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2002-03 FENCING



JANUSZ MLYNEK

Head Coach

Janusz Mlynek begins his second season as head coach of NJIT's fencing teams. This year, he has split the traditionally co-ed team into separate men's and women's squads.

Mlynek has previous collegiate experience as an assistant at Jean de Brebeuf College in Montreal.

Under Mlynek's tutelage, the Highlanders have shown much technical progress. Last year's 3-15 record was a one-bout improvement over the previous season. The team's indicators (touches scored minus touches received) improved dramatically, and numerous bouts were lost by only one or two touches. Mlynek has stepped up the program's recruiting efforts, and teaches a physical education class in beginner fencing at NJIT.

Mlynek is the senior coach/founder of the Polish-American Fencing School in Linden, New Jersey. His students have won over 70 medals in national competition during the past five years. In the summer of 2002, his club fencers won three gold and 11 total medals at the United States Fencing Association Summer Nationals.

As a competitive fencer, Mlynek spent several years on Poland's National Team and twice was a silver-medalist at Poland's National Championships. More recently, he won three consecutive gold medals at the Garden State Games.

Mlynek earned his Master of Arts degree from the Academy of Physical Education in Krakow, Poland, in 1991. He resides in Elizabeth, with his wife, Jola.

YAKOV DANILENKO

Assistant Coach

Yakov Danilenko joins the NJIT fencing staff after several years as an assistant at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Danilenko has been declared a Master of Sports of the USSR in fencing and an Honored Fencing Coach of the Republic of Kazakhstan. He has also served as coach of the Kazak National Team.



Danilenko is the senior coach/founder of the Medeo Fencing Club in Livingston, New Jersey, where he has developed numerous national, collegiate and high school champions. He is also a C-Class International Category official.

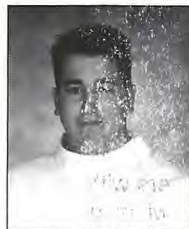
In 1977, Danilenko earned Master's degrees in mechanical engineering and physical education from the Kazak Institute of Road Construction and Institute for Physical Culture and Sports. He resides in Edison with his wife, Irina.

TOP PERFORMERS

CHRIS ALIPRANTIS

Sr. Saber 6-3

Little Falls, NJ/Passaic Valley HS



Christopher Alan Aliprantis... second-year captain and only returning saber. **2001-02:** Went 11-19 on the season... finished 26th in the preseason Temple Open... had four wins at the MACFA Championships. **2000-01:** Led Highlander sabers with 22 wins and a .431 winning percentage. **Prior to NJIT:** Graduated from Passaic Valley High... attended Wentworth Institute of Technology for one year. **Personal:** Son of Michael and Sandy Aliprantis... brother Mike graduated from NJIT summa cum laude... computer science major... born 7/29/81 in Montclair, N.J.



CRYSTAL COOPER

Sr. Epee 5-4

Rockaway, NJ/Morris Hills HS

Crystal Daisy Cooper... NJIT's only returning female. **2001-02:** Went 9-50 competing predominantly against males due to NJIT's co-ed status. **2000-01:** Posted a 19-32 record... had more victories than all other Highlander women combined. **Prior to NJIT:** Fenced for coach Barb Lynch at Morris Hills... also played field hockey and was a member of the marching band. **Personal:** Majoring in civil engineering with a GPA of 3.2... member of Sigma Psi Kappa sorority... has two younger brothers.

PHIL DOLATA

Fr. Saber 6-2

Ballston Lake, NY/Shenendehowa HS



Philip Patrick Dolata... immediately becomes NJIT's No. 1 saber. **Prior to NJIT:** Fenced for coach Alex Jeffris at the Beaches Sabre Club... finished sixth at last year's USFA Summer Nationals... has won several regional championships. **Personal:** Son of Lech and Danuta Dolata... management major... born 9/11/83 in Nigeria.

CREDITS

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TOP PERFORMERS

MATT EDZENGA

So. Epee 6-0
Wyckoff, NJ/Ramapo HS



WITOLD RAK

Matthew Shawn Edzenza... one of three Highlanders with a winning record last season. **2001-02:** Team's winningest epee at 34-31 (.523)... went 5-8 at the MACFA Championships. **Prior to NJIT:** Fourth in the state in epee as a senior at Ramapo High... teams were twice state champions in epee and once overall during his career. **Personal:** Son of Russell and Cynthia Edzenza... computer science major... born 8/11/82 in Hackensack, N.J.



IAN LaFOND

Sr. Foil 5-9
Bogota, NJ/St. Benedict's Prep

Ian Anthony LaFond... "Hook"... in fourth year as No. 1 foil. **2001-02:** Led team in wins (38) and percentage (.667)... finished ninth at MACFA Championships. **2000-01:** Had a team-high 28 wins and .538 percentage were both team highs... earned a trip to the NCAA Regional. **1999-2000:** Went 28-17 as a freshman. **Prior to NJIT:** Four-time junior Olympic qualifier for coach Derrick Hoff at St. Benedict's Prep in Newark... member of Centrulo Team foil and overall champions in 1999... also played soccer. **Personal:** Son of John and Theresa LaFond... one of 14 children... majoring in computer engineering with a 3.4 GPA... member of NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College... born 2/13/81 in Englewood, N.J.

YARO LOSEV

Fr. Epee 6-5
Springfield, NJ/James Caldwell HS

Yaroslav Losev... gives the epee squad an immediate boost. **Prior to NJIT:** Competed for the Medeo Fencing Club... participated in wrestling and cross-county at James Caldwell High. **Personal:** Son of Oleg Chechko and Antonina Budris-Chechko... undeclared major... born 10/25/83 in the Ukraine.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

NJIT's fencing program is on the rebound. Fencing is one of the oldest sports at NJIT, and for many years under legendary coach Paul Hausser, was among the best teams in the East. Now, under two coaches with international experience, the program is already showing much improvement. Additionally, the women's team has been re-established after a 10-year lay-off. The NJIT fencing program has a limited number of partial scholarships available, and welcomes fencers with all levels of experience.

PROGRAM HISTORY

Year	W-L	Coach
1935-36	4-6	
1936-37	4-6	
1937-38	9-1	
1938-39		
1939-40	7-1	
1940-41	6-2	
1941-42	7-0	
1942-43	no team – World War II	
1943-44	no team – World War II	
1944-45	no team – World War II	
1945-46	no team – World War II	
1946-47	3-1	Pelegriano Ringi
1947-48	5-4	Pelegriano Ringi
1948-49	5-0	Pelegriano Ringi
1949-50	7-2	Pelegriano Ringi
1950-51	8-0	Pelegriano Ringi
1951-52	8-1	Pelegriano Ringi
1952-53	7-1	Pelegriano Ringi (43-9)
1953-54	7-1	Paul Hausser
1954-55	5-3	Paul Hausser
1955-56	6-2	Paul Hausser
1956-57	8-1	Paul Hausser
1957-58	7-2	Paul Hausser
1958-59	6-2	Paul Hausser
1959-60	8-2	Paul Hausser
1960-61	7-1	Paul Hausser
1961-62	10-3	Paul Hausser
1962-63	8-5	Paul Hausser
1963-64	7-5	Paul Hausser
1964-65	6-5	Paul Hausser
1965-66	7-6	Paul Hausser
1966-67	7-6	Paul Hausser
1967-68	7-6	Paul Hausser
1968-69	8-3	Paul Hausser
1969-70	7-6	Paul Hausser
1970-71	8-4	Paul Hausser
1971-72	11-1	Paul Hausser
1972-73	7-7	Paul Hausser
1973-74	4-8	Paul Hausser
1974-75	6-6	Paul Hausser
1975-76	3-8	Paul Hausser
1976-77	6-6	Paul Hausser
1977-78	5-4	Paul Hausser
1978-79	3-7	Paul Hausser
1979-80	4-7	Paul Hausser
1980-81		Paul Hausser
1981-82		Paul Hausser
1982-83		Paul Hausser
1983-84		Paul Hausser
1984-85	1-8	Paul Hausser
1985-86	2-9	Bob Lynch
1986-87	1-9	Bob Lynch
1987-88	1-9	Bob Lynch
1988-89	1-9	Bob Lynch
1989-90	2-10	Bob Lynch
1990-91	4-11	Bob Lynch (11-57)
1991-92*	10-4	George LaTorre
1992-93*	11-6	George LaTorre (21-10)
1993-94		Vladimir Lilov
1994-95	5-10	Craig Garretson
1995-96	5-10	Craig Garretson
1996-97		Craig Garretson
1997-98	4-12	Craig Garretson
1998-99	6-11	Craig Garretson
1999-2000	5-11	Idan Mandelbaum
2000-01	2-16	Idan Mandelbaum (7-27)
2001-02	3-15	J. Mlynek/W. Rak

* IAC Champion

Women

1989-90	0-12	Bob Lynch
1990-91	0-15	Frank Wadas

Note: All blank information is not on file. Anyone with documentable proof of missing information is asked to contact NJIT Sports Information Services at (973) 596-8324 or mentone@adm.njit.edu.

MEN'S ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Weapon	Hometown	High School
Tim Bennett	Jr.	Foil	Sewell, NJ	Washington Twp.
Jason DiDonato	Fr.	Foil	Bayonne, NJ	Bayonne
Ian LaFond*	Sr.	Foil	Bogota, NJ	St. Benedict's Prep
Matt Edzenga	So.	Epee	Wyckoff, NJ	Ramapo
Ed Folgar	So.	Epee	Wayne, NJ	Wayne Valley
Yaroslav Losev	Fr.	Epee	Springfield, NJ	Caldwell
Joe Marino	So.	Epee	Tinton Falls, NJ	Christian Brothers
Chris Aliprantis*	Sr.	Saber	Little Falls, NJ	Passaic Valley
Phil Dolata	Fr.	Saber	Ballston Lake, NY	Shenendehowa
Paul Nijander	Jr.	Saber	Lawrenceville, NJ	Lawrence

* captain

WOMEN'S ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Weapon	Hometown	High School
Uma Phatak	So.	Foil	Belford, NJ	Middletown North
Christina Russo	So.	Foil	Brick, NJ	Brick Twp. Memorial
Crystal Cooper	Sr.	Epee	Rockaway, NJ	Morris Hills
Marta Oporska	So.	Epee	Clifton, NJ	Clifton
Michelle Paulter	Jr.	Epee	Lodi, NJ	Paramus Catholic
Yvetteanne Mendoza	Fr.	Saber	Belleville, NJ	Belleville
Jabeen Reza	Fr.	Saber	Rockaway, NJ	Livingston

2002-03 SCHEDULE

Date		Site	Opponents
Nov.	2-3	Temple	Temple Open
Nov.	17	Army	Army, Cornell, Drew, Yeshiva
Jan.	19	NJIT	HUNTER, STEVENS TECH
Feb.	2	Johns Hopkins	Johns Hopkins, William & Mary, Virginia, Virginia Tech
Feb.	9	Drew	Haverford, Lafayette, St. John's (Md.)
Mar.	3	Stevens Tech	MACFA Championships

2001-02 RESULTS

Date		Site	Opponents		
Nov.	18	Army	Army	L	10-17
			Cornell	L	9-18
			Yeshiva	L	12-15
			Drew	L	4-23
Jan.	26	Stevens Tech	Johns Hopkins	L	3-24
			Stevens Tech	L	5-22
Feb.	3	Sacred Heart	Hunter	L	11-15
			Stevens Tech	L	9-18
			Sacred Heart	W	14-7
			Vassar	L	10-17
			Marist	W	16-11
Feb.	9	Drew	Haverford	L	3-24
			Lafayette	L	8-19
			St. John's (Md.)	W	15-12
Feb.	16	Johns Hopkins	Virginia	L	8-19
			Virginia Tech	L	6-21
			William & Mary	L	6-21
			North Carolina	L	4-23
Mar.	3	Johns Hopkins	MACFA Championships		13th/14

ATHLETICS FACILITIES

The NJIT fencing teams practice and host meets in the **Fleisher Multi-Purpose Room**. The room is equipped with the latest in electrical strips and speed targets.

Additionally, the team has access to all of the facilities in the **Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center**. These include the fitness area (containing computer-controlled biking equipment, Cybex resistance units and an indoor track), two weight rooms (free-weight and hammer-strength), four racquetball courts, a martial arts center, and four lighted outdoor hardcourt tennis courts.

The Highlanders' men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams play at **Entwisle Gymnasium**, the main gym in the athletic center. Entwisle, which can entertain crowds of up to 1,500, is also open to the campus community during selected hours for recreation.

Lubetkin Field, a lighted, natural grass facility adjacent to the athletic center, is home to the Highlanders' baseball and men's and women's soccer teams. It contains a midfield scoreboard and pressbox facilities, and its bleacher seating can hold approximately 1,000 spectators.

The six-lane pool on the first floor of the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center also hosts the NJIT men's and women's swimming teams. It is staffed by certified lifeguards for recreational swimming. The Hazell Student Center houses six regulation bowling lanes.

The above facilities are also used for physical education classes, club sports, and intramurals.

NJIT FENCING FACTS

Location	Newark, NJ 07102
Founded	1881 as Newark Technical School
Enrollment	5,700 full-time undergraduate
Nickname	Highlanders
Colors	Scarlet and White
President	Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch
Director of Athletics	Lenny Kaplan
Athletics Department/Fencing Phone	(973) 596-3636
Athletics Department/Fencing FAX	(973) 596-8295
Athletics Department URL	http://www.njit.edu/athletics
Head Coach	Janusz Mlynek
Career Record (Years)	3-15 (1)
NJIT Fencing E-Mail	njit.fencing@att.net
Assistant Coach	Yakov Danilenko
Volunteer Assistants	Carla Bandeira, Arthur Wielkoszewski
First Year of Program	1935-36
Home Arena	Fleisher Multi-Purpose Room
Affiliation	NCAA II
Conference	Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association
2001-02 Record	3-15
Sports Info. Director	Mark Mentone (973) 596-8324
Sports Information FAX	(973) 596-8440
Mentone E-Mail	mentone@adm.njit.edu
NJIT Results Hotline	(973) 596-5555

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NJIT's history spans from the Industrial Revolution to the Information Age. Newark was a factory town when the tuition-free evening school was founded in 1881 to support local industries. From the early days, science and technology have been the engines fueling the university's development.

Over time, the university both anticipated and responded to change by expanding its curriculum and mission. Most notably, in 1919, the university established baccalaureate programs in three engineering fields. By 1975, NJIT offered a broad range of undergraduate and graduate degrees. All programs included significant research and public service components with the goal of providing an academic environment that fostered intellectual depth and breadth, as well as social responsibility.

Today, continuing a fourfold mission of instruction, research, economic development and public service, NJIT is among the leading comprehensive technological universities in the nation. The university has state-of-the-art facilities with more than 2,000,000 square feet of space located on a 45-acre campus in Newark, a Technology and Engineering Center at our campus in Mount Laurel shared with Burlington County College, and a solar observatory in Big Bear, California.



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