

Facilities

Indoor

In Smith's four-building sports complex, you'll find an indoor track and tennis facility, two gymnasiums, locker facilities, ergometer room, rock climbing wall, fitness studio with spring wood floor and fencing lines, an athletic training room, five ASB glass-backed international squash courts and a human performance laboratory as well as coaches' and administrative offices. Surrounding the four indoor tennis courts is a 200-meter, six-lane Tartan track; adjacent to the oval are two eight-lane straightaways, 55m sprint-and-hurdle segments as well as all field-event stations. The track, one of the fastest on the East Coast, has been the setting for New England, ECAC regionals and three NCAA Division III championships. The aquatic facilities include a six-lane, 25-yard pool, one- and three-meter diving boards, an underwater observation window and a Colorado timing and diving judging system and scoreboard. The new \$4 million Olin Fitness Center that opened in January 2004 will accommodate all your fitness needs. The 4,816-square-foot space has glass walls facing the north and south, which form a 1,600-square-foot skylight, and houses 35 aerobic machines with individual television monitors, 40 selectorized weight machines and multiple free-weight stations.

Outdoor

Our equestrian center consists of a 100'x250' indoor arena with a large, heated observation area; two outdoor rings; turnout paddocks; a five-acre field and miles of wooded trails. The barn has 40 stalls, two tack rooms, a laundry, a wash stall and offices. Smith's 400-meter Eurotan S track includes two long- and triple-jump pits with dual runways; two pole-vault pits with adjacent runways; two shot circles; a dual-purpose hammer and discus cage; and a javelin area just inside the oval. Smith's athletic grass fields, with two field hockey fields (one with lights for night play) and a soccer/lacrosse field, are adjacent to the 12 lighted tennis courts. The 6,000-meter championship cross-country course, which is considered to be one of the top five in New England, is adjacent to the athletic fields and winds through scenic New England countryside. Softball practice and games take place in our fully enclosed softball diamond with skinned infield, dugouts and batting cage. The Pioneers row on the nearby Connecticut River. The Smith boathouse houses shells (eights and fours) for use in training and competition. The ski team does most of its dryland training on campus. The team's on-hill training is at Berkshire East Ski Area in Charlemont, Massachusetts, a 45-minute drive from campus. Berkshire East has excellent training facilities and hosts several races each year, including the high school state championships and all levels of USSA and FIS races.



Anna Reznickova '10, chemistry major, Kromeriz, Czech Republic

Coach Tim Bacon



- ▶ Smith coach since 1994
- ▶ Former Canadian Junior Men's National Squash Coach
- ▶ Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (NSCA)
- ▶ Mental training consultant (registered) to top international squash players since 1997
- ▶ Squash Canada Level 4 Coach (Elite)
- ▶ Frequent speaker at International Coaching Conference
- ▶ Member, College Squash Association (CSA), Executive Committee
- ▶ Winner CSA Clarence Chaffee Award (Sportsmanship), 2004
- ▶ Former state squash champion and top four nationally ranked 45+; currently competes on the World Racketlon Tour

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Squash



Squash at Smith

The Smith squash program provides team members the maximum opportunity for improvement within the context of one of the most challenging academic programs in the country. Many team members compete on other intercollegiate teams or hold student leadership positions at the college.

Support for student-athletes includes access to the latest Dartfish software for video tactical and biomechanical analysis; a stunning fitness facility; a varsity team strength-training room; two certified athletic trainers and five air-conditioned ASB glass-backed international squash courts on which to play.

A climate focusing heavily on improvement exists as many team members only began playing the game after arriving at Smith. The result of this emphasis is that Smith has won more College Squash Association Ann Wetzel Awards (given to the best player in the country who started her career in college) than any other program in the country.

The team competes from mid-November through February with the schedule adjusted yearly to ensure optimally challenging matches throughout the season and concludes with the prestigious Howe Cup. Individuals have the opportunity to qualify for the College Squash Association's National Individual Championships.

Team History

Squash began at Smith on one court in 1929. Three more courts were added in 1934 and squash was played informally with regular competitive opportunities such as interhouse and interclass team tournaments and open all-college tournaments. By 1965, Smith was sending individuals to participate in the Women's Intercollegiate Championships with Jane Slocum '69 winning the event during the 1968–69 season.

Intercollegiate competition began in the winter of 1972. The 1985 team was ranked eighth in the nation and won the Division II Championship at the Howe Cup. In both the 1998 and 1999 seasons the Smith College squash team accomplished the amazing feat of finishing 12th in the U.S. with a team that featured only one player who had played high school or junior squash. The team followed that accomplishment by splitting matches with Wellesley and Mount Holyoke to create a three-way tie for first place in the inaugural Seven Sisters Squash Championship.

The Season

The team faces a challenging schedule competing against Amherst, Vassar, Bowdoin, Mount Holyoke, Colby, Williams, Dartmouth, Wesleyan, Wellesley, Connecticut College and Tufts. Many matches are played at weekend invitationals and

take place during the January interterm. At the end of January, the team competes in the Seven Sisters Championship and ends the month co-hosting an invitational tournament with Mount Holyoke. The season concludes mid-February at the Howe Cup with team members also able to qualify to compete individually at the CSA Women's Individual Championships.

Team Honors

Howe Cup*

2009, 6th, Division D (National Ranking 30th)
 2008, 8th, Division D (National Ranking 32nd)
 2007, 4th, Division D (National Ranking 28th)
 2006, 6th, Division D (National Ranking 29th)
 2005, 7th, Division C
 2004, 8th, Division C
 2003, 2nd, Division D
 2002, 6th, Division C
 2001, 5th, Division D
 2000, 5th, Division C

National Rankings*

2005, 23rd
 2004, 21st
 2003, 26th
 2002, 24th
 2001, 25th
 2000, 22nd
 1999, 12th
 1998, 12th
 1997, 19th
 1996, 17th

Seven Sisters Championship

2009, 3rd place
 2008, 4th place
 2007, 4th place

2006, 5th place
 2005, 2nd place
 2004, 4th place
 2003, 5th place
 2002, 3rd place
 2001, 5th place
 2000, Champion

Individual Honors

All-Americans

Ashley Kilgore, 2003, honorable mention
 Ashley Mears, 1989
 Wendy Irwin, 1985

Ann Wetzel Award**

Jennifer Recht, 2006
 Ashley Kilgore, 2005
 Kanta Murali, 1999

CSA Scholar-Athletes*

Jessica MacLeod, 2009
 Mercedes Pepper, 2009
 Anna Reznickova, 2009
 Huong Nguyen, 2008
 Judy Liu, 2008
 Talia Williams, 2007
 Sarah Pritchard, 2006
 Jennifer Recht, 2006
 Jessica Slack, 2005
 Patricia Lutz, 2004
 Mimi Zhang, 2004–05
 Pamela Rose Komarek, 2003
 Ann Miller, 2003
 Zoe Plerhoples, 2003
 Jessica Witt, 1999–2000

Returning Players

Catriona Blunt '12, Needham, MA/Commonwealth
 Jacinth Cooke '10, Dorchester, MA/East Boston

Rachel Courington '10, Auckland, New Zealand/Marist Sisters College
 Su Fu '10, Beijing, China/Bromley School
 Elizabeth Guyman '11, Seattle, WA/Lakeside
 Ella Hartenian '11, Arlington, MA/Arlington
 Ashleigh King '12, Enfield, NH/Mascoma Valley Regional
 Hajnalka Nyitrai '10, Budapest, Hungary/Kossuth L. Lutheran Mag.
 Margaret Oliverio '11, Boston, MA/Commonwealth
 Joanne Poon '12, San Francisco, CA/Lowell
 Kelsey Radwilowicz '11, Belchertown, MA/Belchertown

Anna Reznickova '10, Kromeriz, Czech Republic/United World College of Duino, Italy
 Andrea Shang '10, Hong Kong/Cheltenham Ladies' College
 Luisa Tsang '10, San Francisco, CA/Lowell
 Jasmine Wallas '11, Nassau, Bahamas/Emma Willard
 Kailin Weng '12, Ningbo, China/St. Paul's School
 Shanita Williams '10, Boston, MA/Fenway
 Xizhu Zhao '12, Beijing, China/Beijing #4

* Covers past 10 years only

** Given to the best player in the country who began her career in college



Elizabeth Guyman '11, psychology major, Seattle, WA

2009–10 Schedule

Nov. 7	Northeastern/Wellesley	noon, 4 p.m.
Nov. 21	Women's College Championship	TBA
Dec. 4–6	Wesleyan Invitational	TBA
Dec. 8	Amherst	7 p.m.
Jan. 22–24	Smith/Mount Holyoke Invitational	TBA
Feb. 6	Seven Sisters Championship at Vassar	TBA
Feb. 26–28	Howe Cup	TBA
Mar. 5–7	CSA Individual Championships	TBA

Home events are indicated in brown type.

Schedule subject to change. Please check our Web site for updates www.smith.edu/athletics

Smith College has much to offer the dedicated squash player. While academics will be the focus of your life at Smith, squash can be an important part of it too. The college provides first-class athletic facilities and coaching and gives competitive athletes every opportunity to excel.

If you want to combine academic challenge with athletic competition, consider Smith. Come see our facilities. Talk to our coaches and current squash team members. We think you'll find ours to be one of the nation's outstanding athletic programs!



Margaret Oliverio '11, chemistry major, Boston, MA