



# SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

## Field Hockey 2008

### 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

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*senior back  
Jill Urtz*

*2007 NEWMAC All-Conference Second Team*



## 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)  
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 in 2004, 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 from Springfield College in May 2002. She also serves as an assistant professor in the physical education department.

### 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

## 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

**NFCA 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 ▼ **NFCA Division III All-Region First Team:** Brittany Veazie, Forward/Midfield; Jane Kelleher, Forward/Midfield; Emma Kaplan, Goalkeeper ▼ **NFCA 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

## 2008 Returning Players

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

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

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



*senior back  
Katherine McCarthy*

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

### SEPTEMBER

1	<b>RPI</b> <sup>^</sup>	W, 5-1
2	<b>Worcester State</b> <sup>^</sup>	W, 2-0
5	at Keene State	W, 4-0
8	at Ithaca	W, 4-2
11	<b>Middlebury</b>	L, 1-4
13	at Connecticut College	W, 5-0
19	at Amherst	W, 1-0
22	at Babson*	L, 1-2 (OT)
26	<b>Williams</b>	W, 3-2 (OT)
29	<b>Clark</b> *	W, 6-0
30	<b>SUNY Cortland</b>	W, 4-3

### OCTOBER

2	<b>Smith</b> *	W, 5-1
6	at MIT*	W, 3-0
9	at WPI*	W, 4-0
13	at Wheaton*	L, 1-2
16	<b>Mount Holyoke</b> *	W, 4-1

### OCTOBER (continued)

20	<b>Wellesley</b> *	W, 2-0
23	<b>Plymouth State</b>	W, 2-1
25	<b>Trinity</b>	W, 2-1
27	Mount Holyoke#	W, 3-0

### NOVEMBER

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

<sup>^</sup>Zenaty Invitational Game

\*NEWMAC Game

#NEWMAC Tournament Game

%NCAA Division III Tournament Game

Home games in **bold**



## 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 worldwide, 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.



senior midfielder  
**Jane Kelleher**  
2007 NEWMAC Player of the Year

## 2008 Season Preview

For most programs, making it to the NCAA Tournament is the ultimate achievement. For the Springfield College field hockey team, it has become a habit. After advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth-straight year last season, the Pride has its eyes set on making the national tournament once again. This year's squad will be led by the reigning NEWMAC Player of the Year, **Jane Kelleher**, who tallied 23 goals and nine assists last season en route to being named an All-American.

Anchoring the defensive half of the field in her senior year will be **Jill Urtz**, a NEWMAC All-Conference Second Team and an all-region second team pick last season. Joining Urtz will be classmate **Katherine McCarthy**, who started all 25 games last season, and was a main reason why the Pride had the eighth best save percentage in the country a year ago.

In the midfield, senior **Allie Eisele** returns as a steady performer. Eisele came through when it counted last season as her lone goal of the year came in overtime of the NCAA Second Round in the Pride's 2-1 upset of sixth-ranked Christopher Newport.

Joining Kelleher on the Pride attack will be junior **Becca Gamble**, who looks to build upon a solid sophomore campaign.

## 2008 Schedule

### SEPTEMBER

6	Sat.	<b>Zenaty Invitational</b>	11:00 am/1:00 pm
7	Sun.	<b>Zenaty Invitational</b>	11:00 am/1:00 pm
9	Tue.	<b>Keene State</b>	7:00 pm
16	Tue.	at Middlebury	4:00 pm
18	Thu.	<b>Connecticut College</b>	6:00 pm
24	Wed.	<b>Amherst</b>	7:00 pm
27	Sat.	at Babson*	1:00 pm

### OCTOBER

1	Wed.	at Williams	7:00 pm
4	Sat.	<b>MIT*</b>	11:00 am
5	Sun.	at Cortland	1:00 pm
7	Tue.	<b>Clark*</b>	7:00 pm
11	Sat.	<b>Wheaton*</b>	1:00 pm

### OCTOBER (continued)

14	Tue.	at Mount Holyoke*	4:30 pm
18	Sat.	<b>Wellesley*</b>	11:00 am
22	Wed.	at Trinity	6:00 pm
25	Sat.	at WPI*	4:30 pm
28	Tue.	at Smith*	6:30 pm
30	Thu.	at Plymouth State	3:30 pm

### NOVEMBER

1	Sat.	NEWMAC First Round	TBA
8	Sat.	NEWMAC Semifinals	TBA
9	Sun.	NEWMAC Finals	TBA

\*NEWMAC game  
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