



*Senior, Jonathan Lang*



*Senior, Iulia Daci*

# MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

2008-09



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## **MIKE SOWTER, *Head Coach***

**Mike Sowter** was named head coach of men's and women's tennis at NJIT in the summer of 2008 following a successful two-year stint at Hofstra University, where he was head coach of the men's and women's tennis teams for previous two seasons.

At Hofstra, he led the women's team to a 14-10 overall record in 2007-08, while also directing the men's squad to an 11-11-1 mark. Both records represented substantial improvements over the previous seasons, as the women's wins total jumped from three to 14 and the men improved from seven wins to 11.

The women's tennis team received the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team award for the 2007-2008 season for their excellence in the classroom.

His two-year totals with Hofstra were 18-24-1 with the men and 17-26 with the women.

A native of Perth, Australia, Sowter was a junior college all-American at Wallace State in Alabama, before transferring to NCAA Division I Marist, where he was a two-time all-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference honoree and a two-time NCAA Tournament participant.

Following his graduation from Marist in 2002, he coached at the small college level for two years with Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, compiling a 20-9 record and garnering Hudson Valley Men's Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honors in 2003.

He returned to his alma mater as assistant women's coach in 2004-05 and helped Marist post a 14-4 overall record, including a perfect 7-0 conference regular season mark.

He took over as head coach of Hofstra's tennis teams in February 2006, leading the men to seven wins and the women to three victories in his first season before an 11-win jump for the women and a four-win improvement for the men in his second season. His first recruiting class added five women to the 2007-08 roster, including the number one and number two players, who combined to go 30-5 in match play at their respective slots, helping account for the team's improvement from three wins to 14.

The Hofstra women's freshman recruiting class was ranked 10th-best among the nation's mid-major programs by the web site [tennisrecruiting.net](http://tennisrecruiting.net).

At NJIT, Sowter takes over two of the Highlanders' most successful programs as they prepare for their third season of Division I competition. In 2007-08, the Highlanders posted a 12-7 women's record and the men's team was 11-7.

In 2006-07, NJIT was 14-8 on the women's side and the men were 10-10, lifting the two-year Division I records to 26-15 for the women and 21-17 for the men.

NJIT and Hofstra faced off in each of the Highlanders' two seasons of Division I competition and Sowter's two years as Hofstra head coach. The Pride men defeated NJIT both times—6-1 in 2007 and 7-0 in 2008. The Highlander women won easily in 2007 (6-1) and again in a close contest in 2008 (4-3).

In addition to his college coaching, Sowter is head tennis professional at Bailywick Club in Greenwich, CT, and he is a teaching professional at ProForm Tennis at Doral Arrowood in Rye Brook, NY. He has also served as tennis director at Camp Vega for Girls in Kents Hill, ME.

He resides in Port Chester, NY, with his wife, Monika, and their son, Tristan.

## DEEPTI SANJAI, Assistant Coach

A 2006 magna cum laude graduate of NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College (biology major), **Deepti Sanjai** returned to her alma mater in 2008 as assistant coach of the Highlanders tennis teams after an undergraduate career marked by excellence in academics and athletics.

Sanjai will earn her master's degree from Purdue University in May 2009 with a major in horticulture.

She excelled in two sports at NJIT, serving as a two-year captain and MVP of both the women's tennis and women's fencing teams. She was ITA Division II Regional B singles champion as a senior in tennis and she was a two-time NCAA regional qualifier in fencing. Not surprisingly, she won numerous scholar-athlete awards associated with her two sports.

Born in New Delhi, India, Deepti was raised in Malaysia, where she was one of the top-ranked junior players before coming to NJIT. Her father is a tennis coach, having mentored some of the top junior players in India, and her mother teaches math in the Newark Public Schools.



## 2008-2009 MEN'S ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Dimitri Athans	Sr.	5'9	160	Woolwich, NJ/Gloucester County College
Cosmin Chiujea	Jr.	5'10	170	Braila, Romania/Nicolae Iorga
Steve Erickson	Jr.	5'11	135	Emerson, NJ/Emerson
Bryan Keelan	So.	6'0	165	Wall, NJ/Wall
Jonathan Lang	Jr.	5'10	150	Paris, France/CNED
Carl Lundquist	Fr.	5'10	175	Sollentuna, Stockholm, Sweden/Rudbecksolan
Mike Sullivan	Sr.	6'1	170	Bellmawr, NJ/Gloucester County College
Anthony Tunnerio	Jr.	6'0	145	Flemington, NJ/Drew University

## 2008-2009 MEN'S SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
<b>September</b>			
6	Sat.	at Fairfield/Sacred Heart Doubles Invitational	All Day
16	Tue.	RIDER ^	3 pm
<b>October</b>			
4	Sat.	at Stony Brook vs. Saint Peter's	L, 1-4 W, 4-1
10-12	Fri.-Sun.	Hampton Roads Invitational (at Old Dominion)	All Day
16-21	Tue.-Sun.	Wilson/ITA Northeast Regional (at Yale)	All Day
<b>January</b>			
31	Sat.	SACRED HEART \$	7 pm
<b>February</b>			
1	Sun.	at Saint Peter's	1:30 pm
14	Sat.	HOWARD ^^	8 pm
21	Sat.	at Hartford	2:30 pm
28	Sat.	MORGAN STATE ^^	8 pm
<b>March</b>			
16	Mon.	vs. Colgate %	10 am
18	Wed.	vs. Florida Gulf Coast %	2 pm
26	Thu.	at LaSalle	3:30 pm
28	Sat.	at Bucknell	12 pm
29	Sun.	WAGNER **	2 pm
31	Tue.	LASALLE #	3:30 pm
<b>April</b>			
4	Sat.	at Bryant	12 pm
5	Sun.	at Boston University	12 pm
9	Thu.	at Marist	4:30 pm
13	Mon.	at Siena	3:30 pm
17-19	Fri.-Sun.	Independent Tennis Tournament (at UTPA)	All Day

**BOLD/CAPS** home; Home venues: \*\* = Branch Brook Park (Newark, NJ); # = Fleisher Athletic Center Courts;

^^ = Tenaflly Racquet Club (Tenaflly, NJ)

% = Matches played in Fort Myers, Florida



## 2007-08 MEN'S RESULTS

Day	Date	Opponent	Score
Sat.	Sept. 15	at Rider	L, 3-4
Tue.	Sept. 18	at Fordham	W, 4-3
Wed.	Sept. 26	at Mt. St. Mary's, MD	W, 4-2
Sat.	Sept. 29	SIENA*	W, 5-2
Thu.	Oct. 18	ITA Regionals	9 am
Sat.	Feb. 2	SACRED HEART^	W, 6-0
Sat.	Feb. 9	HOFSTRA^	L, 0-7
Sat.	Feb. 16	SAINT PETER'S^	W, 4-3
Wed.	Feb. 20	MORGAN STATE^	W, 4-3
Sat.	Feb. 23	HOWARD^	W, 6-1
Sun.	Feb. 24	at Army	L, 0-7
Sat.	Mar. 1	HARTFORD^	W, 6-1
Sat.	Mar. 15	SAINT FRANCIS (NY)^	W, 6-1
Tue.	Mar. 18	at St. Thomas (FL) &	L, 3-4
Wed.	Mar. 19	vs. Colgate &	L, 0-7
Thu.	Mar. 20	vs. Stony Brook &	L, 0-7
		vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay &	L, 1-6
Sat.	Mar. 29	LA SALLE*	W, 4-3
Thu.	Apr. 3	WAGNER*	W, 7-0

## TOP MEN'S RETURNEES

### STEVE ERICKSON

Jr. • 5-11 • 138 • Emerson, NJ/Emerson

**Coach's comment:** Ferocious competitor and will fight for every last shot. ... he utilizes his speed and court awareness to strike the ball effectively and is dangerous from anywhere on the court ... **Fall 2008:** Captured the Flight A Singles championship of the 2008 ECAC. ... went 10-2 overall (6-2 in tournament play; 4-0 in dual matches). **2007-08:** 13-5 at first singles. ... teamed up with Jonathan Lang at second doubles and went 9-4. **Fall 2007:** 4-0 at #1 singles ... **2006-07:** 10-12 (9-11 at #1) in singles competition as a freshman ... recorded his first collegiate win against URI ... **Prior to NJIT:** Finalist in the 2006 NJ state Tournament of Champions ... first-team all-State, all-County and all-North Jersey for coach Dave Schurman at Emerson. ... Member of the football, baseball and basketball team. **Personal:** Son of Haeja and Eugene Erickson ... business management major ... born 1/18/88 in Teaneck, NJ.



### COSMIN CHIUJDEA

Jr. • 5-8 • 110 • Braila, Romina/Nicolae Iorgia

**Coach's comment:** Pairs a strong all-court game with a punishing forehand. ... his leadership skills help to bring confidence and desire to the team. ... **Fall 2008:** 4-3 record (2-1 in dual meets, 2-2 in tournament play) **2007-08:** Went 10-5 at third singles. **Fall 2007:** 3-1 record (2-0 at #3, 1-1 at #2) ... **2006-07:** 13-6 record (10-5 at #3; 3-1 at #2) ... **Prior to NJIT:** Finalist of the Santronic Cup in singles (2005); quarterfinalist of the Tennis National Championship (2005); winner of the Fisher Trophy in singles (2004) ... Played club tennis with Valmet for coach Malaia Mihai and Mirea N. ... Also a member of the soccer team **Personal:** Son of Gheorghe and Viorela Chiujdea ... business management major ... born 1/26/87 in Braila, Romania.

### JONATHAN LANG

Jr. • 5-10 • 140 • Paris, France/CNED

**Coach's comment:** Experienced and tireless worker. ... can easily wear down opponents from the baseline or finish points at the next. ... **Fall 2008:** 3-3 overall (1-1 at #2 and #3 singles) **2007-08:** Finished with an 11-5 record at #2 singles; 9-4 at second doubles with teammate Steve Erickson. **Fall 2007:** 2-0 at #2 singles ... **2006-07:** As a freshman, Lang recorded a 9-7 overall record; 9-6 at No. 2 singles. **Personal:** Son of Philippe Lang ... IT major ... born 8/6/85 in Paris, France.



## 2008-09 WOMEN'S ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (previous college)
Fanny Aizier	So.	5'4	Aix-en-Provence, France/Lyce Vauvenargues
Iulia Doci	Jr.	6'1	Bistrita, Romania/British School of Barcelona, Spain
Ana Lidon	So.	5'6	Seville, Spain/IES Valle
Anine Lovdal	Fr.	5'6	Norway/Wang Sonans
Dasa Stanimirovic	So.	5'6	Novi Sad, Serbia/Isidora Sekulic (UMass)
Isha Toor	So.	5'6	Chandigarh, India/Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School-16

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12-14		Hofstra Invitational	All Day
16		<b>RIDER</b>	<b>W, 5-2</b>
<b>October</b>			
4	Sat.	at Stony Brook	L, 1-4
		vs. Saint Peter's	W, 4-1
10-12	Fri.-Sun.	Hampton Roads Invitational (at Old Dominion)	All Day
16-21	Tue.-Sun.	Wilson/ITA Northeast Regional (at Yale)	All Day
<b>January</b>			
31	Sat.	<b>SACRED HEART \$</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>February</b>			
1	Sun.	at Saint Peter's	1:30 pm
14	Sat.	<b>HOWARD ^^</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
20	Fri.	at Princeton	4:30 pm
21	Sat.	at Hartford	2:30 pm
28	Sat.	<b>MORGAN STATE ^^</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
<b>March</b>			
16	Mon.	vs. Colgate %	10 am
18	Wed.	vs. Florida Gulf Coast %	2 pm
26	Thu.	at LaSalle	3:30 pm
	Sat.	at Bucknell	12 pm
29	Sun.	<b>WAGNER **</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
31	Tue.	<b>LASALLE #</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>April</b>			
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9	Thu.	at Marist	4:30 pm
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## 2007-08 WOMEN'S RESULTS

Day	Date	Opponent	Score
Sat.	Sept. 8	Fairfield Doubles	9 am
Sat.	Sept. 15	at Rider	W, 6-1
Mon.	Sept. 24	at Monmouth	W, 6-1
Wed.	Sept. 26	at Mt. St. Mary's, MD	W, 4-3
Sat.-Sun	Sept. 29-30	Binghamton Invitational	All Day
Thu.	Oct. 18	ITA Regionals	5:30 pm
Wed.	Jan. 30	at Princeton	L, 0-7
Fri.	Feb. 1	at Army	L, 3-4
Sat.	Feb. 2	<b>SACRED HEART^</b>	W, 6-1
Sat.	Feb. 9	<b>HOFSTRA^</b>	W, 4-3
Sat.	Feb. 16	<b>SAINT PETER'S^</b>	W, 6-1
Wed.	Feb. 20	<b>MORGAN STATE ^</b>	W, 5-2
Sat.	Feb. 23	<b>BINGHAMTON ^</b>	L, 2-5
Sat.	Mar. 1	<b>HARTFORD^</b>	W, 7-0
Sat.	Mar. 8	<b>MANHATTAN^</b>	W, 6-1
Sat.	Mar. 15	<b>ST. FRANCIS (NY)^</b>	W, 7-0
Tue.	Mar. 18	at St. Thomas (FL) &	W, 5-1
Wed.	Mar. 19	vs. Colgate &	L, 3-4
Thu.	Mar. 20	vs. Coastal Carolina &	L, 1-6
Wed.	Mar. 26	at Wagner	W, 7-0
Sun.	Mar. 30	at St. John's (NY)	L, 3-4
Thu.	Apr. 3	<b>FORDHAM #</b>	L, 1-4
Sun.	Apr. 6	at Rhode Island	L, 2-5

# TOP WOMEN'S PERFORMERS

## IULIA DOCI

Sr. • 5-10 • Bistrita Romania/  
British School of Barcelona, Spain

**Coach's comment:** Passionate and dominating performer, Iulia has enjoyed tremendous level of success thanks to a crushing first serve, penetrating strokes off both wings, and a fierce determination to be the best. She is a true leader on and off the court ... **Fall 2008:** 4-0 at #1 singles. ...advanced to the ITA East Regional third round, where she lost to the #10 seed. **2007-08:** National Division I Independent Player of the Year in women's tennis. ...named to the all-Independent first team at number one singles. ...finished the 2007-08 season with a 16-3 overall record at #1 singles while adding a 8-2 record at first doubles with partner Kasem and a 5-3 record at first doubles with teammate Isha Toor. ... career singles record is 51-11, all at number one. ... **Fall 2007:** 3-0 at #1 singles ... advanced to the ITA East Regional Round of 64, where she lost to the #8 seed. ... **2006-07:** NJIT Female Athlete of the Year and women's tennis MVP ... had one of the most impressive individual wins by a Highlander when she defeated Rhode Island's senior Lara Maurer, who came into the match with a 22-1 at first singles for URI. Maurer was previously the #2 player at Kentucky (ranked 17th in the nation) and was 2nd-team all-Southeastern Conference. Doci finished out the 2006-07 season with a 16-6 overall record at first singles while winning nine matches at first doubles ... **2005-06:** NJIT Newcomer of the Year ... NJIT women's tennis MVP ... CACC Rookie of the Year, singles champion ... posted a 19-2 record in her freshman season at No. 1 singles, her two losses came against Division I opponents Temple and Seton Hall. ... ranked 3rd among ITA Region singles players and 4th in doubles ... reached semifinals of ITA regional "A" singles ... **Prior to NJIT:** Honored to play in IX/TA and in Spanish national tournaments ... ranked 263 in Spain ... made it to the regional semifinals and finals ... member of the cross-country team at British School of Barcelona ... **Personal:** Daughter of Simion and Marioaura Doci ... majoring in management ... born on 3/8/87.



## ISHA TOOR

Jr. • 5-6 • Chandigarh, India/  
Government Model Sr. Secondary School-16



**Coach's comment:** Isha has a complete all-court game. ... she is adept at recognizing her opponents weaknesses and can incorporate a combination of powerful groundstrokes and solid volleys to dictate the point. ... **Fall 2008:** Did not play due to injury. **2007-08:** Posted a 10-8 overall record (6-8 at #2 singles) while recording a 5-3 record at first doubles with partner Iulia Doci. **Fall 2007:** 3-0 (all at #4 singles) ... **2006-07:** As a freshman ranked fourth on

the team with 12 wins while teaming up with Fanny Aizier at second doubles combining for a 14-6 record while recording a 6-4 record in the last ten matches ... **Prior to NJIT:** All-India Tennis Association National ranking tournament U-16 & U-18; winner in 2002, 2003 and 2005 ... National school games silver medalist (2003) ... Top 10 in her high school class ... **Personal:** Daughter of Amarpal Singh and Sangeeta Toor ... Father Amarpal played for the National Field Hockey team in India; brother was a silver medalist at National Tennis in India ... business major ... born on 10/17/87.

## DASA STANIMIROVIC

Jr. • 5-6 • Novi Sad, Serbia/Isidora Sekulic

**Coach's comment:** A power hitter who plays with tremendous pace on both the forehand and backhand side. An excellent mover. She can be unstoppable when she is relaxed and hitting with confidence. ... **Fall 2008:** Posted a 5-2 overall record; 3-1 at #3 singles. **2007-08:** Named to the all-Independent second team at number five singles. ... a native of Novi Sad, Serbia, and a transfer from UMass, completed her first year at NJIT with an overall record of 10-7 (6-6 at #5 singles); (2-1 at #2 singles) and 2-0 at the fourth spot. **Prior to NJIT:** Transfer from UMass. **Personal:** Dasa Stanimirovic. ... International and Business Finance major. ... born 6/17/87 in Novi Sad.







***The 2008-09 NJIT Men's Tennis Team - Top (l-r):** Head Coach Mike Sowter, Steve Erickson, Carl Lundquist, Mike Sullivan, Dan Salomon, Jonathan Lang, Assistant Coach Deepti Sanjai, Team Manager Sunay Pandya **Bottom (l-r):** Cosmin Chiujea, Dimitri Athans, Anthony Tunnero*



***Above/Below:** Photos of NJIT's Campus*





*The 2008-09 NJIT Women's Tennis Team - Top (l-r): Head Coach Mike Sowter, Isha Toor, Dasa Stanimirovic, Iulia Doci, Ana Lidon, Assistant Coach Deepti Sanjai  
Bottom (l-r): Anine Lovdal, Fanny Aizier*



*Above: Tenaflly Racquet Courts; Below: Tiger Tennis Fitness*





# ATHLETICS FACILITIES

The NJIT men's and women's tennis teams compete and practice indoors at the Tenaflly Racquet Club in Tenaflly, NJ and outdoors on four lighted, hardcourt tennis courts adjacent to the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center on the NJIT campus in Newark, NJ.

Additionally, the teams have access to all of the other facilities in the 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/fencing center, and a six-lane swimming pool.

The Highlanders' men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams play their home events in the main gymnasium of the athletic center. The facility can entertain crowds of up to 1,500, and is also open to the campus community during selected hours for recreation.

Lubetkin Field, home to the men's and women's soccer teams, recently underwent a \$1.2 million renovation project, including the installation of SprinTurf artificial grass and a running track. It contains a midfield scoreboard and pressbox facilities, and its bleacher seating can hold approximately 1,000 spectators.

NJIT is in the midst of a 10-year agreement with the independent Newark Bears Professional Baseball Club to play all Highlanders home baseball games at Bears & Eagles Riverfront Stadium in downtown Newark.

## NJIT TENNIS FACTS

Location .....	Newark, NJ 07102
Founded .....	1881
Undergraduate Enrollment .....	5,380
Nickname .....	Highlanders
Colors .....	Scarlet and White with Navy
President .....	Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch
Director of Athletics .....	Lenny Kaplan
Athletics Department/Tennis Phone .....	(973) 596-3636
Athletics Department/Tennis FAX .....	(973) 596-8295
Athletics Department URL .....	<a href="http://www.njithighlanders.com">www.njithighlanders.com</a>
Head Coach .....	Mike Sowter (Marist '02)
Men's Career Record (Years) .....	18-24-1 (2)
Women's Career Record (Years) .....	17-26 (2)
Record at NJIT (Years) .....	First season
E-Mail .....	<a href="mailto:michael.sowter@njit.edu">michael.sowter@njit.edu</a>
Assistant Men's Coach .....	Deepti Sanjai
First Year of Men's Program .....	1934
2007-08 Men's Record .....	11-7
Assistant Women's Coach .....	Deepti Sanjai
First Year of Women's Program .....	1983
2007-08 Women's Record .....	12-7
Home Facilities .....	Fleisher Courts, Tenaflly Racquet Club, Tiger Tennis Fitness
Affiliation .....	NCAA Division I (Reclassifying from NCAA Division II)
Conference .....	Independent (Great West 2009-10)
Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information .....	Tim Camp (973) 596-8461
Sports Information FAX .....	(973) 596-8440
Camp E-Mail .....	<a href="mailto:timothy.camp@njit.edu">timothy.camp@njit.edu</a>
NJIT Results Hotline .....	(973) 596-5555

# UNIVERSITY INFORMATION



MIKE PETERS

**New Jersey Institute of Technology**, the state's public technological research university, enrolls more than 8,000 students in bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in 92 degree programs offered by six colleges: Newark College of Engineering, New Jersey School of Architecture, College of Science and Liberal Arts, School of Management, Albert Dorman Honors College, and College of Computing Sciences. NJIT is renowned for expertise in architecture, applied mathematics, wireless communications and networking, solar physics, advanced engineered particulate materials, nanotechnology, neural engineering and e-learning. In 2006, Princeton Review named NJIT among the nation's top 25 campuses for technology and top 150 for best value. U.S. News & World Report's 2007 Annual Guide to America's Best Colleges ranked NJIT in the top tier of national research universities.

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. 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, with state-of-the-art facilities on its 45-acre campus in Newark and a solar observatory in Big Bear, California.



*The clock tower and carillon sit in a European-style plaza adjacent to the Campus Center.*