



2008 Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
03/16	Sun.	McDaniel	Kissimee, Florida	11:00 am
03/16	Sun.	Loras	Kissimee, Florida	9:00 am
03/17	Mon.	Suffolk	Kissimee, Florida	11:00 am
03/17	Mon.	MCLA	Kissimee, Florida	3:00 pm
03/18	Tue.	Endicott	Kissimee, Florida	11:00 am
03/18	Tue.	Milikin	Kissimee, Florida	9:00 am
03/20	Thur.	Western Ct. State	Kissimee, Florida	11:00 am
03/20	Thur.	Mt. Vernon Nazareth	Kissimee, Florida	3:00 pm
03/21	Fri.	Polytechnic	Kissimee, Florida	11:00 am
03/21	Fri.	Mt. St. Joe's	Kissimee, Florida	3:00 pm
03/26	Wed.	Cazenovia	Greenman Softball Field	3:30 pm
03/29	Sat.	Skidmore	Skidmore Softball Field	1:00 pm
03/31	Mon.	SUNY IT	Greenman Softball Field	3:30 pm
04/02	Wed	Nazareth *	Nazareth Softball Field	3:00 pm
04/05	Sat	RIT *	Greenman Softball Field	1:00 pm
04/06	Sun	St. John Fisher *	St. John Fisher Softball Field	1:00 pm
04/08	Tue.	Hamilton	Ferguson Field	3:30 pm
04/09	Wed.	Union	Alexander Field	3:00 pm
04/13	Sun.	Alfred *	Greenman Softball Field	1:00 pm
04/16	Wed.	Oswego	Laker Field	3:30 pm
04/19	Sat.	Ithaca *	Kostrinsky Field	1:00 pm
04/20	Sun.	Elmira *	Greenman Softball Field	1:00 pm
04/23	Wed.	Rochester	Greenman Softball Field	3:30 pm
04/30	Wed.	RPI	Doris Robinson Field	3:30 pm

* Indicates Empire 8 Conference



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GENERAL INFORMATION

QUICK FACTS	
Location	Utica, NY
Founded	1946
Enrollment	3,000
Nickname	Pioneers
Colors	Orange and Blue
Stadium	Greenman Softball Field
Capacity	500
Affiliation	NCAA Division III and ECAC
Conference	Empire 8
President	Dr. Todd Hutton
Athletic Director	Jim Spartano
Athletic Department Phone	(315) 792-3051

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RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

#	PLAYER	POS	YR	GP	AVG	RBI	HITS
5	Kourtney Kupiec	SS	JR	32	.367	9	33
9	Abby Drew	OF	JR	32	.357	37	35
3	Andrea Curley	P/3B/C	JR	32	.352	21	32
18	Brittany Johnson	3B	SR	27	.323	18	20
7	Amanda Butler	2B	SR	32	.283	12	30

PITCHERS

#	PLAYER	YR	APP	W-L	IP	SO	ERA
3	Andrea Curley	JR	18	8-9	103.2	76	3.58
16	Kallie Mathis	JR	17	7-8	102.2	78	3.68

COACHING STAFF	
Head Coach	Pat Mineo
Record at Utica	4th year
Overall Record	57-43
Softball Office Phone	(315) 223-2508
Best Time To Reach Phone	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
E-Mail	pmineo@utica.edu

ASSISTANT	
Assistant	Vaughn Saville

TEAM INFORMATION	
2007 Overall Record:	15-17
Home	6-8
Away	4-5
Neutral	5-4
Conference	5-7

LETTER WINNERS RETURNING	LETTER WINNERS LOST
14	2

STARTERS RETURNING - (POS/HT/YR)	
Amanda Butler	(2B/5'4/SR)
Andrea Curley	(P/3B/C/5'1/JR)
Abby Drew	(OF/5'5/JR)
Brittany Johnson	(3B/5'7/SR)
Kourtney Kupiec	(SS/5'5/JR)
Rinae Olsen	(1B/3B/5'5/JR)

HEAD COACH PAT MINEO

Fourth-year head coach Pat Mineo brings more than 20 years of coaching experience to the Utica College softball program.

In 2006, Mineo was named the Empire 8 Conference Coach of the Year after leading the team to a program-best record of 31-11 overall. The season included an appearance in the Empire 8 Tournament, the first time in program history, where UC made it to the championship game. The team earned the No. 2 seed in the ECAC Tournament and made an appearance in that championship game as well.

Mineo has accumulated 20 years of service as a volunteer travel coach with the CNY Shockers and coached at New York Mills and Whitesboro High School. Mineo's teams have competed in the ASA and PONY National Tournaments, as well as several NYS Softball Tournaments. The veteran softball coach won the 23-under New York State Tournament and has appeared in several High School Sectional competitions.

Mineo, a resident of New Hartford, NY has also spent 20 years as a New Hartford Girls Softball (NHGS) board member, and currently serves as commissioner for the New York State ASA Junior Olympic committee.



2008 ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	H.S./HOMETOWN
1	Kristin Levin	P	FR	5-3	Shenendehowa/Clifton Park, NY
2	Ashley Kaufman	OF	SR	5-6	Enfield/Enfield, CT
3	Andrea Curley	P/C/3B	JR	5-1	South Glens Falls/South Glens Falls
4	Kristen Herde	1B/OF	JR	5-7	Cronton-Harmon/Cronton On Hudson
5	Kourtney Kupiec	SS	JR	5-5	Whitesboro/Whitesboro
6	Claire Gerlach	OF	FR	5-5	Williamsville South/Williamsville, NY
7	Amanda Butler	2B	SR	5-4	T.R. Proctor/Utica
8	Rinae Olsen	1B/3B	JR	5-5	Schalmon/Schenectady
9	Abby Drew	OF	JR	5-5	South Glens Falls/South Glens Falls
10	Christine Williams	SS/INF/OF	FR	5-5	New Hartford/New Hartford, NY
11	Kimberlee Schultz	OF	SO	5-2	Hoosic Valley Central/Valley Falls
16	Kallie Mathis	P/INF	JR	5-4	Adirondack/West Leyden
17	Cecily Rowland	C/1B	FR	5-6	Queensbury/Queensbury, NY
18	Brittany Johnson	3B	SR	5-7	Union Endicott/Endicott
21	Angel Donaghue	INF	JR	5-1	Walter Panas/Cortlandt Manor
22	JudySpilka	3B	FR	5-10	Whitesboro/Utica, NY
23	Kim Martin	OF	FR	5-4	Holland Patent/Prospect, NY
25	Madison Staie	P/ UTI	FR	5-7	Lafargeville Central School

OVERVIEW

2007 RESULTS

Opponent	W/L	Score
Mt. Aloysious	W	13-4
Rio Grande	W	4-3
PSU-Altoona	W	10-2
Charleston	L	0-8
Alvernia	W	7-2
Gordon	W	20-10
Gettysburg	L	3-5
Arcadia	L	5-7
Russell Sage	W	10-2
Russell Sage	W	11-0
Hamilton	L	2-6
Hamilton	W	7-6
Union	L	2-7
Union	L	10-11
SUNYIT	W	10-7
SUNYIT	W	14-3
R.I.T.	L	1-3
Ithaca	L	0-9
Ithaca	L	2-9
Elmira	W	11-2
Elmira	W	5-2
Nazareth	W	11-1
Nazareth	L	3-4
R.I.T.	L	4-7
St. John Fisher	L	7-10
St. John Fisher	L	2-9
Alfred	W	6-3
Alfred	W	11-5
R.P.I.	L	1-6
R.P.I.	L	1-8
Ithaca	L	0-4
R.I.T.	L	0-3

The 2008 Utica College women's softball team hopes to return to the glory of the 2006 season, where the Pioneers tallied a school-record 31 victories and a visit to the Empire 8 and ECAC tournaments. Head Coach Pat Mineo was named conference coach of the year, and the Pioneers earned the No. 2 seed in the ECAC Upstate Championships.

After a disappointing 2007 campaign where UC finished with a 15-17 record, a solid group of maturing talent is inspired to wreak havoc on the Empire 8 Conference once again.

"We certainly lost some games last season that we felt we could have won, and that is disappointing," says fourth year Head Coach Pat Mineo. "I think those type of losses will be fuel for our girls this season and I will do my best to ensure that they come to play on a consistent basis, day in and day out."

UC returns thirteen players and nine starters from last season. The Pioneers watched seven sophomores help lead the team to five key conference victories. Now, with experience and not youth leading the way, the Pioneers' look to improve on that mark.

In 2007 UC hit .330 as a team, while holding their opponents to a .282 average. UC also earned its second straight trip to the Empire 8 Conference Tournament but lost in two straight games to national-powerhouse Ithaca College and conference rival RIT.

Four of the Pioneers' key returning players earned Empire 8 All-Conference Team accolades last season. Senior third baseman **Brittany Johnson** earned first team honors and batted .323 with 18 RBI, six doubles, a triple, and a homerun. Junior utility player **Andrea Curley** also earned all-conference honors, making the first-team for the second straight year. Curley led the team with a 3.51 earned run average and tallied an 8-8 record on the mound for the Pioneers. She also hit .345, including 30 hits, 21 RBI and two homeruns.

Junior outfielder **Abby Drew** is also one of the most feared hitters in the conference. Drew batted .380 with 35 hits and started in all 30 games for the Pioneers. She led the team with 37 RBI, ten home-runs, and garnered a second straight spot on the



all-conference second team. Senior **Ashley Kaufman** earned all-conference honorable mention with an outstanding first year for UC. Kaufman played in all 30 games last season and led the team with a .408 average, 42 hits, 11 doubles and eight stolen bases. She also collected 25 RBI and 23 runs scored.

"We have two strong pitchers in Mathis and Curley, two juniors who now have two full seasons of collegiate work under their belts," said Mineo. "We are strong defensively up the middle, with Butler and Kupiec. If we can get the bats going at the right time this year I think the girls will be very happy with the outcome."

Junior pitcher **Kallie Mathis** finished the 2007 season with a 3.95 ERA and 7-7 record. She also led the team with 75 strikeouts and earned all-conference sportswoman of the year honors. Junior shortstop **Kourtney Kupiec** batted .388 and played in all 30 games for the Pioneers. She also collected 33 hits, 23 runs, nine RBI, and four stolen bases.

After an outstanding 2006 campaign, senior second baseman **Amanda Butler** looks to bounce back from an off-season in 2007. Butler played in all 30 games last year batting .297 with 30 hits, 16 runs scored, and 12 RBI. She also finished with a .963 fielding percentage. Butler has shown that she has potential to lead the Pioneers back to the Empire 8 Conference Tournament with an outstanding bat and glove. In 2006, she batted a team-high .418. She also collected 46 hits, 28 RBI, seven doubles, and two homeruns.

Junior first baseman **Rinae Olsen** hopes to have a break out season after showing signs of greatness in two previous seasons. She has

great power-potential at the plate and plays a solid first base. In 29 contests last season she batted .270 with 20 hits, two of which were home runs. She also tacked on nine RBI and one stolen base.

"We lost eight out of our last ten games in '07 so the girls are chomping at the bit to get back out on the field and prove to everyone in the conference that Utica College can compete at a very high level," says Mineo. "We had a successful fall season, and with a great group of young talent, mixed with our experienced veterans, we are in for a very exciting 2008 campaign."



PLAYER SHOWCASE



Kallie Mathis

JR P/IF 5-4 West Leyden, NY

2007: Finished the season with a 3.95 ERA and a record of 7-7... She also led the team with 75 strikeouts ... Her top pitching performance included a five inning outing against Russell Sage where she gave up no runs on four hits and struck out seven batters in a 10-2 victory (4/1/07) ... Another highlight came against Hamilton College where she pitched seven innings, struck out 11 batters, and walked only two in a 6-2 loss (4/10/07).

2006: Named Empire 8 Conference Pitcher of the Week for the week ending Mar. 27 ... Posted a 16-6 overall record with a 3.01 ERA and 69 strikeouts in 27 appearances.

Personal: The daughter of Holly and Rodney Mathis, Kallie is an english major.



Brittany Johnson

SR 3B 5-7 Endicott, NY

2007: Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference First Team ... Batted .357 with 20 hits and 18 RBI in 25 contests for the Pioneers. ... She also had one home run and one stolen base ... Top performances included a 2-for-2 day at the plate that resulted in three RBI, two doubles, a walk and a run scored in a 20-10 win over Gordon College (3/14/07) ... She had a 3-for-3 day from the plate where she hit a triple and a double that helped her compile five RBI and score a run in an 11-1 victory over Nazareth College (4/24/07).

2006: Appeared in 35 contests with 31 starts ... Recorded a .213 batting average in 61 at-bats, collected 13 hits, 10 RBI and seven runs.

2005: Appeared in 22 contests with 19 starts ... Went 10-for-49 from the plate (.204 batting average), scored 10 runs and had four RBI ... Went 6-for-6 in stolen base attempts.

Personal: The daughter of Denise and Thomas Johnson, Brittany is a physical therapy major.



Abby Drew

JR OF 5-5 South Glens Falls, NY

2007: Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference Second Team for the second straight year ... Started all 30 contests where she batted .380 with 35 hits. ... She led the team with 37 RBI and 10 home runs ... Highlights include a 3-for-4 day from the plate with four RBI on a single, a double, a home run, and she scored three runs in a 10-2 victory over Altoona (3/13/07) ... Another top game came against Union College where she went 3-for-4 at the plate and had four RBI with two doubles and drew a walk in an 11-10 loss (4/11/07).

2006: Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference Second Team... Started all 42 contests ... Posted a .336 batting average in 119 at-bats, collected 40 hits, 31 runs, 29 RBI, four doubles and three stolen bases ... Led the team in triples (four) and was tied for first in homeruns (three).

Personal: The daughter of Kimberly and Duane Drew, Abby is a history major.



Amanda Butler

SR 2B 5-4 Utica, NY

2007: Started in all 30 contests for the Pioneers where she batted .297 with 30 hits, 12 RBI, 16 runs scored and two stolen bases ... Her best game came against Rio Grande where she went 2-for-3 at the plate and had two RBI, a triple and scored a run in a 4-3 win (3/12/07) ... Another top game came against Russell Sage where she went 1-for-2 and had two walks and added two runs in the 11-0 victory (4/1/07).

2006: Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference Second Team ... batted a team-high .418 with 46 hits, 28 RBI, seven doubles, and two home runs ... Tallied a team-high .444 on base percentage and a .555 slugging percentage, while collecting a .940 fielding percentage ... NFCA North East Region Second Team member ... Named the team's most improved player.

2005: Started all 26 games for the Pioneers ... Batted .253 with 20 hits and eight RBI ... Ranked second on the team with eight stolen bases ... Earned Empire 8 Honorable Mention status.

Personal: The daughter of Diane and Rodney Butler, Amanda is a biology major ... She is also the Pioneers top runner on the women's cross country team.



Andrea Curley

JR P/3B/C 5-1 South Glens Falls, NY

2007: Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference First Team for a second straight year ... Led the team with a 3.51 ERA and went 8-8 for the Pioneers ... Batted .345 with 30 hits, 21 RBI and two home runs ... Her top performance at the plate came against Russell Sage where she had two hits, one being a home run, tallied three RBI and scored two runs in a 10-2 win (4/1/07) ... Curley's best pitching performance came against Elmira College where she pitched six innings and gave up two runs on four hits, walked three, and struck out nine in a 11-2 victory (4/22/07).

2006: Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference First Team ... Posted a 15-5 overall record with a 4.10 ERA in 20 appearances while striking out a team-high 83 batters ... Appeared in 41 contests as an infielder with 40 starts ... Went 31-for-114 from the plate for a .272 batting average, while tallying 31 RBI, 17 runs, eight doubles, two homeruns and two stolen bases.

Personal: Foothills state champion, player of the year, and First Team all-league member ... Member of the National Honor Society ... The daughter of Ann and Pat Curley, Andrea is a criminal justice major.

