



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Women's Tennis 2008-09



sophomore
Kyla Walgren

FAST FACTS:

- ▼ The Pride dominated New England women's tennis from 1985 through 1996, posting an amazing 137-25 record that included a 14-0 mark in 1990.
- ▼ With an all-time record of 301-179-4 heading into 2008-09, the women's tennis program has a winning percentage of .626.
- ▼ Head coach **Jamie Morrell**, entering his fifth season with the Pride, has taught at several tennis camps, including the Bollettieri Tennis Academy.
- ▼ 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 (opened September 2008)

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Head Coach Jamie Morrell

In 2008-09, **Jamie Morrell** enters his fifth season as the head coach of both the men's and women's tennis teams at Springfield College.

Morrell spent the 2002 and 2003 seasons as an assistant men's tennis coach at Amherst College. He also served as the assistant women's tennis coach at Mount Holyoke College in 2001. Over the past 11 years, Morrell has been an instructor at several tennis camps, including the Bollettieri Tennis Academy and Nike Tennis Camps.

Morrell earned a bachelor of science degree in hotel, restaurant, and travel administration from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2000. He is also an assistant tennis professional at the Hunt Club in Westport, Conn., during the summer months.

Fall Season: August-October

The fall season begins with tryouts and pre-season training at the end of August, one week before school starts. 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 between two and three matches per week. In addition, Springfield's top players compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Regional Individual Tournament, and the team participates in the New England Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament (NEWITT), the oldest running intercollegiate tennis tournament in the country. The season culminates with the NEWMAC championships, with hopes of qualifying for the NCAAs in the spring.

Spring Season: February-May

Coordinated by the assistant coach, the spring season is also an important part of the overall program for both player development and team bonding. The hitting sessions during the winter take place in the brand 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 Florida to compete against other teams from around the country before returning to play several matches in March and April, mainly versus teams from New England. The spring season then culminates with the NCAA Tournament.



Facilities

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

The College's new Field House, which features four synthetic-surface courts, presents players with indoor options.



2008-09 Roster

Name	Class	Hometown/High School
Rachel Kushma	Sr.	London, England/ACS Hillingdon Intl. School
Kristi Maltz	So.	Cranston, R.I./Scituate
Funmi Olowookere	Jr.	Woonsocket, R.I./Woonsocket
Talya Pessolano	So.	Springfield, Mass./Cathedral
Amy Shaw	So.	Walpole, Mass./Walpole
Elizabeth Slotnick	Jr.	Nanuet, N.Y./Nanuet Senior
Kyla Walgren	So.	West Hartford, Conn./Conard
Melissa Weinstein	Sr.	Allentown, Pa./Perkiomen School

Head Coach: Jamie Morrell (fifth season, UMass '00)

Assistant Coaches: Nanaxhi Chavez-Geller

Captain: Melissa Weinstein '09



junior
Funmi Olowookere



senior captain
Melissa Weinstein

2007-08 Results

Fall Season

SEPTEMBER

8	Wellesley*	L, 0-9
11	at Wesleyan	L, 1-8
15	at Wheaton*	L, 0-9
18	at Clark*	W, 7-2
21-23	at ITAs	NTS
26	at WNEC	W, 5-2
29	MIT*	L, 1-8

OCTOBER

2	Mount Holyoke*	L, 3-6
6	at Babson*	L, 3-6
11	at Trinity	L, 0-9
13	at Smith*	L, 2-7
19	Clark*	W, 8-1

Spring Season

MARCH

29	Salve Regina	W, 8-1
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APRIL

3	at WNEC	W, 8-1
10	at Mount Holyoke	L, 4-5
16	Roger Williams	L, 4-5
18	at Smith*	L, 0-9

*NEWMAC match
Home matches in **bold**

2007-08 Honors

NEWMAC All-Academic

Sarah Russo, Sophomore; Jessica Sousa, Senior

Maroon Club Athlete of the Week

April 7 - Melissa Weinstein, Junior

2008-09 Season Preview

With a steady group of competitors who have started to come into their own, head coach Jamie Morrell's squad looks poised to continue to improve in the 2008-09 season.

Senior **Melissa Weinstein** and sophomore **Amy Shaw** will be leading the Pride this upcoming season after the duo proved to be the squad's top performers a year ago.

The fall season will once again pit the Pride against some of the top competition in New England as it plays the majority of its matches in the competitive New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference. Springfield also will compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Championships at MIT, as well as the NEWMAC Championships in October. In addition, the Pride will play several matches in the spring.

Senior **Rachel Kushma**, junior **Funmi Olowookere**, and sophomores **Kyla Walgren** and **Talya Pessolano**, will also look to make an impact on the court this season after making solid improvements a year ago.



*sophomore
Amy Shaw*

2008 Fall Season Schedule

SEPTEMBER

13	Sat.	at MIT*	1:00 pm
17	Wed.	WNEC	4:00 pm
20	Sat.	Wheaton*	1:00 pm
23	Tue.	Trinity	3:30 pm
26-28	Fri.-Sun.	ITAs at MIT	TBA

OCTOBER

1	Wed.	Clark*	4:00 pm
4	Sat.	Babson*	1:00 pm
7	Tue.	at Smith*	3:30 pm
11	Sat.	at Wellesley*	1:00 pm
14	Tue.	at Mount Holyoke*	4:00 pm
17-19	Fri.-Sun.	New England Championships	TBA
25	Sat.	NEWMAC Championships at Mount Holyoke	TBA

2009 Spring Season Schedule

MARCH

25	Wed.	at Holy Cross	3:30 pm
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APRIL

3	Fri.	at WNEC	4:00 pm
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