

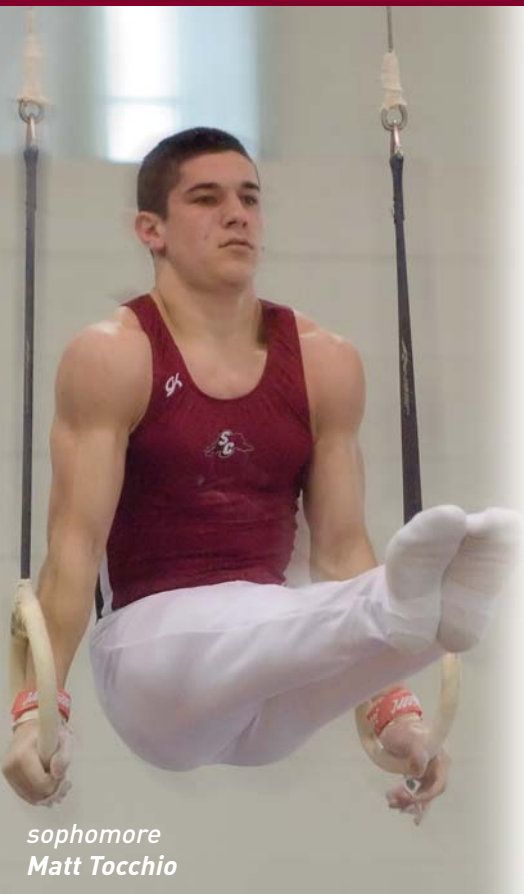


Facilities

The men's gymnastics team competes in the 2,000-seat Blake Arena located in the Physical Education Complex. Gymnasts train in Kresge Gym, a fully equipped, top-notch facility. Team members practice and compete on the most up-to-date equipment, including an AAI Palmer Spring Floor, two AAI pommel horses, three sets of AAI parallel bars, two AAI high bars, two sets of AAI rings, and a spring-loaded AAI vaulting table. Two above-ground free foam safety pits are used for development of new skills on the high bar, rings, parallel bars, floor, and vault.



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS Men's Gymnastics 2008



2008 Season Preview

A talented group of gymnasts return for the Pride, four of whom competed at the United States Association of Gymnastics (USAG) Collegiate National Championships in 2007. Sophomore **Keith Stumpf** led the way for the Pride finishing fourth in the vault, earning All-American status. The three Springfield gymnasts who narrowly missed the All-America mark include senior standouts **JJ Ferreira** (floor exercise) and **Matthew Davis** (high bar) as well as junior **Andrew Kelly** (parallel bars). Kelly earned All-ECAC honors as he placed fourth in the parallel bars at the ECAC-EIGL Championships. In the same competition, Ferreira took tenth in the floor exercise.

The Pride will look to improve on their fourth- and sixth-place finishes at USAGs and the ECACs respectively.

Davis and Ferreira, as well as junior **Ken Sloanhoffer**, the team's tri-captains, will provide leadership. A strong junior class led by Kelly, **Matthew Bolognese**, **Christopher Griffin**, and **Pat Vaughn** will also contribute a great amount for the Pride.

Springfield College is the proud host of the 2008 USAG Collegiate National Championships, which will be held in Blake Arena.



FAST FACTS:

- ▼ The gymnastics team was the first varsity sport at Springfield College in 1891. Over 110 years later, the Pride remains a USA leader in competitive and exhibition gymnastics.
- ▼ One of the top squads in the Northeast, the Pride has won four of the last five New England Championship titles.
- ▼ Head coach **Steve Posner** has coached 123 All-Americans and 17 National Champions in his 25 seasons at Springfield College.
- ▼ Springfield College's famous gymnastics exhibition show, a performance unique to the gymnastics world, attracts more than 3,000 spectators each fall.
- ▼ Affiliations: National Collegiate Athletic Conference (NCAA) Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)
- ▼ Conference: Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (EIGL)
- ▼ Home Facility: Blake Arena

sophomore
Matt Tocchio

junior
Andy Kelly
2007 All-ECAC honors

The History of Springfield College Gymnastics

Springfield College has a long and rich gymnastics tradition, which dates back to 1891. Today, the Pride is one of the top squads in the Northeast.

James Naismith, the inventor of the game of basketball; Amos Alonzo Stagg, the grand old man of football; and Dr. Luther Gulick, father of U.S. physical education and recreation, are among those who have called themselves Springfield College gymnasts.

Springfield College gymnastics coaches have been pioneers in the sport. In 1921, Leslie Judd became the first full-time gymnastics coach and went on to create the world-famous

"statuary of youths" that was later renamed "tableaux." For decades, tableaux has been a trademark of the Springfield College gymnastics program. In 1939, *Life Magazine* featured the tableaux in its January issue, while *International Gymnast* magazine profiled it in the December 2004 issue. Springfield College gymnasts have performed all over the world, and, in 1996, thrilled a sold-out Fleet Center crowd in Boston at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Frank Wolcott, who coached the team from 1955 to 1981, was a driving force behind initiating intercollegiate teams for both the men's and women's gymnastics programs. He is a past president of the National Gymnastics Coaches Association.

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Head Coach Steve Posner

▼ Education

University of California-Berkeley '76 BA
Syracuse University '80 MA
University of Connecticut '99 Ph.D.

▼ Coaching Accomplishments at Springfield College

- Three straight USAG crowns ('91-'93)
- USAG and National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches (NACGC) Division II-III Coach of the Year ('92 and '93)
- NCAA Eastern Regional Coach of the Year ('02)
- Received the prestigious CGA Coaches Honor Award for 25 years of meritorious service to the sport of gymnastics ('07)

Entering his 26th season as head coach, **Dr. Steve Posner** is one of the outstanding gymnastics coaches in the East. Last year, his team enjoyed another successful season, placing first at the New England Championships and sixth at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)/Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (EIGL) Championships.

Under Posner, the Pride have consistently been regarded as one of the top squads in the Northeast, winning four of the last five New England Championship titles.

One of Posner's gymnasts and former graduate assistant, Ricardo Portalatin, was chosen to represent Puerto Rico at the 1995 World Championship in Japan. In 1984, another one of Posner's gymnasts, Jeff Coelho, finished second in the NCAA Division I Championships behind Olympic Champion Tim Daggett, as Coelho edged out Olympian Mitch Gaylord.

Posner served as the gymnastics chair for the World Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1997. He was the chairman of the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Committee from 1991 to 1994 and was the president of that committee in 2006-2007. He is also a member of the NCAA Rules Committee.

Posner competed at the University of California and earned All-American honors in the floor exercise in 1974. The following year, he helped lead the Golden Bears to the NCAA Division I Championship. He was a member of the U.S. Elite National Team from 1973 to 1975 and won gold medals in the floor exercise and in the all-around at the 1973 Maccabiah Games.

Posner, an associate professor of sport management, joined the Springfield College staff in 1982 after coaching at SUNY Cortland for two years. He also served as an assistant coach at Syracuse University from 1977 to 1980.

2007 Results

JANUARY

20 **Army** L, 186.750-203.300
26-27 West Point Invitational 5th/7 teams

FEBRUARY

3 at James Madison Open 4th/5 teams
18 **Temple** L, 187.700-202.950
24 at MIT W, 182.950-181.700

MARCH

4 **New England Championships** 1st/6 teams
11 **William & Mary** L, 186.100-203.550
11 **w/MIT** W, 186.100-182.450
24-25 USAGs at William & Mary 4th/6 teams
31 ECAC-EIGL Championships at Temple 6th/8 teams

Home meets in **bold**

2007 Season Wrap-Up

USA Gymnastics National Collegiate Championships
Team Place — 4th Place (179.750)

Keith Stumpf*
4th — Vault (8.05) *All-America recognition

ECAC Championships
Team Place — 6th (182.0)

Andy Kelly
4th — Parallel Bars (8.15)

College Gymnastics Association Honor Award
Coach Steve Posner

Notable

Jay Provenzano '00 and JJ Ferreira '08 were chosen to attend the NCAA Student Leadership Conference the summer of their junior years.

Andrew Malaby '07 earned a coveted NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship upon his graduation from Springfield College.

Springfield College is honored to host the 2008 USAG Collegiate National Championships March 28-29.

National Champions

Jeff Cardinali* (Parallel Bars), 1961 ▼ **Robert Elsinger*** (Pommel Horse), 1965 ▼ **Chuck Shiebler** (Rings), 1970 ▼ **Rich Martin** (High Bar), 1971 ▼ **Tony Hall** (Vault), 1975 ▼ **Tom Cousens** (High Bar), 1975 ▼ **Kent Anderson** (High Bar), 1977 ▼ **Mike Viola** (Rings), 1981 ▼ **Jeff Coelho** (Rings), 1982, '83, '84 ▼ **Bob Piehler** (Floor Exercise), 1983 ▼ **Jeff Hale** (Pommel Horse), 1986 ▼ **Ron Spinelle** (High Bar), 1987; (All-Around), 1988 ▼ **Ramiro Mora** (Rings), 1989 ▼ **Rich Hoag** (Parallel Bars), 1990, '91; (All-Around), 1991, '92 ▼ **Keith LaChance** (High Bar), 1991 ▼ **Carl Frei** (All-Around), 1993 ▼ **James Mlynarski** (Vault), 1999 ▼ **Brian Roy** (Floor), 1999 ▼ **James Mlynarski** (Vault), 2000 ▼ **Josh Chasse** (Rings), 2002 ▼ **Tim Goetz** (Vault), 2004

**NCAA Division I Champion*

EIGL/ECAC Champions

Clyde Shotzbarger (Tumbling, All-Around), 1932, '33 ▼ **Jeff Cardinali** (Side Horse), 1961 ▼ **Robert Elsinger** (Side Horse), 1965 ▼ **Richard Black** (Long Vaulting Horse), 1965 ▼ **Ronald Peek** (Still Rings), 1966 ▼ **Thomas Auchterlonie** (Side Horse), 1967 ▼ **Robert Cargill** (Long Vaulting Horse), 1967 ▼ **Jeff Coelho** (Still Rings), 1982, '83, '84 ▼ **Leo Doran** (Still Rings), 1985 ▼ **Ramiro Mora** (Still Rings), 1989 ▼ **James Mlynarski** (Vault), 1999

2008 Roster

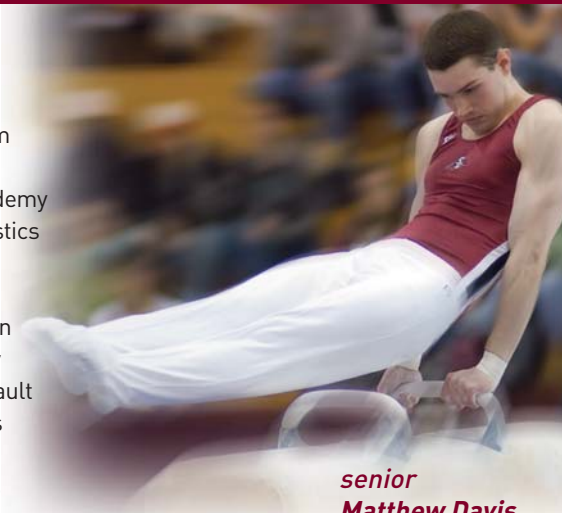
Name	Cl.	Event	Hometown/Club
Kyle Bartgis	So.	AA	Nottingham, Md./Columbia Gym
Matthew Bolognese	Jr.	AA	Stony Brook, N.Y./Eastern
Matthew Davis	Sr.	AA	Southboro, Mass./Sterling Academy
John Ferreira	Sr.	AA	Naugatuck, Conn./USA Gymnastics
Josh Fox	Fr.	AA	Ellicott City, Md./Colombia Gym
Michael Freundlich	Fr.	AA	Westfield, N.J./Surgent's Elite
Paul Fusco	Jr.	AA	Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y./Eastern
Christopher Griffin	Jr.	AA	Barre, Mass./Sterling Academy
Andrew Kelly	Jr.	AA	Marstons Mills, Mass./Somersault
Michael Licari	Fr.	AA	Haverhill, Mass./Yellow Jackets
Timothy Monaco	Fr.	AA	Braintree, Mass./Ellis Gym
Roger Moulton	Fr.	AA	Wenham, Mass./Yellow Jackets
William Regan	Fr.	AA	Annapolis, Md./Barlow's Gym
Ken Sloanhoffer	Jr.	AA	New Windsor, N.Y./World Cup Gym
Josh Spencer	So.	AA	Las Vegas, Nev./Go For It USA
Keith Stumpf	So.	AA	Williamsville, N.Y./Stumpf's Gym
David Tilley	Fr.	AA	Hebru, Conn./Dunne's Gym
Matt Tocchio	So.	AA	Braintree, Mass./Ellis Gym
Patrick Vaughn	Jr.	AA	Braintree, Mass./Ellis Gym

Head Coach: Steve Posner (26th season, UC-Berkeley '76)

Assistant Coaches: Shawn Fournier, Jason Woodnick

The Record Book

Event	Score	Athlete	Year
All-Around	55.55	Ron Spinelle	1988
Floor Exercise	9.70	Jason Lewenczuk	1996
High Bar	9.70	Ron Spinelle	1988
Parallel Bars	9.50	Scott Stilwell	1988
Pommel Horse	9.45	Ron Spinelle	1988
Rings	9.90	Jeff Coelho	1984
Vaulting	9.775	James Mlynarski	1999
Team			
(5 scores)	266.40	USGF Champ.	1991
(4 scores)	212.90	ECAC Champ.	1996



senior
Matthew Davis

2008 Schedule

JANUARY

18-19 Fri.-Sat. at Army Inv. 7:00 pm
26 Sat. at Navy TBA

FEBRUARY

3 Sun. **Air Force** 1:00 pm
9 Sat. at MIT TBA
16 Sat. at Temple 7:30 pm
24 Sun. **William & Mary/ Illinois-Chicago** 1:00 pm

MARCH

8 Sat. at Army TBA
16 Sun. **ARMY/MIT** 1:00 pm
22 Sat. New England Invitational Championships at MIT TBA
28-29 Fri.-Sat. **USAGs** 7:00 pm

APRIL

4-5 Fri.-Sat. ECACs at Army TBA
17-19 Thu.-Sat. NCAA Championships at Stanford TBA

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