



## 2007-2008 Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
11/1	Thur.	Toronto Rattlers %	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
11/03	Sat.	New England	Lee Clement Arena	4:30 p.m.
11/10	Sat.	Adrian	Utica Memorial Auditorium	4:00 p.m.
11/11	Sun.	Adrian	Utica Memorial Auditorium	2:00 p.m.
11/17	Sat.	Chatham *	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
11/18	Sun.	Chatham *	Utica Memorial Auditorium	3:00 p.m.
11/20	Tue.	Cortland State *	Alumni Arena	7:00 p.m.
12/01	Sat.	Wesleyan	Spurrier-Snyder Arena	7:00 p.m.
12/02	Sun.	Wesleyan	Spurrier-Snyder Arena	1:00 p.m.
12/05	Wed.	Hamilton	Sage Rink	7:00 p.m.
1/05	Sat.	Amherst	Orr Rink	3:00 p.m.
1/06	Sun.	Middlebury	Kenyon Arena	3:00 p.m.
1/11	Fri.	Plattsburgh State *	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
1/12	Sat.	Plattsburgh State *	Utica Memorial Auditorium	2:00 p.m.
1/15	Tue.	Cortland State *	Alumni Arena	3:00 p.m.
1/19	Sat.	Buffalo State *	Buffalo State Sports Arena	4:00 p.m.
1/20	Sun.	Buffalo State *	Buffalo State Sports Arena	7:00 p.m.
1/26	Sat.	Elmira *	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
1/27	Sun.	Elmira *	Utica Memorial Auditorium	3:00 p.m.
2/02	Sat.	R.I.T. *	Frank Ritter Memorial Arena	2:00 p.m.
2/03	Sat.	R.I.T. *	Frank Ritter Memorial Arena	2:00 p.m.
2/08	Fri.	Oswego State *	Campus Center Hockey Arena	7:00 p.m.
2/09	Sat.	Oswego State *	Campus Center Hockey Arena	3:00 p.m.
2/12	Tue.	Hamilton *	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
2/16	Sat.	Neumann *	Utica Memorial Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
2/17	Sun.	Neumann *	Utica Memorial Auditorium	2:00 p.m.

% Exhibition game

\* Denotes ECAC Women's West Conference Contest



# 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 Women'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	Dave Clausen
Record at Utica	6 Years, 89-56-11
Overall Record	6 Years, 89-56-11
Hockey Office Phone	(315) 792-3729
Best Time To Reach Phone	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
ASSISTANT COACHES	
Assistants	Melissa Lomanto Jack Kane
Team Manager	Michael Xuereb



2006-07 RESULTS		
Opponent	Result	Score
Toronto %	T	3-3
Oswego	W	6-2
Chatham*	W	13-0
Chatham*	W	6-0
Cortland*	W	11-0
Plattsburgh*	T	3-3
Plattsburgh*	L	7-3
Hamilton	W	4-3
Colby	W	5-1
Neumann	W	5-1
New England	W	6-2
Williams	W	7-2
Elmira*	T	2-2
Elmira*	L	2-0
Cortland*	W	6-2
Middlebury	L	4-2
RIT	L	4-1
Wesleyan	W	4-1
Amherst	W	4-1
Hamilton	T	3-3
Buffalo State*	W	6-3
Buffalo State*	W	2-1
Neumann*	W	4-3
Neumann*	W	4-2
Oswego*	W	3-1
Oswego*	W	11-5
Elmira^	L	1-0

%Exhibition  
\* ECAC Women's West Conference  
^ECAC West Conference Tournament

HISTORY	
First Year of Hockey	2001-2002, NCAA Division III
All-Time Record	89-56-11
Years in Postseason	6
Postseason Record	1-6 - ECAC Women's West Playoffs
TEAM INFORMATION	
2006-07 Overall Record:	18-5-3
Home	11-1-0
Away	5-3-3
Neutral	2-1-0
LETTER WINNERS RETURNING	LETTER WINNERS LOST
Offense: 5	Offense: 7
Defense: 5	Defense: 3
Goalie: 1	Goalie: 2
Total: 11	Total: 12
STARTERS RETURNING - (POS/HT/YR)	
#3 Laura Schnitker	(D/5-7/SR)
#4 Andrea Maxon	(F/5-2/SO)
#7 Samantha Rowan	(F/5-2/JR)
#12 Kelly Bills	(F/5-2/SR)
#17 Jessica Leclerc	(D/5-7/JR)



# HEAD COACH DAVE CLAUSEN

## RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

#	PLAYER	POS	YR	GP	G	A	PTS	PEN/ MIN
4	Andrea Maxon	F	SO	26	13	11	24	9/18
7	Samantha Rowan	F	JR	26	12	10	22	13/26
25	Krystal Cummings	F	JR	25	7	13	20	5/10
17	Jessica Leclerc	D	JR	26	4	13	17	9/18
3	Laura Schnitker	D	SR	24	2	8	10	6/12
12	Kelly Bills	F	SR	26	1	5	6	5/10
13	Amanda McDonnell	D	JR	25	0	4	4	6/12
26	Kristina Reeves	F	SO	26	2	1	3	3/6

## GOALTENDING

#	PLAYER	POS	YR	GP	MINUTES	GA	SAVES	SHOTS
31	Jill Doherty	G	SO	4	226:20	3	57	60



Dave Clausen enters his seventh season as head coach at UC after leading the Pioneers to an ECAC West playoff berth in each of his first six seasons.

Clausen led the team to a program best 18-5-3 record in 2006-07. The Pioneers entered the ECAC West Conference Tournament ranked No. 7 in the nation but fell to Elmira 1-0. He has coached a school-best three All-Americans: Jill Nolan (2005-06), Deana Wiegand (2006-07), and Stephanie Price (2006-07).

In 2005-06, Clausen led the Pioneers to an appearance in the ECAC championship game. The Pioneers ended the season ranked No. 9 nationally by USCHO.com, marking the first time ever the team finished the year ranked in the top 10 nationally.

Clausen came to Utica from Brunswick, ME, where he was the assistant coach with the Bowdoin College Polar Bears. As assistant coach, Clausen helped lead that program to its fifth consecutive postseason appearance and a top 10 national ranking. He was also an assistant coach at Hamilton College and Maine Maritime Academy.

During the three years as an assistant coach at Hamilton, he played a major role in the team's transition from a small club to a nationally competitive varsity program. Additionally, he has spent the off-season as a director and coach at various women's and girls' summer hockey camps and clinics in the Northeast, including the Inside-Edge Clinic, The Bowdoin Hockey Clinic, the Hamilton Hockey School, and the New York State Amateur Hockey Association's Girls' Festival at SUNY Morrisville. Clausen is also a member of the Division III Women's Ice Hockey NCAA Championship Committee.

Clausen, along with head men's ice hockey coach Gary Heenan, was appointed head coach of the Utica College golf program in 2004.

Clausen earned a bachelor of arts degree in English in May 1998 at Hamilton College, and resides in Clinton with his wife, Amy, son Noah, and daughter Casey.



## COACH CLAUSEN'S RECORD YEAR-BY YEAR

2006-2007				2003-2004			
Records	Conf.	Non-Conf.	Overall	Records	Conf.	Non-Conf.	Overall
Overall	10-2-2	8-3-1	18-5-3	Overall	7-5-0	7-6-1	14-11-1
Home	8-0-0	3-1-0	11-1-0	Home	4-2-0	3-2-0	7-4-0
Away	2-2-2	3-1-1	5-3-3	Away	3-3-0	3-3-0	6-6-0
Neutral	0-0-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	Neutral	0-0-0	1-1-1	1-1-1
2005-2006				2002-2003			
Records	Conf.	Non-Conf.	Overall	Records	Conf.	Non-Conf.	Overall
Overall	8-3-1	10-4-1	18-7-2	Overall	7-4-1	5-7-1	12-11-2
Home	3-2-1	5-0-0	8-2-1	Home	4-2-0	3-5-0	7-7-0
Away	5-1-0	3-3-1	8-4-1	Away	3-2-1	2-1-1	5-3-2
Neutral	0-0-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	Neutral	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
2004-2005				2001-2002			
Records	Conf.	Non-Conf.	Overall	Records	Conf.	Non-Conf.	Overall
Overall	7-4-1	7-6-1	13-10-2	Overall	11-8-1	2-4-0	13-12-1
Home	4-2-0	4-1-0	7-3-0	Home	6-4-0	1-1-0	7-5-0
Away	3-2-1	3-3-1	6-5-2	Away	5-4-1	1-2-0	6-6-1
Neutral	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	Neutral	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

# OVERVIEW

The Utica College women's hockey team has a tall order ahead of them as it enters the 2007-2008 season looking to replace 11 graduated seniors, including consensus All-Americans Deana Wiegand and Stephanie Price.

"Wiegand and Price will go down in history as two of the best players to come through Utica College, and we will miss their presence both on and off the ice," says head coach Dave Clausen, who has compiled an 89-56-11 record in six seasons at UC. "Even though we will miss the graduated seniors I am excited about the young talent we have and the core of veterans still here."



Those veterans include junior captain **Jessica Leclerc**, classmate and assistant captain **Samantha Rowan**, and senior assistant captain **Laura Schnitker**. Leclerc, a defender, earned second team all-conference honors after posting 17 points on four goals and 13 assists last season. She helped guide the Pioneers to the No. 1 ranked combined special teams in the country (62.4%). UC scored on 39 of its 151 power play opportunities, good for second in the country, while stopping 182 of their opponents 203 power-play chances.

Rowan, a forward, played in all 26 games last season, totaling 22 points on 12 goals and 10 assists. Her 12 goals were good for fifth on the team. In two seasons at UC she has played in 50 games, scoring 15 goals and adding 14 assists.

Schnitker has played defense for the Pioneers for the past two seasons, totaling 12 assists and three goals in 50 career games. Last season she scored 10 points on eight assists and two goals. She was also named to the 2007 ECAC Women's West All-Academic Team.

The Pioneers finished last season ranked No. 10 nationally by U.S. College Hockey Online after posting an 18-5-3 overall record and a 10-2-2 record in the ECAC West Conference. They earned the No. 3 seed in the conference tournament but fell 1-0 to No. 2 Elmira College in the first round. The Pioneers have made the ECAC West Conference Tournament in all six seasons of their existence. UC netted 121 goals total last season, good for second best in school-history behind the 2003-2004 squad that netted 134 goals.

"We may not have the top scoring first-line in the nation this season, but I really do think we may have a little more talent from top to bottom," Clausen says. "I feel comfortable that we will have three strong lines this season and that should make us more consistent overall."

Sophomore **Andrea Maxon** is the top returning scorer from last season. Maxon played in all 26 games and ranked fourth on the team with 24 points (13 goals, 11 assists). She ranked second on the team with 11 goals in conference play and earned

ECAC Women's West Conference All-Rookie Team status. Maxon also earned Rookie of the Week honors once last season after tallying two goals in the Pioneers' 11-0 win over visiting Cortland State on November 21, 2006.

Junior forward **Krystal Cummings** will also be called upon to produce on the offensive end for the Pioneers after tallying 20 points last season on seven goals and 13 assists. Up front with Cummings will be senior



**Kelly Bills** and sophomore **Kristina Reeves**. Bills looks to add to her 30 career points, while Reeves hopes to find the back of the net more consistently after playing in all 26 games as a freshman.

Clausen says, "Some of our best athletes are on the defensive end." Defenders' Leclerc, **Ashley Kaufman**, **Amanda McDonnell** and sophomore goalie **Jill Doherty** are all multi-sport athletes at Utica College, which helps to keep them in playing shape year round.

Kaufman, a former all-conference selection, has 25 career points on 10 goals and 15 assists in 66 games, while McDonnell has totaled 11 points in 49 games. Doherty replaces graduated goalie **Stephanie Yates**. She started three games last season and posted a 4-0 record including one shut out. She allowed just three goals against in four games played.



"We have returning talent on both ends of the ice, and we brought in 16 freshmen this year," says Clausen. "If I can get the veterans to play like they are capable and the younger players to continue to mature hopefully we can make our seventh straight appearance in the conference tournament."



That task is now even more daunting than in the previous six seasons with national powerhouse Rochester Institute of Technology joining the conference. Defending national champion Plattsburgh State will also be another very tough opponent to go along with conference rivals Elmira and Neumann.

Clausen says, "Every game is a battle down the stretch and we are going to have to work hard, day in and day out, if we plan on playing with the Plattsburghs and the Elmiras of the Division III women's hockey world."

# PLAYER SHOWCASE



## **Laura Schnitker**

D SR 5-7 Laramie, WY

**2006-07:** Collected 10 points on two goals and eight assists in 24 contests ... Named to the 2007 ECAC Women's West All-Academic Team ... Tallied two assists in the Pioneers' 6-2 win over host Oswego State (12/15/06) ... Netted one goal and added one assist in the Pioneers' 11-5 win over visiting Oswego State (2/25/07).

**2005-06:** Collected five points on one goal and four assists in 25 contests ... Netted her first goal as a Pioneer in a 8-2 win over St. Olaf (2/1/06).

**2004-05:** Played hockey at Division I Clarkson University ... Participated in 16 games for the Golden Knights defense.

**Personal:** Laura is the daughter of Larry and Beverly Schnitker, and she is currently pursuing a degree in health studies.



## **Kelly Bills**

F SR 5-2 Penfield, NY

**2006-07:** Collected six points on one goal and five assists in 26 contests ... Tallied her lone goal of the season in the Pioneers' 6-0 win over visiting Chatham College (11/19/06).

**2005-06:** Tallied seven points on three goals and four assists in 26 contests ... Recorded two assists in the Pioneers' 5-1 win over Colby College at the St. Michael's Tournament (12/30/05).

**2004-06:** Appeared in all 25 contests...Collected 17 points on 10 goals and seven assists ... Named ECAC Rookie of the Week on two separate occasions ... She netted a goal and a assist in the Pioneers' 5-1 win over Neumann College (2/26/05).

**Personal:** Kelly is the daughter of Joan and Dave Bills, and she is pursuing a degree in psychology-child life ... Older sister Cortney played three seasons (2003-2007) for the Pioneers and tallied 44 career points on 24 goals and 20 assists.



## **Ashley Kaufmann**

D SR 5-6 Enfield, CT

**2006-07:** Collected five points on one goal and four assists in 20 contests ... Netted her lone goal of the season in the Pioneers' 11-5 win over visiting Oswego State (2/25/07).

**2005-06:** Finished second in the conference in defenseman scoring with 16 points on eight goals and eight assists ... ECAC All-Conference Second Team selection ... Anchored of a Pioneer defensive unit that ranked second in the conference in scoring defense ... Tallied a career-high two goals and one assist in the Pioneers' 4-4 tie against visiting Neumann College (1/20/06).

**2004-05:** Tallied four points as a freshman on three assists and one goal in 20 games played ... Three of her four points came in conference play ... Netted her first collegiate goal and added one assist in the Pioneers 18-0 win over visiting Chatham College (11/19/04).

**Personal:** Ashley is the daughter of Theresa and Ken Kaufman and she is currently pursuing a degree in business management ... Ashley, a three-sport athlete, is also a member of the UC women's soccer and softball teams.



## **Jessica Leclerc**

D JR 5-7 Augusta, ME

**2006-07:** Named to the Women's ECAC West Second Team after posting 17 points on four goals and 13 assists ... Helped guide the Pioneers to the No. 1 ranked combined special teams in the country (62.4%).

**2005-06:** Played for Division I Maine University ... Tallied two assists in two games with the Black Bears.

**High School:** Played two years for Deerfield Academy, scoring 23 goals and 16 assists ... Also played for the Albany Ice Cats, scoring seven goals with 15 assists ... Played for the Cony High School club team, winning the state championship in 2001 and 2002 ... Also played soccer, softball, and lacrosse.

**Personal:** Jessica is the daughter of Alain and Louise Leclerc, and she is pursuing a degree in therapeutic recreation ... She is also a member of the women's lacrosse team.



## **Samantha Rowan**

F JR 5-2 Trenton, MI

**2006-07:** Ranked fifth on the team with 22 points on 12 goals and ten assists in 26 contests ... Tallied 14 points on seven goals and seven assists in conference play ... Netted three goals and added one assist in the Pioneers' 11-5 win over visiting Oswego State (2/25/07).

**2005-06:** Played in 24 games for the Pioneers ... Ranked second in freshman scoring with seven points on three goals and four assists.

**Personal:** Samantha is the daughter of Tammy and Steve Rowan, and she is pursuing a degree in health studies.



## ASSISTANT COACHES

### MELISSA LOMANTO



Melissa Lomanto, who returns for her third season as assistant coach, is one of the five original Pioneers who began the program back in 2001.

Lomanto played a key role on and off the ice during her four years of play. She spent six summers heavily involved with the Can/Am Hockey School in Lake Placid, NY, as well as working with the USA Select 15/16 Women's Festival Camp.

Two summers ago she also traveled to Canada as an instructor with the Ultra Skills Hockey School. She spent the summer of 2007 coaching several women's hockey camps in Lake Placid, NY.

Her main responsibilities include recruiting and assisting with the everyday operations of the UC hockey program.

Lomanto resides in Clinton, NY.

### JACK KANE

Jack Kane began his coaching career at Utica College in 2004 after an extensive coaching and playing career in Clinton, NY.

He previously coached at Clinton High School, and was a journeyman player throughout professional hockey leagues across the United States. After being invited to the National Hockey League's Detroit Red Wings' preseason camp in the early 1950s he joined the Barry Flyers in 1954. He played with the Flyers until 1957, followed by a one-year stint with the Chatham Maroons. He won the Allen Cup with the Whitby Dulops in the late 50s, before joining the Clinton Comets in 1960.

Kane played for the Comets of the East Coast Hockey League for 13 seasons, and he led the league in scoring on three occasions. The Toronto, Ontario native won four Walker Cups with the Comets.

Kane, resides in Clinton with his wife Elaine.



### MICHAEL XUEREB



Michael Xuereb began his managing career at Utica College in 2004, and has since been a staple as both the team manager and video coach.

In a short time he has mastered the revolutionary game film computer program called "Game Breaker". The program gives coaches and athletes the ability to break down game film like never before. Many experts and former athletes credit the rapid progression of athletes in this day in age to the advancement in video preparation.

Originally from Floral Park, NY, Xuereb will graduate from Utica College in May 2008.

## ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	HOMETOWN/LAST TEAM
1	Laurel Simer	G	FR	5-8	Faribault, MN/Shattuck St. Marys (MN)
2	Samantha Glockling	F	FR	5-6	Carleton Place, ONT/Tilton School (NH)
3	Laura Schnitker	D	SR	5-7	Laramie, WY/Clarkson University (NY)
4	Andrea Maxon	F	SO	5-2	Canton, NY/North Country Ice Storm (NY)
5	Allie Conti	F	FR	5-6	Farmington, NY/Northwood School (NY)
6	Tiffany Bichrest	F/D	FR	5-2	Harpwell, ME/Hebron Academy (ME)
7	Samantha Rowan	F	JR	5-2	Trenton, MI/Belle Tire (MI)
8	Becky Heim	D	FR	5-3	Westwood, NJ/New Jersey Rockets (NJ)
9	Michelle Witz	F	JR	5-1	Pelham, NY/Manhattanville College (NY)
10	Laura Szwed	F	FR	5-5	White Lake, MI/Ladywood HS (MI)
11	Ashley Kaufman	D	SR	5-6	Enfield, CT/Northern Lights (CT)
12	Kelly Bills	F	SR	5-2	Penfield, NY/Rochester Edge (NY)
13	Amanda McDonnell	D	JR	5-7	Sagamore Beach, MA/Portsmouth Abby (MA)
14	Sara George	D	FR	5-10	Gaithersburg, MD/Washington Pride (MD)
15	Eliza Kelley	F	FR	5-5	Rutland, VT/Loomis Chaffee School (CT)
16	Jodie Galluzzi	F	FR	5-6	Buffalo, NY/National Sports Academy (NY)
17	Jessica Leclerc	D	JR	5-7	Augusta, ME/University of Maine, Orono (ME)
18	Darcy Hier	F	FR	5-1	Aurora, CO/Colorado Selects (CO)
19	Meagan Sudik	F	FR	5-3	West Bend, WI/Wisconsin Wild (WI)
21	Lynny Gonzales	F/D	FR	5-4	Rochester, NY/New Hampton School (MA)
22	Jona Johnson	F	FR	5-3	Portland, OR/Northwest Selects (OR)
24	Ann Rancourt	D	FR	5-7	Cleveland, OH/Ohio Phantom Flames (OH)
25	Krystal Cummings	F	JR	5-5	Victor, NY/Rochester Edge (NY)
26	Kristina Reeves	F	SO	5-4	Pascoag, RI/Kents Hill School (RI)
29	Kelley Peers	G	FR	5-3	Grosse Point, MI/Toronto Rattlers (ONT)
30	Jessica Cofrancesco	G	FR	5-1	Hamden, CT/The Gunnery (CT)
31	Jill Doherty	G	SO	5-9	Wellesley, MA/Kents Hill School (ME)