

Coaching Staff



Jamie King
Head Coach

Jamie King is in his eighth season as head coach of the Hamilton College women's squash team. King coached the women from 2000 to 2004, and rejoined the program in 2008-09. The team has won 71 matches under King.

King was selected the 2011 New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) coach of the year after Hamilton posted a 13-10 record and finished second

in the Walker Cup division at the 2011 College Squash Association (CSA) team championships. The women's squash program and King received the Chaffee Award for the first time during the 2011 CSA event at Princeton University. The award is given annually to a coach whose team has demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, character, and improvement. King and the men's squash team received a similar award in 2008 and 2010.

Last season, King coached the Continentals to sixth place at the NESCAC championship for the third straight year. Claire Corroon '13 and Amanda Thorman '13 were NESCAC all-conference selections in 2011. The women's squash program has posted five all-NESCAC honorees in the last three seasons. Solid academic performance is important to King and his programs. Thorman and Alexis Lee '13 made the 2010-11 NESCAC winter all-academic team.

King guided Hamilton to a 15-8 record in 2009-10. The 15 wins were the second-highest total for one season in team history, and Hamilton was ranked 15th by the CSA at the end of the season.

Prior to his arrival at Hamilton, King served as assistant coach for the men's and women's squash teams and was the men's tennis coach at Vassar College.

King graduated from Williams with a bachelor's degree in political science and American studies. He received his master's degree in sociology of sport from Skidmore College. King played varsity squash, tennis and soccer at Williams. He was the squash team captain for two seasons. When he was a senior, Williams assembled a 20-2 record and was ranked third in the nation.

Dan Jonas

Assistant Coach

Dan Jonas is in his third season as an assistant coach for the Hamilton College men's and women's squash teams. Jonas was the co-founder, captain and No. 1 player for his club team at Brown University.

Jonas' Brown program was ranked as high as 17th while he still played there, and later achieved varsity status. He also played high school squash at Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia. He graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree from Brown, and went on to graduate cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania's law school.

Program Overview

Six of Hamilton College's top nine women's squash players from last season return in 2011-12. Hamilton also welcomes back Alyssa Bawden '12, who was one of the best her first two seasons. Bawden did not play as a junior due to injury and the College's study abroad program. The Continentals finished with a 13-10 record in 2010-11, and advanced to the finals of the Walker Cup draw at the College Squash Association (CSA) team championships. Jamie King was selected the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) coach of the year, and Claire Corroon '13 and Amanda Thorman '13 made the NESCAC all-conference second team. Hamilton has finished with a winning record six of the past seven seasons. Bawden and Mary Lancaster '12 are the only seniors on the roster.

The women's squash program and King received the Chaffee Award for the first time during the 2011 CSA event at Princeton University. The award is given annually to a coach whose team has demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, character, and improvement. In 1987, the Williams College women's squash team donated this award in honor of their former coach, Clarence C. Chaffee. Chaffee began Williams' squash program in 1938, coached the school's first intercollegiate team in 1939, and led the program until his retirement in 1970.

The team has become accustomed to fast starts in recent years. In 2009-10, the Continentals won their first seven matches and finished with a record of 15-8. The 15 wins were the second-highest total in program history, and Hamilton was No. 15 in the final CSA rankings. That ranking is believed to be tied for the team's best at the end of a season. Kelly Whipple '10 was a three-time NESCAC all-conference selection from 2008 to 2010.

The Continentals won their first six matches in 2007-08 and went on to post a 14-8 record. Hamilton finished that season 15th in the final CSA team rankings after the Continentals defeated Tufts University in the Kurtz Cup consolation bracket at Princeton. The Continentals won seven of their first eight matches in 2006-07 -- a landmark season for the program. Hamilton competed up in the Kurtz Cup "B" Division at the CSA team championships for the first time. The Continentals ended up with a 10-8 record, including 2-2 in the 2007 NESCAC championships.

The Continentals were one of the most improved if not THE most improved women's squash program in the CSA during 2004-05. The Continentals finished with an overall record of 13-8. All but one of those 13 wins was away from home. The Continentals were ranked 26th at the start of the season and peaked at No. 18 before they finally settled at 21st. Hamilton captured the Walker Cup team trophy in 2000, when the team finished with a 13-6 record, and claimed Walker Cup consolation draw titles in 2005 and 2006. Hamilton finished with an amazing 18-4 record in 1992-93.

Hamilton often travels during the winter break so the players can go to places they have never seen before. A January 2010 training trip took the team to Washington, D.C., for six days. In 2007, the team traveled to Bermuda for a seven-day training trip. The players worked with Shaun Moxham and his wife, Katline Cauwels. Moxham coaches David Palmer, who has been the world's top-ranked player.

Records & History

History

1980-1981: 3-4	1996-1997: 8-13
1982-1983: 4-4	1998-1999: 12-6
1983-1984: 12-3	1999-2000: 13-6
1984-1985: 6-11	2000-2001: 12-17
1985-1986: 10-6	2001-2002: 8-12
1986-1987: 6-9	2002-2003: 6-9
1987-1988: 7-9	2003-2004: 5-16
1988-1989: 3-9	2004-2005: 13-8
1989-1990: 14-5	2005-2006: 12-17
1990-1991: 13-6	2006-2007: 10-8
1991-1992: 12-11	2007-2008: 14-8
1992-1993: 18-4	2008-2009: 12-10
1993-1994: 13-14	2009-2010: 15-8
1994-1995: 12-12	2010-2011: 13-10
1995-1996: 8-18	

All-Time Record

294-273

Most Career Wins

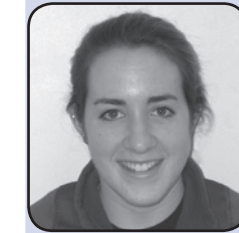
Anne Edelstein '11	57
Courtney Kollmer '10	46
Kelly Whipple '10	43
Nina Platt '10	42
Betsey McDermott '08	41
Casey Cook '07	39
Liz Brecht '99	38
Pepper Johnson '96	38
Natalie Schwerin '08	37
Lindsay Walsh '07	36
Krissy Rubin '10	36
Danielle Forsyth '11	36

Student-Athlete Profiles

Alyssa Bawden
Senior
Short Hills, N.J.
Millburn High School



Career record of 17-13 with two varsity letters. **2010-11:** Participated in Hamilton's study abroad program. **2009-10:** 11-8 record with all matches at the third position ... Missed Howe Cup matches due to injury ... Four wins against NESCAC opponents. **2008-09:** Record of 6-5 at third position ... Injured in Dartmouth match on January 23 and missed the rest of the season.



Claire Corroon
Junior
West Hartford, Conn.
Westminster School

Career record of 17-6 with two varsity letters. **2010-11:** Named to the NESCAC all-conference second team ... Won nine matches at second position. **2009-10:** Led team with 17 victories ... Played anywhere from the second to fifth positions ... Played 15 of her 24 matches at the fourth position ... Won her first nine matches ... Record of 9-4 vs. NESCAC opponents ... Played third position at Howe Cup and won two of three matches.

Amanda Thorman
Junior
Greenwich, Conn.
Greenwich Academy



Career record of 24-20 with two varsity letters. **2010-11:** Named to the NESCAC all-conference second team ... Won nine times and competed at first position in all 20 matches. **2009-10:** Her 15 victories tied for the second-highest total on the team ... Played all her matches at the second position ... Competed in CSA Individual Championships ... Record of 8-5 against NESCAC opponents ... Won three of four matches at the NESCAC Championships.

Hamilton Facilities

Hamilton College's home courts are in the **Little Squash Center**, named for Jeff Little, a member of the Class of 1971. The center opened in fall 2006 and it features 10 regulation-size squash courts, including two with exhibition gallery seating.



The women's squash team takes advantage of the **Charlean and Wayland Blood Fitness and Dance Center**, opened in 2006. The Center includes a large, glass-enclosed aerobic/cardio training area that overlooks Steuben Field; two rooms for resistance and weight-training; a three-story, 39-foot climbing wall, and a dance studio that can be transformed in 10 minutes from working studio to performance space. Spinning classes are held on a group of bikes located on the second level cardio mezzanine overlooking the main aerobic/cardio area.



Student-Athlete Perspectives

"Being part of the Hamilton College squash team is an amazing experience. It is all about the team. Win or lose, the team is there to support you. They help pick you up if you fall and embrace you when you've fought hard. We support each other both on and off the court. Being part of the team has been one of the best parts of my college experience."

-Krissey Rubin '10

"With the amazing team dynamic, outstanding new facilities and unbelievable coaching, there is nowhere else I would rather play college squash. Not only do we play and work hard, we have a lot of fun together and really enjoy each other's company. Playing squash at Hamilton has made my college experience, and has made me grow as a player and a person."

-Kelly Whipple '10

"I am proud to call myself a member of the Hamilton women's squash team. Jamie 'Kinger' King is not only an excellent squash coach, but also provides a great support system. His home is within walking distance and I truly feel I can talk to him about anything. He loves it when we crank up the tunes and belt out the latest pump-up jams before a big match!"

-Danielle Forsyth '11

Hamilton Opponents

Hamilton College squash plays against tough competition every year. The Continentals compete in the New England Small College Athletic Conference and their non-conference schedule includes some of the best programs in the country. NESCAC and 2011-12 non-conference opponents are listed below, along with final 2010-11 CSA ranking. Hamilton finished the season at No. 18.

NESCAC members:

- #4 Trinity College
- #10 Williams College
- #11 Bates College
- #14 Amherst College
- #13 Middlebury College
- #19 Wesleyan University
- #20 Bowdoin College
- #21 Tufts University
- #24 Colby College
- #26 Connecticut College

Non-conference opponents:

- #6 Stanford University
- #7 Cornell University
- #12 Mount Holyoke College
- #23 William Smith College
- #29 St. Lawrence University

About the NESCAC

Founded in 1971, the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) is a group of eleven highly selective liberal arts colleges and universities that share a similar philosophy for intercollegiate athletics. The Conference was created out of a concern for the direction of intercollegiate athletic programs, and remains committed to keeping a proper perspective on the role of sport in higher education.

The formation of NESCAC originated with an agreement among Amherst College, Bowdoin College, Wesleyan University and Williams College first drafted in 1955. Along with these four institutions, Bates College, Colby College, Hamilton College, Middlebury College, Trinity College and Tufts University are sustaining charter members. Connecticut College joined in 1982, bringing the Conference's membership to its current total of 11 institutions.

NESCAC members believe intercollegiate athletic programs should operate in harmony with the educational mission of each institution. The Conference is committed to establishing common boundaries to keep athletics strong but in proportion to the overall academic mission of the member institutions. In pursuit of this mission, the Presidents of each NESCAC institution control intercollegiate athletic policy. Conference tenets are usually more restrictive than those of the NCAA Division III with regard to season length, number of contests and post-season competition.

NESCAC institutions also believe athletic teams should be representative of the entire student body. Thus, admissions and financial policies are consistent with the NCAA Division III policies that prohibit athletic scholarships and award financial aid solely on the basis of need.

In 1999, the NESCAC formally became a playing conference and now sponsors 26 conference championship sports (13 for men and 13 for women). Member schools offer extensive and broad based intercollegiate as well as club and intramural opportunities for both men and women. With member institutions sponsoring an average of nearly 30 varsity programs, NESCAC provides more than 7,500 opportunities for participation in intercollegiate competition at the Division III level. Teams and individuals have achieved great success on both a regional and national level. During the 2010-11 academic year, 49 teams participated in NCAA team championships. NESCAC student-athletes claimed 24 individual national championships and NESCAC teams won seven national team championships.

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