



CLARKSON HOCKEY

Golden Knights



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2008-09 SCHEDULE

October			
17	Roch. Inst. Tech.	A	7pm
18	Niagara College	A	7pm
24	COLORADO COLLEGE	H	7pm
25	COLORADO COLLEGE	H	7:30pm
November			
1	CARLETON (exhibition)	H	7pm
7 *	BROWN UNIVERSITY	H	7pm
8 *	YALE UNIVERSITY	H	7pm
14 *	Harvard University	A	7pm
15 *	Dartmouth College	A	7pm
21 *	QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY	H	7pm
22 *	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	H	4pm
28	CANISIUS COLLEGE	H	7pm
29	CANISIUS COLLEGE	H	7pm
December			
5 *	Cornell University	A	7pm
6 *	Colgate University	A	3pm
19	Bowling Green State University	A	7:05pm
20	Bowling Green State University	A	5:05pm
January			
Ohio Hockey Classic			
Columbus, Ohio			
2	CLARKSON vs Miami		5:05pm
	Army vs Ohio State		8:05pm
3	Consolation Game		5:05pm
	Championship Game		8:05pm
10	St. Lawrence University	A	7pm
11	ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY-ESPN	H	4pm
16 *	Yale University	A	7pm
17 *	Brown University	A	4pm
23 *	UNION COLLEGE	H	7pm
24 *	RENSELAER	H	7pm
30 *	COLGATE UNIVERSITY	H	7pm
31 *	CORNELL UNIVERSITY	H	7pm
February			
6 *	St. Lawrence University	A	7pm
7 *	ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY	H	7pm
13 *	Princeton University	A	7pm
14 *	Quinnipiac University	A	7pm
20 *	DARTMOUTH COLLEGE	H	7pm
21 *	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	H	7pm
27 *	Rensselaer	A	7pm
28 *	Union	A	7pm
March			
6-8	ECAC Hockey Playoffs - First Round		
13-15	ECAC Hockey Playoffs - Quarterfinals		
20-21	48th Annual ECAC Hockey Championship Tr.		
	Times Union Center Albany, NY		
27-28	NCAA East Regional		
	Bridgeport Arena at Harvor Yard, Bridgeport, CT		
	NCAA Midwest Regional		
	Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids, MI		
28-29	NCAA Northeast Regional		
	Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, NH		
	NCAA West Regional		
	Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, MN		
April			
9&11	62nd Annual NCAA Frozen Four		
	MCI Center, Wshington, D.C.		
* ECAC Hockey			



CLARKSON OPENS 87th SEASON

After almost two months of dry-land training, captain's workouts and team practices, the **Clarkson University Hockey** team is ready and very anxious to begin the 2008-09 campaign. Marking their latest start to open a season in nine years, the **Golden Knights** have high hopes for their 87th season of play with 19 lettermen and a promising freshman class eager to hit the ice.

Guided by sixth-year head coach **George Roll**, associate coach **Greg Drechsel** and assistant coach **Jean-Francois Houle**, the **Green and Gold**, begin the 34-game NCAA campaign this weekend with a trip to Western New York. The Knights, led by senior co-captains, defenseman **Tyrell Mason** (Dawson Creek, BC) and **Phil Paquet** (Quebec City, QUE) play at Rochester Institute of Technology on Friday and at Niagara University on Saturday. Both games are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Ranked among the top teams in the country by both *USCHO.com/CSTV* and *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine* national Division I polls, Clarkson will be looking to establish the foundation for its third consecutive 20-win campaign as it opens the season this weekend. Over the past two years, the Green and Gold have returned to the ranks of the nation's elite with a pair of **ECAC Hockey** titles and back-to-back appearances in the **NCAA Tournament**. Clarkson skated to a 22-13-4 overall record in 2007-08, claimed the ECAC Hockey regular season title with a 15-4-3 league mark, and advanced to the championship game of the NCAA East Regional.

The Knights, who officially started team practices on October 4, are deep up front and on the blueline with numerous key veterans returning. Add in a freshman class, which was ranked the 12th-best recruiting class in the country and the best in the ECAC by *Inside College Hockey.com*, and the Green and Gold are poised for another strong campaign.

One key question mark for Clarkson is in goal, where the Knights graduated four-year starter and 2007 ECAC Goaltender of the Year David Leggio. Junior **Tim Potter** (Bakersfield, CA), and freshmen **Paul Karpowick** (Thunder Bay, ONT) and **Richie LaVeau** (Arlington Heights, IL) will be vying for the starting role. Karpowick, is one of four Clarkson freshmen who was selected in the NHL Draft this summer, chosen by St. Louis in the seventh round (185th overall). Also drafted in June were defenseman **Mark Borowiecki** (Ottawa, 5th-round, 139th) and forwards **Julien Cayer** (Detroit, 5th-round, 151st), younger brother of David Cayer '08, and **Nick Tremblay** (Boston, 6th-round, 173rd). Clarkson has a total of eight players on this year's roster who have been chosen in the NHL Draft.

The RIT Tigers of Atlantic Hockey, opened their 4th season of Division I play this past weekend by earning a split in the Midwest. The Tigers, guided by head coach Wayne Wilson, a former teammate of George Roll's at Bowling Green, lost at BGSU 4-2 on Friday, but came back with a 2-1 win at Western Michigan on Saturday. The Tigers had a successful 2007-08 campaign, finishing with a 19-12-6 record, defeating national powerhouses Cornell and Minnesota, while advancing to the semifinals of the Atlantic Hockey Association Championship. RIT is picked to finish third in Atlantic Hockey this season in the coaches preseason poll.

Niagara began its 13th season of play last weekend, also in the Midwest. The Purple Eagles, guided by 8th-year head coach Dave Burkholder, lost 4-2 at Western Michigan on Friday and skated to a 3-3 tie at Bowling Green on Saturday. Niagara host St. Lawrence this Friday at Dwyer Arena before facing off against Clarkson. Niagara is coming off one of the strongest seasons in program history, after skating to a 22-11-4 record and earning a berth in the NCAA Tournament in 2007-08. Defending College Hockey America champions, the Purple Eagles have been picked to finish atop the league standings again this year.

3 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CLARKSON HOCKEY

- Clarkson owns college hockey's best all-time winning percentage (.644) with an all-time record of 1,283-684-111 since 1920-21.
- Clarkson returns 19 lettermen from last year's team, which posted a 22-13-4 record. The veterans will be joined by a freshman class, which is rated the 12th best in the nation by INCH.com.
- The Knights have eight players on this year's roster who have been selected in the NHL Draft.

Clarkson Quick Facts

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Potsdam, New York, 13699-5830
 Founded..... 1896
 Enrollment 3,000
 President..... Tony Collins
 Director of AthleticsSteve Yianoukos
 Athletic Department Telephone315-268-6622
 Nickname..... Golden Knights
 ColorsGreen (PMS 3305) and Gold (PMS 116)

TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....George Roll
 Alma Mater.....BGSU '86
 at Clarkson96-80-20 (in 6th year)
 Record Overall 215-154-36
(in 12th yr - including 7 at Oswego State)
 E-mail Address groll@clarkson.edu
 Associate Coach.....Greg Drechsel (6th year)
 Alma Mater.....Colgate University '88
 Assistant Coach..... JF Houle (6th year)
 Alma Mater..... Clarkson University '97
 Hockey Office Telephone 315-268-3874
 2007-08 Overall Record.....22-13-4
 2007-08 ECAC Hockey Record.... 15-4-3 (1st)
 2008-09 co-Captains Tyrell Mason
 Philippe Paquet
 Lettermen Returning/Lost 19/6
 - Forwards Returning/Lost..... 11/4
 - Defense Returning/Lost..... 7/1
 - Goaltenders Returning/Lost..... 1/1
 Newcomers.....8

PROGRAM HISTORY

Affiliation..... NCAA, Division I
 Conference..... ECAC Hockey
 First Season 1920-21
 Overall Record 1,283-684-111 (in 87th yr.)
 (.644 winning percentage)
 Winning Seasons69
 ECAC Regular Season Titles..... 10
 (1966, 1977, 1981, 1982, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1999,
 2001, 2008)
 ECAC Championship Tournament Titles ..Five
 (1966, 1991, 1993, 1999, 2007)
 ECAC Playoff Record..80-59-5 (.573 win pct.)
 NCAA Playoff Appearances.....20
 (1957, 1958, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1970, 1981,
 1982, 1984, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995,
 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2007, 2008)
 NCAA Playoff Record 13-23-1 (.365 win pct.)
 All-Americans..... 36 (13 two-time recipients)

HOME ICE

Cheel Arena at the Cheel Campus Center
 Capacity..... 3,000
 Ice Sheet..... 200' x 85'
 First Game..... 10/26/91 (Clarkson 9 - BC 3)
 Clarkson's Record at Cheel.....204-74-27 (in18th yr)
 Postseason Record at Cheel.....25-6

SPORTS INFORMATION

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THE SERIES

The Knights have won five straight over RIT and lead the series, which started with a 3-0 Clarkson win on October 29, 1983, 8-2-1. The teams last played at the start of the 2006-07 campaign with the Green and Gold skating to a 4-2 triumph in Potsdam, RIT's first ever game in Cheel Arena, on October 7, 2006. RIT's last win over Clarkson was a 4-3 victory in the first round of the 1986 Syracuse Invitational on December 27. Clarkson has never played at Ritter Arena, but has faced off against the Tigers once in Rochester, winning 4-2 at the War Memorial (currently called Blue Cross Arena) on November 24, 1984.

Clarkson and Niagara have only played seven times with Clarkson holding a 4-2-1 lead in the series. The Knights have won the last two meetings, 7-3 in Potsdam on October 6, 2006, and 5-2 at Niagara on October 8, 2005. The Purple Eagles defeated Clarkson 6-3 at Dwyer Arena on October 7, 2005. Niagara's only other win against the Knights was a 5-3 victory in Potsdam on October 29, 2004. The teams skated to a 2-2 tie at Cheel Arena on December 11, 1998. Clarkson defeated the Purple Eagles, 5-1, in the consolation game of the 1997 Syracuse Invitational Tournament in their first meeting.

KNIGHT NOTES:

Friday's game at RIT is the Knights' latest starting date to begin a season (counting exhibition contests) since opening the 1999-2000 campaign at Northern Michigan on October 22-23 ... Clarkson is picked to finish fourth in the ECAC Hockey standings by the league's preseason coaches' poll ... Last year's leading scorer, junior **Matt Beca** (Mississauga, ONT) was selected to the ECAC Hockey Coaches Preseason All-League Team ... Clarkson is 2-3 in its official season-openers under head coach George Roll ... Eight former Golden Knights are listed on opening day National Hockey League rosters - **Chris Clark '98** (Washington), **Erik Cole** (Edmonton), **Craig Conroy** (Calgary), **Kent Huskins '01** (Anaheim), **Randy Jones** (Philadelphia), **Todd Marchant** (Anaheim), **Willie Mitchell** (Vancouver) and **Todd White '97** (Atlanta) ... Three members from last year's team have earned roster spots in the American Hockey League, and will look to make the move up to the NHL with strong efforts in their inaugural professional campaigns ... Last season's Golden Knights captain, **Nick Dodge** is playing for the Albany River Rats. Clarkson's leading goal scorer in 2007-08, **Steve Zalewski** is skating for the Worcester Sharks, and 2008 All-America defenseman, **Grant Clitsome**, one of the final cuts from the Columbus Blue Jackets' opening day roster, will start off the season with the Syracuse Crunch. **Shawn Weller**, an explosive forward for the Green and Gold for three seasons (2003-07), is in the Ottawa organization, skating with the Binghamton Senators ... **David Leggio**, a four-year starter in goal (2004-08) for the Golden Knights will play for the Florida Everblades in the ECHL to start the 2008-09 campaign. He joins former Clarkson teammate, defenseman **Michael Grenzy** (2003-07) in Southwest Florida ... **David Cayer**, older brother of current Clarkson freshmen, Julien Cayer, has joined numerous other former Golden Knights playing professional hockey in Europe. He signed a contract with CSG Strasbourg (France) for the 2008-09 season.

Head Coach George Roll

Leonard S. Ceglarski Endowed Chair



In his sixth year as head coach of the Golden Knights, George Roll, along with associate coach Greg Drechsel and assistant coach Jean-Francois Houle, has returned Clarkson Hockey back among the elite programs in the country. During his first five years he has guided the Green and Gold to a 96-80-20 overall record. Roll's overall 12-year collegiate coaching record, which includes seven years at Oswego

State, stands at 215-154-36.

The past two seasons, Clarkson has enjoyed some of the finest success in the program's 86-year history. Last year, the Knights posted 22 victories, won the ECAC RS title and claimed Clarkson's first NCAA Tr. win since 1996. In 2006-07, the Green and Gold posted 25 wins, won the ECAC Tr. championship, and earned the number one seed in the NCAA East Regional.

Roll's recruiting classes, which form the foundation for the Knights' resurgence, have generated 15 NHL Draft picks.

Along with the success on the ice, the Knights have also excelled in the classroom, and play an integral role in the campus and town communities through various works with local charities. During his five-year tenure, Roll has graduated 95 percent of his players. Last year's team maintained a 2.75 GPA.

He has mentored two All-Americans, in Nick Dodge '08 and Grant Clitsome '08, an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I two-time honoree (Dodge), numerous ECAC Hockey All-Stars, and close to 20 selections to the ECAC All-Academic team. Four players from Roll's heralded freshman class of 2005 – Clitsome, Dodge, Shawn Weller and Steve Zalewski - signed NHL contracts after completion of their collegiate careers.

Prior to a seven-year stint as head coach at Oswego State (1996-2003), Roll served as an assistant coach at Clarkson for eight years (1988-96) when the Golden Knights enjoyed some of their greatest successes in the early 1990s.

Head Coach at Clarkson (ECACHL)

2007-08: 22-13-4 (15-4-3, 1st), ECAC Quarterfinals, NCAA Tr.

2006-07: 25-9-5 (13-5-4, 2nd), ECAC Tr. Champs, NCAA Tr.

2005-06: 18-17-3 (9-11-2, 8th), ECAC Quarterfinals

2004-05: 13-23-3 (7-13-2, 9th), ECAC Quarterfinals

2003-04: 18-18-5 (8-12-2, 9th), ECAC Tr. (runner-up)

Coaching Experience:

Clarkson Head Coach: 2003-present

Oswego State: Head Coach, 1996-2003

Clarkson: Assistant Coach, 1988-96

BGSU: Graduate Assistant, 1987-88

Coaching Highlights:

Directed Clarkson to the 2008 ECAC RS title and the program's first NCAA Tr. victory since 1996 ... Guided the Knights to 2007 ECAC Tr. championship and Clarkson's first NCAA Tr. appearance since 1999 ... Guided Clarkson to 2004 ECAC Tr. Championship Game ... Led Oswego to 2003 NCAA Division III Championship game ... Named 2003 Division III Coach of the Year ... As an assistant, helped to lead Clarkson to a 176-82-26 overall record, two ECAC regular season titles (1991, 1995), two ECAC Tournament titles (1991, 1993) and six NCAA post-season showings in eight seasons (1988-96).

QUOTES FROM THE COACH:

"We are pretty excited about this year's team," stated **George Roll**. "I think we have a good mix of some real strong veterans and a talented incoming class. This might be the deepest team, both upfront and on the blueline, that we have had during my tenure. Our goaltending is inexperienced, but I think with our veteran group of defensemen, it will make it easier on our goaltenders. All-in-all I think we will be an exciting team to watch, and we expect continued success."

On playing at RIT and Niagara, Roll stated, "It will be an exciting weekend, and a natural rivalry for us with both schools. We are looking forward to two competitive games on the road. Having coached against RIT, while at Oswego, I know their building is awfully tough to play in for the opposition. They play with a lot of energy and emotion in their home building. They are a team that has been very good at Ritter (Arena). Niagara was an NCAA team last year. They have a very good power play, and we have to make sure to stay discipline and out of the box. We have to try and play them 5-on-5."

**CLARKSON HOCKEY BROADCAST CENTRAL**

Fans of Clarkson Hockey will be able to follow the Golden Knights over the internet through various multi-media options.

**- VIDEO STREAMING**

All home games, with a video feed by the University's student-TV station, WCKN-TV, combined with audio from Cool 95.3 FM will be available on the B2 Networks. Select away games will also be available. Games will be sold on an individual basis for \$7 (US), and a season pass to view all Clarkson men's and women's ice hockey games broadcast on B2 Networks is available for \$75 (US).

**- RADIO BROADCASTS**

All Clarkson games produced by Cool 95.3 FM, with Bob Ahlfeld calling the action, can be listened to free of charge live over the internet.

- LIVE STATS

Live In-Game scoring of all home games on PrestoSports

Check out all the details on Clarkson's Athletic Department website at Clarkson Hockey Broadcast Central
www.clarksonathletics.com/Sports/gen/2006/hocbroadcastcentral.asp



Co-Captain Tyrell Mason



Co-Captain Phil Paquet

USCHO.com/CBS College Sports Poll

- October 14, 2008

		Pts (1st Place Votes)
1.	Boston College (45)	993
2.	Michigan (2)	936
3.	Colorado College (3)	898
4.	Denver	819
5.	Boston University	784
6.	New Hampshire	767
7.	Miami	663
8.	Notre Dame	636
9.	Minnesota	525
10.	Princeton	460
11.	Michigan State	459
12.	St. Cloud State	449
13.	North Dakota	445
14.	CLARKSON	356
15.	Minnesota State	283
16.	Cornell	190
17.	Vermont	144
18.	Harvard	136
19.	Northern Michigan	124
20.	Wisconsin	118

Others Receiving Votes:

Northeastern 108, Air Force 71, UMass 44, Minnesota-Duluth 39, Lowell 10, Bowling Green 8, Alaska 7, Ferris State 7, Niagara 7, Yale 5, Dartmouth 3, Quinnipiac 3, RIT 2, St. Lawrence 1

USA Today/USA Hockey Mag. Poll

- October 13, 2008

		Pts (1st Place Votes)
1.	Boston College (32)	507
2.	Michigan (10)	465
3.	Colorado College (1)	439
4.	Denver	389
5.	Boston University	387
6.	Univ. New Hampshire	350
7.	Miami	272
8.	Notre Dame	251
9.	Minnesota	216
10.	St. Cloud State	174
11.	Michigan State	163
12.	Princeton	130
13.	North Dakota	112
14.	CLARKSON	83
15.	Minnesota State	59

Others Receiving Votes:

Northeastern 18, Cornell 17, Northern Michigan 14, Vermont 10, Harvard 8, Wisconsin 8, Air Force 5, Minnesota-Duluth 3



KNIGHTS IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Week	USCHO.com/CBS College Sports	USA Today/USA Hoc. Magazine
Sept. 22	---	11th
Oct. 6	13th	13th
Oct. 13	14th	14th