



2006 – 2007

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
10/20	Fri.	Oswego State	Away	7:00 PM
11/03	Fri.	Hobart*	Home	7:00 PM
11/04	Sat.	Elmira*	Away	7:00 PM
11/17	Fri.	Neumann*	Home	7:00 PM
11/18	Sat.	Lebanon Valley*	Home	7:00 PM
12/01	Fri.	Manhattanville*	Home	8:00 PM
12/02	Sat.	Manhattanville*	Home	8:00 PM
12/05	Tue.	Hamilton	Away	7:00 PM
12/08	Fri.	Hamilton	Home	7:00 PM
12/29	Fri.	Norwich**	Away	7:00 PM
12/30	Sat.	Rhode Island/ Amherst**	Away	1:00 PM/ 4:00 PM
1/05	Fri.	Neumann*	Away	7:00 PM
1/06	Sat.	Neumann*	Away	7:00 PM
1/09	Tue.	Fredonia State	Home	7:00 PM
1/12	Fri.	Cortland State	Away	7:00 PM
1/19	Fri.	Elmira*	Home	7:00 PM
1/20	Sat.	Elmira*	Home	7:00 PM
1/23	Tue.	Oswego State	Home	7:00 PM
1/30	Tue.	Williams	Away	7:00 PM
2/02	Fri.	Manhattanville*	Away	7:30 PM
2/04	Sun.	Nichols	Home	3:00 PM
2/09	Fri.	Lebanon Valley*	Away	7:00 PM
2/10	Sat.	Lebanon Valley*	Away	3:00 PM
2/16	Fri.	Hobart*	Home	7:00 PM
2/17	Sat.	Hobart*	Away	4:00 PM
2/24	Sat.	ECAC West Playoffs	TBA	TBA
3/03	Sat.	ECAC West Playoffs	TBA	TBA

* ECAC West Conference Game ** Times Argus Invitational Hockey Tournament



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Quick Facts

Location	Utica, NY
Founded	1946
Enrollment	2,900
President	Todd S. Hutton
Nickname	Pioneers
Colors	Blue/Orange
Affiliation	NCAA Division III
Conference	ECAC West
Home Arena	Utica Memorial Auditorium
Capacity	4,000
COACHING STAFF	
Head Coach	Gary Heenan
Assistant Coaches	Geoff Noyes Bob Seward Shawn Weiman
DIRECTORY	
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Head Coach

Gary Heenan was hired as head coach of the Utica College men's ice hockey program in August 2000. Since that time, Heenan has led the team to three ECAC playoff appearances (2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06), two appearances in the ECAC West championship game, and one ECAC West regular-season championship. Heenan was named 2004-2005 ECAC West Conference Coach of the Year, and was a finalist for the ACHA Edward Jeremiah Award given to the national coach of the year in Division III men's hockey. A four-year letter winner and all-star defenseman at Hamilton College (1994-1997), the Canadian-born Heenan has also played professionally in the first division of the Austrian National League (1997-98). Heenan, along with head women's ice hockey coach Dave Clausen, was appointed head coach of the Utica College golf program in 2004.

Heenan has BA in international relations and economics from Hamilton College and a M.S. in education from Utica College. He resides in Westmoreland with his wife Jodi.



2006 Results

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Queens**	W	3-2	Fredonia State	W	3-2
Potsdam**	W	5-2	Fredonia State	L	3-5
Oswego	L	1-4	Cortland State	T	1-1
Oswego	W	5-2	Elmira*	W	2-0
Hobart*	W	4-2	Elmira*	T	1-1
Elmira*	W	2-1 (OT)	Manhattanville*	T	1-1
Neumann*	L	1-3	Hobart*	L	0-1
Lebanon Valley*	W	3-1	Hobart*	L	4-5
Hamilton	W	4-2	Lebanon Valley*	W	5-3
Hamilton	L	2-5	Lebanon Valley*	W	4-1
Johnson & Wales	W	4-2	Manhattanville*	L	3-4
Neumann*	L	0-3	Manhattanville*	L	3-4 (OT)
Neumann*	W	2-1 (OT)	Manhattanville*	W	5-3
Neumann*	L	3-4	Elmira***	L	2-3

* ECAC West Conference Game

** Potsdam Tournament

*** ECAC West Conference Tournament Game



Overview

The Utica College men's hockey team returns to the Utica Memorial Auditorium in 2006 for the most anticipated season in program-history after finishing last season 13-11-2. At first glance the Pioneers may seem to lack experience, but head coach Gary Heenan and his players are confident in knowing they did not lose a single player to graduation.

"We are returning the core of last season's squad that was led by a solid defense, but I knew to be more successful our offense was going to have to kick it up a notch," says Heenan. "We brought in 11 newcomers who are convincing me that they are mature and ready to help us get back to the conference championships."

After falling in the ECAC West conference championship game last season, the team looks to erase those memories and take home the conference crown.

"We have a bitter taste in our mouths dating back to 2005," says Heenan. "We have lost in the conference championship game twice by one goal after leading in both contests. Our goal this year is to win the ECAC West."

With the Pioneers bringing back the players they have, as well as a group of impact freshmen, those expectations are justified. Luckily for the Pioneers, playing in front of the home crowd at the Aud will help them greatly during the year.

"We have the toughest schedule in the country. Fortunately for us, many of those games are at our home," says Heenan. "From a skills perspective our team speed and physical play should be major strengths."

Sophomore **COLIN KINGSTON**, who lead Utica in points (24) last season, returns as the main scoring threat for the Pioneers. Kingston was also named to the ECAC West All-Conference Rookie Team a year ago. Junior goalie **ADAM DEKKER**, 2004-2005 ECAC West Goalie of the Year, had another strong season (2.37 goals against average) in 2005-06. Dekker was one of the top goalies in the country a year ago, and looks to anchor the Pioneers again this year.

The seniors on this year's squad have been through the growing pains and know how important their leadership is to a successful club. Seniors **RANDY BAUER, PHIL BOOTS, GREGG JOHANNESSEN, KEVIN KROGOL**, and **STEVE NUTTY** all played well last season, and were an intricate part of the team's playoff berth. Heenan notes that they have already demonstrated leadership for the freshmen in pre-season training.

"Last year we struggled early due to lack of leadership and experience because we had no seniors. This year, we return our starting goaltender, our top four defensemen, and all our forwards," says Heenan. "We now have a veteran core that should guide some very gifted freshmen we have brought in."

Heenan believes that these freshmen will have an immediate impact. **BRANDON LAIDLAW** played three years in the top Canadian Junior A league and scored 40 points in 2005-06. **AARON JEFFERY** came to UC from one of the best North American League teams, the Billings (MT) Bulls, and is already a leader in the pre-season strength and conditioning workouts. **SCOTT PHELPS** was a captain last year for the Springfield Junior Blues in the North American Hockey League. **MATT JIMENEZ** was a top four defenseman in the Central

Junior Hockey League, and won the 2005-2006 championship with the Pembroke Lumber Kings.

The Pioneers ranked second in all of NCAA Division III men's hockey in home attendance last season, packing an average of 1,777 fans into "The Aud" per game. UC tallied just under 20,000 fans a year ago, including a record 2,666 on February 2, 2006 as UC skated to a 1-1 overtime tie with ECAC West rival Manhattanville.

UC men's hockey provides the city of Utica with one of the best collegiate hockey experiences in the country. The

Aud has been recognized nationally by USCHO.com as one of the top rinks in Division III, and the UC program has been embraced by the entire community. The 4,000-seat rink is home to the Pioneers and host of several exciting on-ice promotional efforts, including the annual Teddy Bear Toss, which received national recognition from the NCAA News last season.

"We are in the business of providing the city of Utica with the best hockey experience possible," says Heenan, who is 44-26-10 in five seasons. "We have the best fans in the country, and they deserve nothing less than the best team in the country."

Roster

#	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN/LAST TEAM
2	KYLE SIBLEY	D	JR	5-9	173	Hanson, MA/ Salisbury School
3	RANDY BAUER	D	SR	6-0	200	Gibsonia, PA/ Pittsburgh Forge (NAHL)
4	MIKE LANE	D	FR	6-2	194	West Chester, PA/ Green Mountain Glades (EJHL)
5	MATT JIMENEZ	D	FR	6-1	196	Santa Rosa, CA/ Pembroke Lumberkings (CJHL)
6	TONY WISEMAN	D	JR	5-11	204	White Lake, MI/ Cleveland (NAHL)
7	AARON RAYMO	F	FR	5-9	181	Massena, NY/ National Sports Academy
8	JEFF PAPPALARDI	F	FR	5-11	193	Delmar, NY/ Capital District Selects (EJHL)
9	COLIN KINGSTON	F	SO	6-1	175	Vail, CO/ Springfield Jr. Blues (NAHL)
10	BRYCE DALE	F	SO	5-10	195	Fresno, CA/ Williams Lake (BCHL)
11	SCOTT PHELPS	F	FR	6-0	202	Old Lyme, CT/ Springfield Jr. Blues (NAHL)
12	KEVIN KROGOL	F	SR	5-11	205	Livonia, MI/ Soo Indians (NAHL)
13	DAVE WERNER	F	FR	6-0	181	Milwaukee, WI/ Capital District Selects (EJHL)
14	BRANDON LAIDLAW	F	FR	5-9	177	Pleasanton, CA/ Nanaimo Clippers (BCHL)
15	PHIL BOOTS	F	SR	5-11	195	Cornwall, Ont./ National Sports Academy
16	STEVE NUTTY	F	JR	5-10	200	Whitesboro, NY/ Whitesboro
17	SEAN MCKEVITT	F	FR	6-1	196	Clinton, NY/ The Gunnery (NEPSHL)
18	VINCENT NUCCI	F	FR	6-1	183	Rochester, NY/ Capital District Selects (EJHL)
19	MATT FITZGIBBONS	F	FR	6-0	194	Natick, MA/Boston Jr. Bruins (EJHL)
20	ZACH GIESZLER	D	SO	5-11	210	Tigard, OR/Alaska-Fairbanks (NCAA)
21	NICK LYNCH	F	JR	6-2	200	Buffalo, NY/ Capital District (EJHL)
22	T. J. SCHNEIDER	F	SO	6-4	200	Spring City, PA/ La Ronge Ice Wolves
23	JOE WATSON	F	JR	6-2	205	St. Louis, MO/ Toledo (NAHL)
24	JARED ALLISON	F	SR	5-9	175	Blairsville, PA/ Cranbrook
25	GREGG JOHANNESSEN	D	JR	6-3	225	Kalamazoo, MI/ Wexford Raiders (OPJHL)
26	JOSH MERSON	D	SO	6-1	210	Hanover, MD/ HaNorth Bay Skyhawks (NOJHL)
27	ADAM DEKKER	G	JR	6-3	205	Muskegon, MI/ Soo Indians (NAHL)
28	AARON JEFFERY	F	FR	6-0	177	Brighton, MI/ Billings Bulls (NAHL)
29	JON STARR	G	SO	5-10	165	Grosse Point, MI/ Brantford
30	ANTHONY LUKOW	G	FR	6-0	171	Shelby TWP, MI/Strathroy Rockets (WOHL)

Player Showcase



PHIL BOOTS

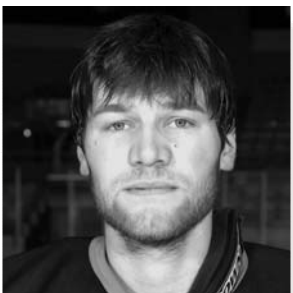
SENIOR
FORWARD
CORNWALL, ONT.

2005-06: Collected 13 points on three goals and 10 assists in 26 games.

2004-2005: Recorded seven points on three goals and four assists.

2003-04: Named ECAC Rookie of the Week in which he tallied four goals and one assist in a 12-1 victory over Brockport...Tallied 11 points on six goals and five assists.

PERSONAL: The son of Darlene Thompson and Kevin Boots, Phil is a criminal justice major.



ADAM DEKKER

JUNIOR
GOALTENDER
MUSKEGON, MI

2005-06: Named ECAC West Goalie of the Week twice...Posted a 12-11-3 overall record with one shut out, while collecting 606 saves for a save percentage of .907 and a 2.37 goals against average in 26 games.

2004-05: ECAC West Goalie of the Year...Selected to the ECAC West All-Conference First Team...Earned All-Rookie Team honors... Posted a 14-4-6 record with one shut out while collecting 658 saves for a .913 save percentage and a 2.46 goals against average.

PERSONAL: Adam is the son of Shari and Dan Dekker.

KEVIN KROGOL

SENIOR
FORWARD
LIVONIA, MI

2005-06: Collected 11 points on eight goals and three assists.

2004-2005: Named to the ECAC West All-Academic Team...Registered two points on one goal and one assist in 15 games.

2003-04: Collected three points on one goal and two assists in 16 contests.

PERSONAL: The son of Angela and Greg Krogol, Kevin is a management major.



GREGG JOHANNESSEN

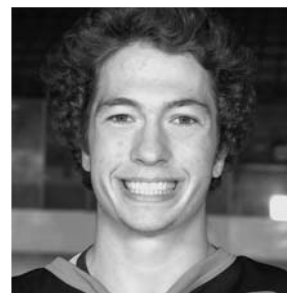
SENIOR
DEFENSEMAN
KALAMAZOO, MI

2005-06: Named to the ECAC West All-Academic Team... Recorded one point on one assist.

2004-2005: Named to the ECAC West All-Academic Team...Tallied six points on six assists.

2003-04: Recorded five points on one goal and four assists in 25 games.

PERSONAL: The son of Lori and Glenn Johannesen, Gregg is a management major.



COLIN KINGSTON

SOPHOMORE
FORWARD
VAIL, CO

2005-06: Named to the ECAC West All-Rookie Team...Named the ECAC West Rookie of the Week for the week ending January 22...Led the team in points (24), goals (10), assists (14), and game-winning goals (3).

PERSONAL: The son of Brigded McAuley and Jeff Kingston, Colin is currently undeclared.

Assistant Coaches

GEOFF NOYES

Geoff Noyes is entering his fifth season with the Utica College men's ice hockey team. Noyes works directly with the student athletes on all aspects of the game of hockey both on and off the ice. Noyes does a great deal of recruiting and promotional work for the team. Prior to Utica, Noyes coached at New Hartford high school and summer AAA hockey in Ontario. He has been a part of several professional groups over the years, including a 10-year stint on the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill school board. Noyes, a Oneida, NY native, is a 1963 graduate of Yale University. He was a member of the hockey team at Lawrenceville High School in Lawrenceville, NJ. He is married to Kristi Noyes and has three children, Noelle, Meryl, and Spencer.

SHAWN WEIMAN

Shawn Weiman begins his first year at UC working with the defensemen and special teams. Before joining the Pioneers, Weiman played professional hockey for three seasons. He played in the AHL, ECHL, and the CHL. Last season he played with the Fresno Falcons, an affiliate of the San Jose Sharks. He guided the Falcons to a Pacific Division Championship. Weiman, a social science major, was a 2003 graduate of Providence College. He was a four-year scholarship defenseman, and was named to the Hockey East All-Academic team in 2001 and 2003. In 2001, Weiman helped lead the Friars to the NCAA tournament. Weiman is a Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada native, and now resides in Rome with his finance, Erin Corigliano.