Pride dropped a heartbreaking 1-0 decision to William Smith.

Rogers was awarded a bachelor's degree in sport management in May 2002. She also 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
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

12 Seasons 217-86-2 (.707 Winning %)

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

2007 Honors and Awards

NFHCA Division III All-America Third Team: Brittany Veazie, Forward/Midfield; Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield ▼
WomensFieldHockey.com All-America First Team: Emma Kaplan, Goalkeeper ▼ **WomensFieldHockey.com All-America Second Team:** Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield ▼ **WomensFieldHockey.com All-America Third Team:** Brittany Veazie, Forward/Midfield ▼ **NFHCA Division III All-Region First Team:** Brittany Veazie, Forward/Midfield; Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield; Emma Kaplan, Goalkeeper ▼ **NFHCA Division III All-Region Second Team:** Jill Urtz, Defense; Eileen Jenkins, Forward ▼ **All-ECAC Second Team:** ▼ **NEWMAC Player of the Year:** Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield ▼ **NEWMAC All-Conference First Team:** Brittany Veazie, Forward/Midfield; Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield; Emma Kaplan, Goalkeeper ▼ **NEWMAC All-Conference Second Team:** Jillian Urtz, Defense; Eileen Jenkins, Forward ▼ **Zenaty Invitational All-Tournament Team:** Jane Kelleher (MVP), Forward/Midfield; Jill Urtz, Defense ▼ **NEWMAC Player of the Week:** *Sep. 10*-Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield; *Oct. 1*-Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield; *Oct. 22*-Eileen Jenkins, Forward; *Nov. 5*-Jill Urtz, Defense ▼ **Maroon Club Athletes of the Week:** *Sep. 12*-Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield; *Oct. 8*-Eileen Jenkins, Forward; *Oct. 29*-Brittany Veazie, Forward/Midfield; *Nov. 12*-Allie Eisele, Midfield ▼ **NEWMAC All-Academic Team:** Julia Kincade, Goalkeeper; Emily Murray, Midfield; Jillian Urtz, Defense; Brittany Veazie, Forward/Midfield; Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield

2007 Roster

Name	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
Brittany Veazie	Sr.	M	Dexter, Maine/Dexter Regional
Morgan Rein	So.	M	Mystic, Conn./Stonington
Meghan Cole	Jr.	F	Gloucester, Mass./Gloucester
Julie Hoppmann	So.	B	The Plains, Va./Foxcroft
Jillian Urtz	Jr.	B	Verona, N.Y./Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
Meagan Dobson	Fr.	F	Longmeadow, Mass./Longmeadow
Kerry Haugh	So.	B	Andover, Mass./Andover
Eileen Jenkins	Sr.	F	Gorham, Maine/Gorham
Jane Kelleher	Jr.	M	Chatham, Mass./Harwich
Becca Gamble	So.	M	Granby, Conn./Granby
Megahn Bradley	Fr.	M	Cumberland, R.I./Cumberland
Karah Heald	So.	M	Bedford, N.H./Manchester West
Allie Baier	So.	F	Farmington, Conn./Farmington
Katherine McCarthy	Jr.	B	Conway, Mass./Frontier Regional
Emily Murray	So.	M	Boonton, N.J./Mountain Lakes
Allie Eisele	Jr.	M	Walton, N.Y./Walton
Kayla McNamara	So.	B	Fitchburg, Mass./Fitchburg
Emma Kaplan	Sr.	GK	Ridgefield, Conn./Ridgefield
Julia Kincade	Sr.	GK	Durham, N.H./Oyster River

Head Coach: Melissa Rogers (fourth season, Springfield '02, G '04)

Assistant Coaches: Erin Bosch, Merrie-Beth Maynard, Kate McLaren

Springfield College NEWMAC Player of the Year

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

Springfield College NEWMAC Rookie of the Year

2004	Brittany Veazie
2005	Jill Urtz



sophomore midfielder
Becca Gamble