



## 2005 Women's Volleyball Preseason Newsletter

### 2005 Season Preview

Second year captain, Kara Scimeca '05 will lead the 2005 volleyball team, which returns eight players from last season. The Cougars have added five new players. The first-years include Karleen Porcena, an outside hitter from Massachusetts, Iliana Skroubelos and Magen Blake both defensive players from Connecticut and Elena Couto, a defensive specialist from Brazil. A sophomore OH from



Massachusetts, Kate Head, joined the team last spring season.

The team will open the season with an overnight trip to Plymouth State University in New Hampshire on September 2nd for their first trip to the Best Inn Invitational. The team's first home game will be on September 20th against Wellesley College. **The Alumni Game will take place on October 29th following the team's 1:00 PM game against Mount Holyoke College.**

### Volleyball Team Serves

Once again, the volleyball team competed in the 10th Annual Cathy D'Apice Tournament during the spring season. The tournament is dedicated to Cathy D'Apice, a wonderful young athlete who died shortly before her 30th birthday. The team raised \$1,700, the most money in the Tournament's history!

Last spring the team began a relationship with the "Bigs" in school program at the Goddard Elementary School in Worcester. Each player was assigned a younger person to mentor. The team will continue with their "little sisters" this year.

### Success on and off the Court

For the third time in four years, the Clark volleyball team was awarded the Game Plan/AVCA Team Academic Award. The award recognized 43 teams in Division III for achieving academic excellence. The team's GPA was a 3.39.

### Program Notes:

Kate Weiss '03 was officially named head volleyball coach in March 2005 after serving as Associate Head Coach for the 2004 season. Weiss oversaw the day-to-day coaching duties while Karen Farrell (Head Coach 1999-2004) was on leave for the 2004 Fall. Farrell will continue to fulfill her duties as Assistant Athletic Director and the team's most valuable consultant.

### 2005 SCHEDULE

#### Home Matches in Red/Bold

All home matches held in the Kneller Athletic Center

#### September

Fri.	2	at Plymouth State University Tournament vs Johnson & Wales University	5:30 pm
Sat.	3	at Plymouth State University Tournament vs Mount Ida College	9:00 am
Sat.	10	vs Brandeis University^ at Endicott College	1:00 pm 3:00 pm
Tue.	13	at Smith College*	7:00 pm
Sat.	17	at United States Coast Guard Academy*	11:00 am
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>vs Wellesley College*</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Fri.	23	at Bridgewater State College Tournament vs Bridgewater State College vs Connecticut College	4:00 pm 6:00 pm
Sat.	24	at Bridgewater State College Tournament vs TBA vs TBA	10:00 am 2:00 pm
Wed.	28	at Springfield College*	7:00 pm

#### October

Sat.	1	at Connecticut College vs Keene State College\$	1:00 pm 3:30 pm
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>vs MIT*</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Sat.	8	vs Rhode Island College# at Eastern Nazarene College	12:30 pm 2:00 pm
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>vs Wheaton College*</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Sat.	15	vs Eastern Connecticut State University% at Newbury College	11:00 am 12:30 pm
Tue.	18	at WPI*	7:00 pm
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>vs Worcester State College vs Trinity College</b>	<b>10:00 am 2:00 pm</b>
Tue.	25	at Babson College*	7:00 pm
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>vs Mount Holyoke College*</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>

#### November

Tue	1	NEWMAC Championship Quarterfinals
Fri.	4	NEWMAC Championship Semifinals
Sat.	5	NEWMAC Championship

^ at Endicott College  
\$ at Connecticut College  
# at Eastern Nazarene College  
% at Newbury College  
\* NEWMAC Match

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