



2007 MEDIA GUIDE

GENERAL INFORMATION

QUICK FACTS

Location	Utica, NY
Founded	1946
Enrollment	3,000
Nickname	Pioneers
Colors	Orange and Blue
Gymnasium	Clark Athletic Center
Surface	Hard Wood
Capacity	2,200
Affiliation	NCAA Division III and ECAC
Conference	Empire 8
President	Dr. Todd Hutton
Athletic Director	Jim Spartano

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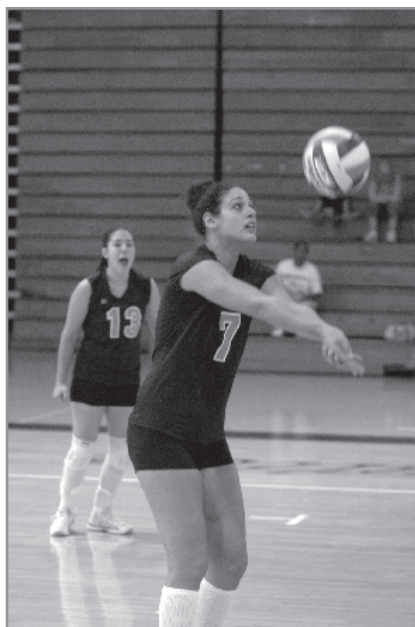
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HEAD COACH DARIN LYNCH



Darin Lynch returns for his seventh season as head coach of the UC volleyball team. This is his 10th year as a member of the Pioneer coaching staff, as he served as an assistant coach from 1995-1998.

In addition to his experience at the college level, Lynch has coached volleyball at nearby Mount Markham High School for the past 16 years, leading the school to perennial top 10 New York State rankings. He has also coached the men's 18 Elite volleyball team, the Salt City Spikers USAV junior

indoor team in Syracuse, NY, and the Central Region Team at the Empire State Games.

During his coaching career, Lynch has earned three bronze medals at the Empire State Games and several high school sectional championships, and has won more than 150 matches.

Lynch, who earned a bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in physical education at the University of Nevada in Reno, is a certified coach of the National Volleyball Coaching Accreditation and a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

He resides in West Winfield, NY with his wife, Crystal, and son, Bryce.

2006 RESULTS

OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
Oswego State	L	0-3
Union	L	0-3
St. Lawrence	L	0-3
UMASS-Boston	L	1-3
Cazenovia	W	3-0
Keuka	L	0-3
SUNYIT	W	3-0
Oneonta State	L	0-3
Plattsburgh State	W	3-2
Skidmore	L	0-3
Russell Sage	L	0-3
Union	L	0-3
Cazenovia	W	3-2
Hamilton	L	1-3
Elmira	L	0-3

OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
Baruch	W	3-0
Plattsburgh State	L	0-3
Hartwick	L	1-3
Baruch	L	1-3
SUNYIT	W	3-2
Hartwick	L	1-3
Ithaca	L	1-3
SUNYIT	W	3-0
Oswego State	L	0-3
Alfred	L	2-3
RIT	L	0-3
Fisher	L	0-3
Nazareth	L	1-3
Russell Sage	L	0-3

OVERVIEW

After a 7-22 season in 2006, head coach Darin Lynch looks to reestablish the Utica College women's volleyball team as one of the top teams in the Empire 8 Conference. Utica will have to accomplish this without the services of **Sarah Saucier** and **Christine Mylott**, who were lost to graduation.

Saucier was one of the team's top defensive players as an outside hitter, while Mylott was fifth in the Empire 8 with 623 of the Pioneers



746 assists, while also tallying 27 kills and 15 service aces in 90 career games.

"Sarah and Christine were two natural leaders who will be very difficult to replace," Lynch says. "The talent we have coming in and the experience of our returning players should help fill the void."

Utica will now look to senior **Karen Crisanti** to take over the reins of team leader. Crisanti

led the Pioneers and ranked ninth in the conference with 286 kills this past season. She averaged a team-high 2.86 kills-per-game, and tallied 371 digs in 100 games. She was named to the Union Invitational All-Tournament Team after tallying 52 kills in four games.

"Karen is the most athletic player on our team, and she will be our go-to offensive weapon this year," Lynch says. "But teams are beginning to key on her, so we need some of the underclassmen to step up and contribute offensively if we plan to be successful in the Empire 8."

Joining Crisanti will be senior **Mereoni Vunibobo** and sophomores **Melissa Austin** and **Brielle Swerdlin**. Vunibobo, a middle hitter, led the team with 76 blocks last season. She also added 132 kills, which was fourth best on the team. Austin is a defensive specialist. She ranked second on the team in digs (311) and

receptions (72). Swerdlin, an outside hitter, led the team in receptions (79) and ranked second and third, respectively, in assists (75) and kills (171).

Transfer **Andrea Dekker**, an outside hitter from Muskegon, MI, adds talent and size to the roster. Lynch is also looking to talented freshmen Kaitlin Ferguson and Heather Jackson to contribute right away.



ROSTER

UTICA COLLEGE 2007 VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

#	NAME	YR.	HT.	HS/HOMETOWN
1	Katlin Farruggia	FR	5-4	Mt. Markham/ Leondardsville
2	Kourtney Bullis	FR	5-6	New Hartford/New Hartford
3	Sara Lucia	FR	5-0	Sauquoit/Cassville
4	Kayla Mosher	SO	5-8	Owen D. Young/Mohawk
5	Ashley Rozier	FR	5-5	Southfield Lathrup/Southfield, MI
7	Karen Crisanti	SR	6-0	Geneva/Geneva
8	Heather Jackson	FR	5-6	John Stark/Weare, NH
10	Andrea Dekker	JR	5-11	Reeths-Puffer/Muskegon, MI
13	Melissa Austin	SO	5-6	Beaver River/Castorland
14	Mereoni Vunibobo	JR	6-0	Cathedral/Jamaica
16	Alyssa Sadallah	SO	5-9	New York Mills/New Hartford
19	Brielle Swerdlin	SO	5-7	W. Morris Mendham/Chester, NJ

PLAYER SHOWCASE



7 Karen Crisanti

Sr. 5-11 Geneva/Geneva

2006: Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference Honorable Mention Team... Ranked ninth in the conference with 286 kills... Tallied 371 digs in 100 games.

Personal: A member of the UC volleyball team and women's basketball teams... The daughter of Debra and Wylie Crisanti, Karen is an accounting major.



14 Mereoni Vunibobo

Sr. 5-11 Cathedral/Jamaica

2006: Led the team with 76 blocks... Tallied 132 kills, which was fourth best on the team.

Personal: Daughter of Lui and Laisa Vunibobo, Merionoi is a nursing major.



9 Brielle Swerdlin

So. 5-7 West Morris Mendham/Chester, NJ

2006: Led the team with 79 receptions... Ranked second on the team with 75 assists... Tallied 171 kills.

Personal: Daughter of Eric and Hallie, Brielle is majoring in health studies- occupational therapy.



13 Melissa Austin

So. 5-5 Beaver River/Castorland

2006: Played in all 102 Pioneer games... Ranked second on the team with 311 digs and 72 receptions... Tallied 219 kills.

Personal: Daughter of Kevin and Sharlene Austin, Melissa is a health studies-physical therapy major.



16 Alyssa Sadallah

So. 5-9 New York Mills/New York Mills

2006: Played 99 games for the Pioneers... Totaled 54 digs, 34 kills and 21 assists.

Personal: Daughter of Frederick and Andrea Sadallah, Alyssa is a management major.

ASSISTANT COACH REBECCA FLETCHER

Rebecca Fletcher enters her second season as the assistant coach of the Utica College women's volleyball team.

Fletcher received her bachelor's degree in biology from Washington and Jefferson College in 2006. A four-year standout volleyball while at Washington and Jefferson, She compiled more than 1,000 career kills, was twice named to the All-Conference team, and was named Freshman of the Year following her first collegiate season.

A three-sport athlete at Penns Manor Area High School in Clymer, PA, Fletcher participated on the volleyball, basketball, and track teams. She was named to the All-State Honorable mention and All-District VI First Teams as a senior on the volleyball team. A native of Indiana, PA, Fletcher currently resides in Utica.





2007 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
8/31	Oneonta Tournament	Away	TBA
9/1	Oneonta Tournament	Away	TBA
9/5	Cazenovia	Home	7:00 p.m.
9/8	SUNYIT	Away	TBA
9/8	Keuka	Home	TBA
9/14	Union Tournament	Away	4:00 p.m.
9/15	Union Tournament	Away	10:00 a.m.
9/17	Cazenovia	Away	7:00 p.m.
9/19	Hamilton	Away	7:00 p.m.
9/22	Hartwick	Away	12:00 p.m.
9/22	Alfred *	Away	2:30 p.m.
9/23	RIT *	Away	12:30 p.m.
9/23	St. John Fisher*	Away	3:00 p.m.
9/28	Hartwick Tournament*	Away	4:45 p.m.
9/29	Hartwick Tournament*	Away	10:00 a.m.
10/1	SUNYIT	Home	7:00 p.m.
10/3	Oneonta State	Away	6:00 p.m.
10/12	Oswego Tournament	Away	12:00 p.m.
10/13	Oswego Tournament	Away	10:00 a.m.
10/17	Oswego State	Home	7:00 p.m.
10/20	Nazareth *	Away	2:30 p.m.
10/20	Elmira*	Away	7:30 p.m.
10/21	Ithaca *	Away	12:30 p.m.
10/21	Stevens Institute *	Away	3:00 p.m.
10/24	Russell Sage	Home	7:00 p.m.

*Empire 8 Conference