

# Wheaton College Women's Volleyball



Lauren Kraus '10

With an 11-player roster that included eight underclassmen, Wheaton took time to find its groove in 2008, as the Lyons won 11 of their final 19 matches. Among their victories was a win against Bridgewater State College, one of seven eventual NCAA Tournament competitors that the Blue and White faced. In September, the squad traveled to California for a four-match tournament, and Wheaton won its own invitational in October. After qualifying for the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Tournament with a 3–6 league mark, the Lyons closed their season at 13–20.

Lauren Kraus '10 proved to be the team's top weapon, pacing the squad in kills (315) and blocks (67) for the second straight season. Ranked eighth in program history in each category, the middle hitter is closing in on becoming the sixth Lyon with 1,000 kills. Wheaton's primary outside hitters included both a veteran and a green player: Liana Merrill '09 collected 171 kills and 169 digs; Miranda Howitt '12 made an immediate impact with 245 kills and 201 digs. Setter Becca Rose '11 turned in 807 assists, as she is fifth in school annals with 2,044 for her career. Emily Davisson '12 (383 digs) and Kristen Hunt '11 (276) shared defensive specialist duties, as Hunt passed the 1,000-dig threshold in just her second season.

## 2009 Schedule

September 2	Mount Ida	H	7:30 p.m.
September 5	Gordon Invitational	A	TBA
September 9	Colby-Sawyer	H	7 p.m.
September 12	Swarthmore Tournament	A	TBA
September 13	Swarthmore Tournament	A	TBA
September 15	Springfield*	A	7 p.m.
September 19	Coast Guard*	H	11 a.m.
September 19	Bridgewater State	H	2 p.m.
September 22	Babson*	A	7 p.m.
September 24	Salve Regina	A	7 p.m.
September 26	Roger Williams	H	11 a.m.
September 26	Trinity	H	3 p.m.
September 29	Smith*	H	7 p.m.

October 2	Eastern Connecticut State	H	6 p.m.
October 6	MIT*	A	7 p.m.
October 10	Babson (at UMass-Boston)	N	TBA
October 10	Massachusetts Maritime (at UMass-Boston)	N	TBA
October 10	UMass-Boston	A	TBA
October 13	Mount Holyoke*	H	7 p.m.
October 17	Emerson	H	9 a.m.
October 17	Rhode Island College	H	5 p.m.
October 17	Gordon	H	7 p.m.
October 20	Wellesley*	H	7 p.m.
October 23	Hall of Fame Tournament**	A	TBA
October 24	Hall of Fame Tournament**	A	TBA
October 27	Clark*	H	7 p.m.
October 29	Emmanuel	A	7 p.m.
October 31	WPI*	A	12 p.m.
November 3	NEWMAC Tournament—First Round	TBA	7 p.m.
November 6	NEWMAC Tournament—Semifinal Round	TBA	5/7:30 p.m.
November 7	NEWMAC Tournament—Final Round	TBA	4 p.m.

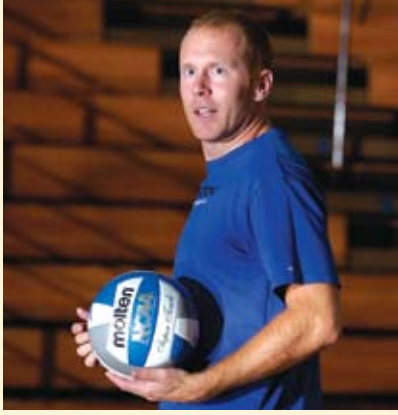
\* NEWMAC Match

\*\* Mount Holyoke and Smith

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Head coach  
**Ben Read**

Ben Read begins his fourth season as head women's volleyball coach, an appointment that started in August 2006. Read, who came to Wheaton from the University of Connecticut, helped the Lyons reverse their fortunes in 2007 by posting their highest win total since

1997 at 22–13, an 18-win improvement from 2006.

In addition to being a graduate assistant coach for two seasons at UConn, Read also led the Seacoast Junior Olympic squad to an 18-and-under New England title in 2004. Read was an assistant coach with the University of New Hampshire as the Wildcats won the 2002 and 2003

America East Conference Tournaments and advanced to the NCAA Tournaments. He also served as a volunteer assistant with UNH's men's club team during that time.

UConn went 32–24 during Read's tenure, and he assisted the Wildcats to a 46–23 record in two years at UNH, including a 23–3 America East mark.

A two-year club volleyball player at UNH, Read saw action as an outside hitter and setter during his career and captained the squad as a senior. The 2002 cum laude graduate majored in kinesiology and exercise science. Read is currently working toward his master's degree in sport management and sociology at UConn.

## Women's Volleyball Quick Facts

Head Coach	Ben Read (4th Year)
Phone	(508) 286-5684
E-mail	read_benjamin@wheatoncollege.edu
Home Venue	Emerson Gymnasium
Affiliations	NCAA Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
2008 Overall (NEWMAC)	13–20 (3–6)
NCAA Appearances (last)	1 (1997)

### 2008 Academic Awards

NEWMAC All-Academic	Sam Andreaacchi
NEWMAC All-Academic	Lauren Kraus
NEWMAC All-Academic	Liana Merrill

### Records

Team wins, season	36, 1994
Team kills, match	83, 9/27/97
Team kills, season	1,837, 1997
Kills, match	32, Bonnie Campbell (9/22/00)
Kills, season	597, Neva Metcalf (1998)
Kills, career	2,084, Neva Metcalf (1996–99)
Assists, match	71, Lynn Mulkeen (9/27/97)
Assists, season	1,431, Lynn Mulkeen (1997)
Assists, career	3,361, Lynn Mulkeen (1994–97)
Aces, match	11, Kim Buschenfeldt (9/23/91)
Aces, season	105, Neva Metcalf (1997)
Aces, career	338, Neva Metcalf (1996–99)
Digs, match	47, Lindsay Van Tol (9/27/97)
Digs, season	739, Kristen Hunt (2007)
Digs, career	1,884, Neva Metcalf (1996–99)
Blocks, match	20, Neva Metcalf (9/14/96)
Blocks, season	232, Bree Bessette (2003)
Blocks, career	590, Bonnie Campbell (1997–00)

### Major Conference Awards

Bonnie Campbell	NEW 8 Rookie of the Year (1997)
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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.
- Elsewhere on campus, Wheaton has an impressive \$20 million arts building, National Science Foundation–funded digital imaging center, and state-of-the-art library and language labs.
- 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](mailto:admission@wheatoncollege.edu). For information about Wheaton and its athletic programs, visit [athletics.wheatoncollege.edu](http://athletics.wheatoncollege.edu).



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