

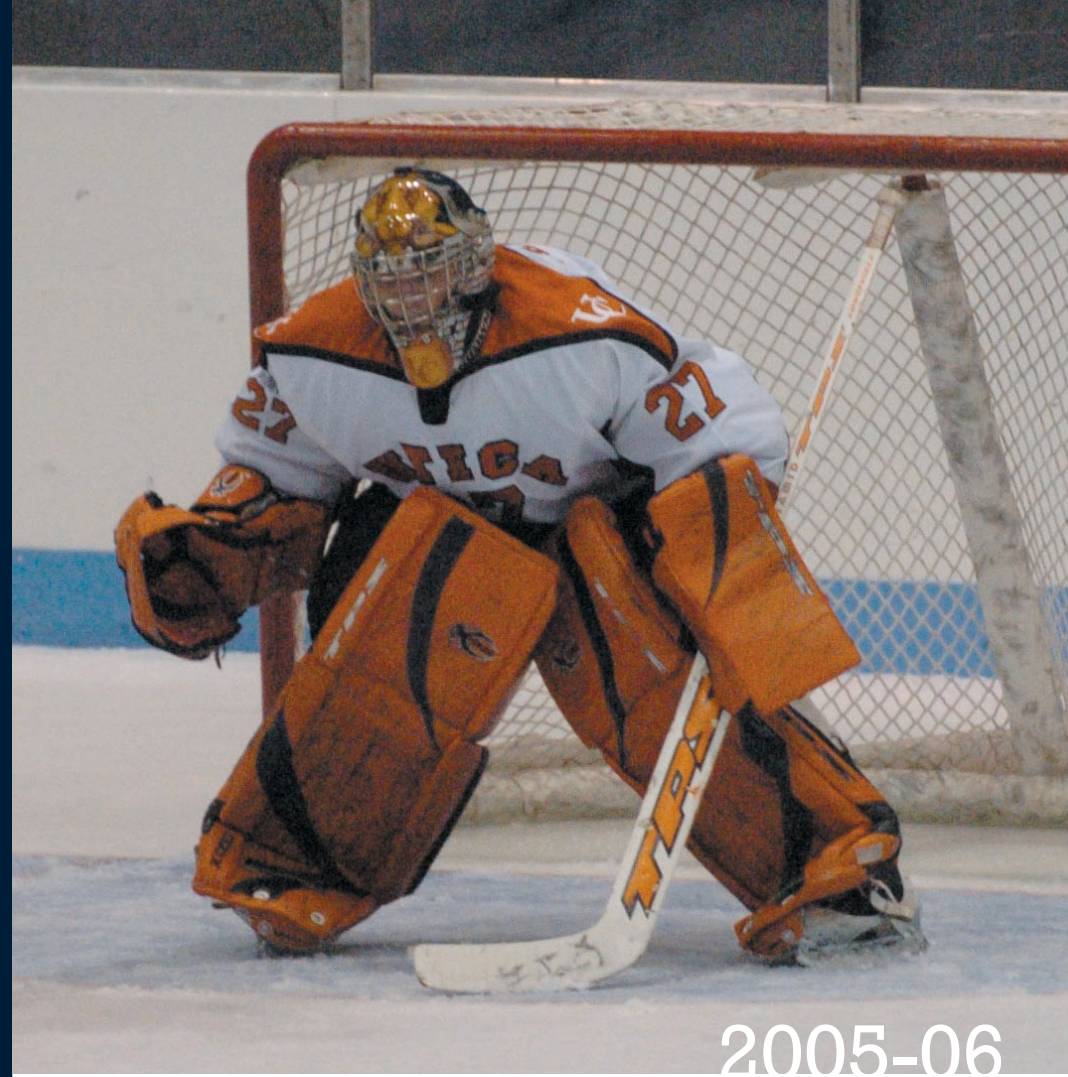
2005-06 SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
10/15	Sat.	Queens#	Away	4:00 PM
10/16	Sun.	Potsdam#	Away	7:00 PM
10/21	Fri.	Oswego State	Home	7:00 PM
10/22	Sat.	Oswego State	Away	7:00 PM
11/4	Fri.	Hobart*	Home	7:00 PM
11/5	Sat.	Elmira*	Home	7:00 PM
11/18	Fri.	Neumann*	Away	7:00 PM
11/19	Sat.	Lebanon Valley*	Away	7:00 PM
12/6	Tues.	Hamilton	Home	7:00 PM
12/9	Fri.	Hamilton	Away	7:00 PM
12/30	Fri.	Johnson & Wales~	Away	4:00 PM
12/31	Sun.	Neumann	Away	1:00 PM/4:00 PM
1/6	Fri.	Neumann*	Home	7:00 PM
1/7	Sat.	Neumann*	Home	7:00 PM
1/10	Tues.	Fredonia State	Home	7:00 PM
1/14	Sat.	Fredonia State	Away	7:00 PM
1/17	Tues.	Cortland State	Home	7:00 PM
1/20	Fri.	Elmira*	Away	7:00 PM
1/21	Sat.	Elmira*	Away	7:00 PM
2/3	Fri.	Manhattanville*	Home	7:00 PM
2/10	Fri.	Hobart*	Away	7:00 PM
2/11	Sat.	Hobart*	Away	4:00 PM
2/17	Fri.	Lebanon Valley*	Home	7:00 PM
2/18	Sat.	Lebanon Valley*	Home	7:00 PM
2/24	Fri.	Manhattanville*	Away	7:00 PM
2/25	Sat.	Manhattanville*	Away	7:00 PM

* ECAC West League Game

Potsdam Tournament (Potsdam, NY)

~ St. Michael's Tournament (Burlington, VT)



MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

UTICA
ATHLETICS



QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Utica, NY
FOUNDED	1946
ENROLLMENT	2,650
PRESIDENT	Todd S. Hutton, Ph.D.
NICKNAME	Pioneers
COLORS	Blue/Orange
AFFILIATION	NCAA Division III
CONFERENCE	ECAC West
HOME ARENA	Utica Memorial Auditorium
CAPACITY	4,000

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH	Gary Heenan (Hamilton, '97)
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GARY HEENAN

Gary Heenan was hired as the first head coach of the Utica College men's ice hockey program in the summer of 2000. He has since instilled commitment and a sense of unity in his team on and off the ice by preaching work ethic and community service. A model of determination and tireless effort, Heenan has showcased a penchant for detail and planning.

A four-year letter winner and all-star defenseman at Hamilton College (1994-1997), Heenan played one year of professional hockey in the first division of the Austrian National League (1997-98). He joined the coaching profession the following year as an assistant coach at Brockport (1998-99). Heenan returned to his alma mater for the 1999-2000 season as an assistant coach under his former college coach, Hamilton head coach Phil

Grady. In the off-season, Heenan has been the director of the Hamilton College Hockey School, a position he has held since 1997, and a director and instructor of Cavanagh's Development Hockey Program.

In 2005, Heenan was named ECAC West Coach of the Year and U.S. College Hockey Online Division III East Region Coach of the Year, and was selected as a finalist for the Edward Jeremiah Award, which is presented to the Division III men's hockey national coach of the year.

Heenan also currently serves as co-head coach of the Utica College golf team.

Heenan earned a bachelor's degree in international relations and economics from Hamilton College in 1997 and currently resides in Clinton, NY.



2004-05 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score				
1/6/05	@ York (ex)	W	4-3				
1/8/05	@ Ottawa (ex)	W	4-3				
1/15/05	@ Fredonia State	L	3-4				
1/18/05	@ Cortland State	T	1-1 (OT)				
1/22/05	Fredonia State	T	1-1 (OT)				
1/29/05	@ Lebanon Valley*	W	2-1				
2/11/05	RIT*	W	6-2				
2/12/05	@ Hobart*	W	3-1				
2/18/05	Manhattanville*	W	5-4				
2/19/05	Lebanon Valley*	W	4-2				
2/25/05	@ Neumann*	T	6-6 (OT)				
2/26/05	@ Manhattanville*	W	5-1				
3/4/05	Elmira College%	W	4-3 (2OT)				
3/6/05	Manhattanville%	L	1-3				
10/15/04	Royal Military (ex)	T	4-4 (OT)				
10/22/04	Oswego State	L	4-7				
10/23/04	@ Oswego State	L	3-5				
10/30/04	@ Potsdam State	W	4-3				
11/5/04	Elmira*	W	9-8				
11/6/04	@ RIT*	L	1-2				
11/12/04	Hobart*	T	3-3				
11/20/04	Johnson & Wales	W	5-0				
11/23/04	Wentworth IT	W	2-1				
12/3/04	Neumann*	W	4-2				
12/4/04	@ Elmira*	W	6-2				
12/7/04	@ Hamilton	W	4-3				
12/11/04	Potsdam State	T	5-5 (OT)				
12/30/04	Wesleyan*	W	4-1				
12/31/04	@ Plattsburgh State#	W	2-1				
1/4/05	Hamilton	T	2-2 (OT)				

* ECAC West Conference Game
Cardinal Classic at Plattsburgh
% ECAC West Championship

OVERVIEW

Defending the 2004-05 ECAC West Hockey League regular-season championship won't be an easy task.

Utica College head coach Gary Heenan wouldn't have it any other way.

"We're going to have nine freshmen – almost half of our team – in uniform every night. We don't have a single senior in the lineup. We have a power play unit that has four freshmen on it. Those are the challenges," says Heenan, the 2004-05 ECAC West Coach of the Year and a finalist for the Edward Jeremiah Division III national coach of the year award.

"Every game is going to be a battle for us because of our youth and our inexperience in key situations. But that's precisely what we've done as a program from day one: we've battled. We won 10 games (in 2001-02) as a first-year program, playing with an all-freshman roster in the toughest conference in the country. We won a championship in only our fourth year. So, are there going to be challenges this year? Absolutely. But, as a program, we haven't known it any other way."

The on-ice orientation of nine first-year skaters and two rookie backup goaltenders is necessitated by the graduation of 13 seniors from last year's 16-5-6 team, including 2005 All-American and ECAC West Player of the Year Jimmy Sokol '05. In Sokol (13 goals), Jon Ames '05 (16 goals), and Ryan Dolan '05 (14 goals), UC has lost nearly half of its offensive production to graduation.

However, Heenan insists the 2005-06 Pioneers will score goals. "Our goals will come because we have goal scorers."

Many of those goal scorers will come from this year's recruiting class, which Heenan says unequivocally is his deepest in talent yet. "Because of the success of our program we were able to recruit the better student-athlete," he says. "This freshman class is highly talented, highly skilled."

Bryce Dale and **Colin Kingston** will provide goal-scoring and playmaking ability to the Pioneers' offensive attack. They will be paired with veterans **Nick Lynch**, the 2004-05 ECAC West Rookie of the Year, **Phil Boots**, **Jared Allison**, and **Joe Watson** on UC's top two lines and power play unit. Heenan believes healthy seasons from Allison and Watson, who each missed significant time due to injury last season but project as point-per-game players, and the return of Lynch, who will miss the start of this season after sustaining an injury in pre-season practice, will help compensate for the lost production of last year's senior class.

Kevin Krogol, **T.J. Schneider**, **Doug Gebbie**, and **Derek Gulizia** will provide valuable scoring depth.

In fact, in time, Heenan predicts this year's team may be his most explosive yet. "As far as a base skill set, we're better," he says. "Our team speed is awesome. Every one, right away, is going to say, 'This team is fast.'"

However, the team's strength will be its defense, especially with 2005 ECAC West All-League First Team goaltender **Adam Dekker** in net.

"He's the staple of our team back there," Heenan says of his 6-foot-3 netminder. "When we make a mistake as a young team, we're going to be able to get away with it many times because we have Adam Dekker."

Team captains **Randy Bauer**, **Gregg Johannesen**, and **Tony Wiseman** will anchor the defense, while newcomers **Tiger Marcotte** and **Josh Merson** will provide an offensive flare that the UC blue line has not seen before.

Although Heenan anticipates up and downs with his young team in the season's first half, he is unwilling to concede the goals he and his players have for the program.

"It's a reloading year," he says. "We don't like that word 'rebuild.' The good programs reload, they don't rebuild."

"Our goal is to make the playoffs and win the postseason this year. Where our program is, we need to be in the playoffs every year; that's our goal. I think with what we brought in it will take some time, but in the second half we hope to be in a position to beat the better teams in the country."

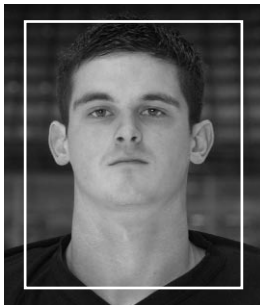
But again, it won't be easy, Heenan says, pointing to the league competition.

"Manhattanville went to the national tournament last year, and they have 12 seniors returning this year. With the recruiting class that Neumann brought in, they're going to be competing for a (playoff) spot. Lebanon Valley is used to winning championships; they have a tradition they can lean on. Hobart and Elmira reload every year. It's as hard as it gets."

2005-06 ROSTER

#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos	Yr	Hometown/Last Team
3	RANDY BAUER	6-0	186	D	JR	Gibsonia, PA/Pittsburgh (NAHL)
4	ROB HODNICKI	6-1	185	D	FR	Allen Park, MI/SOO Indians (NAHL)
5	WADE COLLINS	5-11	183	D	FR	Corinth, NY/Capital District (EJHL)
6	TONY WISEMAN	5-11	204	D	SO	White Lake, MI/Cleveland Barons
7	TIGER MARCOTTE	5-8	175	D	FR	L'Anse, MI/Cleveland (NAHL)
9	COLIN KINGSTON	6-1	175	F	FR	Vail, CO/Springfield Jr. Blues (NAHL)
10	BRYCE DALE	5-10	195	F	FR	Fresno, CA/Williams Lake (BCHL)
11	VINNY RINALDI	6-0	180	F	SO	Norwood, NJ/Salisbury School (Prep)
12	KEVIN KROGOL	5-11	205	F	JR	Livonia, MI/Soo Indians (NAHL)
13	ZACH FLORA	5-10	180	F	FR	Monroeville, PA/Boston Harborwolves (EJHL)
14	JARED ALLISON	5-11	195	F	SO	Blairsville, PA/Cleveland (NAHL)
15	PHIL BOOTS	5-11	195	F	JR	Cornwall, NY/National Sports Academy
16	STEVE NUTTY	5-10	200	F	JR	Whitesboro, NY/Whitesboro HS
19	DEREK GULIZIA	6-0	200	F	FR	Nashua, NH/NE Huskies (EJHL)
21	NICK LYNCH	6-2	200	F	SO	Buffalo, NY/Capital District (EJHL)
22	T.J. SCHNEIDER	6-4	200	F	FR	Spring City, PA/La Ronge Ice Wolves (SJHL)
23	JOE WATSON	6-2	220	F	SO	St. Louis, MO/Toledo Ice Diggers (NAHL)
24	BRYAN SOBONYA	6-2	195	F	SO	Haymarket, VA/Capital District (EJHL)
25	GREGG JOHANNESSEN	6-3	225	D	SO	Kalamazoo, MI/Wexford Raiders (OPJHL)
26	JOSH MERSON	6-1	210	D	FR	Hanover, MD/North Bay Skyhawks (NOJHL)
27	ADAM DEKKER	6-3	205	G	SO	Muskegon, MI/Soo Indians (NAHL)
28	DOUG GEBBIE	5-10	176	F	FR	Frisco, TX/Helena Bighorns (NAHL)
29	JON STARR	5-10	165	G	FR	Grosse PT, MI/Brantford (MWJHL)
31	ANDREW PATE	6-0	195	G	JR	Spokane, WA/Port Alberni (BCHL)

PLAYER SHOWCASE



Name: RANDY BAUER - CAPTAIN

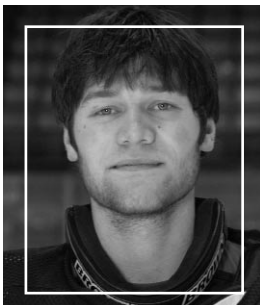
JUNIOR **DEFENSEMAN** **GIBSONIA, PA**

HEENAN: "Randy has great vision coming up the ice as a defender. He demonstrates great character and has earned the players' respect."

2004-05: Randy saw action in 26 games as he recorded three points on three assists.

2003-04: Appeared in 26 games and tallied four points on four assists.

Personal: A criminal justice major, Randy is the son of Andrea and Ray Bauer.



Name: ADAM DEKKER

SOPHOMORE **GOALTENDER** **MUSKEGON, MI**

HEENAN: "Adam became the force we needed in the net last season. A huge kid that can win games on his own."

2004-05: ECAC West Goalie of the Year...collected 658 saves and posted a .913 save percentage while recording a 14-4-6 overall record.

Personal: Adam is the son of Shari and Dan Dekker and has an undeclared major.



Name: NICK LYNCH

SOPHOMORE **FORWARD** **BUFFALO, NY**

HEENAN: "Nick is very explosive and has a cannon of a shot. He should be a premier player in the league."

2004-05: ECAC West Rookie of the Year...one of the top scorers for the Pioneers as a freshman, collecting 26 points on 13 goals and 13 assists.

Personal: Nick is a business management major and is the son of Loreen and John Lynch.



ASSISTANT COACHES



JASON LEFEVRE

Jason Lefevre is in his first season as the Assistant coach of the Utica men's ice hockey team after spending nearly four years as an Assistant coach and English teacher at Salisbury High School. He was a four-year letter winner at Colgate University where he was a stand-out goalie and earned his bachelor's degree in English. Originally from Rome, N.Y., he moved to Lakeville, CT in 1998 to pursue his ice hockey career at The Hotchkiss School, where he earned Most Valuable Player honors two consecutive years. Jason will be responsible for coaching the defensive players and recruiting.



GEOFF NOYES

Geoff Noyes joined Utica's coaching staff in 2000 and proved instrumental to head coach Dave Clausen's and the women's ice hockey team's recruiting efforts for several seasons. The 2003-04 season marked a changed for Noyes, however, as he moved from an assistant position on the women's team to an opening under head coach Gary Heenan on the men's side. Noyes has earned a master's level coaching certificate from USA Hockey and has previously coached AAA summer teams in Toronto and Ottawa. He has also served as a head coach at various levels in the New Hartford (NY) Youth Hockey program.

BOB SEWARD

GOALTENDER COACH

Seward returns to the Pioneer coaching staff as consultant for the team's goaltenders. Seward's collegiate career consisted of two seasons of competition at Mohawk Valley Community College and two seasons at Quinnipiac College, where he was named ECAC South Rookie of the Week twice, ECAC Player of the Month, and selected to the ECAC All-Star First and Second Teams (1991-92, 1992-93). He has also gained playing experience overseas with teams in Switzerland, France and Germany, and at the professional level locally as a member of the Utica Bulldogs, Utica Blizzard, and the Mohawk Valley Prowlers.