

Wheaton College Baseball



A record-setting offense helped Wheaton peak at 24–3 in 2009 before completing the year at 30–12, including 9–3 in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC). The Lyons clinched a share of the league's regular-season crown, at least tying for the top spot for the 10th time in the NEWMAC's 11-year history, before advancing to the conference tournament semifinals. While posting school records for runs, batting average and walks, Wheaton swatted 38 home runs, two short of a program mark, and collected at least 30 wins for the fifth consecutive season. The Lyons received votes toward the final D3baseball.com national poll and were ranked seventh regionally.

Sean Munley '11 became the seventh All-American in program history while hitting .391 with 53 RBI and 15 doubles. Nick Pecora '09 and Josh Simmons '09, who were both selected for the New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association (NEIBA) All-Star game, joined Munley in drawing all-region laurels. Pecora hit .375 with a school-record 21 doubles, and Simmons posted a 1.03 earned run average and nine saves. NEWMAC Rookie of the Year Dan Haugh '12 batted .350 with seven home runs and 40 RBI, while Munley, Pecora, Simmons, Jeff Lieneck '10 and Paul Malaguti '10 each received all-conference honors. Lieneck hit five ding-ers with 40 RBI, while Malaguti batted .425 with seven longballs and 35 RBI.

2010 Schedule

March 13–20	Spring Break Trip (at Florida)	N	TBA
March 21	Springfield*	A	12 p.m.
March 21	Springfield*	A	2:30 p.m.
March 23	Brandeis	A	3 p.m.
March 25	UMass-Dartmouth	A	3 p.m.
March 26	Endicott	H	3:30 p.m.
March 27	MIT*	H	12 p.m.
March 27	MIT*	H	2:30 p.m.
March 28	Rhode Island College	A	1 p.m.
March 30	Roger Williams	A	3 p.m.
April 1	Clark*	A	3:30 p.m.
April 2	Keene State	H	3:30 p.m.
April 3	Coast Guard*	H	12 p.m.
April 3	Coast Guard*	H	2:30 p.m.
April 6	Bridgewater State	A	3:30 p.m.
April 8	Clark*	H	3:30 p.m.
April 9	Curry	A	3:30 p.m.
April 10	Babson*	A	12 p.m.
April 10	Babson*	A	2:30 p.m.
April 11	Southern Maine	H	1 p.m.
April 13	Curry	H	3:30 p.m.
April 15	Roger Williams	H	3:30 p.m.
April 16	Bridgewater State	H	3:30 p.m.
April 17	WPI*	A	12 p.m.
April 17	WPI*	A	2:30 p.m.
April 21	NEWMAC Tournament—First Round	TBA	3:30 p.m.
April 22	NEWMAC Tournament—Second Round	TBA	3:30 p.m.
April 24	NEWMAC Tournament—Semifinal Round	TBA	9:30 a.m.
April 25	NEWMAC Tournament—Final Round	TBA	11 a.m.
April 27	Rhode Island College	H	3:30 p.m.
April 29	UMass-Dartmouth	H	3:30 p.m.
April 30	Southern Maine	A	4 p.m.



May 1	Brandeis	H	1 p.m.
May 2	Keene State	A	1 p.m.
May 4	Western New England	A	4 p.m.
May 6	Eastern Connecticut State	H	3:30 p.m.
May 8	Suffolk	A	12 p.m.
May 8	Suffolk	A	3 p.m.

* NEWMAC Game

Schedule subject to change. For the most up-to-date schedule information, visit athletics.wheatoncollege.edu.

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Head coach **Eric Podbelski**

Entering his 14th season as head coach, Eric Podbelski has built Wheaton's baseball program from the ground up, accumulating one of the highest winning percentages among active NCAA Division III coaches in the country with an impressive 368–145–4 (.716) mark through Wheaton's first 12 years of varsity play.

In 2009, Podbelski led Wheaton to a share of the NEWMAC's regular-season title, the 10th time the Lyons

have either won outright or shared the conference's regular-season crown in the league's 11-year history. During 2008, Wheaton made its eighth NCAA Tournament appearance in nine seasons and won its ninth NEWMAC Tournament title. The 2006 squad made the school's first national championship game appearance while going 42–10 and recording the highest win total in team history.

Podbelski was awarded NEIBA Division III Coach-of-the-Year honors in 2001, 2002, 2006 and 2007, which earned him a

coaching position at the NEIBA All-Star game held at Boston's Fenway Park. He has also been named NEWMAC Coach of the Year eight times. In the past nine seasons, Podbelski has produced seven All-America selections and six professional players, including two Major League Baseball signees.

In addition to his baseball coaching duties, Podbelski has served on the NCAA and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament selection committees.

A 1991 graduate of Brandeis University, Podbelski finished

his career as one of the school's all-time winningest pitchers with 23 victories. After a junior year in which he was named to three postseason all-star teams, he was invited to play for the Falmouth Commodores in the prestigious Cape Cod League. Podbelski went on to serve as assistant coach at Brandeis for five years. Under his direction, Podbelski's pitching staff was among the national leaders in team earned run average four times.

Baseball Quick Facts

Head Coach	Eric Podbelski (14th Year, 368–145–4)
Phone	(508) 286-3394
E-mail	epodbels@wheatoncollege.edu
Home Venue	Sidell Stadium
Affiliations	NCAA Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
2009 Overall (NEWMAC)	30–12 (9–3)
NCAA Appearances (last)	8 (2008)
2009 Athletic Awards	
D3baseball.com All-America	Sean Munley
NEIBA All-Region	Sean Munley
NEIBA All-Region	Nick Pecora
NEIBA All-Region	Josh Simmons
ECAC All-Star	Dan Haugh
ECAC All-Star	Nick Pecora
NEIBA All-Star Game	Nick Pecora
NEIBA All-Star Game	Josh Simmons
NEWMAC Rookie of the Year	Dan Haugh
NEWMAC All-Conference	Jeff Lieneck
NEWMAC All-Conference	Paul Malaguti
NEWMAC All-Conference	Sean Munley
NEWMAC All-Conference	Nick Pecora
NEWMAC All-Conference	Josh Simmons
Records	
Team wins, season	42, 2006
Team runs, game	27, 3/20/06
Team runs, season	379, 2009
Batting average, season	.457, Chris Denorfia (2002)
Batting average, career	.411, Damon Whalen (1999–02)
Hits, game	6 (Three times)
Hits, season	85, Chris Denorfia (2002)
Hits, career	264, Chris Denorfia (1999–02)
RBI, game	9, Phil Desilets (5/6/99)
RBI, season	66, Damon Whalen (2002)
RBI, career	194, Damon Whalen (1999–02)
Stolen bases, game	3 (Many times)
Stolen bases, season	34, Chris Denorfia (2002)
Stolen bases, career	73, Chris Denorfia (1999–02)

Wins, season	8 (Many times)
Wins, career	30, Mike Hunsinger (2000–03)
ERA, season	1.52, Nate Vedrani (2000)
ERA, career	2.43, Trevor Alexander (2000, 02–04)

All-Americans

Andy Muller	2001
Damon Whalen	2001
Chris Denorfia	2002
Mike Spavento	2002
Damon Whalen	2002
Scott Guillerault	2006
Adam Gingras	2008
Sean Munley	2009

Major Conference Awards

Chris Denorfia	NEWMAC Rookie of the Year (1999)
Damon Whalen	NEWMAC Player of the Year (2000)
Damon Whalen	NEWMAC Player of the Year (2001)
Chris Denorfia	NEWMAC Player of the Year (2002)
Keith Cooper	NEWMAC Player of the Year (2004)
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Scott Guillerault	NEWMAC Rookie of the Year (2005)
Adam Laplante	NEWMAC Player of the Year (2006)
Adam Laplante	NEWMAC Player of the Year (2007)
Chris McDonough	NEWMAC Pitcher of the Year (2007)
Adam Gingras	NEWMAC Pitcher of the Year (2008)
Dan Haugh	NEWMAC Rookie of the Year (2009)

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Wheaton

Location	Norton, Massachusetts
Founded	1834
Enrollment	1,550
Colors	Blue & white
President	Ronald A. Crutcher
Athletic Director	Chad Yowell



Wheaton at a glance

- Four-year, private liberal arts college located in Norton, Mass.
- 35 miles from Boston and 20 miles from Providence, R.I.
- A student body of 1,550 students
- Student-faculty ratio of 10:1 and average class size between 15 and 20
- Cross-registration opportunities with nearby Brown University
- 45 study abroad programs
- Over 40 academic majors and 50 minors
- More than 80 student clubs and organizations

Admission & Financial Aid

- No fee for online application.
- Submission of standardized test scores (SAT or ACT) is optional.
- The comprehensive fee for 2009–10 is \$49,440.
- Wheaton offers both merit and need-based financial aid.
- Approximately 60 percent of students receive some form of financial aid.
- The Evelyn Danzig Haas Athletic Center is one of the finest NCAA Division III athletic facilities in New England with 102,000 square feet of space with a field house, gymnasium and indoor pool.
- Wheaton's unique Connections program links courses across academic disciplines, allowing students to explore diverse areas of knowledge and approach topics from multiple perspectives.

Fall Application Deadlines

Early Decision I: November 15
Early Decision II: January 15
Regular Decision: January 15

Questions?

Contact the admission office at 1-800-394-6003 or e-mail admission@wheatoncollege.edu.
For information about Wheaton and its athletic programs, visit athletics.wheatoncollege.edu.

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