



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.



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Men's Soccer 2007

Springfield College Soccer

The Springfield College soccer program, which began its 95th season in 2007, 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.



senior forward
Tony Distasio

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



sophomore forward
Adrian Schippers
2007 NEWMAC First Team

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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

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Only the seventh coach in a rich soccer tradition dating back to 1906, **Peter Haley** '77, G'78 will be 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

2007 Season Review

The Pride rattled off a 9-8-2 record in the 2007 campaign against what many consider to be one of the toughest Division III schedules in the region. While playing against six of the ten programs that made it to the NCAA tournament, the Pride still finished the season above the .500 mark for the first time since 2001.

Anchored by 11 seniors, the team finished third in the conference while compiling an impressive 5-2-2 record in the final nine games of the season. That run helped secure a NEWMAC Tournament quarterfinal berth against eventual ECAC tournament participant, U.S. Coast Guard Academy. An eventual winner in that game, the team earned a birth into the NEWMAC semifinals for the second consecutive year.

The offensive duo of sophomore **Adrian Schippers** and senior **Tony Distasio** combined to score 19 of the Pride's 32 goals. Schippers, a NEWMAC first-team selection, still managed to score 9 goals despite missing six and a half games due to a mid-season injury. Distasio, on the other hand, was the team leader, while scoring some big goals

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.

at key times during the late season surge. For his efforts, Distasio was named second team All-NEWMAC. While causing havoc among opponents' defenses all season long, the wing play of speedy sophomore **John Plourd** earned him NEWMAC second team honors.

The midfielders were the workhorses of the team and were led by junior **Jeremy Scheer**, who combined exceptionally well with seniors **Jay Daglis** and **Paul Lepak** to create a midfield that was tough to break down.

The defense was anchored by the sensational play of NEWMAC second teamer and team MVP, senior, and team co-captain, **Mickey Kilmartin**. Kilmartin, along with sophomore **Dave Kotulski**, juniors **Dan Cotter**, and **Scott Swanekamp**, were a force to be reckoned with.

In goal, senior **BJ Sturdivant** played every minute of the season for Springfield. He made 82 saves and recorded a 1.64 goals against average.

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:** *Sep. 4*-Tony Distasio, Forward; *Sept. 24*-Adrian Schippers, Forward; *Oct. 22*-Michael Kilmartin, Defense

2007 Roster

Name	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
James Ashcroft	So.	M	Shelton, Conn./Shelton
Chad Bonnell	Sr.	F	Hazlet, N.J./Raritan
Mike Burke	Sr.	F	Loudenville, N.Y./Shaker
Colin Cook	Sr.	F	Wilbraham, Mass./Wilbraham and Monson
Dan Cotter	Jr.	B	Stoughton, Mass./Stoughton
Steve Croft	Sr.	M	Red Hook, N.Y./Red Hook
Jay Daglis	Sr.	M	Berlin, Conn./Berlin
Tony Distasio	Sr.	F	Burlington, Conn./Lewis S. Mills
Brett Drake	Jr.	F	Enfield, Conn./East Windsor
Ted Feeley	Sr.	M	Syracuse, N.Y./Westhill
Drew Keleher	Fr.	GK	Columbia, Conn./Lyman Memorial
Michael Kilmartin	Sr.	B	Waterford, N.Y./Catholic Central
Dave Kotulski	So.	M	Bethlehem, Pa./Logan
Kevin Leahy	So.	GK	Cheshire, Conn./Cheshire
Paul Lepak	Sr.	M	Windsor, Conn./Windsor
Matt Montgomery	Jr.	M	Colchester, Conn./Bacon Academy
John Plourd	So.	F	Southampton, Mass./Hampshire Regional
Justin Riddick	So.	M	East Windsor, Conn./East Windsor
Henry Ruggiero	Sr.	B	Stow, Mass./ St. John's
Jeremy Scheer	Jr.	B	Enfield, Conn./Enfield
Adrian Schippers	So.	F	Ashby, Mass./Cushing Academy
Jamie Skelton	So.	F	Conway, N.H./Kennett
BJ Sturdivant	Sr.	GK	Bear, Del./Glasgow
Scott Swanekamp	Jr.	B	Allentown, N.J./Notre Dame
Myles Tilton	Jr.	M	Plymouth, Mass./Plymouth South

Head Coach: Peter Haley (23rd season, Springfield '77, G'78)

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



senior midfielder
Paul Lepak

2007 Schedule (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

[^]WNEC Classic
*NEWMAC game

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