

Coach's Vision

Coach Ferraro's vision of the future for cross country at Springfield College is bright. "I plan on being here for a long time," says Ferraro. "I am excited to start developing successful teams of my own. This team possesses the right ability, strength, and willingness to get better each season. I look forward to working with each and every person that comes out for the team."



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Men's Cross Country 2007

2007 Season Preview

Springfield College alum **Peter Ferraro** returns to the cross country program as head coach to lead the 2007 squad on their quest for a New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) title.

The Pride look to improve on a third-place finish at last seasons NEWMAC race. In seven years of its nine-year existence, Springfield College men's cross country has finished in the top three spots of the conference.

In 2006, the Pride finished 16th out of 45 teams at the NCAA Division III New England Regional Championships, a one-place improvement over the 2005 season. For three consecutive years, Springfield College has finished in the top twenty positions at the Regionals.

Junior **Mike Griffin** was named to the NCAA Division III All-Regional Cross Country team last year and is expected to lead a solid group of veterans, which includes senior **Ian Wright** and junior **T.J. Potenza**.

Griffin was the top finisher for the Pride in four out of six races, including NEWMACs, where he finished in the sixth spot overall. Wright was the second-best finisher for Springfield at the NAAs; in total, he had five top-three finishes for the Pride. Potenza finished ninth overall at the NEWMAC Championships, earning All-Conference honors.

Ferraro believes that some of the incoming freshmen will be able to provide immediate impact to the squad. He is looking forward to seeing how they can contribute to the team and helping them develop.



*senior
Ian Wright
2007 tri-captain*

2007 Schedule

SEPTEMBER

1	Sat.	Alumni Race	9:00 am
15	Sat.	at UMass Dartmouth Inv.	12:00 pm
22	Sat.	at Williams	12:00 pm

OCTOBER

6	Sat.	New Englands at Franklin Park, Boston	TBA
13	Sat.	at SUNY Albany Inv.	TBA
27	Sat.	NEWMACS at Smith College	TBA

NOVEMBER

3	Sat.	ECACs at Williams	12:00 pm
10	Sat.	NCAA Division III Regionals at Harkness Park, Waterford, CT	12:00 pm

Home meet in **bold**

FAST FACTS:

- ▼ The Pride has placed in the top three at 22 of 24 conference championships in which it has competed, winning seven team titles.
- ▼ The 2006 squad ran to a 16th-place finish (out of 45 teams) at the New England Regional Division III Championships.
- ▼ Springfield College has received NCAA Division III Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team honors for seven of the last eight seasons.
- ▼ Affiliations: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)
- ▼ Conference: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC)

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Head Coach Peter Ferraro

Peter Ferraro was appointed the head men's cross country coach at Springfield College in August 2007. A 2007 graduate of Springfield College, Ferraro returns to his alma mater to lead the cross country squad.

A native of Springfield, Mass., Ferraro was a four-year letter winner for the Pride. Serving as the team captain during the 2006 campaign, Ferraro was selected to the NEWMAC Academic All-Conference Team.

"I am looking forward to returning to the Springfield College men's cross country team as a coach and an alum," said Ferraro. "I am extremely excited to be able to pass down my passion, skills, and experiences to a team that I was recently a part of."

Graduating Cum Laude with a degree in business management, Ferraro previously served as the assistant track coach at Cathedral High School in Springfield.

The Program

The Pride has an impressive history of success while competing against strong Division II and Division III colleges and universities. From 1987 to 1994, Springfield took seven first-place finishes in their Division II conferences (the Northeast-8 and the Northeast-10.) Overall, the Pride has placed in the top three at 22 of 24 conference championships in which it has competed.

In 1998, Springfield College joined the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) to compete with such reputable institutions as: Babson, Clark, Coast Guard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Wheaton, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI).

Springfield has received NCAA Division III Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team honors for seven of the last eight seasons. The award goes to teams that earn a cumulative grade-point average of 3.1 or higher.

Coach Ferraro, a cross country athlete at Springfield College himself, understands what it takes to continue the great success

that the team has had in the past as well as how to continue to grow within the division. "I have seen many great teams within the NEWMAC and the other regional Division III members compete against us. I believe that I possess the skills and the knowledge to help make this team one of the best," says Ferraro.

Coach Ferraro believes in developing an individual over the course of their four years here at Springfield College. "By effectively developing athletes over their four years as members of this team, I can successfully construct a winning team year after year," explains Ferraro. "I know the athletes that come to this institution are as committed, determined, and dedicated to the sport as I am."

2007 Roster of Returning Runners

Name	Cl.	Hometown/High School
Jeff Bartlett	Sr.	West Newbury, Mass./Pentucket Regional
Jacob Brewer	Fr.	Woolwich, Maine/Morse
Michael DeCrescenzo	So.	New Milford, Conn./New Milford
John DeVaney	So.	Albany, N.Y./Colonie Central
Tim Dowling	Sr.	Hinsdale, Mass./Wahconah
Troy French	Fr.	Antrim, N.H.
Brian Fuller	Fr.	Ludlow, Mass./Ludlow
Matt Geanacopoulos	Fr.	Ludlow, Mass./Ludlow
Mike Griffin	Jr.	Scarborough, Maine/Scarborough
Joseph Locascio	So.	Hebron, Conn./RHAM
Justin Ludwig	Sr.	Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J./Northern Highlands Regional
Kyle Moriarty	Fr.	North Kingstown, R.I. /North Kingstown
Andrew Mulvey	Fr.	Merrimack, N.H./Merrimack
Joe Norton	Sr.	Framingham, Mass./Marian
T.J. Potenza	Jr.	Cranston, R.I./Cranston East
Ian Wright	Sr.	Colonie, N.Y./Colonie

Head Coach: Peter Ferraro (first season '07)

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Palmison, Chris Hamel

Captains: Ian Wright, Jeff Bartlett, Mike Griffin

2006 Results

SEPTEMBER

9	at Amherst Inv.	4th/4 teams
16	at UMass Dartmouth Invitational	9th/29 teams
23	at Purple Valley Classic	6th/11 teams

OCTOBER

7	New England Championships at Franklin Park	33rd/45 teams
14	at UAlbany Invitational	17th/27 teams
28	NEWMAC Championships at Mount Holyoke	3rd/7 teams

NOVEMBER

4	ECAC Division III Championships at Williams	20th/40 teams
11	NCAA Division III New England Regionals at Veterans Golf Course, Springfield, Mass.	16th/45 teams



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