

HEAD COACH



PETER HALEY

Only the seventh coach in a rich soccer tradition dating back to 1906, Peter Haley '77 G '78 enters his 22nd season of coaching at his alma mater. Haley, who earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Physical Education at Springfield College, is an Associate Professor in the Physical Education Teacher Preparation Program.

Haley 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 first appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament in 25 years.

Prior to his return to Springfield, Haley was the head men's and women's coach at the University of the South in Seawee, Tennessee from 1981 to 1985. A veteran of 25 years on the college soccer circuit, Haley reached the 200-win mark this past fall.

Haley lives in Springfield with his wife, Cathi, a nurse for the Lower Pioneer Valley Collaborative who specializes in working with special needs children.

ASSISTANT COACHES

Steve Levesque, Associate Head Coach, Springfield College, 2000
Mark Buschini, Head Junior Varsity Coach, Springfield College, 2005
Brian Kasarjian, Assistant Coach, Colby College, 2006

2005 HONORS AND AWARDS

NEWMAC All-Conference Academic Honors

Ryan Driscoll '07	Goalkeeper
Matthew Lee '07	Midfielder
Michael Kilmartin '08,	Defender
Justin Pepoli '06	Midfielder
Benjamin Silliman '06	Midfielder
Brandon Szczesniak '06	Defender

All-NEWMAC Conference Soccer Team – First Team

Justin Pepoli '06	Midfielder
Zack Pereira '06	Defender

New England Intercollegiate Soccer League All Star

Zack Pereira '06	Defender
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2005 RESULTS

(4-12-1, 1-4-1 NEWMAC)

SEPTEMBER

1	WNEC#	L, 0-1
7	at Keene State #	L, 2-4
10	Kings Point &	L, 1-2
14	at Wesleyan #	L, 2-3
17	Wheaton * #	L, 0-3
20	MCLA	W, 2-1
23	Babson *	L, 0-1
28	Amherst	L, 1-2

OCTOBER

1	at Clark * &	L, 0-3
5	at Bridgewater State	L, 3-4
8	at WPI*	T, 1-1
12	at Williams #	L, 0-6
19	Brandeis	W, 4-2
22	MIT*	W, 2-1
26	Western CT State #	W, 3-0
29	at Coast Guard*	L, 0-1

NOVEMBER

2	at Clark **	L, 0-1
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* NEWMAC game

** NEWMAC Tournament

2005 NCAA Tournament participant
& 2005 ECAC Tournament participant
Home matches are in **bold**

2006 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

1	Fri.	SC Invitational vs. WNEC	7:30 pm
2	Sun.	SC Invitational vs. Albion	12:00 pm
6	Wed.	Keene State	7:00 pm
9	Sat.	Plattsburgh Tournament vs. Lasell	12:00 pm
10	Sun.	Championship/Consolation Round	TBA
13	Wed.	Wesleyan	5:00 pm
16	Sat.	at Babson*	2:00 pm
19	Tue.	at MCLA	4:00 pm
23	Sat.	Coast Guard*	1:00 pm
27	Wed.	at Amherst	4:30 pm
30	Sat.	at Wheaton*	1:00 pm

OCTOBER

4	Wed.	Bridgewater State	7:00 pm
6	Fri.	Clark*	7:00 pm
11	Wed.	Williams	7:00 pm
14	Sat.	WPI*	12:00 pm
18	Wed.	at Brandeis	7:00 pm
21	Sat.	at MIT*	11:30 am
25	Wed.	at Western Connecticut	7:00 pm

NOVEMBER

1	Wed.	NEWMAC Tournament 1st Round	1:30/7:00 pm
4	Sat.	NEWMAC Tournament Semifinals	TBA
5	Sun.	NEWMAC Tournament Finals	TBA

*NEWMAC game

Home matches are in **Bold**.

Schedule is subject to change.



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SOCCER

2006 MEN'S



Senior Captain Matt Lee



WHO WE ARE...

Springfield College developed one of the first collegiate soccer programs in the United States, and in 2006 will begin the program's 94th season. Since the initiation of the program in 1906, the College has continued to stress responsibility, effort, and commitment to one's self, family, team, and college. That philosophy has not only produced numerous successful student-athletes, but productive citizens as well. The College enjoys the distinction of having nearly 30 alumni serving as soccer coaches at the college level today. Tony DiCicco, class of 1970, is a shining example. Serving as U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach, DiCiccio guided the United States to championships in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and the 1999 World Cup in Los Angeles.

WHAT WE OFFER...

The soccer program offers both varsity and junior varsity teams that accommodate approximately 40 individuals. The varsity squad is comprised of about 23 athletes while the junior varsity usually carries approximately 17. Each fall, any individual who has a desire to play collegiate soccer is provided an opportunity to try out. By either being invited back for preseason or for a formal tryout session, every individual is provided a fair chance to highlight his ability to the coaches. Due to limited available positions, not every individual who does try out makes the team. During the fall 2006 season, over 50 individuals came out for the Springfield soccer team.

The varsity and junior varsity squads are separate. Each has its own coaches, practice times, games and support personnel. In the traditional season, the varsity generally practices weekdays from 4-6 while the junior varsity practices from 5:30-7.

HOW MUCH WE PLAY...

We run both a traditional and non-traditional training program that lasts approximately 18 weeks during the 30-week school year. Our competitive season for the Varsity team begins the first week in

September and can conclude as late as the third week of November. 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 while the junior varsity schedule competes in about 10 games. Both teams play their games on the Brock-Affleck fields.

During the winter months, the players traditionally have entered teams into an adult indoor league located at an indoor soccer facility a short drive from campus. In addition to the indoor league, the players organize kick-arounds and participate in our indoor intramural league on campus.

For the spring non-traditional season, both teams are brought together to train as one. All individuals have the opportunity to participate in a second sport if they desire but need to understand that the competitive nature within the two sports may eventually require a decision to be made if playing time becomes an issue.

During the traditional season, players are required to attend team lifting sessions. Our strength and conditioning program is an integral part of our philosophy, so while it is not mandatory during the off-season and non-traditional season, athletes are encouraged to lift throughout the year.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR...

The most effective players for us 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. During high school, most have played soccer year round, while others competed in a second sport.

We want players who are fit, aggressive, and have the technical and tactical ability to play quick. Those are the key requirements to being an effective soccer player at Springfield. Depending on how one compares to others trying out, meeting those expectations will improve one's chances to make the team. If one also displays the requirements of responsibility, effort, and commitment described in

the History and Tradition section, one's chances improve considerably.

THE WAY WE PLAY...

Over the years we have utilized a variety of systems, but typically we have played either a 4-4-2 or a 3-5-2. In addition to playing hard and being fit, we have an expectation that players will be disciplined defensively. By using man defense, zone defense, or a combination of both, we feel our players will be well prepared for our opponents. The desire to play quick allows for a direct attacking style of soccer. We want our players to play with a rhythm that incorporates the combination of precisely timed runs and targeted passes into a free-flowing direct style of play.

There is also an expectation that our players will conduct themselves in an exemplary manner no matter what the circumstances. We are very proud of our tradition here at Springfield and we want others to respect us.

WHERE WE PLAY AND TRAIN...

Some consider Brock-Affleck Field to be one of the finest Division III soccer-plex's in New England. It features two maximum-sized Field Turf surface fields that have a seating capacity of 700 people. In addition to stadium seating, the facility is entirely enclosed, with lighting, ticket booths and a press box. The two fields have the capability of serving both game and practice needs during both daylight and evening hours. The lighted Blake field serves as the grass practice facility in preparation for away contests.

Our Strength and Conditioning facility rivals and surpasses many Division I facilities. In addition to being staffed by two full time faculty members, it is our many experienced Graduate Assistants that individual teams rely so heavily on. The facility itself has some of the finest state of the art lifting and speed-training equipment available.

Junior Captain Paul Lepak

WHO WE PLAY...

The New England region includes some of the most competitive Division III soccer in the nation. With close to 70 teams representing this region, Springfield finds itself in a hot-bed of elite-level soccer. In an attempt to provide the highest level of play, Springfield College continues to aggressively seek competitors that reflect its own commitment to athletic excellence.

Springfield College is a member of the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) and annually competes with schools like Babson College, Clark University, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, MIT, Wheaton College and WPI. In addition to the conference schedule, our non-conference schedule includes some of the most competitive institutions in our region, such as: Amherst, Wesleyan, Williams, Western New England, and Western Connecticut State.

Springfield finished runner-up in the 1998 NEWMAC conference tournament. The Pride, under the direction of Coach Haley, won the 1999 title to clinch its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 25 years. The squad finished tied for third in 2000, 2001 and 2002.



2006 ROSTER OF RETURNING PLAYERS

NAME	CL.	POS.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	CLUB TEAM
Pete Bianco	Jr	F	Patchogue, N.Y.	Patchogue	Bohemio Braves
Chad Bonnell	Jr	F	Hazlet, N.J.	Rariton	FC Colonia
Michael Burke	Jr	M	Loudonville, N.Y.	Shaker	Greenbush
Colin Cook	Jr	F	Wilbraham, Mass.	Wilb/Monson	Western United SC
Dan Cotter	So	B	Stoughton, Mass.	Stoughton	South Coast Scorpio
Stephen Croft	Jr	M	Red Hook, N.Y.	Red Hook	Mid-Hudson Hawks
Jay Daglis	Jr	M	Berlin, Conn.	Berlin	Rocky Hill Premier
Tony Distasio	Jr	M	Burlington, Conn.	Lewi Mills	Ajax SC
Brett Drake	So	F	Enfield, Conn.	East Windsor	Windsor Locks SC
Ryan Driscoll	Sr	K	Wilmington, Del.	St. Morris	Council Rock United
Ted Feeley	Jr	M	Syracuse, N.Y.	Westhill	Syracuse String
Mauricio Ferraira	So	M	Cortland Manor, N.Y.	John Kennedy	Mahopac Knights
Joe Greenwood	Jr	F	Pelham, N.H.	Pelham	Hampshire FC
Nate Hall	So	M	Simsbury, Conn.	Simsbury	World Class Premier
Matt Hoffman	So	K	Baldwin, N.Y.	Baldwin	Oceanside Phoenix
Michael Kilmartin	Jr	B	Johnsonville, N.Y.	Catholic Central	Greenbush Gladiators
Matt Lee	Sr	M	Lincoln, R.I.	Lincoln	Northern Lightning SC
Paul Lepak	Jr	M	Windsor, Conn.	Windsor	World Class Premier
Matt Montgomery	So	M	Colchester, Conn.	Bacon	Southeast United
Tim Resler	So	B	Old Lyme, Conn.	Old Lyme	Southeast Premier
Henry Ruggiero	Jr	B	Stow, Mass.	St. John's	Bandits FC
Jeremy Scheer	So	B	Enfield, Conn.	Enfield	World Class Premier
Michael Searles	Jr	M	E. Patchogue, N.Y.	Bellport	Sachem Jaguars
B.J. Sturdivant	Jr	K	Bear, Del.	Glasgow	Kirkwood Phoenix
Scott Swanekamp	So	B	Allentown, N.J.	Notre Dame	Hamilton Avalanch
Myles Tilton	So	M	Plymouth, Mass.	Plymouth South	Crusaders SC

Head Coach: Peter Haley (22nd season, Springfield '77)

Assistant Coaches: Steve Levesque '00, Mark Buschini '05, Peter Kasarjian (Colby College '06)

Captains: Matt Lee '07, Paul Lepak '08

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Mary Kate Jones G'07

Manager: Kyle Thibeault '07