



Dennis Gagnon
5th Season
Head Baseball Coach
Eastern Conn. '79

Commander Dennis Gagnon enters his fifth season as the head coach of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy baseball team, and his sixth year overall with the program.

He owns a 52-80-1 career record as the head coach, and holds the Academy record for wins in a season after his 2001 squad won 18 games.

Gagnon arrived at the Academy in the fall of 2000, and serves as a Company Officer for the Band Company of the Regiment of Midshipmen.

Prior to his arrival at Kings Point, Gagnon worked as a principal and a teacher in Canaan, Maine for three years. Additionally, he worked as a Church Administrator, while involved himself with an Alternative Education program.

For 20 years, Gagnon served as a coach or a referee at the youth and high school levels for boys and girls soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball. From 1979-94, he was an active member of the Marine Corps and retired at the rank of Major.

Gagnon, a 1979 graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. While in college he was a member of the Warriors' baseball team. The Rockville, Connecticut native resides in Kings Point, New York with his wife Betty and their seven children.



Steve Wright
2nd Season
Assistant Coach
Rhodes College '04

Steve Wright enters his second season as an assistant coach with the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy baseball team.

Wright works primarily with the outfielders and hitters, while implementing the philosophies of the head coach and serves as the third base coach.

Administratively, Wright coordinates the off-season strength and conditioning program for the position players and assists head coach Dennis Gagnon with recruiting and fundraising.

In the fall, Wright serves as the equipment manager for the Mariners' football team.

Prior to his arrival at Kings Point, Wright attended Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., where he was a mainstay for the Lynx in the outfield. Wright, capped off a successful collegiate playing career by batting .422 (4th In the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference) in his senior year and earning team MVP honors. In addition, Wright was selected to the All-SCAC first team and South Region All-America third team.

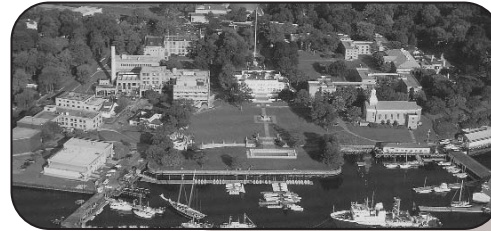
Wright graduated from Rhodes in the spring of 2004 with a Bachelors degree in Political Science and Greek and Roman Studies.

Wright, a native of Needham, Massachusetts, currently resides in Kings Point, New York. He is the son of Robert and Jacalyn Wright and has two siblings Andrew and Elizabeth.

2006 QUICK FACTS

Head Coach:.....Dennis Gagnon (5th year)
 Overall Record:.....52-80-1
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 Athletics Dir.:.....Sue Petersen Lubow
 Head Trainer.....Melinda Eng
 Equipment/Facility Manager:.....John Licata
 Players Lost:.....10
 Players Returning:.....13
 Newcomers:.....12

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The United States Merchant Marine Academy was dedicated on September 30, 1943, at the former Walter P. Chrysler estate in Kings Point, NY.

Kings Point, which is one of the five federal academies, has grown in stature and has become one of the world's foremost institutions in the field of maritime education. Midshipmen select their major course of study from among six major programs: Marine Transportation, Marine Operations and Technology, Marine Engineering, Marine Engineering Systems, Shipyard and Marine Engineering Management, and Logistics and Intermodal Transportation. Upon graduation, Midshipmen will receive a degree in their chosen major, a Coast Guard License to sail in the above capacities, and a commission as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

An integral part of the Academy curriculum is the training Midshipmen receive at sea. During their four years, Midshipmen spend approximately half of their sophomore and junior years aboard merchant vessels, sailing the trade routes of the world. This experience allows Midshipmen to explore the maritime field and travel the world.

Today, graduates are serving with distinction in all sectors of the maritime industry - as ship's officers, steamship company executives, admiralty lawyers, marine underwriters, naval architects, oceanographers, and career officers in the United States Navy, Coast Guard, Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

2006 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Mar. 4	Coast Guard	Hollywood, FL	12:00 PM
Mar. 5	Coast Guard (DH)	Hollywood, FL	12:00 PM
Mar. 7	St. Thomas (FL)	Miami, FL	6:00 PM
Mar. 9	Florida Memorial	Miami, FL	2:45 PM
Mar. 10	Northwood (DH)	W. Palm Beach, FL	12:00 PM
Mar. 13	CCNY	Kings Point, NY	3:30 PM
Mar. 15	John Jay	Kings Point, NY	3:30 PM
Mar. 18	New Jersey City (DH)	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Mar. 19	Polytechnic (DH)	Brooklyn, NY	12:00 PM
Mar. 21	Baruch	Kings Point, NY	3:30 PM
Mar. 23	SUNY Purchase	Kings Point, NY	3:30 PM
Mar. 25	Mt. St. Mary (DH)*	Newburgh, NY	12:00 PM
Mar. 26	Stevens (DH) *	Hoboken, NJ	12:00 PM
Mar. 30	John Jay	New York, NY	3:30 PM
Apr. 1	Old Westbury (DH) *	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Apr. 2	Farmingdale St. (DH) *	Farmingdale, NY	12:00 PM
Apr. 7	FDU-Florham	Kings Point, NY	4:00 PM
Apr. 8	Maritime College (DH)*	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Apr. 9	Centenary (DH) *	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Apr. 12	FDU-Florham	Madison, NJ	4:00 PM
Apr. 13	SUNY Purchase	Purchase, NY	4:00 PM
Apr. 19	Lehman	Kings Point, NY	4:00 PM
Apr. 22	St. Joseph's (DH) *	Patcong, NY	12:00 PM
Apr. 23	Mt. St. Vincent (DH) *	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Apr. 24	King's (PA)	Kings Point, NY	4:30 PM
Apr. 29	Manhattanville (DH) *	Purchase, NY	12:00 PM
May 5-7	Skyline Tournament	TBA	TBA

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2006 BASEBALL SEASON OUTLOOK

A confident bunch of United States Merchant Marine Academy Baseball Mariners enter the 2006 campaign under the motto "One Heartbeat" looking to improve on last season's 14-19 bid and 12-10 ledger in Skyline Conference play. Despite missing out on a chance to participate in the post-season by a single game, Kings Point was one of the nation's most improved teams, earning 12 more victories than the season prior.

Under fifth year head coach Lieutenant Commander Dennis Gagnon, the 2006 Mariners look to jump-start the year in the opening series with a sweep of archrival the United States Coast Guard Academy for a three-game stint in Hollywood, Florida. After four more outings, the Mariners return home for four non-conference affairs against the City College of New York (CCNY), John Jay and a double-header versus New Jersey City.

"We've never won a spring trip since I've been with the program," stated Gagnon. "The guys are fired up to win in Florida regardless of the opponent. They've been working very hard with that in mind."

Returning to the unit includes 2005 Co-Rookie of the Year and Second-Team All-Star in sophomore right fielder Davey May. The Lutz, Florida native had an outstanding rookie campaign for the Mariners with a .330 batting average, .540 slugging percentage and .419 on-base percentage. May totaled 33 hits, 29 runs, 27 RBI and three home runs in 31 games played.

His counterparts in the outfield will include senior left fielder Adam Vanden Boogard and senior center fielder Ross Coviello. The coaching staff expects Vanden Boogard to step it up offensively. In 12 games played last season, the Longmont, Colorado native recorded five hits in 35 at bats. Meanwhile, Coviello, who was limited to just 13 games due to injury, batted .357 via going 15-of-42 at the plate with six runs and five RBI.

The infield will feature senior shortstop Alex DePalo and sophomore second baseman Robert Tenenholz, while the remaining infielders will fight for the vacant positions of first and third base. Sophomore Lauren McCollum, Patrick Boyle and freshman David Dorfman will vie for playing time at the corners.

Sophomore catcher J.B. Zorn will manage the game

from behind the plate. The Davidsonville, Maryland native stood strong defensively with 64 putouts and six assists in just 12 games played on the season. Serving as backups and fighting for playing time include sophomore Dylan Tumblyn and freshmen Thomas Peyton and Eric Anderson.

"We'll be a scrappy offensive team," said Gagnon. "I don't expect us to be the long ball team as last year. We will have to play smart baseball, but the ball in play and run well on the bases to score runs."

On the mound, the Mariners will feature a pitching staff that is deep and talented. The projected starters for Kings Point are senior Kellan Lancaster, juniors Nick Oliva and Justin Backus and freshman Alex Smith. Seniors Dustin Hoffman and Matthew Krohn and sophomore L.J. Fioravanti will all be pivotal to the Mariner rotation depending on their recovery from various ailments from the 2005 campaign. Hoffman and Fioravanti are expected to make their way back into the starting rotation, while the flame-throwing Krohn is slated to finish games as the team's closer, but will also see action as a starter.

Sophomore Nick Geier and freshman John Suesli, Timothy Scott and Dorfman are expected to provide middle relief over the course of the year. USMMA will look to lower its 6.79 earned run average in 2006.

"Backus, Oliva, Khron and Kellen, Lancaster will be the starters opening the year. We look to get Fioravanti and Hoffman into the starting rotation as well," remarked Gagnon. "Everyone will have to do their part. The key for our staff will be for everyone to come through in various predicaments. If our staff is consistent we will be OK. Many coaches throughout the conference expect our staff to be tough."

USMMA will commence conference play on Mar. 25 at Mt. St. Mary's. The Mariners will host Skyline opponents Old Westbury, Maritime, Centenary (NJ) and Mt. St. Vincent, while traveling to Manhattanville, Farmingdale State, and Stevens Tech.

The Blue & Gray hopes to make an appearance in the Skyline Conference Tournament starting on May 5.

USMMA TOP RETURNEES



No. 13
Ross Coviello
Senior Outfielder
Cape Coral, FL



No. 14
Kellan Lancaster
Senior Pitcher
Bakersfield, CA



No. 12
Dustin Hoffman
Senior Pitcher
West Milton, PA



No. 15
Justin Backus
Junior Pitcher
Hummelstown, PA



No. 20
Davey May
Sophomore Outfielder
Lutz, FL



No. 21
L.J. Fioravanti
Sophomore Pitcher
Roseville, MN

USMMA BASEBALL ROSTER



No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School
1	Robert Tenenholz	IF	R/R	5-10	145	SO	Divide, CO/Woodland Park
3	Alex Smith	P	L/R	6-0	200	FR	Pleasant Valley, CT/Northwestern
4	Alex DePalo	IF	R/R	5-10	165	SR	Huntington, NY/St. Anthony's
5	Robert Huish	3B	R/R	5-11	200	SR	Merrillville, IN/Merrillville
6	Josh Suesli	P	R/R	5-10	160	FR	Gassaway, WV/Braxton County
7	Dan Diotalevi	3B	R/R	5-10	185	FR	Millford, CT/Fairfield Prep
8	James McCollum	IF	R/R	5-8	160	SO	Tucson, AZ/Sabino
10	Adam Vanden Boogard	OF	R/R	6-0	190	SR	Longmont, CO/Longmont
11	Nick Geier	P	L/L	6-0	170	SO	Dover, DE/Salesianum
12	Dustin Hoffman	P	R/R	6-2	180	SR	West Milton, PA/Lewisburg
13	Ross Coviello	OF	L/R	5-11	185	SR	Cape Coral, FL/Cape Coral
14	Kellan Lancaster	P	R/R	5-10	175	SR	Bakersfield, CA/Eagle
15	Justin Backus	P	R/R	6-0	190	JR	Hummelstown, PA/Hershey
16	David Dorfman	P/IF	R/R	5-8	155	FR	Wilton, CT/Wilton
17	Nick Oliva	P	L/L	6-3	201	JR	Seafood, NY/Seafood
18	Patrick Boyle	IF	R/R	6-1	154	SO	Charleston, WV/Charleston Catholic
19	Thomas Peyton	C	R/R	5-9	170	FR	Galveston, TX/Clear Creek
20	Davey May	OF	L/R	6-0	225	SO	Lutz, FL/Jesuit
21	L.J. Fioravanti	P/O/F	R/R	5-11	175	SO	Roseville, MN/Roseville Area
25	J.B. Zorn	C	R/R	6-3	228	SO	Davidsonville, MD/DeMatha Catholic
30	Eric Anderson	C	R/R	5-8	180	FR	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ/Hasbrouck Hts.
33	Timothy Scott	P	R/R	5-10	175	JR	West Chester, PA/Bhp. Shanahan
34	Matthew Krohn	P	R/R	5-9	183	SR	Mansfield, TX/Mansfield
37	Dustin Carter	Util.		6-1	175	SO	Carrollton, TX/Carrollton Newman

