



2008 Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
03/17-3/20	Mon.-Thu.	TBA	Ft. Pierce, FLA	TBA
04/02	Wed.	Hamilton ^	Royce Baseball Field	4:00 pm
04/05	Sat.	Ithaca *	Freeman Field	1:00 pm
04/06	Sun.	Ithaca *	Freeman Field	1:00 pm
04/08	Tue.	Oswego ^	Utica College Baseball Field	4:00 pm
04/12	Sat.	Stevens *	Utica College Baseball Field	1:00 pm
04/13	Sun.	Stevens *	Utica College Baseball Field	12:00 pm
04/15	Tue.	Hamilton ^	Utica College Baseball Field	4:00 pm
04/16	Wed.	SUNYIT	Utica College Baseball Field	2:00 pm
04/19	Sat.	RIT *	RIT Baseball Field	1:00 pm
04/20	Sun.	RIT *	RIT Baseball Field	1:00 pm
04/23	Wed.	Oneonta	Utica College Baseball Field	2:00 pm
04/26	Sat.	St. John Fisher *	Utica College Baseball Field	1:00 pm
04/27	Sun.	St. John Fisher *	Utica College Baseball Field	12:00 pm
04/30	Wed.	Cazenovia	Utica College Baseball Field	2:00 pm

* Indicates Empire 8 Conference

^ Denotes Single 9-inning game (Otherwise, games listed are double-headers)



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GENERAL INFORMATION

QUICK FACTS

Location	Utica, NY
Founded	1946
Enrollment	3,000
Nickname	Pioneers
Colors	Orange and Blue
Stadium	Utica College Baseball 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 - 2007 SEASON

#	PLAYER	POS	YR	GP	AVG	RBI	HITS
6	Kelvin Cabrera	OF	JR	23	.319	9	22
31	Mike Bizzari	1B	JR	23	.250	11	16
12	Richard Hamlin	OF	JR	18	.242	1	15
24	Adam Keller	OF	JR	22	.235	6	16

PITCHERS

#	PLAYER	YR	APP	W-L	IP	SO	ERA
32	Mike Sadallah	SO	6	0-3	20.0	8	5.27
30	Joe Hillman	FR	5	1-2	14.2	5	7.64
19	Brandon Jacobson	SR	9	0-3	18-0	13	10.11

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach, Alma Mater, Yr.	Shaun Caveny (Utica College, '06)
Record at Utica	1st Year
Overall Record	1st Year
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ASSISTANT COACH

Assistant Coach, Alma Mater, Yr	Geoff Stewart (Utica College, '07)
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TEAM INFORMATION

2007 Overall Record:	5-18
Home	0-8
Away	1-5
Neutral	4-5

LETTER WINNERS RETURNING

21	7
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LETTER WINNERS LOST

STARTERS RETURNING - (POS/HT/WT/YR)	
Kelvin Cabrera	(2B/6'0/SR)
Richard Hamilin	(OF/5'8/SR)
Scott Tagliaferri	(INF/5'10/SR)
Adam Keller	(OF/5'9/SR)
Adam Groomes	(OF/6'3/SR)

HEAD COACH SHAUN CAVENY



Shaun Caveny enters his first season as the head coach of the Utica College baseball team. He will be responsible for all facets of the baseball program.

Caveny graduated from Utica College in May of '06 with a bachelor's degree in health studies and was named head coach in the fall of 2007. He spent the spring 2007 season as the assistant coach for the Pioneers.

In his playing days, Caveny improved in each of his four seasons with the Pioneers and was named Empire 8 All-Conference Honorable Mention for his accomplishments throughout his senior campaign. He led the team in appearances his final season (17) and tallied a

career-best 3-2 record with 17 strikeouts in 29 innings. In four seasons, primarily as a middle reliever, he pitched 49 and 1/3 innings tallying 35 strikeouts and one save.

Originally from Ganonda, Caveny currently resides in Utica, NY.

2007 RESULTS

Opponent	W/L	Score
Colby Sawyer College	L	0-4
Colby Sawyer College	W	10-2
Mount Aloysius	W	8-6
Mount Aloysius	L	2-11
Vassar College	W	6-2
Vassar College	W	4-2
Rhode Island College	L	7-14
Rhode Island College	L	0-8
Cortland State	L	1-13
Rochester Inst Tech.	L	3-4
Rochester Inst Tech.	L	1-4
Ithaca College	L	7-12
Ithaca College	L	1-29
Ithaca College	L	3-10
Ithaca College	L	0-6
St. Lawrence University	L	3-20
Rochester Inst Tech.	L	3-6
Rochester Inst Tech.	L	3-4
St. John Fisher College	W	5-2
St. John Fisher College	L	3-18
St. John Fisher College	L	5-13
St. John Fisher College	L	2-9
Oneonta State	L	8-12



OVERVIEW



After a weather-shortened 2007 season when the Utica College baseball team finished with a 5-18 record, the Pioneers will look to senior leadership in order to get the program back on track.

The Pioneers return nine seniors including infielder **Kelvin Cabrera** and relief pitcher **Brandon Jacobsen**. Cabrera, an Empire 8 All-Conference honorable mention last season, led the team with 14 runs scored and was third on the team in hitting with a .319 batting average. Jacobsen led the team with 13 strikeouts in nine appearances on the mound.



Mark Bosco, Kevin McCormick, and Mike Sadallah will look to anchor the Pioneer starting rotation. Bosco had a promising fall last year but was unable to play due to injury. His return this year will improve the Pioneer pitching staff significantly. McCormick, who graduated from Notre Dame High School, has a solid fastball and

quality off-speed pitches. He will look to bounce back from a sub-par season last year. Sadallah, a junior, hopes to find the success he enjoyed as a freshman. In his freshman campaign he went 4-2 with two shutouts and a team-best 3.86 ERA. Sadallah, a crafty southpaw who gets a lot of groundballs, has arguably the best pickoff move in the conference.

"Our pitching staff is anchored by a great group of senior leaders, but we also have some promising young prospects," says

first year Head Coach **Shaun Caveny**. "The younger members of the staff will be called upon to contribute in some key contests this season."

Rich Hamlin, Adam Keller, and Adam Groomes will patrol the Pioneer outfield. Hamlin played error free ball last season and was also fifth on the team with a .242 batting average. Keller adds great speed and a powerful arm. He

was also a perfect 5-for-5 in stolen bases last season. Groomes committed only one error and led all UC outfielders with four assists. He started the season red hot, leading the team in hitting after their spring break trip to Florida with a team-high .364 batting average.

"Our outfield has a lot of speed and can cover a lot of ground," says Caveny. "Their quickness will allow us to take away a lot of hits which will take pressure off of our pitching staff."

The Pioneers lost their number one pitcher **Corey Rando**, as well as first team all-conference infielder **John Tine** to graduation. Both players leave big shoes to fill but the Utica incoming freshman class is the best it has been in years. **Justin Engelhardt** and **Andrew Diaz** give Utica depth in the field and quickness on the base paths. **Sean Fisher** and **Chris Pallas** will be called upon to step right in and fill the pitching void left by Rando.

Shaun Caveny is now the team's head coach after he spent one year as an assistant to recently departed Evan Buckalew. Caveny played four years for the Pioneers as a relief pitcher. In his senior season he was named Empire 8 All-Conference Honorable Mention and graduated in the spring of 2006 with a degree in health studies.



After a stellar senior season, where he was named to the Empire 8 All-Conference Second Team, Geoff Stewart will be the team's new assistant coach. Last season Stewart was second on the team in hitting with a .347 average, and led the team with nine doubles. He was the Pioneers everyday catcher for three seasons. In his career he batted .383, drove in 48 runs, and tallied nine home runs.

"We are a young team that will look to its seniors for guidance," says Caveny. "With 17 freshmen on our roster, the future of this

program is very bright. We face a difficult Empire 8 Conference schedule as well as a tough non-conference schedule, but the high level of competition will give the younger guys valuable experience. Geoff and I expect a very successful 2008 season."



2008 ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	WT.	H.S./HOMETOWN
1	Charlie Cumella	INF	FR	5-6	150	Ridgefield Memorial/Ridgefield, NJ
2	Andrew Diaz	INF	FR	5-9	155	LaSalle Academy/Brooklyn
4	Derrick Ellis	LHP	SO	5-10	175	Perry/Perry
5	Steve Liberto	INF	JR	5-11	170	Johnstown Senior/Johnstown
6	Sean Fisher	P	FR	6-1	180	Walton Central/Walton
8	Shawn Mix	P	FR	6-1	150	Lansing/Lansing
10	Mark Bosco	RHP	SR	6-0	180	Bishop Ludden/Baldwinsville
12	Richard Hamlin	OF	SR	5-8	160	Cicero N. Syracuse/Cicero
13	Mike Gibbons	RHP	SO	6-0	165	Waterville/Waterville
14	Dan Bittel	C	FR	5-11	195	Northwestern Region/New Hartford, CT
15	Kelvin Cabrera	INF	SR	5-11	190	Hoboken/Hoboken, NJ
16	Daniel Kreisler	LHP	SR	5-10	235	Elmira Southside/Elmira
18	Kevin McCormick	P	SR	6-0	195	Notre Dame/New Hartford
19	Brandon Lynch-Jacobson	P	SR	6-2	185	Ithaca/Ithaca
20	Anthony DiSalvo	INF	FR	5-11	160	Washingtonville/Washingtonville
21	Adam Bittel	INF	FR	5-10	215	Northwestern Region/New Hartford, CT
22	Scott Tagliaferri	INF	SR	5-8	175	Rome Free Academy/Rome
23	Justin Engelhardt	OF	FR	5-9	155	Owen J. Roberts/Pottstown, PA
24	Adam Keller	OF	SR	6-0	185	Rome Free Academy/Lee Center
25	Adam Groomes	OF	SR	6-2	185	Hoboken/Hoboken, NJ
26	Russ Haentges	U	SO	6-1	195	Attica/Cowlesville
29	Robert Knights	OF	FR	5-11	183	LaSalle Academy/Brooklyn
31	Mike Bizzari	INF	SR	6-0	180	Auburn/Auburn
32	Mike Sadallah	LHP	JR	6-0	195	New Hartford/New Hartford
34	Steve Furlong	C	FR	6-1	175	Cicero-North Syracuse/North Syracuse
39	Chris Hine	INF	FR	5-9	190	Brick/Brick, NJ
42	Chris Pallas	P	FR	6-0	190	Rome Catholic/Rome
46	Joe Hillman	LHP	SO	6-0	190	Slate Hill/Slate Hill

PLAYER SHOWCASE



Richard Hamlin

SR OF 5-8 165 Cicero, NY

2007: Started in 18 contests for UC and went 15 for 62 for a .242 batting average ... Tallied two doubles and one RBI while grabbing two stolen bases ... Went 2-for-3 from the plate and added a stolen base in the Pioneer's 10-2 win over Colby-Sawyer (3/12/07) ... Went 3-for-3 at the plate against Ithaca College, and scored two runs in a 10-3 loss (4/22/07).

2006: Went 29-for-91 at the plate for a .319 batting average ... Collected 14 runs, 11 RBI, three doubles and two triples in 30 contests.

2005: Collected four hits, three RBI, two runs and one homerun in 12 contests.

Personal: The son of Mona and Richard Hamlin Sr. ... He is currently pursuing a degree in economic crime investigation.



Scott Tagliaferri

SR INF 5-10 175 Rome, NY

2007: Tallied nine hits and drew five walks in 13 games ... Recorded a .304 on base percentage ... Went 1-for-2 from the plate, drew a walk and scored two runs in the Pioneer's 4-3 loss against RIT at DeLutis Field (4/25/07).

2006: Started all 31 contests...Batted .283 while collecting 30 hits, 13 runs, seven RBI, five doubles and one stolen base.

2005: Went 12-for-39 at the plate for a .308 batting average, while collecting six RBI, six runs and one double in 14 contests.

Personal: The son of Michele and Asher Sinclair ... Scott is currently pursuing a degree in communications.



Kelvin Cabrera

SR 2B 6-0 175 Hoboken, NJ

2007: He started all 23 games and recorded a .319 batter average, where he tallied 22 hits, four doubles, nine RBIs, and stole three bases ... Awarded honorable mention by the Empire 8 and was UC's representative for Sportsman of the Year ... Went 2-for-3 from the plate and had an RBI as well as two runs scored and was hit by a pitch in the Pioneer's 4-0 loss at Colby-Sawyer (3/12/07) ... Went 1-for-3 at the plate, tallied two RBI's and walked once in a 6-3 loss against RIT (4/25/07).

Personal: The son of Ramon and Santa Cabrera, Kelvin is a liberal arts major.



Kevin McCormick

SR P 6-3 210 New Hartford, NY

2007: In four appearances for UC tallied six strikeouts ... Started in two of the four games and had a season-high of two strikeouts in both starting appearances ... Gave up one run in two innings pitched against national powerhouse Cortland State (3/28/2007) ... Went 0-2 on the mound with a 16.80 ERA ... Gave up 30 hits and 24 earned runs and allowed seven extra base hits in his first season with the Pioneer's.

Personal: The son of Rose and Kevin McCormick, Kevin is an english major ... He is a transfer from Union College where he played on the baseball team.



Adam Groomes

SR OF 6-3 215 Hoboken, NJ

2007: Started in 18 of 19 games he played in, and had 11 hits, six RBIs and scored seven runs in his first season with the Pioneer's. ... He went 3-for-4 from the plate, had three RBI's, and three runs scored as well as a stolen base in a 4-0 loss against Colby-Sawyer (3/12/07) ... He also went 3-for-3 from the plate against Vassar and scored two runs in a 4-2 victory (3/14/07).

Personal: The son of Edward, Adam is currently pursuing a degree in accounting.

ASSISTANT COACH GEOFF STEWART

Geoff Stewart is entering his first season as the assistant coach for the Utica College baseball team. His main responsibilities include assisting in the day to day operations in the baseball office as well as recruiting.

Stewart graduated in 2007 from Utica College with a degree in history. He caught for the baseball team for three years and spent one season playing defensive end on the UC football team. His career stats included a .383 batting average (93-for-243), while scoring 51 runs and 48 RBI. He also tallied 25 doubles, nine home runs, three stolen bases and one triple in 73 games for the Pioneer's. In 2007 he was named to the Empire 8 All-Conference Second Team after hitting a team-best nine doubles, and ranked second on the team in batting with a .347 average (25-for-72) with nine RBI.

Geoff graduated from Whitesboro High School in 2003 where he was a member of the baseball and football teams. He currently resides in Utica, NY.

