



Facilities

The softball team plays at Potter Field, recognized as one of the best softball fields in NCAA Division III. The facility includes a regulation playing surface complete with dugouts, fencing, and a press box. The dimensions are 190 feet down each line and 220 feet to straightaway center. The Annex serves as a practice facility complete with batting tunnels allowing for year-round usage.



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Softball 2008



sophomore
Michelle Wlosek

2008 Season Preview

In 2007, under Head Coach **Kathy Mangano's** direction, Springfield College went 12-4 in league play to win the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) regular-season title for the very first time. Posting a 25-14 overall mark for the year, the softball team won the College's highly-coveted Pride Challenge Award for the second year in a row.

Leading the squad in '08 will be senior second baseman **Denise Fumicello** and sophomore catcher **Michelle Wlosek**, an All-ECAC and All-NEWMAC First Team honoree. Starting every game for the Pride as a first-year, Wlosek recorded a team-high 50 hits, nine of which were home runs. She paced the team with an impressive .407 batting average, and finished second in the NEWMAC with 44 RBIs.

Fumicello, a co-captain as a junior, will look to have yet another successful season. The two-time All-NEWMAC First Teamer was successful on 17 of 18 base-stealing attempts, while leading the league in runs scored with 46. Other notables returning include sophomore **Danielle Spiro** and junior **Angela Atkins**. Spiro, a 2007 All-NEWMAC Second Team selection, drove in 38 runs off her 41 hits.

In the pitching department, junior southpaw **Samantha Rhodes** returns for the Pride. She won some big games especially towards the end of last season, posting a 10-6 record and a 3.30 ERA.



junior pitcher
Samantha Rhodes

FAST FACTS:

- ▼ The Pride won the NEWMAC regular-season title in 2007.
- ▼ Head coach **Kathy Mangano** is Springfield College's all-time winningest head coach, and two-time NEWMAC Coach of the Year.
- ▼ In eighteen years at Springfield, Mangano's teams have won 20 games or more per season a total of fourteen times.
- ▼ 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: Diane L. Potter Field

Fall Softball

Springfield College offers a fall softball program for student-athletes designed for both instructional purposes and initial screening for team selections for the varsity and junior varsity teams. The fall program offers a limited schedule to give the players game experience and to prepare them for the spring season.

2008 Schedule

MARCH

17-21		<i>Spring Break Rebel Games (Osceola, Fla.)</i>	
26	Wed.	ECSU	2:30 pm
28	Fri.	at Coast Guard*	2:30 pm
29	Sat.	Wheaton*	12:00 pm
31	Mon.	Keene State	3:30 pm

APRIL

2	Wed.	at Clark*	3:30 pm
4	Fri.	Smith*	3:30 pm
5	Sat.	Wellesley*	12:00 pm
8	Tue.	at MCLA	3:30 pm
9	Wed.	at Bridgewater State	3:30 pm
12	Sat.	at WPI*	12:00 pm

APRIL (continued)

14	Mon.	at Williams	4:00 pm
15	Tue.	RPI	3:30 pm
18	Fri.	Babson*	3:30 pm
19	Sat.	at MIT*	12:00 pm
23	Wed.	NEWMAC First Round	TBA
26-27	Sat.-Sun.	NEWMAC Semifinals/Finals	TBA
29	Tues.	Tufts	3:30 pm

MAY

8-11	Thu.-Sun.	NCAA Regional Tourney	TBA
16-20	Fri.-Tues.	NCAA Finals	TBA

*NEWMAC game
Home games in **bold**

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Head Coach Kathy Mangano

▼ Education

Springfield College, '86, G'88
University of Massachusetts, '07 Ed.D.

▼ Honors

NEWMAC Coach of the Year (2000)
NEWMAC Coach of the Year (2001)

▼ Mangano as a Springfield College Student-Athlete

Four-year starter at first base
Two-year captain
.349 career batting average in 136 games
Converse All-America First Team (1985)
All-New England First-Team (1985)
Massasoit Award recipient, top female sport athlete
Two NCAA Tournament appearances ('83, '86)
Northeast-8 First-Team All-Conference

Kathy Mangano, who in 2008 will be entering her 19th season coaching at her alma mater, is one of the top coaches in New England. The three-time conference Coach of the Year has won more games than any coach in the program's history (429), and ranks among the national leaders in victories among active Division III coaches. Since the Pride moved to Division III in 1996, Springfield has posted a 302-202-1 (.599) mark, with four teams advancing to the NCAA tournament.

Mangano has guided her teams to three 30-win campaigns since 2000 and a 41-win season in '01. Springfield has made four post-season appearances in nine seasons, including berths in the NCAA Tournament in 1999 and 2000. The Pride also reached the national tournament in 1996 and '97. Two of Mangano's former stars, All-Americans Nan Duga and Ali Gerrish, rank among the leaders in NCAA Division III history in several statistical categories.

Mangano's clubs have been very impressive since joining the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) in the 1999 season. In conference play, the Pride posted 14-2 marks in NEWMAC regular-season games in 2000, 2001, and 2003. The Pride reached the championship game of the NEWMAC Tournament from 2000 to 2003, and did so again in 2006. In 2007, Springfield finished 12-4 in conference regular-season play and was seeded #1 in the NEWMAC post-season tourney. In fact, Springfield won its first-ever NEWMAC regular-season title in 2007. And, in each of the past two years, the softball team has earned Springfield College's highly-coveted Pride Challenge Award. Mangano was the NEWMAC Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2001, after leading the Pride to 71 wins over those two seasons.

Mangano also serves as an associate professor of physical education and skills coordinator at Springfield.

All-time Results

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Year	Won	Lost	Tied
1964	0	2	0	1987	12	21	0
1965	2	3	0	1988	21	17	0
1966	3	3	0	1989	30	19	0
1967	6	3	0	1990	18	30	0
1968	9	0	0	1991	24	25	0
1969	9	0	0	1992	28	20	0
1970	9	0	0	1993	21	27	0
1971	8	5	0	1994	16	26	0
1972	6	4	0	1995	20	23	0
1973	8	3	0	1996	27	11	0 (NCAA Tourn.)
1974	11	1	0	1997	20	18	0 (NCAA Tourn.)
1975	12	0	0	1998	15	21	0
1976	14	1	0	1999	27	21	0 (NCAA Tourn.)
1977	16	5	0	2000	30	17	1 (NCAA Tourn.)
1978	13	7	0	2001	41	10	0
1979	10	12	0	2002	20	23	0
1980	7	14	0	2003	33	12	0
1981	18	9	0	2004	22	16	0
1982	11	17	0	2005	17	19	0
1983	20	12	0 (NCAA Tourn.)	2006	25	20	0
1984	24	9	0	2007	25	14	0 (NEWMAC Regular Season Champions)
1985	25	14	0				
1986	21	13	0 (NCAA Tourn.)				
Totals: 754					547		1
							(.579 winning percentage)

2007 Honors

NFCA First Team All-New England: Michelle Wlosek, Freshman ▼ **NFCA Second Team All-New England:** Denise Fumicello, Junior; Danielle Spiro, Sophomore ▼ **NFCA Third Team All-New England:** Angela Atkins, Sophomore ▼ **NEISCA Division III First Team All-Star:** Michelle Wlosek, Freshman ▼ **All-ECAC Division III New England First Team:** Michelle Wlosek, Freshman ▼ **NEWMAC All-Conference First Team:** Michelle Wlosek, Freshman; Denise Fumicello, Junior ▼ **NEWMAC All-Conference Second Team:** Danielle Spiro, Sophomore ▼ **NEWMAC All-Academic:** Angela Atkins, Sophomore; Shanda Kogut, Sophomore; Laura Riccio, Sophomore; Nicole Uliasz, Sophomore ▼ **NEWMAC Players of the Week:** *Apr. 26*-Danielle Spiro, Sophomore; *Apr. 16*-Samantha Rhodes, Sophomore ▼ **Maroon Club Athletes of the Week:** *Apr. 2*-Denise Fumicello, Junior; *Apr. 9*-Danielle Spiro, Sophomore; *Apr. 16*-Michelle Wlosek, Freshman

2008 Roster Of Returning Players

Name	Cl.	Pos.	B/T	Hometown/High School
Angela Atkins	Jr.	OF	R/R	East Haddam, Conn./Nathan Hale-Ray
Kasey Calderone	Jr.	OF	R/R	Pipersville, Pa./Central Bucks West
Aimee Cassella	Jr.	C	R/R	Southington, Conn./Southington
Lauren D'Arrigo	Sr.	INF/C	R/R	Lexington, Mass./Lexington
Denise Fumicello	Sr.	INF	R/R	Brockton, Mass./Cardinal Spellman
Courtney Kapinos	So.	P	R/R	South Hadley, Mass./South Hadley
Shanda Kogut	Jr.	INF	L/R	Preston, Conn./Norwich Free Academy
Amanda Lyons	Jr.	OF	L/L	Eastchester, N.Y./Eastchester
Jaimie Moran	So.	INF	R/R	Manchester, Conn./Manchester
Samantha Rhodes	Jr.	P	L/L	Mendon, Mass./Nipmuc Regional
Laura Riccio	Jr.	INF	R/R	Bristol, Conn./St. Paul Catholic
Loni Rodriguez	Jr.	INF	R/R	Westfield, Mass./Westfield
Danielle Spiro	Jr.	OF	L/R	South Windsor, Conn./South Windsor
Michelle Wlosek	So.	C/INF	R/R	Nutley, N.J./Nutley
Bryn Worrilow	So.	OF	L/L	North Babylon, N.Y./North Babylon

Head Coach: Kathy Mangano (19th season, Springfield '88)

Assistant Coaches: Michelle Cavoette, Heather LaBranche, Amanda Johansson

Captains: Lauren D'Arrigo '08, Denise Fumicello '08, Angela Atkins '09



senior co-captain
Lauren D'Arrigo

2007 Results (Final Record: 25-14, NEWMAC Record: 12-4)

Month	Game	Result	Game	Result		
March	11	vs. Simpson^	L, 6-10	7	at Wellesley*	L, 1-2
	11	vs. Suffolk^	W, 14-5	7	at Wellesley*	W, 4-3 (8 innings)
	12	vs. Denison^	W, 4-3	10	MCLA	W, 12-5
	12	vs. Penn State-Behrend^	L, 6-8	10	MCLA	W, 8-0 (5 innings)
	13	vs. UW-La Crosse^	W, 2-1	11	Bridgewater State	W, 11-3 (5 innings)
	13	vs. Defiance^	L, 7-8	11	Bridgewater State	W, 12-4 (5 innings)
	15	vs. SUNY Plattsburgh^	L, 1-7	14	WPI*	W, 12-2 (6 innings)
	15	vs. Manhattanville^	W, 10-5	14	WPI*	W, 3-2
	16	vs. Central (Iowa)^	L, 2-5	20	at Babson*	L, 0-2
	16	vs. Kean^	L, 1-6	20	at Babson*	W, 3-1
	28	at Eastern Conn.	W, 9-7 (9 innings)	21	MIT*	W, 3-0
	28	at Eastern Conn.	L, 2-4	21	MIT*	W, 22-0 (5 innings)
	30	Coast Guard*	W, 7-2	23	Williams	W, 11-1 (5 innings)
	30	Coast Guard*	W, 6-2	23	Williams	L, 3-12
31	at Wheaton*	W, 9-4	25	Clark**	W, 9-1 (5 innings)	
31	at Wheaton*	L, 5-6	28	Wellesley**	L, 2-4	
April	1	Clark*	W, 9-1 (6 innings)	29	Babson**	L, 1-2
	1	Clark*	L, 3-6	30	at WNEC	W, 9-3
	6	at Smith*	W, 15-6	30	at WNEC	W, 5-4
	6	at Smith*	W, 12-3 (5 innings)			

^ Spring Break Trip - Osceola, Fla.

* NEWMAC game

** NEWMAC Tournament (at Springfield College)

Home games in **bold**