



## 2007-2008 Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
11/16	Fri.	Southern Vermont %	Clark Athletic Center	8:00 p.m.
11/17	Sat.	Championship/ Consolation Game %	Clark Athletic Center	1/3:00 p.m.
11/27	Tue.	Hamilton	Scott Field House	7:00 p.m.
11/30	Fri.	Ithaca*	Ben Light Gymnasium	6:00 p.m.
12/01	Sat.	Elmira *	Murray Athletic Center	2:00 p.m.
12/04	Tue.	Cazenovia	Clark Athletic Center	6:00 p.m.
12/07	Fri.	Nazareth *	Clark Athletic Center	6:00 p.m.
12/08	Sat.	R.I.T.*	Clark Athletic Center	2:00 p.m.
12/10	Mon.	Union	Clark Athletic Center	6:00 p.m.
01/04	Fri.	Elmira*	Clark Athletic Center	6:00 p.m.
01/05	Sat.	Ithaca *	Clark Athletic Center	2:00 p.m.
01/08	Tue.	Oneonta State	Dewar Arena	6:00 p.m.
01/13	Sun.	Stevens Institute*	Canavan Arena	2:00 p.m.
01/18	Fri.	Hartwick*	Binder Physical Education Center	6:00 p.m.
01/22	Tue.	Oswego State	Ziel Gymnasium	6:00 p.m.
01/25	Fri.	Alfred *	McLane Center	6:00 p.m.
01/26	Sat.	St. John Fisher*	Manning & Napier Varsity Gym	2:00 p.m.
02/01	Fri.	Hartwick *	Clark Athletic Center	6:00 p.m.
02/05	Tue.	Potsdam State	Clark Athletic Center	6:00 p.m.
02/09	Sat.	R.I.T. *	Clark Gymnasium	2:00 p.m.
02/12	Tue.	SUNYIT	SUNYIT Gymnasium	7:00 p.m.
02/15	Fri.	Nazareth *	Kidera Gymnasium	6:00 p.m.
02/17	Sun.	Stevens Institute *	Clark Athletic Center	2:00 p.m.
02/22	Fri.	St. John Fisher *	Clark Athletic Center	6:00 p.m.
02/23	Sat.	Alfred University *	Clark Athletic Center	2:00 p.m.

% Utica Tip-Off Tournament  
\* Denotes Empire 8 Conference

# GENERAL INFORMATION

QUICK FACTS	
Location	Utica, NY
Founded	1946
Enrollment	3000
Nickname	Pioneers
Colors	Orange and Blue
Stadium	Harold T. Clark Jr. Athletic Center
Capacity	2,000
Affiliation	NCAA Division III and ECAC
Conference	Empire 8
President	Dr. Todd Hutton
Athletic Director	Jim Spartano
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ATHLETIC TRAINING	
Head Trainer	Dan Sheffer
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RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS							
#	PLAYER	POS	YR	GP	PTS	AVG	RBS
4	Jessica Snyder	F	SO	27	152	5.6	121
12	Laura Keating	G	SR	27	344	12.7	118
21	Karen Crisanti	G/F	SR	27	219	8.1	184
22	Mallory Davis	G	JR	27	386	14.3	103
24	Danielle Moore	G	SO	13	12	0.9	103
25	Kristen Vasta	G	SR	27	74	2.7	53
31	Dana Danziger	G	SR	27	184	6.8	73

COACHING STAFF	
Head Coach,	Michele Davis
Record at Utica:	8 Years, 100-78
Basketball Office Phone	(315) 792-3052
Best Time To Reach Phone	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
ASSISTANT COACH	
Assistant Coach	Amy Johnson
TEAM INFORMATION	
2006-07 Overall Record:	18-9
Home	9-5
Away	8-3
Neutral	1-1
LETTER WINNERS RETURNING	LETTER WINNERS LOST
7	1
STARTERS RETURNING - (POS/HT/YR)	
#12 Laura Keating	(G/5-7/SR)
#21 Karen Crisanti	(G/F/5-11/SR)
#22 Mallory Davis	(G/5-8/JR)
#31 Dana Danziger	(G/5-3/SR)

# HEAD COACH MICHELE DAVIS



Michele Davis is entering her eighth season as head coach of the women's basketball team. Last season Davis led the Pioneers to an 18-9 record, including a 10-4 conference mark. UC made it to the Empire 8 Conference Tournament semifinals, where they fell to Ithaca College. The Pioneers were then selected to play in the ECAC Upstate Championships, where they lost in the first round to William Smith.

Davis was elevated to head coach in the fall of 2000 after serving as the team's assistant coach for two years. She also had served as an assistant coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). Recent achievements include being named the 2004-2005 WBLA/Russell Athletic Division III Region II Coach of the Year and 2002-2003 Empire 8 Coach of the Year.

Prior to becoming a coach, Davis had a successful athletic career beginning at Herkimer County Community College (HCCC), where she was the two-time Region III Player of the Year and a two-time All-American. She became the Generals all-time leading scorer for men and women's basketball and the 1995 Female Athlete of the Year at HCCC. She also holds several national junior college scoring records. Her career continued at Division II SUNY Albany, where she holds school records for scoring, three pointers, and blocked shots.

Davis earned an associate's degree from HCCC in humanities in 1995 and a bachelor of arts degree in English and History from SUNY Albany in 1997. She resides in New Hartford.

## 2007-2008 ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	YR	HT	HIGH SCHOOL/HOMETOWN
3	Jessica Snyder	F	SO	6-0	Jordan-Elbridge/Elbridge
5	Tonya Kauffman	F	FR	5-8	Elizabethtown Area/Elizabethtown, PA
11	Devon Croll	G	FR	5-4	Vernon-Verona-Sherril/Vernon
12	Laura Keating	G	SR	5-7	Horseheads/Whitesboro
15	Casey Orlando	C	FR	5-11	Haddon Heights/Haddon Heights, NJ
20	Janelle Nixon	F	FR	5-8	Middletown/Middletown
21	Karen Crisanti	G/F	SR	5-11	Geneva/Geneva
22	Mallory Davis	G	JR	5-8	Rockville/Vernon-Rockville, CT
24	Danielle Moore	G	SO	5-9	Marylawn of the Oranges/East Orange, NJ
25	Kristen Vasta	G	SR	5-8	Lenox/Lenox, MA
31	Dana Danziger	G	SR	5-3	Point Pleasant/Point Pleasant, NJ
33	Jess Berry	F	SO	5-10	Rome Free Academy/Rome
35	Monique Sidberry	F/G	FR	5-6	The Mary Louis Academy/Valley Stream
44	Stephanie Nara	G	FR	5-6	Governor Thomas Johnson/Frederick, MD
55	Andrea Reese	G	FR	5-5	Park School of Buffalo/Lancaster

# OVERVIEW

## 2006-2007 RESULTS

Opponent	Result	Score
Cazenovia	W	66-58
SUNYIT	W	53-41
Union	W	67-58 OT
Hamilton	L	76-77 OT
Cazenovia	W	81-51
Southern Vermont	W	86-49
Oswego State	L	51-66
SUNYIT	W	67-57
Clarkson	W	57-45
Hartwick	W	68-59
Oneonta State	L	53-64
Elmira	L	58-71
Ithaca	L	60-78
Alfred	W	79-69
St. John Fisher	W	66-59
Russell Sage	W	68-44
R.I.T.	W	56-48
Nazareth	W	77-56
Hartwick	L	64-69
Ithaca	W	75-56
Elmira	L	62-87
Nazareth	W	82-56
R.I.T.	W	83-53
St. John Fisher	W	65-55
Alfred	W	69-64
Ithaca	L	68-79
William Smith	L	54-67



The Utica College women's basketball team is coming off yet another successful season, after posting an 18-9 overall record in 2006-07, and appearing in the Empire 8 Conference Tournament for the third consecutive season. The Pioneers earned a bid to the ECAC Upstate Championships, and finished the regular season with a 10-4 conference record, good for a second place tie.

The Pioneers will be missing a key component from last season as they head into preseason this year. That key is Empire 8 Conference Player of the Year Ava Thomas, who played three seasons for the Pioneers, tallying 1,112 career points and 831 rebounds.

"Ava is an irreplaceable player on the court because of how she forced double teams, created open shots, and rebounded," says head coach Michele Davis, who recorded her 100th career win last season. "Not to mention she could score around the basket with anyone in the nation."

Still, the Pioneers have had one of their most promising recruiting classes in years and return a wealth of viable scoring and defensive options. Those options include senior point guard **Dana Danziger**, senior forward **Karen Crisanti**, senior shooting guard **Laura Keating**, junior utility guard **Mallory Davis**, and senior shooting guard **Kristen Vasta**.

Danziger, who has seen considerable minutes for the past three seasons, returns for her senior campaign as the floor general. Last season she averaged nearly seven points per game and a team-high 4.4 assists. She also proved she is a perimeter threat, shooting 38 percent from behind the arc. Senior classmate Karen Crisanti has the mentality of a shooting guard with the



height of a power forward. She can hit from the outside when she gets a good look, and at 5-foot-11 she usually over matches opposing defenders on the glass.

Keating and Davis are an excellent one-two guard combo with similar traits on the court. They both have exceptional speed and ball handling ability, with the major difference being Davis' knack for scoring in traffic, compared to the unmatched outside shot possessed by Keating.

Another excellent scoring threat for the Pioneers will be senior guard and two-sport athlete **Kristen Vasta**, who averaged 3.0 points and 2.0 rebounds off the bench last season. She can drive the lane, shoot from the outside, and may fight for a starting spot this season. The Pioneers also return sophomore guard **Danielle Moore**, who saw limited action off the bench last year. She has progressed nicely in the off-season and hopes to be a strong contributor in her second season.

"We have an exciting and quick team with some good outside shooters," says Davis. "One of our biggest voids to fill will be an inside presence, and hopefully some of our younger players can fill that void."

Vying for that spot down low will be sophomore forward **Jessica Snyder**, sophomore transfer **Jess Barry**, and freshmen **Casey Orlando**, **Janelle Nixon**, and **Tonya Kauffman**. Snyder started 16 games last season, and averaged nearly 6.0 points and 5.0 rebounds. Barry hopes to make an immediate impact after recovering from knee surgery. She has excellent touch around the hoop for a 5-foot-10 player, and is scouted as one of the more athletic forwards in the conference.



The Pioneers also brought in four talented guards, including highly-touted recruit **Devon Croll**. Croll is joined by **Stephanie Nara**, **Andrea Reese**, and **Monique Sidberry**. They all hope their success in high school can transfer to the collegiate level.

"From top to bottom we have a strong team with loads of potential," says Davis. "To reach that potential we are going to have to play smart basketball and work hard every day."





**Laura Keating**

12 G SR 5-7 Whitesboro, NY

**2006-2007:** Named UC Female Athlete of the Week once during the season ... Started in 21 contests ... Averaged 12.7 points, 4.4 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game ... Shot 42 percent from the field and 36 percent from three-point range while leading the team in three pointers made (42) ... On Jan. 13, Keating scored 23 points, while grabbing eight rebounds in the Pioneers' 78-60 loss to Ithaca.

**Personal:** Laura is the daughter of Mary Keating, and is pursuing a degree in health studies ... She is also a member of the women's lacrosse team. Her brother John is an assistant coach on the men's lacrosse team and a 2007 graduate of Utica College.



**Kristen Vasta**

25 G SR 5-8 Lenox, MA

**2006-2007:** Averaged 2.7 points and two rebounds per game, while playing in all 27 contests ... Shot 30 percent from the field ... On Feb. 10, Vasta scored 11 points and collected seven rebounds, both career highs, in the Pioneers' 83-53 win over R.I.T.

**Personal:** Kristen is a 2003 graduate of Lenox Memorial High School and the daughter of Deb and Sal Vasta ... She is a transfer from Eastern Nazarene Junior College, where she played soccer and was named Commonwealth Coast Conference Rookie of the Year in 2003 ... She is pursuing a degree in management ... She is also a member of the UC women's soccer team.



**Karen Crisanti**

21 G SR 5-11 Geneva, NY

**2006-2007:** Averaged 8.1 points and 6.8 rebounds, good for second best on the team, per game while starting all 27 contests ... Shot 33 percent from the field ... On Dec. 3, Crisanti collected a double-double by scoring 15 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in the Pioneers' 81-51 win over Cazenovia.

**2005-2006:** Averaged 5.9 points and 4.8 rebounds-per-game while participating in all 27 contests.

**2004-2005:** Averaged 1.2 points-per-game in 11 Pioneer contests.

**Personal:** Karen is the daughter of Debra and Wylie Crisanti, and she is pursuing a degree in accounting. She is also a member of the Utica volleyball team.



**Mallory Davis**

22 G JR 5-9 Vernon-Rockville, CT

**2006-2007:** Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference Second Team and was selected as the UC Female Athlete of the Week twice during the season ... Averaged 14.3 points, 3.8 rebounds, 2.2 assists, and 1.9 steals per game ... On Jan. 27, Davis scored 31 points and collected nine rebounds in the Pioneers' 77-56 win over Nazareth.

**Personal:** Mallory is a 2005 graduate of Rockville High School, and she is the daughter of Seanne Morris and Michael Davis ... She is pursuing a degree in sociology.



**Dana Danzinger**

31 G SR 5-3 Point Pleasant, NJ

**2006-2007:** Named UC's representative as the Empire 8 Sports-woman of the Year ... Averaged 6.8 points, 2.7 rebounds, and a team-high 4.4 assists while starting all 27 contests ... Shot a team-best 38 percent from three-point range ... On Feb. 9, Danzinger scored 10 points while dishing out nine assists in the Pioneers' 82-56 win over Nazareth ... She recorded double-digit points in seven games, including a season-high 16 points on 4-of-7 shooting in the Pioneers' 79-69 win Jan. 9 over Alfred.

**2005-2006:** Averaged 4.1 points and a team-best 4.1 assists in 26 contests ... Ranked third on the team in minutes averaging 33 per game ... Led the team with 107 assists ... Tallied a season-high eight points and added five assists in a Nov. 19 win over Lehman.

**2004-2005:** Averaged a team-best 3.5 assists to go along with 3.8 points and 1.7 steals per game in 26 contests ... Played in all but one game as a freshman, including 19 starts ... Led the team with 92 assists.

**Personal:** Dana is the daughter of Deborah and Robert Danzinger, and she is pursuing a degree in mathematics.

**ASSISTANT COACH AMY JOHNSON**

Amy Johnson enters her first season as assistant coach of the Utica College women's basketball program. She comes to UC after spending the past four years at Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, PA. Johnson received a bachelor's degree in mathematics in May 2007.

Johnson was a four year starter in field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. As a forward on the field hockey team she was not only the leader in points her senior year but was named MVP in 2004, 2005, and 2006. She was an honorable mention All-Centennial Conference choice in both 2003 and 2005 with a second team choice in the '06 season. As a four-year starter in basketball, Johnson became Bryn Mawr's all-time leading scorer last February as she netted 15 points in her final game against McDaniel College giving her 1,296 career points. Johnson received the Outstanding Player Award in both her junior and senior seasons. She received an honorable mention All-Centennial Conference choice in her junior season and was named team captain in her junior and senior seasons. Johnson kept busy in the spring as a four-year starting defender for the Bryn Mawr Owls women's lacrosse team. She was named team captain in her senior season, and received the Centennial Conference Sportsmanship Award in her junior season.

Johnson was a 2003 graduate of Bernards High School in Bernardsville, NJ where she played field hockey, basketball, and softball. Johnson resides in Utica.

