



Facilities

The men's swimming and diving team competes at the Art Linkletter Natatorium in the Physical Education Complex. The facility includes a six-lane, 50-meter pool in addition to a diving area which features two one-meter cheese boards and a three-meter tower containing two cheese boards. The site has been the host of regional and national championships, also serving as the training grounds for Olympic competitors.



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS Men's Swimming and Diving 2007-08

2007-08 Season Preview

Even though the Springfield College men's swimming and diving team was hit by graduation in 2007, several returning national qualifiers and a solid corps of newcomers should help the Pride remain near the top of the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC).

Junior **Greg Pearsall** and sophomore **Matt Manoni** return after achieving national qualifying standards a year ago. The return of former national three-meter diving runner-up **Ben Casavant**, who missed last season with a shoulder injury, bolsters a strong group at both ends of the pool.

The 2007-08 men's swimming and diving team at Springfield College is headed by Coach **John Taffe**, who enters his 19th season directing the Pride. Taffe feels that this year's squad shows tremendous enthusiasm and potential. As the year progresses, Taffe thinks his team will develop and show marked improvements.

Other returners to watch include seniors **Justin Zook**, **Scott Teti**, and **Martin Gullberg**, as well as junior **Anthony Bruno** and sophomore **Ryan Mackstutis**. **Andrew Blakesley** should solidify an already strong sprint and middle distance freestyle in his freshman campaign while diver **Brian Sobol** and Maryland-native **Joe Finn** will also make an immediate impact.

The diving team is led by Coach **Peter Avdoulos**, now in his 23rd season. The 1985 graduate of Springfield College was named the 2005 NCAA Division III Men's Diving Coach of the Year. He was also named the NEWMAC Men's Diving Coach of the Year in '05 and '06.



sophomore diver
Matt Fitzgerald



senior swimmer
Justin Zook

FAST FACTS:

- ▼ Springfield College is considered one of the best collegiate swimming and diving programs in Division III, with nine Pride squads finishing among the top 20 teams in Division III over the past eleven years.
- ▼ Head swimming coach **John Taffe** led the Pride to its first-ever NEWMAC championship in 2005, earning him NEWMAC Coach of the Year honors.
- ▼ The 2005 team placed ninth at the NCAA Division III Championships, the highest recorded by a Springfield College team.
- ▼ Head diving coach **Peter Avdoulos** is regarded as one of the top diving coaches in the nation. He has been voted the New England Diving Coach of the Year eight times since 1991.
- ▼ Affiliations: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)
- ▼ Home Facility: Art Linkletter Natatorium

2007-08 Schedule

October

24	Wed.	at Holy Cross	6:00 pm
27	Sat.	at SCSU	1:00 pm
28	Sun.	Boston College	12:00 pm

November

10	Sat.	at URI	1:00 pm
17	Sat.	Wheaton	1:00 pm
30	Fri.	ECACs	TBA

December

1	Sat.	ECACs	TBA
2	Sun.	ECACs	TBA
8	Sat.	at Middlebury	1:00 pm

January

12	Sat.	Union w/Hartwick	1:00 pm
16	Wed.	at NYU	3:00 pm
20	Sun.	MIT w/ USCGA	1:00 pm
26	Sat.	Williams	1:00 pm

February

2	Sat.	at Babson	1:00 pm
9	Sat.	at Amherst	1:00 pm
28	Fri.	NEWMAC Championships at MIT	TBA
29	Sat.	NEWMAC Championships at MIT	TBA

March

1	Sat.	NEWMAC Championships at MIT	TBA
2	Sun.	NEWMAC Championships at MIT	TBA
20	Thu.	NCAA Division III Championships	TBA
21	Fri.	NCAA Division III Championships	TBA
22	Sat.	NCAA Division III Championships	TBA

Home meets in **bold**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

MEN'S SWIMMING

Head Coach: **John Taffe**
Office: Art Linkletter Natatorium
Telephone: 413-748-3169
E-mail: jtaffe@spfldcol.edu

MEN'S DIVING

Head Coach: **Peter Avdoulos**
Office: Art Linkletter Natatorium
Telephone: 413-748-3445
E-mail: pavdoulos@spfldcol.edu



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

263 Alden Street
Springfield, MA 01109-3797
Tel: 413-748-3136 or 800-343-1257
TTY: 413-748-3383

www.springfieldcollege.edu



Head Swimming Coach John Taffe

John Taffe will be entering his 19th season as the head coach of the men's and women's swimming teams at Springfield College. He also serves as an assistant professor of physical education.

Under Taffe's leadership, the Pride is regarded as one of the best collegiate swimming and diving programs in Division III. The Springfield women's team won its seventh consecutive NEWMAC Championship in 2007 and finished 27th at the NCAA Division III Championships. Nine Pride squads have finished among the top 20 teams in Division III over the past 11 years. The 2005 men's team placed ninth, the highest ever recorded by a Springfield squad, at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Taffe has coached countless NCAA All-Americans and conference champions at Springfield College. He has been both the New England Men's and Women's Coach of the Year twice, and received NEWMAC Women's Coach of the Year five times.

Taffe served as the head coach for the Netherlands-Antilles squad at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, coaching Springfield All-American Howard Hinds, a 2000 graduate.

Taffe attended the University of Rhode Island, where he was a five-time New England swimming champion as well as a two-time All-New England water polo selection for the Rams. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from URI in 1985 and his master's degree in education from East Carolina in 1988.



Head Diving Coach Peter Avdoulos

Entering his 23rd year as the diving coach at his alma mater, **Peter Avdoulos** is regarded as one of the top diving coaches in the nation. Avdoulos was a standout diver as an undergraduate and received the Charles Batterman Award as the top New England performer over a four-year period.

Avdoulos has coached numerous All-New England and All-American divers, including All-American Lindsay Moore, the Division III Women's Diver of the Year in 2002.

On the men's side, Avdoulos coached All-American Mike Shaw, the first Springfield male diver to win a national title as he was named the 2005 NCAA Division III National Diver of the Year.

Avdoulos has been the NCAA Division III Women's Diving Coach of the Year four times in the last decade and the NCAA Division III Men's Diving Coach of the Year twice in the last five years. He was named the NEWMAC Men's and Women's Diving Coach of the Year for the 2002-2003 season. He was also named the Men's Coach of the Year in 2005 and 2006.

2006-07 Results

October

25 **Holy Cross** W, 138-103
28 **SCSU** L, 141-158

November

11 **Rhode Island** L, 138-162
18 at Wheaton W, 163-103

December

1-3 ECACs at East Meadow, N.Y. 3rd/16 teams
9 **Middlebury** L, 149-151

January

6 at Hartwick L, 119-122
6 w/Union W, 162-79
13 **NYU** L, 96-147
14 at MIT L, 114-185
14 w/Coast Guard L, 105.5-194.5
20 at Williams L, 115-182
27 **Babson** W, 135-94

February

3 **Amherst** L, 102-141
23-25 NEWMAC Championships at Wheaton 3rd/7 teams

Home Meets in **bold**

2006-07 Honors

NEWMAC All-Conference First Team: Roy Burch, 100 free ▼ **NEWMAC All-Conference Second Team:** Jonathan Alberghini, 1 meter dive; Roy Burch, 50 free, 400 free relay; Matthew Manoni, 400 free relay; Paul McCloskey, 200 free, 400 free relay; Greg Pearsall, 400 free relay ▼ **NEWMAC All-Academic Team:** Scott Teti, Justin Zook ▼ **Maroon Club Athletes of the Week:** Dec. 11-Paul McCloskey

2007-08 Roster

Name	Cl.	Event(s)	Hometown/Previous School
Brandon Arias	So.	Free	Westport, Conn./Staples
Andrew Blakesley	Fr.	Free, Breast	West Springfield, Mass./West Springfield
Gordon Brown	So.	Free	Litchfield, Conn./Litchfield
Anthony Bruno	Jr.	Free, Fly	Southbury, Conn./Pomperaug
Roy Burch	Sr.	Free, Back	Warwick, Bermuda/The Peddie School
Ben Casavant	Sr.	Dive	Acton, Mass./Acton-Boxborough
Michael DeMellia	Fr.	Free	Haverhill, Mass./Haverhill
Eamonn DiGaetano	Jr.	Free	Bridgewater, Conn./Shepaug Valley
Nicholas DiGiacomo	Fr.	Free, Back	Meriden, Conn./Platt
Matt Fitzgerald	So.	Dive	Pelham, N.H./Lowell
Martin Gullberg	Sr.	I.M., Breast	Wilbraham, Mass./Minnechaug
Anthony Lambertson	Fr.	Free	Torrington, Conn./Torrington
Ryan Mackstutis	So.	Back, Breast, I.M.	Torrington, Conn./Torrington
Matt Manoni	So.	Free	Brookfield, Conn./Brookfield
Michael Osborne	So.	Dive	Middletown, Conn./Middletown
Greg Pearsall	Jr.	I.M., Breast	Litchfield, Conn./Litchfield
Thomas Potenza	Jr.	Free	Cranston, R.I./Cranston East
David Schupack	Fr.	Free, Breast	Southbury, Conn./Pomperaug
Brian Sobol	Fr.	Dive	Stratford, Conn./Bunnell
Scott Teti	Sr.	I.M., Fly	Torrington, Conn./Torrington
Justin Zook	Sr.	Free, Back	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Maple Grove



sophomore swimmer
Ryan Mackstutis

Head Coach: John Taffe
(19th season, University of Rhode Island '85)

Diving Coach: Peter Avdoulos
(23rd season, Springfield College '85)

Assistant Coaches:
Beth DeLaRosby, Mike Shaw,
Nate Chessey, Sarah Healy

Captains: Martin Gullberg '08,
Scott Teti '08

Varsity Records

Event	Name	Record	Year
50 Freestyle	Roy Burch	20.65	2006
100 Freestyle	Howard Hinds	45.08	2000
200 Freestyle	Louis Arruda	1:40.30	2005
500 Freestyle	Dan Moran	4:37.46	2005
1000 Freestyle	Dan Moran	9:46.50	2006
1650 Freestyle	Dan Moran	16:17.88	2006
100 Backstroke	Roy Burch	51.96	2005
200 Backstroke	J. P. Galli	1:56.65	1997
100 Butterfly	Louis Arruda	51.15	2005
200 Butterfly	Dan Moran	1:52.22	2005
100 Breaststroke	Ryan Mahoney	58.80	2006
200 Breaststroke	Patrick Marchand	2:10.07	2000
200 I.M.	Larry Jordan	1:53.27	1984
400 I.M.	Stephen Kozowyk	4:07.50	1994
1-Meter Diving (6)	Mike Shaw	324.975	2006
1-Meter Diving (11)	Mike Shaw	530.40	2003
3-Meter Diving (6)	Mike Shaw	344.10	2006
3-Meter Diving (11)	Mike Shaw	573.60	2005
200 Medley Relay	Burch, Mahoney, Leshnick, Doornweerd	1:34.49	2005
400 Medley Relay	Burch, Mahoney, Leshnick, Arruda	3:28.30	2005
200 Free Relay	Burch, Arruda, Leshnick, Doornweerd	1:23.34	2005
400 Free Relay	Burch, Arruda, LeCompte, Doornweerd	3:06.28	2005
800 Free Relay	LeCompte, Moran, Lechnick, Arruda	6:53.20	2005