



## 2006 Field Hockey Preseason Newsletter

### 2006 SEASON OUTLOOK

A perennial contender in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) and the New England region, the Clark University field hockey team experienced an uncharacteristic 2005-06 season. Finishing 3-14 overall and 2-6 in the conference, the Cougars look to step back into character and rebound from their inconsistent year. With seven starters and 12 letter-winners back, including a substantial recruiting class, Head Coach Linda Wage is expecting to shake up the line-up and re-establish Clark's winning form.

One position that remains secure is in goal, where NFHCA Regional All-America second-team selection **Kaitlin Kelley** returns. Kelley (2.43 GAA, .856 SV%), a first-team All-NEWMAC all-star, is back for her fourth season as the Cougars starting goalie. Sophomore **Nora Feely** and promising newcomer **Kathryn Dawsey** will battle for the number two spot.

Junior **Brooke Osgood** will anchor a defense that includes, **Alex Griffin**, **Katherine Willis** and first-year players **Carley Corkum** and **Gloria Torres**.

While **Meredith Courtemanche** will be missed, Wage is confident seniors **Ginny Mike**, a converted defender, and **Sara Rau**, along with **Madeleine Henefield** can lead the group of Cougar midfielders this fall. **Hartley Bonisteel** and freshmen **Alison Foley**, **Lauren Demetro** and **Anne Marie DiMatteo**, **Kim Whittington's** cousin, are also expected to make a contribution.

With the loss of **Brittney Wickles** to graduation, Wage will look to senior **Kim Whittington** and newcomers **Lauren Blake** and **Chelsea Proulx** to create a solid scoring presence up-front. **Precious Ra'Akbar**, **Pam Ordnung**, **Amanda Gregoire** and **Kelly Sinko** will also be in contention for playing time.

"This year's team is the biggest we've ever had," said Wage. "The experience and added depth will give us the opportunity to be more balanced and competitive."

### 2006 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Tues., Sept. 5	@ Nichols College	7 p.m.
<b>Sat., Sept. 9</b>	<b>New England College</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Tues., Sept. 12</b>	<b>UMass-Dartmouth</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Thurs., Sept. 14	@Worcester State College	7 p.m.
<b>Sat., Sept. 16</b>	<b>Varsity vs. Alumni</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Tues., Sept. 19	@Connecticut College	4 p.m.
<b>Thurs., Sept. 21</b>	<b>Williams College</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Tues., Sept. 26	@Trinity College	7 p.m.
<b>Sat., Sept. 30</b>	<b>Springfield College*</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Tues., Oct. 3</b>	<b>Wellesley College*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs., Oct. 5</b>	<b>Anna Maria College</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sat., Oct. 7	@Worcester Polytechnic Inst.	5:30 p.m.
<b>Tues., Oct. 10</b>	<b>Wheaton College*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat., Oct. 14</b>	<b>Mount Holyoke College*</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Tues., Oct. 17	@Babson College*	7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 21	@MIT*	1 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 24	@Smith College*	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 28	NEWMAC Quarterfinals	TBA
Sat., Nov. 4	NEWMAC Semifinals	TBA
Sun., Nov. 5	NEWMAC Finals	TBA

\*NEWMAC Game

Home Games in Bold

### CLARK HOMECOMING

SAT., SEPT. 16

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