

# Sports News

## The University of Scranton

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### Ice Hockey Outlook

#### General Information

**Name:** The University of Scranton  
**Location:** Scranton, Pennsylvania  
**President:** Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.  
**Enrollment:** 4000 undergraduate  
**Colors:** Purple & White  
**Nickname:** "Royals"  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division III (non-scholarship)  
**Conference:** American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), Independent  
**Home Rink:** Ice Box Sports Complex (downtown Scranton)  
**2007-2008 Record:** 10-18-1/5-15 Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League  
**Head Coach:** Bill Fitzgerald (Boston College '69, 15<sup>th</sup> year, 136-211-11, .408)  
**Captain:** Jerry Malanga  
**Assistant Captains:** Ryan Kleinschmidt, Ted Rosenberg  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 16/6

#### **Returnees (2008 stats):**

Joe Cuzzo, So., G (4.97 GAA, .887 save pct.)  
Tom D'Alessio, Jr., D (2 goals, 4 assists, 6 points)  
Kevin Dishon, So., D (1 goal, 6 assists, 7 points)  
\*Connor Field, Jr., D (1 goal, 1 assist, 2 points)  
\*Brian Flanagan, Jr., F (6 goals, 1 assists, 7 points)  
Philip Furtak, Jr., F (3 goals, 8 assists, 11 points)  
Scott Greene, Jr., D (3 goals, 3 assists, 6 points)  
Ryan Kleinschmidt, Sr., F (11 goals, 15 assists, 26 points)  
Ed Kocienda, Jr., D (0 goals, 4 assists, 4 points)  
Justin Lucas, So., G (5.86 GAA, .859 save pct.)  
Jerry Malanga, Jr., F (15 goals, 11 assists, 26 points)  
Luke Malone, So., F (5 goals, 5 assists, 10 points)  
Patrick Nerney, Jr., F (1 goal, 2 assists, 3 points)  
Mike Pace, Sr., F (7 goals, 9 assists, 16 points)  
Joe Romano, Sr., F (13 games)  
Ted Rosenberg, Sr., D (1 goal 5 assists, 6 points)

Matt Torstrup, Sr., F (13 goals, 10 assists, 23 points)

\*2006-2007 statistics

#### **Losses (2008 stats):**

Michael Fitzgerald, F (5 goals, 10 assists, 15 points)  
Chris Fletcher, D (0 goals, 4 assists, 4 points)  
Steven Kelly, F (5 goals, 2 assists, 7 points)  
Harry Lawall, F (15 goals, 19 assists, 34 points)  
Zac McAnally, D (21 games)  
Joseph Previti, F (4 goals, 7 assists, 11 points)

#### **Newcomers:**

Joe Ballance, Fr., F  
#Bill Bornaschella, So., D  
#Pat Coar, Jr., F  
#Kyle Iovannoni, So., F  
Ryan Smith, Fr., D  
#Maxwell Thiele, So., D

#member of university club team last season

#### **Royals To Open Saturday at DVYHL**

**Showcase:** Coach Bill Fitzgerald's Ice Royals will open their 2008-2009 season on Saturday, September 27, by taking on Rutgers University in the four-team Delaware Valley Youth Hockey League Showcase at the Ice Line in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Scranton will play the winner or loser of Drexel and Lehigh Sunday. The Ice Royals will skate as a Division I independent in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) this year, after competing in the Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League last season. From 1999 through 2007,

Scranton was a member of the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECHA) for eight years, from 1999 through 2007.

**2007-2008 Review:** The Ice Royals faced a brutal schedule in their first season as a member of the Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League. Scranton played four-game series against three teams—Penn State (3<sup>rd</sup>), Delaware (4<sup>th</sup>), and Rhode Island (7<sup>th</sup>)—that are currently ranked in this year’s ACHA pre-season top 25 poll and another—Navy—that is listed among others receiving votes. Nevertheless, the Ice Royals did post conference victories over Delaware and Drexel and put up valiant efforts in one-goal losses to Rhode Island (January 26) and Navy (in overtime, November 16). Overall, Scranton reached the 10-win plateau for the third time in four seasons.

**Looking Ahead To 2008-2009:** The Ice Royals welcome back plenty of talent that could make the upcoming 2008-2009 season something special.

Up front, Scranton returns four of its top five scorers from a year ago, led by junior forward and captain **Jerry Malanga (Lavallette, N.J./Monsignor Donovan)** and senior forward and assistant captain **Ryan Kleinschmidt (Valley Stream, N.Y./Kellenberg Memorial)**. Malanga tied for the team-lead in goals (15) while Kleinschmidt was second in assists (15) and fourth in goals (11). Seniors **Matt Torstrup (Bridgewater, N.J./Hun School of Princeton)** and **Mike Pace (Branchburg, N.J./St. Joseph Metuchen)** have been consistent scoring threats throughout their careers and will solidify the front-line rotations, along with juniors **Philip Furtak (Philadelphia, Pa./Father Judge)**, **Patrick Nerney (Ramsey, N.J./Ramsey)**, **Brian Flanagan (Manchester, Vt./Burr & Burton Seminary)**, and **Sal Esposito**

**(Westfield, N.J./Westfield)** and sophomore **Luke Malone (Ossining, N.Y./Fordham Preparatory)**.

Fitzgerald is expected to pair junior defensemen **Tom D’Alessio (Bayonne, N.J./St. Peter’s Preparatory)** and **Connor Field (Manalapan, N.J./St. John Vianney)** and **Ed Kocienda (Mineola, N.Y./Holy Trinity)** and **Scott Greene (Whippany Park, N.J./Whippany Park)** at the number one and two lines, respectively, with freshman **Ryan Smith (Phoenixville, Pa./Phoenixville)** and sophomore **Maxwell Thiele (Glen Ridge, N.J./Glen Ridge)** slated for the third line. Assistant captain and senior **Ted Rosenberg (Erdenheim, Pa./Springfield Township)** and sophomore **Kevin Dishon (Shelton, Conn./Fairfield Preparatory)** are sidelined due to injuries, but are expected to return to the lineup shortly and play key roles once again this year.

The return of sophomore goalies **Joseph Cuozzo (Pleasantville, N.Y./Briarcliff Manor)** and **Justin Lucas (Bayonne, N.J./Hudson Catholic)**, each of whom played considerable minutes against top-notch competition last year, should ease Fitzgerald’s concerns on defense. Cuozzo played in 17 games, posted a 4.97 goals against average, and his 564 saves was the eighth highest single-season total in Scranton history. Lucas played 15 games, posted a 5.86 goals against average, and came up with 450 saves.

Although the schedule is toned down a bit, the Ice Royals will still face plenty of challenges from back-to-back games against nationally ranked Rhode Island and former ECHA rivals Towson, Lehigh, Drexel, Villanova and West Chester.

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**The University of Scranton  
2008-2009 Ice Hockey Roster**

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
1	Joe Cuzzo	So.	GK	6-0	180	Pleasantville, N.Y./Briarcliff Manor
2	Tom D'Alessio	Jr.	Def.	5-8	170	Bayonne, N.J./St. Peter's Preparatory
3	Mike Pace	Sr.	Fwd	5-11	185	Branchburg, N.J./ St. Joseph Metuchen
4	Luke Malone	So.	Fwd.	5-11	190	Ossining, N.Y./ Fordham Preparatory
5	Joe Ballance	Fr.	Fwd.	5-9	170	Bayonne, N.J./St. Peter's Preparatory
7	Scott Greene	Jr.	Def.	6-1	200	Whippany Park, N.J./ Whippany Park
8	Brian Flanagan	Jr.	Fwd.	6-0	190	Manchester Center, Vt./Burr & Burton Sem.
9	Philip Furtak	Jr.	Fwd	5-9	190	Philadelphia, Pa./Father Judge
10	Jerry Malanga	Jr.	Fwd	6-2	215	Lavallette, N.J./Monsignor Donovan
11	Maxwell Thiele	So.	Def.	5-10	160	Glen Ridge, N.J./Glen Ridge
12	Kevin Dishon	So.	Def.	5-10	170	Shelton, Conn./Fairfield Preparatory
13	Pat Coar	Jr.	Fwd.	6-1	190	Pequannock, N.J./Pequannock
17	Joe Romano	Sr.	Fwd.	5-11	180	West Milford, N.J./West Milford Township
18	Ryan Kleinschmidt	Sr.	Fwd	6-0	185	Valley Stream, N.Y./Kellenberg Memorial
20	Ryan Smith	Fr.	Def.	6-0	175	Phoenixville, Pa./Phoenixville
21	Sal Esposito	Jr.	Fwd.	5-8	170	Westfield, N.J./Westfield
22	Patrick Nerney	Jr.	Fwd	6-0	190	Ramsey, N.J./Ramsey
23	Connor Field	Jr.	Def.	5-8	185	Manalapan, N.J./St. John Vianney
24	Ed Kocienda	Jr.	Def.	6-1	185	Mineola, N.Y./Holy Trinity
25	Kyle Iovannoni	So.	Fwd.	6-0	190	Brookhaven, Pa./Cardinal O'Hara
26	Ted Rosenberg	Sr.	Def	5-11	180	Erdenheim, Pa./Springfield Township
27	Matt Torstrup	Sr.	Fwd	6-1	185	Bridgewater, N.J./Hun School of Princeton
28	Bill Bornaschella	So.	Def.	6-2	200	Richboro, Pa./Archbishop Wood
30	Justin Lucas	So.	GK	6-1	190	Bayonne, N.J./Hudson Catholic

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**Assistant:** Don Tweedy; **Captain:** Jerry Malanga ; **Assistant Captains:** Ryan Kleinschmidt, Ted Rosenberg

**Schedule**

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
FRI.	OCT. 3	SUNY-CANTON	4:30 PM
Sat.	Oct. 4	at Drexel	5:00 pm
Fri.	Oct. 10	at Towson	7:00 pm
SUN.	OCT. 12	TOWSON	4:30 PM
Fri.	Oct. 17	at Syracuse	6:30 pm
SAT.	OCT. 18	SYRACUSE	4:30 PM
Fri.	Oct. 24	at Lehigh	7:00 pm
SAT.	OCT. 25	LEHIGH	4:30 PM
Fri.	Oct. 31	at Villanova	7:00 pm
SAT.	NOV. 1	VILLANOVA	4:30 PM
FRI.	NOV. 7	RHODE ISLAND	4:30 PM
SAT.	NOV. 8	RHODE ISLAND	4:30 PM
SAT.	NOV. 15	SLIPPERY ROCK	4:30 PM
Fri.	Nov. 21	at Binghamton	7:00 pm
Sat.	Nov. 22	at Stony Brock	8:00 pm
Sat.	Jan. 17	at Maryland	3:30 pm
SUN.	JAN. 18	MARYLAND	4:30 PM
SAT.	JAN. 24	CORTLAND ST.	4:30 PM
FRI.	JAN. 30	WEST CHESTER	4:30 PM
Fri.	Feb. 6	at Cortland St.	7:00 pm
SAT.	FEB. 7	DREXEL	4:30 PM
SAT.	FEB. 14	BINGHAMTON	4:30 PM

HOME GAMES AT THE ICE BOX SPORTS COMPLEX IN SCRANTON