



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Men's Soccer 2008



senior back
Dan Cotter

FAST FACTS:

- ▼ Springfield College developed one of the first collegiate soccer programs in the United States.
- ▼ In 2007, the team registered a 9-8-2 season against one of the toughest schedules in Division III.
- ▼ The Pride has captured five national championships, with over 600 victories.
- ▼ 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 facility: Brock-Affleck Field at the Irv Schmid Sports Complex

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Head Coach Peter Haley

▼ Education

Springfield College '77, G'78

▼ Honors

NEWMAC Coach of the Year (1999)

▼ Credentials

- Advanced National Diploma, National Soccer Coaches Association of America
- USSF "B" License

Only the seventh coach in a rich soccer tradition dating back to 1906, **Peter Haley '77, G'78** is entering his 24th season of coaching at his alma mater in the fall of 2008. Haley, who earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in physical education at Springfield College, currently serves as an associate professor in the physical education teacher preparation program.

A veteran of 27 years on the college soccer circuit, Haley has amassed over 200 wins during his impressive tenure. He was voted the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Coach of the Year in 1999, after leading the Pride to its first NEWMAC title and the program's first

appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 25 years. The 1999 squad finished with an overall mark of 15-6.

Haley, the first of only three players in the program's history to be named a team captain three times, continues to emphasize player development through hard work, dedication, and discipline. Prior to his return to Springfield College, Haley was the head men's and women's coach at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

Haley resides in Springfield with his wife Cathi, who is a nurse in the Wilbraham-Hampden school system.

Springfield College Soccer

The Springfield College soccer program, which begins its 96th season in 2008, offers both varsity and junior varsity teams that accommodate approximately 40 players. The varsity squad is comprised of about 23 athletes, while the junior varsity team usually carries approximately 17. The varsity and junior varsity squads are separate, each with its own coaches, practice times, games, and support personnel.

The program provides both traditional and nontraditional seasons, lasting approximately 18 weeks during the 30-week school year. The competitive season for the varsity team begins the first week in September and can end as late as the third week of November, while the junior varsity schedule starts the second week of September and concludes during the last week of October. The varsity team plays approximately 20 games, with the junior varsity competing in about 10 games. For the spring nontraditional season, both teams are brought together to train as one.

The most effective players for Springfield College come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. Most have been very successful in their high school careers and have been major contributors for their club teams. Players who are fit, aggressive, and have the technical and tactical ability to play quick, have the best chance of competing. There is also an expectation that Springfield College men's soccer players conduct themselves in an exemplary manner both on and off the field.

Springfield College is a member of the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) and competes in a region that includes some of the most competitive Division III soccer in the nation. Schools like Amherst College, Babson College, Brandeis University, Keene State College, Wesleyan University, Western New England College, Wheaton College, and Williams College provide a level of competition that is challenging and intense.

2007 Honors and Awards

All-NEWMAC First Team: Adrian Schippers, Forward ▼ **All-NEWMAC Second Team:** Tony Distasio, Forward; John Plourd, Midfield; Michael Kilmartin, Defense ▼ **WNEC Classic All-Tournament Team:** Tony Distasio, Forward; Michael Kilmartin, Defense ▼ **NEWMAC All-Academic:** James Ashcroft, Midfield; Michael Kilmartin, Defense; David Kotulski, Defense; John Plourd, Midfield; Henry Ruggiero, Defense; James Skelton, Midfield ▼ **NEWMAC Players of the Week:** *Sept. 24*-Adrian Schippers, Forward ▼ **Maroon Club Athletes of the Week:** *Sept. 4*-Tony Distasio, Forward; *Sept. 24*-Adrian Schippers, Forward; *Oct. 22*-Michael Kilmartin, Defense

2008 Roster of Returning Players

Name	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
Dan Cotter	Sr.	B	Stoughton, Mass./Stoughton
Brett Drake	Sr.	F	Enfield, Conn./East Windsor
Drew Keleher	So.	GK	Columbia, Conn./Lyman Memorial
Dave Kotulski	Jr.	M	Bethlehem, Pa./Logan
Kevin Leahy	Jr.	GK	Cheshire, Conn./Cheshire
Matt Montgomery	Sr.	M	Colchester, Conn./Bacon Academy
John Plourd	Jr.	F	Southampton, Mass./Hampshire Regional
Justin Riddick	Jr.	M	East Windsor, Conn./East Windsor
Jeremy Scheer	Sr.	B	Enfield, Conn./Enfield
Scott Swanekamp	Sr.	B	Allentown, N.J./Notre Dame
Myles Tilton	Sr.	M	Plymouth, Mass./Plymouth South

Head Coach: Peter Haley (24th season, Springfield '77, G'78)

Assistant Coaches: Matt Edwards, Dale Jordan, Loy Urbina, John Carson, John Carroll

2007 Results (9-8-2, 3-2-1 NEWMAC)

SEPTEMBER

1	vs. WNEC [^]	L, 1-2
2	Westfield State [^]	W, 3-1
5	at Keene State	L, 0-3
8	at Salve Regina	L, 1-2
12	at Wesleyan	W, 3-2
15	Babson*	L, 0-2
18	MCLA	W, 2-0
22	at Coast Guard*	W, 1-0
26	Amherst	L, 3-4
29	Wheaton*	L, 2-3

OCTOBER

3	at Bridgewater State	T, 1-1 (2 OT)
6	at Clark*	W, 1-0
10	at Williams	L, 1-2
13	at WPI*	W, 4-1
17	Brandeis	W, 4-3
20	MIT*	T, 1-1 (2 OT)
24	Western Conn.	W, 1-0
30	Coast Guard#	W, 2-1

NOVEMBER

3	at Babson &	L, 1-4
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[^]WNEC Classic
*NEWMAC game

#NEWMAC Quarterfinals
&NEWMAC Semifinals
Home games in **bold**



senior back
Scott Swanekamp



Facilities

The men's soccer team plays on the Brock-Affleck Field at the Irv Schmid Sports Complex. The recently renovated complex includes two regulation FieldTurf soccer pitches side-by-side. The facility is complete with lights, a press box, and seating capacity for over 300. Both NEWMAC and ECAC tournament games have been held on the site. The surface enables year-round usage, allowing for not only the soccer teams to train on it, but also the football, field hockey, and lacrosse teams.



*senior midfielder
Jeremy Scheer*

2008 Preview

With a 9-8-2 record against some of the stiffest competition in Division III, the Pride look to build on a solid 2007 season as it heads into the '08 campaign. Springfield will have plenty of new faces after the graduation of 11 seniors, and the loss of All-New England selection Adrian Schippers, after he transferred over the summer.

Leading the Pride attack will be the duo of **Brett Drake** and **Tip Nolan**. Drake emerged as a goal-scoring threat late in the season and looks to continue that on the field this year. Nolan, a new face to the program, looks to make an impact on the offensive side of the ball for the Pride.

Pacing the way for the Pride in the midfield will be **Jeremy Scheer**, who led the team in assists a year ago. **Matt Montgomery**, and **John Plourd** will make an impact as the Pride look to have a solid midfield corps in 2008. Plourd, an All-NEWMAC Second Team selection last season, returns to the wing where his speed was a constant threat throughout the year. The junior closed out the year with two goals and two assists.

Anchoring the backline will once again be the duo of **Dan Cotter** and **Scott Swanekamp**, both of whom were very solid last season for the Pride, as the team owned a 1.65 goals against average. Joining the duo on the backline will be **Dave Kotulski** and **Myles Tilton**.

The Pride will have a new face in goal as **Kevin Leahy** looks to direct the Pride's defense in his first season between the pipes.

2008 Schedule

SEPTEMBER

6	Sat.	WNEC	1:00 pm
7	Sun.	Salve Regina	1:00 pm
10	Wed.	Keene State	7:00 pm
13	Sat.	at Elms	1:00 pm
17	Wed.	Wesleyan	7:15 pm
20	Sat.	at Wheaton*	1:00 pm
24	Wed.	at Tufts	7:00 pm
27	Sat.	WPI*	TBA
30	Tue.	at Amherst	7:00 pm

OCTOBER

4	Sat.	Clark*	1:00 pm
8	Wed.	at MCLA	4:00 pm
11	Sat.	at MIT*	1:00 pm
15	Wed.	Williams	7:00 pm
18	Sat.	Babson*	1:00 pm
22	Wed.	at Brandeis	7:00 pm
29	Wed.	at Western Conn.	7:00 pm

NOVEMBER

1	Sat.	at Coast Guard	1:00 pm
5	Wed.	NEWMAC First Round	TBA

*NEWMAC game
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