



2008 Pioneer Game Notes

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Sacred Heart Pioneers vs. Iona Gaels

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 - 3:00 pm EDT
New Rochelle, NY -- Pioneer Park



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Wednesday, April 30, 2008 - 3:00 pm EDT
Fairfield, CT -- Pioneer Park



Setting the Scene... The Pioneer softball squad will close out their season with a pair of non-league doubleheaders this week as they visit Iona Tuesday and host Iona on Wednesday. First pitch both days is set for 3:00 pm.

SHU Eliminated From Playoffs... The Pioneers closed out conference play by losing three of four games to Robert Morris and Saint Francis and were eliminated from NEC playoff contention. SHU lost identical 2-1 games to Robert Morris and fell to Saint Francis, 3-0, before rebounding to win 3-1 in the final game of the weekend. The Pioneers went 3-1 in non-league play, sweeping Siena and splitting with Seton Hall.

Scouting the Gaels... A powerful Colonial offense is led by freshman Jessica Calderone who is hitting .405 on the season, the fourth best average in the league. Meanwhile, senior Brenna Reed has been the best all-around Colonial, posting a .320 average with 26 RBI, good for fifth in the NEC in that category. Reed also has a staff best 3.85 ERA, although Lindsey Moates has a team high 12 wins out of the circle.

Last Meeting vs Iona... Iona starts the week with a 12-31 after splitting a doubleheader with Rider on Sunday. Erin Kyle leads the Gaels offense, sporting an impressive .313 average with 40 hits and 14 RBI. Ace Pitcher Becy Riccitelli has 17 RBI to go along with six wins and 121 strikeouts in the circle. Jessica Horvath leads the Gaels in RBI with 18 on the year.

Scouting the Seawolves... Stony Brook enters the final week of the regular season with an impressive 26-18-1 record. A heavy hitting Seawolves lineup is led by Marissa Fleury who is hitting .338 with 26 RBI. Meanwhile Vicki Kavitsky is hitting .322 while Kelsi Fanelli has a .314 average with 24 RBI. The Seawolves pitching staff has been just as dominant as Alyssa Struzenberg has won 18 games while posting a 2.12 ERA and 198 strikeouts in 168 innings. Meanwhile Casey Jacobs as a 1.19 ERA and six wins.

Last Meeting vs Stony Brook... Kelly Oberto hit a walk-off home run with one out in the bottom of the eighth to lift the Stony Brook softball team to a 4-3 comeback victory over Sacred Heart in game one of a doubleheader on Thursday. The Seawolves won the nightcap, 5-1.



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2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<i>Rebel Games (Mar. 2-8)</i>		
Mar. 2	vs. Holy Cross	W, 5-3
Mar. 2	vs. Valparaiso	L, 2-0
Mar. 3	vs. Fairfield	W, 5-3
Mar. 3	vs. Detroit Mercy	W, 6-1
Mar. 5	vs. Valparaiso	L, 5-1
Mar. 5	vs. La Salle	L, 8-4
Mar. 6	vs. Holy Cross	W, 3-2
Mar. 6	vs. Lehigh	L, 4-3
Mar. 8	vs. IPFW	W, 5-1
Mar. 8	vs. Tennessee-Martin	W, 4-3
<i>St. Mary's Tournament (Mar. 14-16)</i>		
Mar. 14	vs. San Jose State	L, 8-0
Mar. 15	vs. St. Mary's	L, 9-0
Mar. 15	vs. UC-Riverside	L, 8-2
Mar. 16	vs. St. Mary's	L, 11-3
Mar. 16	vs UC-Riverside	L, 4-0
Mar. 22	BC (2)	L, 2-1; L, 13-5
Mar. 26	at UConn (2)	L, 2-0; L, 10-2
Mar. 29	THE MOUNT* (2)	W, 7-4; W, 2-0
Mar. 30	MONMOUTH* (2)	L, 4-0; W, 2-1
Apr. 1	FAIRFIELD	Postponed
Apr. 2	HARTFORD (2)	W, 1-0; W, 8-0
Apr. 5	at Quinnipiac* (2)	W, 4-2; W, 9-1
Apr. 6	at CCSU* (2)	L, 2-1; W, 5-2
Apr. 9	DARTMOUTH (2)	Cancelled
Apr. 10	YALE (2)	L, 6-0; W, 3-2
Apr. 12	at FDU* (2)	L, 4-0; W, 7-1
Apr. 16	FAIRFIELD	L, 2-0
Apr. 19	at LIU* (2)	L, 8-6; L, 1-0
Apr. 20	at Wagner* (2)	L, 3-0; W, 8-7
Apr. 22	at Siena (2)	W, 1-0; W, 6-3
Apr. 24	SETON HALL (2)	W, 5-4; L, 6-5
Apr. 26	ROBERT MORRIS* (2)	L, 2-1; L, 2-1
Apr. 27	SFPA* (2)	L, 3-0; W, 3-1
Apr. 29	at Iona (2)	3:00 PM
Apr. 30	STONY BROOK (2)	3:00 PM

* 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: Pioneer Park / 100

Surface: Grass

Press Box: 203-913-4898

2008 Pioneer Softball - Game Notes



SHU Coaching Staff

Co-Head Coach: Elizabeth Luckie (Sacred Heart '85)

Co-Head Coach: Pam London (Sacred Heart '86)

Assistant Coach: Vicky White (Sacred Heart '97)

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Career Record: 372-404-4 (19 years)

Record at SHU: Same

Co-Head Coach Elizabeth Luckie

Since her arrival at Sacred Heart in 1982, first as a player and now entering her 20th season at the helm, Elizabeth "Bippy" Luckie holds a career coaching record of 372-404-4 and has appeared in eight of Sacred Heart's 11 NCAA Tournament appearances as either a coach or a player.

In 19 seasons as Pioneers head coach, Luckie has guided five teams to New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) championships, each resulting in a bid to the NCAA Tournament. Luckie, only the second coach in the 23-year history of the program, has coached six All-Americans during her tenure. Well regarded by her peers, Luckie was voted NECC Coach of the Year four times (1990, '91, '92 and '95).

During her playing career, Luckie was an All-America shortstop and played a key role in Sacred Heart's three consecutive NCAA Division II Final Four appearances from 1983-85. She concluded her outstanding playing career with a .357 batting average and set two school records that still stand today, 71 hits in a season and 110 total bases in a season. Defensively, few shortstops were here equal.

In addition to her softball talents, Luckie, a superb athlete, was also an excellent basketball player for the Pioneers. She was twice named to the All-NECC Team and led the conference in scoring as a junior, averaging 19.9 points per game. Luckie's 42-point performance against Rhode Island College on Feb. 21, 1983 also still stands as the school record for most points in a game.

On March 2, 1997, Luckie was recognized for her collegiate softball exploits when she was inducted into the Connecticut Scholastic and Collegiate Softball Hall of Fame. In September 2007, her number 10 was retired by Sacred Heart in recognition of her accomplishments and dedication to the University. In addition to her coaching responsibilities, Luckie also serves as Divisional Budget Director and Athletics Business Manager.

Spehar in the Circle... The Pioneers are anchored by ace pitcher Megan Spehar who has been SHU's best all-around player the last two years. The right-hander, who is also a good offensive player, has turned in eight wins and has a 2.80 ERA, good for fourth in the NEC in that category. Spehar will finish her career second in school history in strikeouts and currently has 412 in her career. At the bat, Spehar leads the team in runs scored with 20.

Senior Swinger... The other senior captain for the Pioneers is shortstop Melissa Mezzanotte. After getting off to a slow start with the bat, Mezzanotte has come on as of late, and is at the top of several offensive categories. The senior had a big week last week, bashing three home runs this week, including the game winner against Siena and game-tying homerun in the first game against Seton Hall. Mezzanotte leads the team in RBI (20) and is second in hits (38).

Rookies Key... Freshmen Taylor Froelich and Courtney Lee have made immediate impacts in their season as Pioneers. Froelich has stepped in and become the centerfielder and lead-off hitter for the Pioneers. She is third on the team in hits (36), and RBI (17). Meanwhile Lee has been the best hitter, batting .308 with a team leading 17 RBI and 41 hits.

New Face on the Mound... Thirteen new faces appear on the Pioneers roster this spring. The group is made up of 11 freshmen. Among the highly-touted recruits is new pitcher Jen Russell. A Seymour, CT native Russell finished league play with a 7-2 record and 1.56 ERA. Russell has won NEC pitcher of the week honors for three straight weeks from March 29-April 14. Russell leads SHU's pitching staff with 13 wins.

Record Books... Sacred Heart's 21 wins is a new Division I school record for wins in a season. The Pioneers finished NEC play with a 9-9 record, their best league mark since 2003. Senior Megan Spehar earned her 400th career strikeout against Seton Hall on Thursday and now has 412 strikeouts in her career.

Northeast Conference... Defending champion Long Island has been tabbed the 2008 Northeast Conference softball preseason favorite, according to a poll of the league's head coaches. Wagner edged out Monmouth for second, followed by Quinnipiac in fourth and six-time conference champion Robert Morris in fifth. Central Connecticut State was chosen sixth, followed by Sacred Heart in seventh. Rounding out the poll are Saint Francis (PA) in eighth and Mount St. Mary's and Fairleigh Dickinson in ninth and tenth, respectively.

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The 2008 Pioneers when...

At home	8-9
On the road	7-8
At a neutral site	6-8
In extra innings	1-1
Scoring 0-2 runs	4-19
Scoring 3-5 runs	10-5
Scoring 6-9 runs	7-1
Scoring 10+ runs	0-0
Allowing 0-2 runs	14-8
Allowing 3-5 runs	6-7
Allowing 6-9 runs	1-7
Allowing 10+ runs	0-3
SHU Scores First	10-6
Opponent Scores First	11-19
Playing during the week	12-9
Playing during the weekend	9-16
Leading after six innings	16-0
Trailing after six innings	3-19
Tied after six innings	0-1
Outhitting Opponent	16-4
Being Outhit	4-21
In One Run Games	8-7
In Two Run Games	5-4
Playing vs NEC Schools	9-9

This Week's NEC Schedule

Tuesday April 29

Fordham at Wagner	2:00 pm
Sacred Heart at Iona	3:00 pm

Wednesday April 30

Pittsburgh at Saint Francis (PA)	2:00 pm
Fairleigh Dickinson at Drexel	3:00 pm
Stony Brook at Sacred Heart	3:00 pm
Fairfield at Quinnipiac	4:00 pm

Thursday May 1

Monmouth at Columbia	3:00 pm
Central Connecticut at Hartford	3:00 pm
Siena at Quinnipiac	3:30 pm

Saturday May 3

Monmouth at Saint Francis (PA)	12:00 pm
Fairleigh Dickinson at Central Connecticut	1:00 pm

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Around the NEC...

2008 NEC Standings (through 4/27)

<u>Team</u>	<u>NEC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Stk.</u>
Long Island	17-1	.944	30-15	.667	W2
Robert Morris	15-3	.833	28-18	.609	W4
Saint Francis (PA)	10-6	.625	20-32	.385	L1
Monmouth	9-7	.562	19-21-1	.476	W7
Wagner	10-8	.556	26-19	.578	L2
Sacred Heart	9-9	.500	21-25	.457	W1
Central Conn. St.	5-11	.312	13-24	.351	W1
Quinnipiac	5-13	.278	19-35	.352	L2
Mount St. Mary's	4-14	.222	21-36	.368	L1
FDU	2-14	.125	9-30	.231	L4

2008 NEC Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Long Island (8)
2. Wagner (2)
3. Monmouth
4. Quinnipiac
5. Robert Morris
6. Central Connecticut State
7. Sacred Heart
8. Saint Francis (PA)
9. Mount St. Mary's
10. Fairleigh Dickinson

First place votes in parentheses



2008 Softball Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
1	Jessica Perez	Jr.	OF	Santa Maria, CA/St. Joseph
3	Brittany McGarry	Fr.	INF	Long Valley, NJ/W. Morris Central
5	Sarah Stack	Jr.	INF	Fall River, MA/Durfee
6	Amanda Bradley	Jr.	INF	Langlely, BC/Brookwood
8	Tianna Bishko	Sr.	C	Poughquag, NY/Arlington
9	Jessica Di Piazza	Fr.	INF	Pompton Plains, NJ/Pequanock
11	Courtney Lee	Fr.	INF	Camarillo, CA/Oaks Christian
12	Betsy Harvey	Jr.	INF	Unionville, CT/Farmington
14	Danielle Kozlowski	Fr.	P	Huntington Station, NY/Walt Whitman
15	Taylor Froelich	Fr.	OF	Garden Grove, CA/Pacifica
16	Jasmin Vicente	Fr.	INF	Wantagh, NY/St. Anthony's
17	Megan Spehar	Sr.	P/IF	Thousand Oaks, CA/Thousand Oaks
20	Liz Eastman	Fr.	OF	Gilford, NH/Laconia
21	Adrian Fitzsimon	So.	OF	Sacramento, CA/St. Francis
22	Shannon McCoy	Fr.	C	Yorba Linda, CA/Esperanza
25	Jill Timmer	So.	INF	La Mesa, CA/Iowa Lakes CC
26	Jen Russell	Fr.	P	Seymour, CT/St. Joseph's
27	Kylie Abrams	Fr.	P	Thousand Oaks, CA/Oak Park
28	Jill Iazzetta	So.	C	Linden, NJ/Roselle Catholic
33	Melissa Mezzanotte	Sr.	INF	North Haven, CT/North Haven

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Overall Statistics 2008 Sacred Heart University Softball As of Apr 27, 2008

Record: 21-25 Home: 8-9 Away: 7-8 Neutral: 6-8 Conference: 9-9

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
McGarry, Brittany...	1.000	1-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Vicente, Jasmin.....	.309	33-29	81	7	25	1	0	0	4	26	.321	6	0	9	0	.356	0	5	0-0	17	46	1	.984
Lee, Courtney.....	.308	46-46	133	18	41	9	1	3	17	61	.459	23	1	16	0	.411	1	0	4-6	341	33	13	.966
Froelich, Taylor....	.277	42-41	130	14	36	8	0	2	17	50	.385	18	2	22	0	.371	1	0	4-5	43	3	1	.979
Mezzanotte, Melissa.	.262	46-46	145	17	38	3	2	3	20	54	.372	9	1	36	0	.310	0	11	11-14	92	93	23	.889
Fitzsimon, Adrian...	.262	46-46	130	18	34	7	0	0	8	41	.315	18	3	17	0	.359	2	4	3-4	39	2	2	.953
McCoy, Shannon.....	.250	45-45	124	10	31	4	0	0	16	35	.282	7	0	25	0	.288	1	3	0-0	229	40	3	.989
Russell, Jen.....	.227	26-21	66	4	15	1	0	0	8	16	.242	3	0	17	0	.261	0	0	0-0	3	43	1	.979
Spehar, Megan.....	.220	44-43	132	20	29	1	0	2	11	36	.273	6	0	16	0	.252	1	2	3-3	15	38	5	.914
Harvey, Betsy.....	.205	46-45	132	12	27	4	0	1	13	34	.258	12	2	41	0	.279	1	4	0-0	85	112	11	.947
Perez, Jessica.....	.130	45-45	77	7	10	2	0	0	5	12	.156	9	1	15	0	.230	0	1	0-1	54	0	1	.982
Timmer, Jill.....	.073	23-20	41	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	.073	5	1	16	0	.191	0	1	0-0	9	18	3	.900
Iazzetta, Jill.....	.053	13-7	19	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.053	1	5	9	0	.280	0	0	0-0	7	0	0	1.000
Eastman, Liz.....	.000	30-2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1-1	1	0	0	1.000
Bishko, Tianna.....	.000	6-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.240	46-46	1213	134	291	41	3	11	120	371	.306	118	16	239	0	.314	7	32	26-34	935	429	64	.955
Opponents.....	.263	46-46	1222	170	321	51	15	10	147	432	.354	102	28	217	0	.331	10	29	54-79	931	362	54	.960

LOB - Team (321), Opp (286). DPs turned - Team (11), Opp (8). IBB - Team (8), Lee 8, Opp (7).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Spehar, Megan.....	2.80	8-15	24	24	20	2/0	0	155.0	150	89	62	69	113	26	8	5	594	.253	4	15	0	7	18
Russell, Jen.....	2.85	13-10	25	22	21	2/0	0	154.2	168	78	63	29	103	24	7	5	621	.271	3	13	0	3	11
Kozlowski, Danielle.	7.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	3	3	2	4	1	1	0	0	7	.429	1	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	2.85	21-25	46	46	41	4/0	0	311.2	321	170	127	102	217	51	15	10	1222	.263	8	28	0	10	29
Opponents.....	2.28	25-21	46	46	26	12/3	1	310.1	291	134	101	118	239	41	3	11	1213	.240	17	16	0	7	32

PB - Team (9), McCoy 9, Opp (10). Pickoffs - Team (2), Kozlowski 1, McCoy 1. SBA/ATT - McCoy (50-73), Spehar (36-47), Russell (17-30), Iazzetta (3-3), Kozlowski (0-1).

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Overall Statistics for Sacred Heart (as of Apr 27, 2008)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DPs	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
Iazzetta, Jill.....	7	7	0	0	1.000	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
Eastman, Liz.....	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	-	0	0
Kozlowski, Danielle.	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
McCoy, Shannon.....	272	229	40	3	.989	0	50	23	.685	9	0
Vicente, Jasmin.....	64	17	46	1	.984	2	0	0	-	0	0
Perez, Jessica.....	55	54	0	1	.982	0	0	0	-	0	0
Froelich, Taylor....	47	43	3	1	.979	1	0	0	-	0	0
Russell, Jen.....	47	3	43	1	.979	1	17	13	.567	0	0
Lee, Courtney.....	387	341	33	13	.966	10	0	0	-	0	0
Fitzsimon, Adrian...	43	39	2	2	.953	0	0	0	-	0	0
Harvey, Betsy.....	208	85	112	11	.947	6	0	0	-	0	0
Spehar, Megan.....	58	15	38	5	.914	0	36	11	.766	0	0
Timmer, Jill.....	30	9	18	3	.900	0	0	0	-	0	0
Mezzanotte, Melissa.	208	92	93	23	.889	3	0	0	-	0	0
McGarry, Brittany...	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	-	0	0
Bishko, Tianna.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	-	0	0
Totals.....	1428	935	429	64	.955	11	54	25	.684	9	0
Opponents.....	1347	931	362	54	.960	8	26	8	.765	10	0