

Wheaton College

Field Hockey



Wheaton overcame an abundance of youth to continue the most successful run in program history during the 2008 season. The team's 12–7 record marked the third consecutive year the Lyons notched 10-plus victories, which represents a first for the program. With a record of 6–2 in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC), the Lyons tied for second in the league before falling in overtime during a tournament semifinal for the second straight year. A 7–1 home record was buoyed by Wheaton's 3–2 win over eventual tournament finalist Wellesley College on October 30.

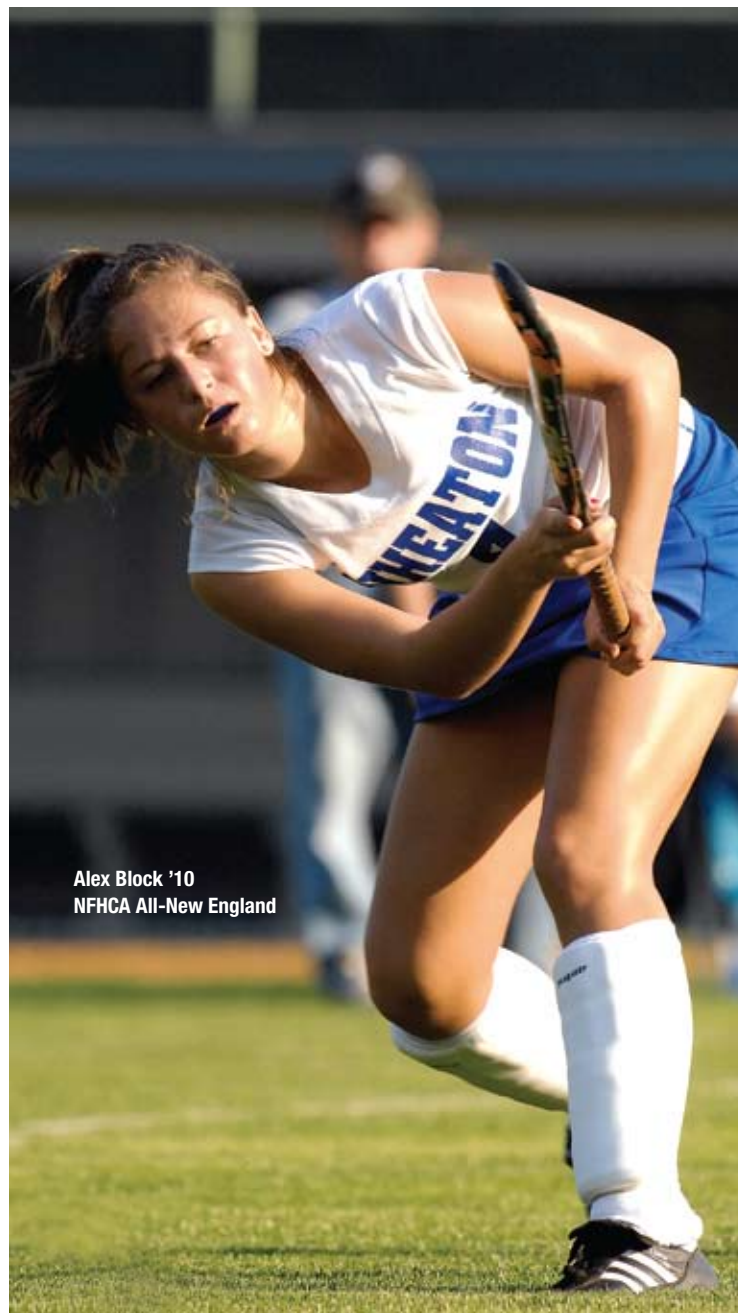
The success of a 22-player squad that included 16 underclassmen was driven largely by Alisa Ardito '09, the squad's lone senior. She tied the school record with 11 assists, broke the career mark (33), and played a role in 17 of the team's 33 goals. Ardito was one of three Lyons to earn National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) All-New England and NEWMAC All-Conference accolades, joining Andrea Bagley '10 and Alex Block '10. In her first season as a starter, Bagley led the league's goalkeepers in save percentage (.823) and tied for first in shutouts (5). Block scored a team-high seven markers, and Cara Cusson '11 drew all-region honors after netting four game-winning goals. With a veteran defensive unit and rising offensive stars in 2009, the Lyons are poised to continue contending for their first league tournament crown.

2009 Schedule

September 1	Salve Regina	H	4:30 p.m.
September 3	Simmons	H	4:30 p.m.
September 5	Rivier	H	1 p.m.
September 10	UMass-Dartmouth	A	6 p.m.
September 12	Lasell	A	1 p.m.
September 19	Saint Lawrence (NY) (at William Smith (NY))	N	2 p.m.
September 20	William Smith (NY)	A	1 p.m.
September 26	Mount Holyoke*	H	1 p.m.
September 29	Wesleyan	H	4 p.m.
October 4	Bowdoin	H	1 p.m.
October 6	WPI*	H	4 p.m.
October 10	Springfield*	H	1 p.m.
October 13	Babson*	A	7 p.m.
October 17	Clark*	A	1 p.m.
October 20	MIT*	H	3:30 p.m.
October 24	Smith*	A	2 p.m.
October 27	Wellesley*	A	3:30 p.m.
October 31	NEWMAC Tournament—First Round	TBA	1 p.m.
November 7	NEWMAC Tournament—Semifinal Round	TBA	12/3 p.m.
November 8	NEWMAC Tournament—Final Round	TBA	1 p.m.

* NEWMAC Game

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



Alex Block '10
NFHCA All-New England

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Head coach
Rebecca Begley

Now in her 10th season at the helm of Wheaton's field hockey program, Rebecca Begley has coached the Lyons to 40 wins between 2006 and 2008, posting the first back-to-back-to-back 10-victory seasons in school history. During the past three seasons, the Lyons advanced to the NEWMAC Tournament semifinal round each year and twice qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament. From 2001–2005, Begley also guided the women's lacrosse program to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances, two

league tournament crowns and three regular-season conference titles.

In addition to coaching, Begley currently holds the position of senior woman administrator at Wheaton. Off campus, she serves on the NCAA Virtual Focus Group, NFCA Awards & Hall of Fame Committee and ECAC Tournament field hockey selection committee. She has also chaired the NFCA Coach-of-the-Year committee. Begley directs Wheaton's summer program for the NIKE Field Hockey Camp. A field hockey and lacrosse instructor

at various summer camps from 1993–1999, Begley founded a girls' day camp in 1993 as field hockey director in Merrimack, New Hampshire.

Prior to coming to Wheaton, Begley spent two seasons as the assistant field hockey and women's lacrosse coach at Denison University. While she was at Denison, the field hockey team captured consecutive North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) championships, and it won a bid to the 1999 NCAA Division III Tournament. Begley also brought head coaching experi-

ence in field hockey from Kenyon College, where her 1997 squad tied a school record for the most wins in a season (14–6).

A 1996 graduate of Dickinson College, Begley was a three-time all-region honoree and four-year letterwinner in field hockey. As a former center midfielder, she is among the all-time assists leaders at Dickinson. Begley earned a bachelor's degree in American studies with a concentration in Alaskan native studies.



Field Hockey Quick Facts

Head Coach	Rebecca Begley (10th Year)
Phone	(508) 286-3755
E-mail	rbegley@wheatoncollege.edu
Home Venue	Clark Field
Affiliations	NCAA Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
2008 Overall (NEWMAC)	12–7 (6–2)
NCAA Appearances (last)	1 (1983)
2008 Athletic Awards	
NFHCA All-Region	Alisa Ardito
NFHCA All-Region	Andrea Bagley
NFHCA All-Region	Alex Block
NFHCA All-Region	Cara Cusson
NEWMAC All-Conference	Alisa Ardito
NEWMAC All-Conference	Andrea Bagley
NEWMAC All-Conference	Alex Block
2008 Academic Awards	
NFHCA National Academic	Julia Atwood
NFHCA National Academic	Andrea Bagley
NFHCA National Academic	Cara Cusson
NFHCA National Academic	Kathryn Ende
NFHCA National Academic	Hannah Knowles
NEWMAC All-Academic	Julia Atwood
Records	
Team wins, season	15, 2006
Team goals, game	13, 9/1/07
Team goals, season	59, 2006
Points, game	8 (Four times)
Points, season	47, Sara Dimick (2006)
Points, career	104, Sara Dimick (2004–07)
Goals, game	4 (Four times)
Goals, season	21, Maureen Reynolds (1987)
Goals, career	46, Maureen Reynolds (1984–87)
Assists, game	3 (Seven times)
Assists, season	11, Alisa Ardito (2008) 11, Sara Dimick (2007 & 2006)

Assists, career	33, Alisa Ardito (2005-08)
Wins, season	15, Mary Catherine Boli (2006)
Wins, career	35, Maribeth Burke (1983–86)
Shutouts, season	9, Maribeth Burke (1983)
Shutouts, career	23, Maribeth Burke (1983–86)
Saves, game	31, Melissa Fusselman (10/10/95)
Saves, season	236, Linda Whitney (1998)
Saves, career	712, Linda Whitney (1995–98)

All-Americans

Janet Kelly	1983
Sara Dimick	2006
Sara Dimick	2007

Major Conference Awards

Barbara Lagrotteria	NEW 8 Rookie of the Year (1991)
Emily Fiskio	NEWMAC Rookie of the Year (2002)

Sports Information

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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.
- The Balfour-Hood Campus Center houses campus activities, as well as a café, pub, game room and fitness center.
- 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.

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