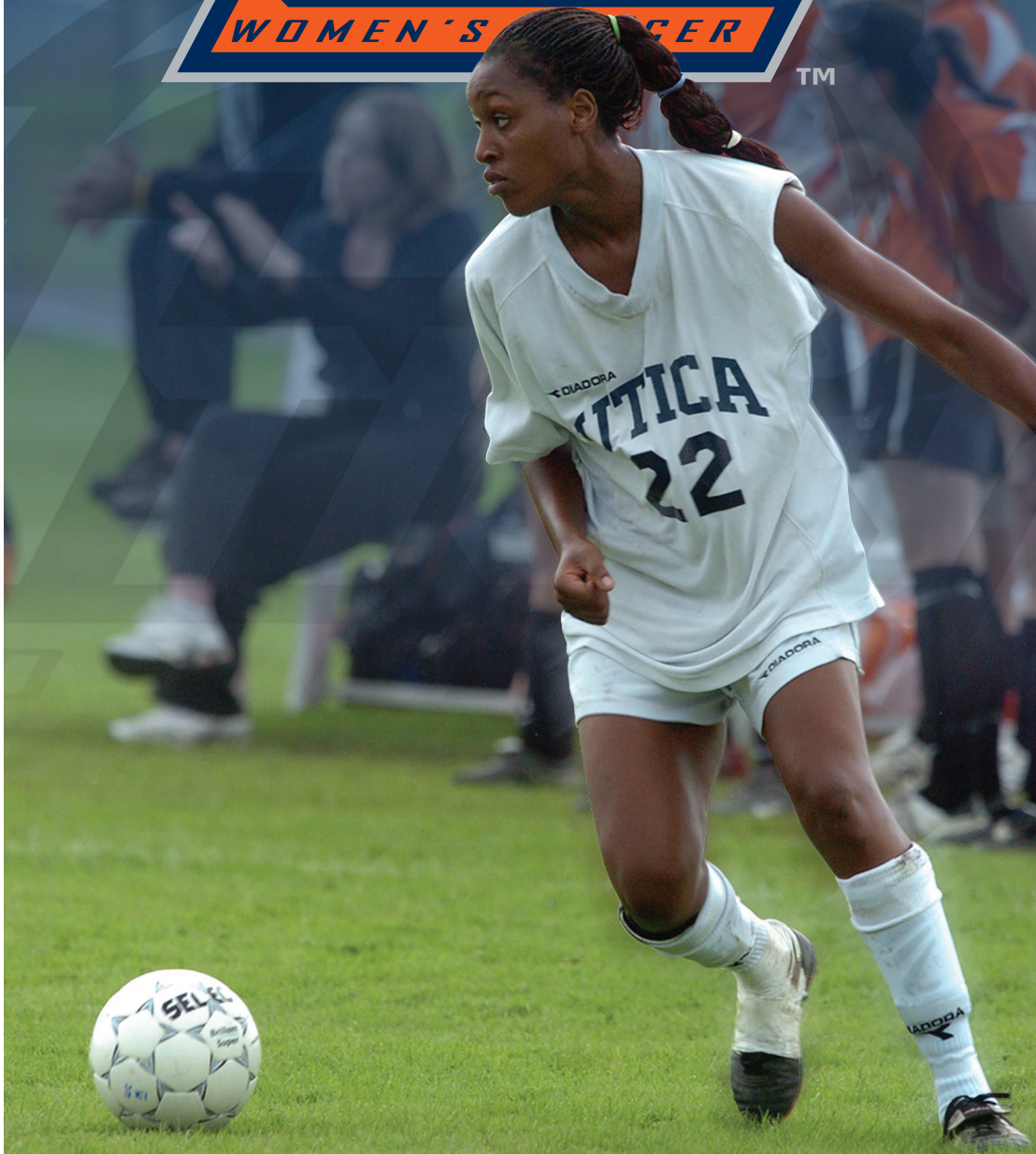


# UTICA

WOMEN'S SOCCER

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2007 MEDIA GUIDE

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## QUICK FACTS

Location	Utica, NY
Founded	1946
Enrollment	3,000
Nickname	Pioneers
Colors	Orange and Blue
Stadium	Charles A. Gaetano Stadium
Surface	Field Turf
Capacity	1,200
Affiliation	NCAA Division III and ECAC
Conference	Empire 8
President	Dr. Todd Hutton
Athletic Director	Jim Spartano

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### ASSISTANT COACH

Assistant Coach	Jamie Ross (Toccoa Falls College '06)
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## 2006 RESULTS

Opponent	Result	Score
Clarkson +	L	1-2
St. Lawrence +	W	2-1
Potsdam State	W	4-1
SUNYIT	W	6-0
Nazareth *	W	2-0
Wells	W	4-0
RIT *	L	0-1
Elmira *	W	4-0
Hartwick *	L	0-1
St. John Fisher *	W	2-1
Hamilton	T	0-0
Skidmore	L	0-2
Union	L	2-3
Alfred	W	2-1
Ithaca *	L	0-2
Vassar	L	3-4
RIT ♦	W	1-0
Nazareth ♦	L	1-2
Vassar ^	W	3-2
Skidmore ^	W	3-1
William Smith ^	L	0-0 (3-0 PK)

\* Empire 8 Conference

♦ Empire 8 Conference Championships

^ ECAC Upstate Championships

# HEAD COACH CLAIRE MCLAIN

Claire McLain is entering her fifth season as head coach of the Utica College women's soccer team.

McLain played soccer at the University of New England, where she earned the Coaches Award in 1998 and 1999 and served as team captain in 1999. The Oneida, NY native spent three seasons as the Odyssey Sport head soccer coach and two seasons as an assistant women's soccer coach at her alma mater.

In 2006, she led UC to its first-ever Empire 8 Conference Championship finals and to within one victory of an NCAA Tournament berth. She guided the 2005 Pioneers to the NYSWCAA Championship and an ECAC Tournament bid. In four seasons as the head coach of the Pioneers, she has compiled a 41-25-6 overall record.

A 2000 graduate of the University of New England, McLain earned a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology.



## ROSTER

#	NAME	YEAR	POSITION	HOMETOWN
1	Ashley Kaufman	SR.	Goal Keeper	Enfield, CT
2	Jenna Kondelka	SR	Midfielder	Bloomingsburg, NY
3	Amber Comeau	FR	Midfielder	Medford, MA
4	Guerlyne Guercy	FR	Midfielder	Thiells, NY
5	Logan Campbell	FR	Forward	LaPlume, PA
6	Kathryn Greene	SO	Back	Latham, NY
7	Amanda Lauze	SR	Midfielder	Berlin, MA
8	Jenna Lapham	SR	Midfielder	Cazenovia, NY
10	Kristen Vasta	SR	Midfielder	Lenox, MA
11	Olivia Schanz	SO	Midfielder	Lancaster, PA
12	Sarah Richards	SR	Midfielder	Stafford, CT
13	Kelly Regan	JR	Back	Massapequa, NY
14	Tessa Lesar	SR	Midfielder	Mechanicville, NY
15	Danielle Smith	SO	Forward	Verona, NY
16	Kaitlyn Russell	SO	Back	Guilderland, NY
17	Emily Young	FR	Midfielder	Lowville, NY
18	Ashley Granger	JR	Forward	Sutton, MA
19	Monique Schneeberger	FR	Back	Lowville, NY
20	Ashley Smith	JR	Midfielder	Verona, NY
21	Tory Ferlo	FR	Back	Rome, NY
22	Joanne Gueverra	SR	Back	Marshfield, MA
23	Jennifer Woldow	SO	Forward	Absecon, NY
24	Samantha Lawrie	FR	Forward	East Sandwich, MA
25	Ashley Weeks	SO	Back	Clinton, NY

## OVERVIEW

Since taking over the program four seasons ago, head coach Claire McLain has guided the Pioneers to consistent winning seasons, including consecutive postseason appearances in 2005 and 2006. After narrowly missing opportunities for the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament berth and Empire 8 title, her Pioneers enter 2007 with high expectations.



"Postseason experience is a key to any good team, and our team has plenty of it," McLain says. "We're hungry for success."

The Pioneers return 7 starters and 10 seniors from last year's team. The senior class of **Ashley**

**Kaufman, Jenna Kondelka, Amanda Lauze, Jenna Lapham, Sarah Richards, Christine Fullerton, JoAnna Guevrra, Tessa Lessar, Kristen Vasta, and Stephanie Martin** represents a talented core.

"Our strength will be in the backfield with **Ashley Kaufmann**, and **JoAnne Guevrra**, returning. But overall I feel we have a well

balanced team at both ends of the field," McLain says. "Our seniors are going to have to step up and play like they are capable because the Empire 8 Conference is especially competitive this season."

Kaufman provides an outstanding backstop in net. An outstanding all-around athlete, she recorded six shutouts and a 1.02 goals-against average in 18 starts in 2006, earning Empire 8 Goalie of the Week honors on two occasions.

Helping out Kaufman on defense will be Guevrra and junior **Kelly Regan**. Guevrra earned E8 All-Conference First Team and d3kicks.com New York Region Third Team honors last season, and is generally responsible for locking down the opponents' top offensive players. Regan started all 21 games last year, and assisted on one goal.

The Pioneers are deep at the midfield position. Richards, a 2006 E8 All-Conference Honorable Mention selection, tallied nine points on three goals and three assists last season. Lapham started 15 games in 2006, tallying three points on one goal and one assist. Sophomore **Kathryn Greene**, who played in 20 games last year, will be asked to step in and fill a void left by graduated senior **Tessa Malcarne**. Junior **Ashley Smith** will also get her fair share of opportunities in the middle after tallying one goal and one assist in 18 games last year.





The Pioneers will also return their top two scorers in junior **Ashley Granger** and sophomore **Danielle Smith**. Granger, an All-Conference selection in each of her first two seasons, has led the team in goals scored the past two seasons. Smith,

the reigning E8 Rookie of the Year, tallied six goals and 19 points during a freshman season that was cut short due to injury. She provides outstanding ball-handling ability as well as breakaway speed and an excellent shot.

Senior **Kristen Vasta** provides additional scoring ability. She netted three goals and tallied four assists in 2006, but has the ability to lead the team in scoring if the situation called for it.

McLain is just as excited about the incoming freshman class, featuring **J.J. Guercy** and **Amber Comeau** among other talented newcomers.

"Offensively, we are a bit young, but the talent level is very high," McLain says.

The team's experience, talent, and confidence notwithstanding, the task ahead is great, especially with a demanding Empire 8 schedule looming", McLain says.

"Every year Ithaca and Nazareth seem to be the biggest games for us, but this season it is even more difficult because of the addition of Stevens Institute," she says. "It will be harder than ever to make the conference tournament, and we will have to bring our 'A' game to the table day in and day out – particularly in conference play."



## 2007 TEAM



# PLAYER SHOWCASE



## **1 Ashley Kaufmann**

GK Sr. 5-6 Enfield/Enfield, CT

**2006:** Played in 19 games, starting 18... Twice named UC Female Athlete of the Week... Empire 8 All-Conference First Team selection... Tallied 104 saves, and recorded a .846 save percentage... Posted a 9-7-1 record with six shutouts.

**2005:** Posted a 12-5-0 record and .825 save percentage, and recorded six shutouts... Named Empire 8 Goalie of the Week for the week ending September 4.

**2004:** Posted a 3-3-1 and .839 save percentage, and recorded with four shutouts... Recorded an .840 goals-against average in 17 games.

**Personal:** Also a member of the UC women's ice hockey and softball teams... The daughter of Ken and Theresa Kaufman, Ashley is a management major.

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## **22 Joanne Gueverra**

D Sr. 5-9 Marshfield/Marshfield, MA

**2006:** Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference First Team... Started all 21 games... Tallied one assist.

**2005:** Recorded one assist in 14 games.

**2004:** Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference Second Team... Appeared in 14 games.

**Personal:** The daughter of Josephine and Johnathan Gueverra, Joanne is a public relations major.

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## **18 Ashley Granger**

F Jr. 5-4 Sutton/Sutton, MA

**2006:** Started all 20 games for UC... Named to the Empire 8 All-Conference Second Team... Led the Pioneers in points (20) Tallied team-high ten goals, good for third in the conference... Tallied two goals on three different occasions... Netted two goals in the Pioneers victory over conference rival Elmira College (9/27/06)

**2005:** Played in 17 games... Named Empire 8 All-Conference Honorable Mention... Collected 19 points on a team-high nine goals and one assist... She netted a career-high three goals in the Pioneers' 7-0 win over Wells College (9/21/05)... Tallied at least four points on three different occasions... Netted three games-winning goals, including the lone goal in a 1-0 victory over host Hamilton College (10/11/05).

**Personal:** The daughter of Stephanie and Paul Granger, Ashley is an accounting major.



### **10 Kristen Vasta**

F Sr. 5-8 Lenox/Lenox, MA

**2006:** Started every game for the Pioneers... Collected 10 points on three goals and four assists... Scored the game-winning goal in the Pioneers' 3-2 double overtime win against Vassar in ECAC Championships.

**Personal:** The daughter of Deb and Sal Vasta, Kristen is a management major. She is also a member of the UC women's basketball team



### **12 Sarah Richards**

M Sr. 5-3 Stafford/Stafford, CT

**2006:** Earned Empire 8 Honorable Mention honors... Collected nine points on three goals and three assists in 21 games.

**2005:** Collected two points on two assists in 10 games.

**2004:** Collected three points on one goal and one assist in 16 games.

**Personal:** The daughter of Sandra and Michael Richards, Sarah is a public relations/journalism major.

## **ASSISTANT COACH JAMIE ROSS**

Jamie Ross is entering his second season as the assistant coach of the Utica College women's soccer team. Ross, a 2006 graduate of Toccoa Falls College, spent four years as the girl's varsity soccer coach at Lenox High School, where he guided his team to two Western Massachusetts Division III Championships. He also served as the Westfield State College assistant men's soccer coach in 2005.

He received both his advanced national diploma and his national goalkeeper diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. He was a three-sport athlete at Toccoa Falls, where he was a striker on the soccer team, a point guard on the basketball team, and an infielder for the baseball squad. Originally from Lenox, MA, he currently resides in Utica.





## 2007 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/01	Clarkson +	Away	3:30 p.m.
9/2	St. Lawrence +	Away	12:00 p.m.
9/10	SUNY IT	Home	4:00 p.m.
9/12	Hartwick *	Home	7:00 p.m.
9/19	Elmira *	Home	7:00 p.m.
9/22	Alfred *	Away	4:00 p.m.
9/27	Wells	Home	4:00 p.m.
9/29	Union	Away	1:00 p.m.
10/6	St. John Fisher *	Away	1:00 p.m.
10/7	RIT *	Away	12:00 p.m.
10/10	Skidmore	Home	7:00 p.m.
10/13	Hamilton	Away	1:00 p.m.
10/20	Stevens Institute	Home	10:00 a.m.
10/24	Ithaca *	Away	3:30 p.m.
10/27	Nazareth *	Home	2:00 p.m.

\* Empire 8 Conference

+ Roger Williams Tournament