



# 2008 Pioneer Game Notes

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**Sacred Heart Pioneers at Hofstra**  
Friday, September 19, 2008 - 3:00 pm EST  
Hempstead, NY -- Shuart Stadium



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**Sacred Heart Pioneers at Yale**  
Sunday, September 21, 2008 - 1:00 pm EST  
New Haven, CT -- Johnson Field



## 2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 30	at Connecticut	L, 5-0
Aug. 31	vs. Maine	L, 2-1
Sept. 6	vs. Miami (OH)	L, 8-0
Sept. 7	at Northwestern	L, 8-1
<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>FAIRFIELD</b>	<b>W, 4-1</b>
Sept. 19	at Hofstra	3:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Yale	2:00 p.m.
<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>ROBERT MORRIS*</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
Sept. 28	at Saint Joseph's	3:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 3</b>	<b>BRYANT</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 5	at Columbia	1:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>BROWN</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 10	at Rider*	4:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>MONMOUTH*</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 17</b>	<b>SIENA*</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>LOCK HAVEN*</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 26	at Saint Francis (PA)*	12:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>QUNNIPIAC*</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>

\* indicates Northeast Conference match  
**BOLD** indicates home match  
 All home games played on Campus Field

## Quick Facts

**Location:** Fairfield, CT 06825  
**Founded:** 1963  
**Enrollment:** 6,200  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I  
**Conference:** Northeast  
**Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Pioneers  
**President:** Dr. Anthony J. Cernera  
**Athletics Director:** C. Donald Cook  
**Home Field:** Campus Field / 4,000  
**Surface:** Field Turf  
**Press Box:** 203-365-7532

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**Setting the Scene...** The Pioneers field hockey team takes on two Northeast rivals this weekend as they visit Hofstra on Friday at 3:00 pm and then head up I-95 to take on Yale Sunday at 2:00 pm.

**Scouting the Pride...** Hofstra starts the weekend at 4-1 on the season, coming off wins over Missouri State and Fairfield last week. Charlia Warner leads the Pride offense with 14 points, including six goals and two assists. Brit Blankmeyer has three goals on the season. Krisha Giammarco and Amanda Heyde have split time in goal with Heyde posting the better numbers, a 2.00 goals against average in four games.

**Scouting the Bulldogs...** Yale starts the weekend at 1-2 having faced some stiff competition in the early going this year. Four different Bulldogs have scored goals. Junior Ashley McCauley, who had one assist as a freshman, asserted herself as a true scoring threat by racking up 15 goals and five assists last year and returns to lead the Yale attack. On the defensive side junior Charlotte Goins played every minute of every game in the cage last season. At one point she had a streak of 182:06 without allowing a goal, and by the end of the year she was third in the NCAA in save percentage (.804) and fifth in saves per game (8.71).

**Last Time Out...** The Pioneers dropped their first two games of the year, falling to UConn, 5-0 and Maine, 2-1 over the weekend in Storrs. Senior goaltender allowed just seven goals in two games, despite facing 37 shots on her. Senior Carisa Eye scored the Pioneers only goal of the weekend.

**Up Next...** The Pioneers open their NEC schedule next Friday when they host Robert Morris at 12:00 pm. SHU will then travel to Philadelphia on Sunday to visit St. Joseph's.



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### **SHU Coaching Staff**

Head Coach: Chris Blais (Penn St. '95)

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Career Record: 66-74, 7 seasons

Record at SHU: Same

Assistant Coach: Katie Kloeckener

## Head Coach Chris Blais

Head Coach Chris Blais enters her sixth season as head coach of the Pioneer field hockey program. After four-straight seasons of qualifying for the Northeast Conference Tournament, Blais led the Pioneers to a Northeast Conference Championship 2005, the pinnacle of their short Division I tenure.

Blais brings a wealth of international playing and coaching experience to the Pioneers. She most recently played and coached at the Klein Zwitserland Hockey Club in The Hague, Netherlands. On the collegiate level, Blais was an assistant coach at Boston University, where she assisted in all facets of the program, including recruiting, scouting and on-field coaching. This past off-season Blais joined up with Team USA Field Hockey as a regional coach for the New Jersey/Pennsylvania region, as well as a part of the College Open staff.

A 1995 graduate of Penn State, Blais was an All-American in 1994. She was also a three-time All-Big Ten Academic-Athletic honor winner and the recipient of the 1994 Academic-Athletic Achievement Award. Her 1993 Nittany Lions squad won the Big Ten Championship. In 1994, she was a member of the United States Olympic National Training Squad and took part in the U.S. Olympic Festival that year. She was also a member of the 1999-00 U.S. National Training Team.

In addition to her collegiate coaching, Blais has been actively involved in the USFHA. This summer she coached at the College Open Camp and also served as the head coach for the Pennsylvania Pride of the United Airlines Summer League. She has also served as a coach at B camp, a national developmental program, as well as a coach for the Futures program.

**Seniors Lead the Way...** The Pioneers have six seniors on this year's squad, a group that includes three captains, Melissa Mazin, Amy Hendricks and Becky Dyson. Hendricks and Dyson will anchor one of the best defenses in the Northeast Conference. Dyson led a defense core that yielded the third fewest goals during conference play. Hendricks was a first team All-NEC selection as an offensive midfielder helping to spark the SHU attack. Mazin became one of the Pioneers best attackers by the end of the season, finishing third on the team with three goals and three assists, nine points.

**Eye Flies High...** Arguably the best offensive player in Sacred Heart history, Carisa Eye returns for her final season leading the Pioneer offense. Last year, she earned First Team All-Northeast Conference and Second Team All-Mideast Region honors with her play, helping lead the Pioneers to the playoffs. She begins her senior season as the school record holder in several key offensive scoring categories. She scored two goals last week against Fairfield and leads the team with three tallies on the season.

**Goaltending Experience...** Goaltender Whitney Mills will be the starting keepers after coming on strong in the second half of the season last year. Mills allowed just five

goals in eight games in 2007 and starts her final season sporting a 1.66 goals against average.

**A Deep Squad...** Several underclassmen stepped up last year for the Pioneers and should have even bigger roles this year. Faces to watch for the red and white include juniors Dana Luhrs, Stephanie Fazio and Whitney Russo. The trio will make-up a key component of the Sacred Heart midfield.

**New Faces in New Places...**Seven new faces will appear on the Campus Field turf this fall for the Pioneers. Nre Hampshire native Chelsea Carlson has already earned Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week honors for the week of September 8-14 for her play against Fairfield when she scored her first collegiate goal and recorded an assist.

**Northeast Conference..** The Sacred Heart field hockey team has been picked to finish fourth in the Northeast Conference preseason coaches' poll. Two-time defending champion Lock Haven was named the preseason favorite with Quinnipiac second and Rider third. Saint Francis (PA) was fifth behind SHU, while Monmouth claimed sixth place followed by Robert Morris and Siena.

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### The 2008 Pioneers when...

At home .....	1-0-0
On the road .....	0-2-0
At a neutral site .....	0-2-0
In overtime .....	0-0-0
Not scoring .....	0-2-0
Scoring 1 goal .....	0-2-0
Scoring 2 goals .....	0-0-0
Scoring 3 goals .....	0-0-0
Scoring 4 goals .....	1-0-0
Scoring 5 or more goals .....	0-0-0
Allowing no goals .....	0-0-0
Allowing 1 goal .....	1-0-0
Allowing 2 goals .....	0-1-0
Allowing 3 goals .....	0-0-0
Allowing 4 goals .....	0-0-0
Allowing 5 or more goals .....	0-3-0
Playing during the week .....	0-0-0
Playing during the weekend .....	1-4-0
Playing at night .....	0-0-0
Playing in the afternoon .....	1-4-0
Leading at the half .....	0-0-0
Trailing at the half .....	0-2-0
Tied at the half .....	1-2-0
Outshooting Opponent .....	0-0-0
Being Outshot .....	1-4-0

### Around the NEC...

#### 2008 NEC Standings (through 9/18)

<u>Team</u>	<u>NEC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Stk.</u>
Lock Haven	0-0	.000	5-2	W3
Robert Morris	0-0	.000	3-4	W1
Rider	0-0	.000	2-3	W2
Sacred Heart	0-0	.000	1-4	W1
Quinnipiac	0-0	.000	1-5	W1
Saint Francis	0-0	.000	1-5	L2
Siena	0-0	.000	0-4	L4
Monmouth	0-0	.000	0-6	L6

#### 2008 NEC Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Lock Haven (7)
2. Quinnipiac
3. Rider
4. Sacred Heart (2)
5. Saint Francis (PA)
6. Monmouth
7. Robert Morris
8. Siena



*First place votes in parentheses*

### 2008 Sacred Heart Field Hockey Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
3	Kate Boyd	Fr.	F	Nottingham, NH/Dover
4	Melissa Mazin	Sr.	F	Putnam Valley, NY/Putnam Valley
5	Erica Benn	Jr.	D	Oakhurst, NJ/Red Bank Catholic
6	Amy Hendricks	Sr.	MF	Milford, PA/Delaware Valley
7	Carsten Snow	Sr.	D	Amherst, NH/Souhegan
8	Hannah Robinson	So.	MF	Watertown, MA/Watertown
9	Carisa Eye	Sr.	F	Nesconset, NY/Smithtown
10	Katie Mazin	Fr.	MF	Putnam Valley, NY/Putnam Valley
12	Dana Luhrs	So.	MF	Milford, PA/Delaware Valley
13	Becky Dyson	Sr.	D	Camp Hill, PA/East Pennsboro
14	Stephanie Fazio	So.	F	Norwalk, CT/Brien McMahon
15	Sam Moran	Fr.	MF	New Vernon, NJ/St. George's
16	Chelsea Carlson	Fr.	F	Peterborough, NH/Contoocook
19	Melissa Hancock	Fr.	D	Mercer, ME/Skowhegan
20	Jessica Garcia	So.	MF	Freehold, NJ/Colts Neck
23	Alex Melillo	Fr.	D	Southbury, CT/Pomperaug
24	Kelsey Zeyher	Jr.	F	Poughkeepsie, NY/Arlington Senior
27	Heather Jones	Jr.	F	Colts Neck, NJ/St. John Vianney
32	Whitney Russo	Jr.	MF	Waterville, ME/Waterville Senior
44	Kim Stow	So.	GK	Norwalk, CT/Norwalk
79	Whitney Mills	Sr.	GK	Harrisburg, PA/Susquehanna Township
99	Kelsey Cox	Fr.	GK	Monroe, CT/Masuk

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## 2008 Sacred Heart Field Hockey Overall Individual Statistics As of Sep 18, 2008

Overall: 1-4-0 Conf: 0-0-0 Home: 1-0-0 Away: 0-2-0 Neut: 0-2-0

##	Name	GP-GS	-----SHOTS-----								PS-ATT	DSv
			G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	GW		
9	EYE, Carisa	5-5	3	0	6	14	.214	10	.714	0	0-0	0
6	HENDRICKS, Amy	5-5	1	1	3	6	.167	2	.333	0	0-0	0
16	CARLSON, Chelsea	5-3	1	1	3	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0	0
24	ZEYHER, Kelsey	4-1	1	0	2	3	.333	3	1.000	1	0-0	0
12	LUHRS, Dana	5-4	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
14	FAZIO, Stephanie	5-5	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0	0
8	ROBINSON, Hannah	5-5	0	0	0	3	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
23	MELILLO, Alex	3-1	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0	0
4	MAZIN, Melissa	5-4	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0	0
79	MILLS, Whitney	5-5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
44	STOW, Kim	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
32	RUSSO, Whitney	5-5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
27	JONES, Heather	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
20	GARCIA, Jessica	5-4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
19	HANCOCK, Melissa	4-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
13	DYSON, Becky	5-5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
10	MAZIN, Katie	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
7	SNOW, Carsten	4-2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
Total.....		5	6	3	15	33	.182	19	.576	1	0-0	0
Opponents.....		5	24	15	63	127	.189	85	.669	4	1-2	0

##	Name	GP-GS	---GOAL AVERAGE---		--SAVES--		----RECORD----			Sho	Faced	
			Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L			T
79	MILLS, Whitney	5-5	316:43	20	4.42	58	.744	1	1	0	0	117
44	STOW, Kim	2-0	33:10	4	8.44	3	.429	0	0	0	0	8
Total.....		5	349:53	24	4.80	61	.718	1	1	0	0	125
Opponents.....		5	349:53	6	1.20	13	.684	1	1	0	2	33

Team saves: 0

GOALS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	Total	PENALTY CORNERS	1st	2nd	Total
Sacred Heart.....	2	4	- 6	Sacred Heart.....	7	12	- 19
Opponents.....	14	10	- 24	Opponents.....	30	23	- 53

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	Total	ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	SHU	OPP
Sacred Heart.....	14	19	- 33	Total.....	136	213
Opponents.....	75	52	- 127	Dates/Avg Per Date.....	1/136	2/106
				Neutral Site #/Avg.....	2/48	

SAVES BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	Total
Sacred Heart.....	34	27	- 61
Opponents.....	5	8	- 13