

EMMANUEL COLLEGE WOMEN'S LACROSSE



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Season Preview

Emmanuel College has newly introduced women's varsity lacrosse to the Saints' athletic programs. The team competed at the club level in the spring of 2010, in preparation for its inaugural varsity season in 2011. This new athletic program will be the 16th varsity sport for the college, after the addition of men's golf last year. Emmanuel will also add men's lacrosse in 2012.

"The decision to add varsity women's lacrosse has been a very exciting one for the college and the athletic department," said Director of Athletics and Recreation Pam Roecker.

The team will be led by Head Coach Amanda Laws and will call the new turf at Roberto Clemente Field home for the spring season. Laws comes to Emmanuel with a wealth of coaching experience at a variety of levels. She most recently served as an Assistant Coach at UNH, where she helped lead the Wildcats to two America East Tournament appearances.

Coach Laws has brought in a talented group of young recruits, who will compliment the veteran club players, as the Saints make their varsity debut. Emmanuel will compete in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference this spring. The winner of the GNAC Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Saints will play a twelve-game schedule in 2011, hosting six contests at Clemente Field and playing six road games.

Home Field



Roberto Clemente Field

HOME FOR THE WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

During the summer of 2009, Emmanuel College and the city of Boston partnered on a comprehensive restoration of Roberto Clemente Field, a city-owned field located in the Back Bay Fens just across the street from campus. A point of pride for the Fenway neighborhood, the field also serves as home field for the Emmanuel softball, men's and women's soccer and men' and women's lacrosse teams, as well as the practice facility for men's and women's track and field.

Coach Laws



Amanda Laws is the Head Coach for the new Emmanuel Women's Lacrosse program. Laws is a 2003 graduate of Yale University, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and was an All-Ivy League standout goalie for the Bulldogs. Laws' team was ranked 8th nationally and won an Ivy League Championship in 2003. She also led the program to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament during the same year. Prior to joining the staff at Emmanuel, Laws

spent two seasons as a Division I Assistant Coach at UNH. She also has head coaching experience at both the club and high school levels, directing the Nor'easter Lacrosse Club from 2005-07 and the Medford High School Girls Team in '04. While at Medford, Laws led the Mustangs to a program-record for wins in a season and to the program's first-ever state tournament appearance. Laws is excited about coaching the Saints in their inaugural season this year.

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