



2007-2008 Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
10/26	Fri.	Fredonia State	Steele Hall	7:00 p.m.
10/27	Sat.	Fredonia State	Steele Hall	7:00 p.m.
11/02	Fri.	Western New England	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
11/09	Fri.	Manhattanville*	Playland Ice Casino	7:30 p.m.
11/10	Sat.	Johnson & Wales	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
11/16	Fri.	Lebanon Valley College*	Hershey Park Arena	7:00 p.m.
11/17	Sat.	Neumann College*	Ice Works Quad Arena	7:00 p.m.
11/24	Sat	Williams College	Utica Memorial Auditorium	4:00 p.m.
11/30	Fri.	Elmira College*	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
12/01	Sat.	Hobart College*	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
12/04	Tue.	Hamilton College	Sage Rink	7:00 p.m.
12/07	Fri.	Geneseo State	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
12/08	Sat.	Curry College	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
1/12	Sat.	Nichols College	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
1/19	Sat.	Geneseo State	Ira S. Wilson Ice Arena	7:00 p.m.
1/25	Fri.	Elmira College*	Murray Athletic Center	7:00 p.m.
1/26	Sat.	Elmira College*	Murray Athletic Center	7:00 p.m.
2/01	Fri.	Manhattanville*	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
2/02	Sat.	Manhattanville*	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
2/08	Fri.	Neumann College*	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
2/09	Sat.	Neumann College*	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
2/15	Fri.	Hobart College*	Geneva Recreation Complex	7:00 p.m.
2/16	Sat.	Hobart College*	Geneva Recreation Complex	4:00 p.m.
2/22	Fri.	Lebanon Valley College*	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
2/23	Sat.	Lebanon Valley College*	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.

* Denotes ECAC Men's West Conference



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GENERAL INFORMATION

QUICK FACTS

Location	Utica, NY
Founded	1946
Enrollment	3,000
Nickname	Pioneers
Colors	Orange and Blue
Arena	Utica Memorial Auditorium
Capacity	4,000
Affiliation	NCAA Division III and ECAC
Conference	ECAC Men's West
President	Dr. Todd Hutton
Athletic Director	Jim Spartano
Athletic Department Phone	(315) 792-3051

CONTACT INFORMATION

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Gary Heenan, (Hamilton College'97)
Record at Utica	6 Years, 78-62-17
Overall Record	6 Years, 78-62-17
Hockey Office Phone	(315) 792-3726
Best Time To Reach Phone	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ASSISTANT COACHES

Assistants	Geoff Noyes Derek Jackson Bob Seward
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2006-2007 RESULTS

Opponent	Result	Score
Oswego State	L	4-3
Hobart*	W	3-2 (OT)
Elmira*	W	3-1
Neumann*	T	2-2
Lebanon Valley*	W	9-0
Manhattanville*	L	6-2
Manhattanville*	T	2-2
Hamilton	W	5-2
Norwich	L	5-2
Rhode Island	W	8-0
Neumann*	L	7-1
Neumann*	W	5-3
Fredonia State	L	4-2
Cortland State	W	1-0
Elmira*	L	4-2
Elmira*	T	1-1
Oswego State	W	5-2
Williams	W	3-2
Manhattanville*	L	5-2
Nichols	W	8-0
Lebanon Valley*	W	9-1
Lebanon Valley*	W	6-0
Hobart*	W	4-0
Hobart*	L	5-1
Neumann^	L	2-1

*ECAC Men's West Conference

^ECAC West Conference Tournament

HISTORY

First Year of Hockey	2001-2002, NCAA Division III
All-Time Record	78-62-17
Years in Postseason	4
Postseason Record	2-4 - ECAC West Conference Tournament

TEAM INFORMATION

2006-07 Overall Record	13-9-3
Home	6-3-3
Away	7-6-0

LETTER WINNERS RETURNING

Offense: 11	Offense: 8
Defense: 5	Defense: 3
Goalie: 3	
Total: 19	Total: 11

LETTER WINNERS LOST

Offense: 8
Defense: 3
Total: 11

STARTERS RETURNING - (POS/HT/WT/YR)

#9 Colin Kingston	(F/6-1/175/JR)
#23 Joe Watson	(F/6-2/205/SR)
#4 Mike Lane	(D/6-1/213/SO)
#26 Josh Merson	(D/6-1/210/JR)
#27 Adam Dekker	(G/6-3/205/SR)
#24 Jared Allison	(F/5-9/175/SR)



HEAD COACH GARY HEENAN

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

#	PLAYER	POS	YR	GP	G	A	PTS	PEN/MIN
24	Jared Allison	F	SR	21	11	13	24	9/18
10	Bryce Dale	F	SO	24	7	12	19	15/30
9	Colin Kingston	F	SO	21	5	12	17	9/18
19	Matt Fitzgibbons	F	FR	23	7	9	16	4/8
26	Josh Merson	D	SO	25	4	3	7	13/26
23	Joe Watson	F	JR	21	8	4	12	13/26
4	Mike Lane	D	FR	19	0	10	10	11/22
18	Vincent Nucci	F	FR	9	4	4	8	5/10
22	TJ Schneider	F	SO	24	3	5	8	15/30
28	Aaron Jeffery	F	FR	17	1	4	5	4/8
6	Tony Wiseman	D	JR	25	0	5	5	12/32
5	Matt Jimenez	D	FR	10	0	2	2	5/10
2	Kyle Sibley	D	JR	7	0	1	1	1/2
17	Sean McKeivitt	F	FR	3	0	0	0	2/4

GOALTENDING

#	PLAYER	POS	YR	GP	MINUTES	GA	SAVES
27	Adam Dekker	G	JR	24	1353:21	56	574
30	Anthony Lucklow	G	FR	4	126:57	3	38
29	Jon Starr	G	SO	2	35:08	1	12



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 four ECAC West playoff appearances (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2005-06), two appearances in the ECAC West championship game, and one ECAC West regular-season championship.

In 2006-2007 Heenan led the Pioneers to a 13-9-3 record. UC ranked No. 1 in the nation for home attendance, packing 2,108 fans per game into the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

He enters his seventh season at the helm with a 78-60-17 overall record.

Heenan has had the privilege of coaching the ECAC West Rookie of the Year, Goalie of the Year, and Player of the Year. In 2005, he was named the conference's coach of the year.

A four-year letter winner and all-star defenseman at Hamilton College (1994-1997), the Canadian-born Heenan also played overseas in both Germany and Austria before jumping into the coaching profession.

Prior to joining Utica College, Heenan was the assistant men's coach at Hamilton College (1999-2000) and an assistant coach at SUNY Brockport (1998-99). He also operates a hockey school company called "Heenan's Hockey Systems" based in Central New York but has expanded most recently to Ireland and Italy.

He resides in Westmoreland with his wife, Jodi.



COACH HEENAN'S RECORD YEAR-BY-YEAR

2006-2007				2003-2004			
Records	Conf	Non-Conf	Overall	Records	Conf	Non-Conf	Overall
Overall	7-5-3	6-4-0	13-9-3	Overall	4-5-1	11-5-0	15-10-1
Home	3-2-3	3-1-0	6-3-3	Home	3-1-1	5-2-0	8-3-1
Away	4-3-0	3-3-0	7-6-0	Away	1-4-0	6-3-0	7-7-0
2005-2006				2002-2003			
Records	Conf	Non-Conf	Overall	Records	Conf	Non-Conf	Overall
Overall	7-6-2	6-5-1	13-11-3	Overall	3-6-1	8-7-0	11-13-1
Home	5-1-1	2-1-1	7-2-2	Home	2-3-0	3-2-0	5-5-0
Away	2-5-1	3-2-0	5-7-1	Away	1-3-1	4-4-0	5-7-1
2004-2005				2001-2002			
Records	Conf	Non-Conf	Overall	Records	Conf	Non-Conf	Overall
Overall	9-1-2	7-4-4	16-5-6	Overall	2-7-1	8-5-2	10-12-3
Home	5-0-1	3-2-3	8-2-4	Home	1-4-0	5-1-1	6-5-1
Away	4-1-1	3-2-1	7-3-2	Away	1-3-1	2-3-0	3-6-1

OVERVIEW

The Utica College men's hockey team has been nationally recognized for the past six seasons as a hard-nosed, defensive-minded program that won games with scrappy goals and outstanding goaltending. Headed into 2007-2008 the Pioneers are confident that they have added the proper offensive tools to their repertoire to contend with anyone in the country.

"If we want to get over the final hump we need to be able to find the back of the net on a consistent basis," says head coach Gary Heenan, who heads into his seventh season with a 78-60-17 overall record. "The city of Utica has rallied around our hockey program, and they deserve to see a good show night in and night out. Hopefully, this year part of the show will include more pucks in the net."

In fact, if any city deserves a championship banner it is definitely Utica. UC led Division III nationally in home attendance averaging 2,108 fans per contest last season. The Pioneers home attendance figures were higher than 21 Division I programs.

The Pioneers return 19 letter-winners from last year's 13-9-3 squad that made their fourth trip to the ECAC Men's West Conference Tournament.



"We are returning the bulk of our lineup from last season, and I am proud of the recruiting class we brought in this season," says Heenan. "We have the veteran leadership and the young talent to really cause havoc in a very competitive conference."

Leading the Pioneers into one of the most rigorous conference schedules in the nation will be junior forward **Bryce Dale**, who was named team captain. Senior classmates **Joe Watson** and **Tony Wiseman** and junior defender **Josh Merson** were selected as assistant captains.

Dale, a 5-foot-10 forward, ranked third on the team last season with 19 points on 12 assists and seven goals. Eleven of his 19 points came in key conference games, and he netted one game-winning goal. In 50 career games he has totaled 30 points on 18 assists and 12 goals.

"I understand selecting an underclassman as team captain can sometimes be an unpopular move within the ranks, but that is how strongly I feel about Bryce's leadership skills," says Heenan.

Watson netted eight goals and assisted on four others for the Pioneers last season. Watson proved to be a key component on the Pioneers power-play unit, ranking second on the team with four power-play goals. He enters his senior season with a team-best 45 points (28 assists, 17 goals) in three seasons at UC.

Wiseman, a 205-pound defenseman, led a defensive unit that ranked third in the nation in penalty kill (174-for-196, 88.8%).



He enters his fourth season with the Pioneers as their most experienced player, tallying 23 career points in a team-high 79 games played. He was one of only four Pioneers to play in all 25 games last season, tallying five assists.

Merson, who also played in all 25 games last season, scored seven points on four goals and three assists. The junior defenseman has scored 20 points in 51 career games at UC. He has missed only one game in two seasons.

Four-year starter and former ECAC Men's West Goalie of the Year **Adam Dekker** returns for his senior campaign between the pipes. Dekker ranked 14th in the nation with a 2.48 goals against average in 24 games last year. He is also a two-time all-conference selection.

"Dekker has been a rock in net for us for the past three seasons, and he is recognized as one of the top goalies in Division III," says Heenan. "As a coach I feel confident in our defensive group with Wiseman, Merson, **Kyle Sibley**, and **Mike Lane** joining Dekker."

With the defensive end set, the Pioneers will look to their experienced crew of offensive weapons including Dale, Watson, **Jared Allison**, **Colin Kingston**, and **TJ Schneider** to put points on the board. Allison, a fifth-year senior forward, will be back on the ice after leading the team with 11 goals and 13 assists in 06-07. He has 41 career points (20 goals, 21 assists). Kingston, who earned ECAC West All-Rookie team honors as a freshman, has tallied 15 goals and 26 assists in 48 career games as a Pioneer. Junior classmate



TJ Schneider offers an intimidating presence on the ice with the ability to find the back of the net. Schneider has 10 goals and 13 assists in 50 career games.

The sophomore class of **Matt Fitzgibbons**, **Jeff Pappalardi**, **Vincent Nucci**, **Aaron Jeffrey**, and **Mike Lane** has great scoring potential, and should compliment the veteran leaders nicely.



Fitzgibbons tallied seven goals and nine assists last season, while Pappalardi added one goal and tied for second on the team with 12 assists. Nucci tallied four goals and added four assists in just nine games, and Jeffrey recorded one goal and four assists. Lane was a 2006-2007 all-rookie team selection on defense after posting 10 assists in only 19 games played. He played a major role in the Pioneers nationally-ranked No. 3 penalty kill defense and sixth ranked special teams.

"We have all the tools to compete for the conference title this season, but it will be no easy road competing against national powers like Elmira, Hobart, Manhattanville, and Neumann," says Heenan. "The entire city is behind us and with hard work these young men will make us all proud."



PLAYER SHOWCASE



Bryce Dale

10 F JR 5-10 198 Fresno, CA/East Greenbush

2006-07: Named to the ECAC Men's West All-Academic Team ... Collected 19 points on seven goals and 12 assists in 24 contests ... Ranked third on the team with 11 points in conference play ... Netted two power play goals and one game-winner ... Collected 30 penalty minutes ... Dale netted a goal and an assist in the Pioneers February 16 4-0 win over Hobart that clinched UC as the No. 3 seed in the conference tournament.

2005-06: Collected 11 points on five goals and six assists in 26 contests as a freshman ... Seven of his 11 points came in conference play, including two power-play goals and one game-tying goal.

Personal: Bryce is also a member of the UC golf team ... He is the son of Deborah and Jerry Dale, and is pursuing a degree in management.



Adam Dekker

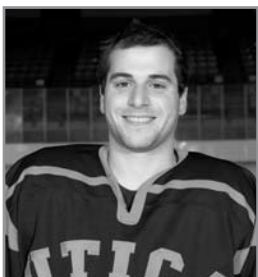
27 G SR 6-3 205 Muskegon, MI

2006-07: Named to the ECAC West All-Conference Second Team... His save percentage ranked third in the conference (.911), and he tallied three shutouts ... Named the ECAC West Goalie of the Week on two separate occasions ... Closed out the season with a 12-9-3 overall record and a 2.48 goals against average.

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 contests.

2004-05: Named 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, and is pursuing a degree in management.



Tony Wiseman

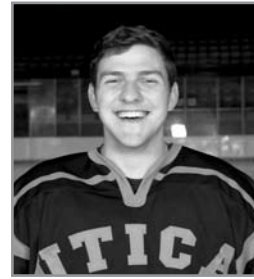
6 D SR 5-11 204 White Lake, MI

2006-07: Collected five points on five assists in 25 contests ... Played a major role in the success of the Pioneers defensive unit which ranked third in the nation in penalty kill (174-for-196, 88.8 percent) ... Four of his five assists came in key conference games ... Active team leader in career games played with 88.

2005-06: Appeared in all 27 contests ... Collected nine points on four goals and five assists ... Ranked second on the team in defenseman scoring ... Six of his nine points came in conference (three goals, three assists).

2004-05: One of two freshmen to play in all 27 games for UC ... Collected nine points on one goal and eight assists ... Netted his first collegiate goal in the Pioneers' 5-2 October 23 loss to host Oswego State (10/23/04).

Personal: Tony is the son of Gail and Tom Wiseman, and is pursuing a degree in history.



Joe Watson

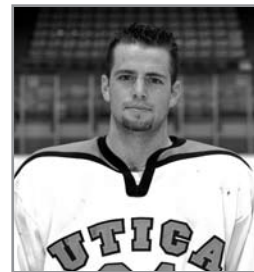
23 F SR 6-2 220 St. Louis, MO

2006-07: Named to the Men's ECAC West All-Academic team... Collected 12 points on eight goals and four assists in 21 contests ... Active career-leader in points with 45 on 17 goals and 28 assists ... Netted four power play goals on the year ... Tallied a goal in the Pioneers' 5-2 win over defending national champion Oswego State on January 23 ... Posted the game-winner in UC's 4-0 win over Hobart on February 16.

2005-06: Ranked third on the team with 18 points on five goals and 13 assists ... Netted two power play goals and two game-winning goals ... Tallied one goal and added two assists in the Pioneers' 4-2 win over Hamilton on December 6 ... Played in all 27 games for UC.

2004-06: Played in 21 games and tallied 15 points on four goals and 11 assists as a freshman.

Personal: Joe is the son of Patrick and Kathy Watson, and he is pursuing a degree in management.



Jared Allison

24 F SR 5-9 175 Blairsville, PA

2006-07: Returned from injury and played in 21 games ... Led the team with 24 points on 11 goals and 13 assists ... Netted two goals, including the game-winner, in the Pioneers' 5-3 win over host Neumann on January 6 ... Tallied two assists in the Pioneers' 2-2 tie against Neumann on November 17.

2005-06: Scored six points in eight games before being sidelined with a potentially career-ending back injury ... Four of his six points were in conference play, including one game-winner ... Medically red-shirted the season.

2004-05: Tallied nine points in just eleven games played ... Netted four power-play goals and one game-winner ... Scored the game-winning goal in the Pioneers' 4-3 win over host Potsdam State October 30... Named to the ECAC West Player of the Week honor roll after scoring a goal and assisting on what proved to be the game-winning goal against Manhattanville College on February 26.

2003-04: Tallied one goal and one assist in three games played.

Personal: Jared is the son of Jean and James Allison, and he is pursuing a degree in health studies.

ASSISTANT COACHES

GEOFF NOYES



Geoff Noyes is entering his sixth 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, and 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 they have three children, Noelle, Meryl, and Spencer.

DEREK JACKSON

Derek Jackson was hired as an assistant coach of the Utica College men's ice hockey program in 2007.



Jackson graduated from Clinton Central School in 2003 and later went on to graduate from St. Michael's College in 2007 with his bachelor's degree in business administration. While he was attending Clinton, Derek was a four-sport athlete. He played football, track, lacrosse, and hockey. As a goalie for the Warriors he was named to the first team Division II and All-Central New York teams. Playing at St. Michael's, Derek earned awards such as ECAC goalie of the week three times and Northeast 10 Goalie of the week eight times. He was a four-year starter for the Purple knights compiling a career record of 22-32-3. As a junior he won a career-high eight games and compiled a 4.55 goals against average in route to being named St. Michael's Defensive Player of the Year.

As an assistant coach he will be coaching the Pioneer defense. He resides in Clinton, NY.

2007 TEAM



ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN/LAST TEAM
2	Kyle Sibley	D	SR	5-10	178	Hanson, MA/Salisbury Prep
3	Kregg Guestin	D	FR	6-1	197	Kingsburg, CA/Swan Valley (MJHL)
4	Mike Lane	D	SO	6-3	213	West Chester, PA/ Green Mountain Glades (EJHL)
5	Matt Jimenez	D	SO	6-1	196	Santa Rosa, CA/ Pembroke Lumberkings (CJHL)
6	Tony Wiseman	D	SR	5-11	204	White Lake, MI/Cleveland (NAHL)
7	Sean Farley	F	FR	5-10	184	Park Ridge, IL/North Bay (NOJHL)
8	Jeff Pappalardi	F	SO	5-11	193	Delmar, NY/Capital District Selects (EJHL)
9	Colin Kingston	F	JR	6-1	175	Vail, CO/Springfield Jr. Blues (NAHL)
10	Bryce Dale	F	JR	5-10	195	Fresno, CA/Williams Lake (BCHL)
11	Sean Timkey	F	FR	6-0	202	Rochester, NY/Capital District (EJHL)
14	Nathan Brummett	F	FR	6-2	208	Calgary, AB/Okotoks (AJHL)
15	Nick Kulas	F	FR	6-2	201	Parma, MI/North Bay (NOJHL)
16	Vinny Rinaldi	F	JR	6-0	187	Norwood, NJ/Salisbury Prep
17	Sean McKeivitt	F	SO	6-1	196	Clinton, NY/The Gunnery (NEPSHL)
18	Vincent Nucci	F	SO	6-1	183	Rochester, NY/ Capital District Selects (EJHL)
19	Matt Fitzgibbons	F	SO	6-0	194	Natick, MA/Boston Jr. Bruins (EJHL)
22	T.J. Schneider	F	JR	6-4	200	Spring City, PA/La Ronge Ice Wolves (STHL)
23	Joe Watson	F	SR	6-2	205	St. Louis, MO/Toledo (NAHL)
24	Jared Allison	F	SR	5-9	175	Blairsville, PA/Cranbrook Kingswood Prep
26	Josh Merson	D	JR	6-1	210	Hanover, MD/North Bay Skyhawks (NOJHL)
27	Adam Dekker	G	SR	6-3	205	Muskegon, MI/Soo Indians (NAHL)
28	Aaron Jeffrey	F	SO	6-0	177	Brighton, MI/Billings Bulls (NAHL)
29	John Starr	G	JR	5-10	165	Grosse Point, MI/Brantford (MWTHL)
30	Anthony Luckow	G	SO	6-0	171	Shelby TWP, MI/Strathroy Rockets (WOHL)
31	Justin Bolla	G	FR	6-3	189	Niantic, CT/Oswego (OPJHL)