



2006 – 2007

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
11/2	Thurs.	Toronto	Home	7:00 PM
11/15	Wed.	Oswego State	Away	7:00 PM
11/18	Sat.	Chatham	Home	4:00 PM
11/19	Sun.	Chatham	Home	1:00 PM
11/21	Tues.	Cortland State	Home	7:00 PM
12/2	Sat.	Plattsburgh State	Away	3:30 PM
12/3	Sun.	Plattsburgh State	Away	3:00 PM
12/7	Thurs.	Hamilton	Home	7:00 PM
12/30	Sat.	St. Michael's Tournament vs. Colby	Away	4:00 PM
12/31	Sun.	St. Michael's Tournament Finals	Away	1:00 PM/ 4:00 PM
1/2	Tues.	Williams	Home	2:00 PM
1/6	Sat.	New England	Home	4:00 PM
1/13	Sat.	Elmira	Away	7:00 PM
1/14	Sun.	Elmira	Away	2:00 PM
1/17	Wed.	Cortland State	Home	7:00 PM
1/20	Sat.	Middlebury	Home	4:00 PM
1/24	Wed.	R.I.T.	Away	7:00 PM
1/27	Sat.	Wesleyan	Away	3:00 PM
1/28	Sun.	Amherst	Home	2:00 PM
2/6	Tues.	Hamilton	Away	7:00 PM
2/10	Sat.	Buffalo State	Home	7:00 PM
2/11	Sun.	Buffalo State	Home	2:00 PM
2/16	Fri.	Neumann	Away	7:00 PM
2/17	Sat.	Neumann	Away	2:00 PM
2/24	Sat.	Oswego State	Home	4:00 PM
2/25	Sun.	Oswego State	Home	4:00 PM



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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	Dave Clausen
Assistant Coaches	Melissa Lomanto Jack Kane
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Head Coach

Dave Clausen begins his sixth season as head coach at UC after leading the Pioneers to ECAC West playoff berths in each of his first five seasons. Clausen led the team to a program-best 18-7-2 record and an appearance in the ECAC West championship game in 2005-06. The Pioneers ended the season ranked No. 9 nationally by U.S. College Hockey Online, marking the first time the team finished the season ranked in the top 10 nationally. Clausen came to Utica from Brunswick, ME, where he was the assistant coach at Bowdoin College. In that position, he helped lead the program to its fifth consecutive post-season appearance and a top 10 national ranking. Clausen was previously an assistant coach at Hamilton College and Maine Maritime Academy. During his three years as an assistant coach at Hamilton, Clausen played a major role in the team's transition from a small club to a nationally competitive varsity program.

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



2006 Results

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Toronto%	L	3-4	Neumann*	W	5-1
Castleton State	W	3-0	Chatham*	W	7-0
RPI	L	0-3	Chatham*	W	9-1
Cortland*	W	2-1 (OT)	St. Olaf	W	8-2
Plattsburgh*	L	1-3	New England	L	3-4
Plattsburgh*	L	2-3	Hamilton	T	1-1
Hamilton	W	5-2	Buffalo State*	W	9-0
Colby**	W	5-1	Buffalo State*	W	3-0
Neumann**	L	1-2	Amherst	W	3-1
Lake Forest	W	4-0	Bowdoin	W	4-3
Wesleyan	W	10-1	ECAC West semi-	W	4-1
RIT	W	3-2	Finals vs. Elmira***		
Elmira*	W	5-2	ECAC West	L	0-4
Elmira*	L	0-4	Championship		
Cortland*	W	6-1	vs. Plattsburgh***		
Neumann*	T	4-4			

% Exhibition

* ECAC West Conference Game

** Saint Michaels Tournament (Burlington, VT)

*** ECAC West Conference Tournament



Overview

The Utica College women's ice hockey team returns 20 letter-winners from last season's team that closed out the season ranked No. 9 nationally. The Pioneers fought their way into the ECAC West Conference championship game and narrowly missed their first-ever bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"I have set one goal for our team this year," said coach Dave Clausen. "We want to win the ECAC West Conference championship."

The Pioneers ended the 2005-06 season with a program-best 18-7-2 record. UC had just three regular-season ECAC West losses, two of which came at the hands of national powerhouse Plattsburgh.

The top 12 scorers will return along with seven defensemen and both goalies.

"With the number of veteran players returning, hopefully we have the maturity to play well every game," said Clausen. "Last year we played well most of the time, but had two or three off games that cost us at the end of the season. This year we have the maturity to play with confidence against the top teams in the country."

The team's talent and leadership justify the high expectations. Captain **STEPHANIE PRICE** returns for her senior campaign and is the team's emotional leader, "She has led both by example and vocally since she arrived on campus as a freshman," said Clausen, who has compiled a 70-51-8 record in five years. "Not only do the players on our team recognize her leadership ability, but so do coaches from every team in our league."

Senior **JILL NOLAN** is returning to the Pioneers after being selected as a first team All-American last season. Nolan was one of only three forwards and the only non-senior to be selected. **DEANA WIEGAND**, a 2005-06 All-ECAC West First Team and ECAC West Player of the Week selection, led the team in points (42) and assists (25), and finished second in the conference in both categories.

"I think we have a fast team with a lot of scoring potential, a veteran core of defensemen, and great goaltending," said Clausen. "We should be a fun team to watch with the speed and skill we have. If we can stay focused, healthy, and enthusiastic we should compete for the league title."

Senior **AMANDA FINKLE** will be looked to on the front line for leadership and great stick-handling skills. Finkle is one of the purest passers in Division III.

Sisters and linemates **CORTNEY** and **KELLY BILLS** add speed and stick-handling to the offense. Older sister **CORTNEY BILLS** appeared in all 27 contests and collected 18 points on 10 goals and eight assists last season. Senior **KATIE MOSS** will help add strength and a good shot to an already potent offense. Moss had three goals and three assists last year.

ASHLEY KAUFMAN, who is also a stand-out goalie for the Pioneers soccer team, and **KELLI VOSSLER** will anchor a strong defense along with two-time All-ECAC selection **COURTNEY BANK**. Junior **LAURA SCHNITKER** and sophomore **AMANDA MCDONNELL** will also see plenty of ice time on defense.

In net, **STEPHANIE YATES** and **ALEX TALBOTT** give Utica experience and leadership. Yates was named as an All-ECAC West Honorable Mention selection and named ECAC West Goalie of the Week twice during the 2005-06 season. Her .925 save percentage placed her second in the conference, while her 2.05 goals-against average was third-best.

New to this year's team is freshman goalie **JILL DOHERTY**. Doherty is a big, athletic goalie with plenty of experience. That experience includes being invited to the USA Hockey Jr. National Camp. Forward **KRISTINA REEVES** is a hard worker on the ice and great hockey sense. Forward **ANDREA MAXON** is strong on her feet and has great puck skills, while sophomore transfer **JESS**

LECLERC comes to Utica from the University of Maine and will add depth to the defense.

This may very well be one of the best teams Clausen has ever put on the ice and there are several reasons why.

"Before the season starts I can say that I will be proud of this team day in and day out. I feel like I know the players on our team work hard. They skate hard every day in practice, they study on the bus going to and coming home from games. They identify themselves as Utica College hockey players. They take pride in their success both in the classroom and on the ice. Because of that I couldn't be more proud of this group."

Roster

#	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	HOMETOWN/LAST TEAM
1	ALEX TALBOTT	G	SR	5-4	Rochester/Rochester Edge
2	AMANDA FINKLE	F	SR	5-4	Milford, MI/Little Caesars (MI)
3	LAURA SCHNITKER	D	JR	5-7	Laramie, WY/Clarkson University
4	ANDREA MAXON	F	FR	5-2	Canton/ North Country Ice Storm
6	KELLI VOSSLER	D	SR	5-5	Saranac Lake/National Sports Academy
7	SAMANTHA ROWAN	F	SO	5-2	Trenton, MI/Belle Tire (MI)
8	LINDSAY PEMBLE	F	SR	5-5	Pittsfield, MA/Connecticut Polar Bears (CT)
9	CORTNEY BILLS	F	SR	5-4	Penfield, NY/Clarkson University
10	DEANA WIEGAND	F	SR	5-3	Utica, MI/Belle Tire (MI)
11	ASHLEY KAUFMAN	D	JR	5-6	Enfield, CT/Northern Lights (CT)
12	KELLY BILLS	F	JR	5-2	Penfield /Rochester Edge
13	AMANDA MCDONNELL	D	SO	5-6	Sagamore Beach, MA/Portsmouth Abby (RI)
14	KATIE MOSS	D	SR	5-6	Rochester/Rochester Edge
16	STEPHANIE PRICE	F	SR	5-6	River Rouge, MI/Little Caesars (MI)
17	JESSICA LECLERC	D	SO	5-7	Maine, Orono, ME/Augusta (ME)
19	COURTNEY BANK	D	SR	5-6	Saginaw, MI/Belle Tire (MI)
21	JILL NOLAN	C	SR	5-5	Labrador, Newfoundland/Clarkson University
22	SARAH PERNAK	F	SO	5-2	Livonia, MI/Belle Tire (MI)
24	AMANDA TODD	D	SO	5-7	Lancaster/Nichols School
25	KRYSTAL CUMMINGS	F	SO	5-5	Victor/Victor
26	KRISTINA REEVES	F	FR	5-4	Pascoag, RI/ Kents (ME)
29	STEPHANIE YATES	G	SR	5-4	Garden Grove, CA /California Selects (CA)
31	JILL DOHERTY	G	FR	5-9	Wellesley, MA/Kents (ME)

Player Showcase



KELLI VOSSLER

SENIOR
DEFENSE
SARANAC LAKE, NY

2005-06: Collected eight points on eight assists...ECAC West All-Academic Team.

2004-05: Named as an ECAC West All-Conference Honorable Mention...Selected to the ECAC West All-Academic Team.

2003-04: Collected eight points on two goals and six assists.

PERSONAL: The daughter of Carol and David Vossler, Kelli is a communication arts major.



AMANDA FINKLE

SENIOR
FORWARD
MILFORD, MI

2005-06: ECAC West Honorable Mention...Placed in the top 10 in the conference in total points, tallying 28 points on 10 goals and 18 assists.

2004-05: 14 points on four goals and 10 assists.

PERSONAL: Amanda is the daughter of Janice and Steve Finkle and is an economic crime investigation major.



STEPHANIE YATES

SENIOR
GOALIE
GARDEN GROVE, CA

2005-06: Named as an All-ECAC West Honorable Mention selection...Named ECAC West Goalie of the Week twice during the season...Posted a 13-7-2 overall record with 557 saves and two shut outs in 22 starts...Her .925 save percentage placed her second in the ECAC West Conference, while her 2.05 goals against-average was third-best in the conference.

2004-05: Posted a 3-1-0 overall record in seven appearances, collecting 76 saves for a save percentage of .916 and a goals against average of 1.81.

2003-04: Posted a 1.75 goals against-average and a .920 save percentage on 114 saves...Recorded a 3-2-0 overall record, with one shutout.

PERSONAL: The daughter of Mary and Robert Yates, Stephanie is a management major



DEANA WIEGAND

SENIOR
FORWARD
UTICA, MI

2005-06: Selected to the All-ECAC West First Team... Named ECAC West Player of the Week for the week ending January 22...Led the team in points (42) assists (25), and finished second in the ECAC West Conference in both categories ...Collected 17 goals, including three game winners.

2004-05: Selected to the ECAC West All-Conference Second Team...Collected a team-best 25 points on 13 goals and 12 assists.

2003-04: Named ECAC West Rookie of the Year...Selected to the All-ECAC West First Team...Selected to the ECAC West All-Rookie Team...Finished with 25 goals and 28 assists for 53 total points, placing her in a tie for second in the nation for individual points on the year.

PERSONAL: The daughter of Theresa and Kim Wiegand, Deana is a therapeutic recreation major.



STEPHANIE PRICE

SENIOR
FORWARD
RIVER ROUGE, MI

2005-06: Collected 23 points on 13 goals and 10 assists in 20 games.

2004-05: Selected to the ECAC West All-Conference Second Team...Collected 21 points on eight goals and a team-best 13 assists in 24 games.

2003-04: Appeared in all 27 games ... Collected 44 points on 14 goals and 30 assists.

PERSONAL: The daughter of Barbara and Edward Price, Stephanie is a health studies/physical therapy major.

Assistant Coach

Melissa Lomanto, who returns for her second season as assistant coach, is one of the five original Pioneer players 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. Her main responsibilities include recruiting and assisting with the everyday operations of the program.

