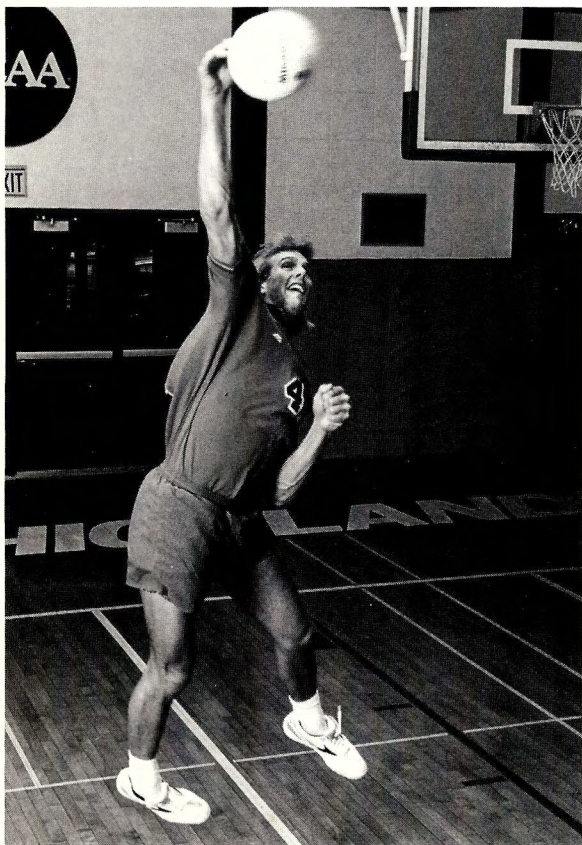


MEN'S VOLLEYBALL '93

**Excellence in
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Athletics**



NJIT

New Jersey Institute of Technology
A Public Research University

1993 VOLLEYBALL DIRECTORY

LOCATION:.....University Heights, Newark, N.J.
ENROLLMENT:7,700
FOUNDED:1881
PRESIDENT:Saul K. Fenster
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:J. Malcolm Simon
ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:James Catalano
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:Dave DeNure
SENIOR WOMEN'S ADMINISTRATOR:....Brenda Zabriskie
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR:Sal Petruzzi
TRAINER:Marlene Perez
FACILITY COORDINATOR:Amy Milavsky
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SECRETARY: ...Marbre Dunhamn
ATHLETIC AFFILIATION:NCAA, Division III
VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCES: . . .
.....Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA),
.....Independent Athletic Conference
COLORS:Scarlet and White
NICKNAME:Highlanders

VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS:

HEAD COACH:Dave DeNure
RECORD AT NJIT:75-64
YEARS AS HEAD COACH:4
STARTERS RETURNING:4
STARTERS LOST:2
LETTERMEN RETURNING:9
LETTERMEN LOST:3
1993 CAPTAINS:Eric Wenstrom/Tom Doherty
HOME COURT/CAPACITY:Entwisle Gym/1,000

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1993 OUTLOOK

A year ago, New Jersey Institute of Technology was forced to replace five starters and some key reserves from a men's volleyball team that captured the 1991 Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Division III tournament championship and qualified for the league's postseason playoffs.

Still, with just one returning starter, a youthful New Jersey Tech team found the right combination of talent and surprised everyone but themselves by winning the Independent Athletic Conference championship and finishing second in the Eastern Conference of the EIVA and third in the league's postseason tournament.

This season, a mixture of veterans and an outstanding group of freshmen will be relied on to spearhead the Highlanders. Fifth-year coach Dave DeNure will have a roster of 16 this season including nine letterwinners and four starters.

"We're very excited about this year's team with the amount of starters we have returning," said DeNure. "I'm confident there will be an improvement from last year."

The outside attack, which will again revolve around senior co-captain Eric Wenstrom, will be a primary strength of the Highlanders. Wenstrom, a 6-foot-3 outside hitter and three-year starter, led the nation last season in both service aces (89) and service ace average (.754). In addition, Wenstrom, who was voted the team's Most Valuable Player, also finished 18th in the nation in kills per game with a 4.71 average.

"Eric has a very lethal jump serve and hits the ball as hard as anyone on the East Coast," said DeNure. "Much of our success this season will be influenced by his performance."

DeNure will have to do without the services of Anthony Valbrun, a 1992 scholar-athlete who chose not to return to for the spring semester. Last season, Valbrun tallied 523 kills and 101 blocks from the left side. He finished 20th in the nation in kills with 4.63 per game.

Other returning starters are seniors Tom Doherty and Manny Del Rio, and sophomore Tarik Rodgers. Doherty, a 6-2 middle blocker, was third on the team in kills with 290 and third in blocks with 97. Del Rio began last season as the starting setter, but after a midseason illness was replaced by junior Phouc Tang. Both are expected to contribute this season. A noted newcomer in 1992, Rodgers earned a starting position at middle blocker and led the Highlanders with 136 blocks and finished fourth in kills with 183.

"Clearly, one of the strengths of our team is depth," said DeNure. "We have one quality backup at every position."

Senior Rick Troiano and juniors Bryan Slota and Tom Jones will provide some of that depth. Troiano tallied 55 kills and 17 blocks in 57 games. Slota, a member of the New

Jersey Tech soccer team, will be key to the Highlanders' hustling back-row play. Jones had substantial playing time in 1991, but missed last season due to an injury.

The experience that senior Harold Johns, junior Brian Driesse, and sophomore Jaroslaw Mysliwiec gained last season will allow them to be counted on in tough situations this year.

There are four freshmen on the team including 6-5 George Sutor and 6-0 William Govea. The addition of Sutor, who DeNure calls a "very athletic, strong player," will bolster New Jersey Tech's attack from the right side. Govea was a first-team all-county and state selection in his senior season at Memorial High School. As Most Valuable Player and team captain, Govea guided Memorial to a third-place finish in the New Jersey State Championships. Both are expected to contribute immediately.

The new group also includes 6-4 middle blocker Chris Bladek and 6-2 setter Han Joon Lee. Both could get substantial playing time this season.

DeNure believes that to build a strong program, New Jersey Tech must play top competition. Once again, the Highlanders face strong opposition with a schedule that includes both six Division I and II teams.

"We want to be in the top group of Eastern teams and to do that we must play Division I and II schools," said DeNure. "Playing tough competition also helps us prepare for the end of the year when tournament time comes."

New Jersey Tech opens the season with its annual invitational tournament, which includes perennial Division I powers George Mason, Navy, and Rutgers-Newark. Other Division I opponents include St. Francis (Pa.), a home-and-away series, Harvard, Princeton, and Rutgers-Newark.

HEAD COACHING

DAVE DENURE

Dave DeNure enters his fifth season as the head men's volleyball coach at New Jersey Tech. Under his direction, the Highlanders have gained a reputation for playing high-level competition while remaining one of the top programs in the Northeast.

Last season, DeNure did a masterful job, guiding the Highlanders to a 19-17 record, an Independent Athletic Conference championship, and a second-place finish in the Eastern Conference of the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, despite returning only one starter from the previous season.

In 1991, DeNure guided the Highlanders to their second consecutive 20-victory season including a victory against New York University to capture the EIVA Division III tournament championship. His squad also qualified for the league's postseason playoffs and DeNure was selected by his peers as EIVA Coach of the Year.

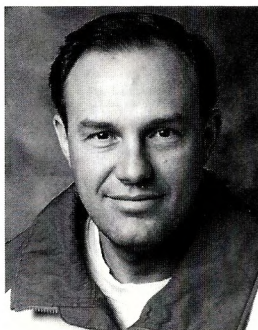
A native of New Jersey, DeNure was a four-year starter for East Stroudsburg, where he was a three-time All-East selection. In 1978, he was named the school's Outstanding Senior Athlete. He returned to his alma mater in 1981 to coach both the men's and women's volleyball teams.

This past summer, he stepped down as head coach of the New Jersey Tech women's volleyball team, a program he had directed since its inception in 1982.

DeNure is in his third year as the university's assistant director of athletics. As a member of the physical education and athletics staff since 1982, he has been instrumental in helping NJIT's programs achieve their current levels of excellence.

In addition to his responsibilities at New Jersey Tech, DeNure involves himself with a number of outside activities. He is a member of the NCAA's Top 20 Volleyball Committee and the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Last season, he was selected as one of eight collegiate coaches to serve as clinicians at the Youth Education Sports Clinic, which was held in conjunction with the NCAA Final Four. DeNure is a frequent guest lecturer at numerous volleyball camps and clinics.

Dave and his wife, Brenda, reside in Bridgewater, N.J.



PLAYER PROFILES



14 **Chris Bladek**
6-4, Freshman
Middle Blocker, Clifton, N.J.

- A three-year letterwinner in volleyball at Clifton High School
- Was captain in his senior year
- Major: computer engineering



13 **Manny Del Rio**
5-7, Senior
Setter, Paterson, N.J.

- Ran the team effectively as the starting setter before a midseason illness forced him to miss the remainder of the year
- Excellent ball-control skills
- The backup setter on the 1991 EIVA Division III championship team
- Major: electrical engineering



6 **Tom Doherty**
6-2, Senior
Middle Blocker/Outside Hitter,
Sayreville, N.J.

- A returning starter at middle blocker
- A team co-captain this year
- Selected as a 1992 NCAA "YES" Clinic Leader
- A quick and strong player with good net skills
- Major: computer science



2 **Brian Driesse**
6-3, Junior
Middle Blocker, Pompton Plains, N.J.

- Played in 16 games last season
- Adds depth to the Highlanders
- A strong blocker
- Major: computer science



7 **William Govea**
6-0, Freshman
Outside Hitter/Setter,
West New York, N.J.

- Led Memorial High School to a third-place finish in the 1992 New Jersey State Championships
- Named first-team all-state and county as a senior
- Excels in all aspects of the game
- Major: mechanical engineering



12 **Harold Johns**
6-1, Senior
Outside Hitter,
Staten Island, N.Y.

- Gained valuable experience as a reserve last season
- A hard-working, perceptive player
- A three-time scholar-athlete
- Major: computer science



10 **Tom Jones**
6-0, Junior
Outside Hitter,
West Deptford, N.J.

- A medical redshirt last year
- Recorded 57 kills during the 1991 season from his right outside hitting position
- Has good ball-control skills
- Major: architecture



5 **Han Joon Lee**
6-2, Freshman
Outside Hitter, Westfield, N.J.

- Gained valuable experience playing with various club programs
- Will get some playing time this season and could start by next year
- A good passer
- Major: management



9 **Jaroslaw Mysliwicz**
6-2, Sophomore
Middle Blocker,
Roselle Park, N.J.

- A good athlete who adds depth in the middle
- Improved considerably since arriving at New Jersey Tech
- Lettered in three sports at Garfield High School



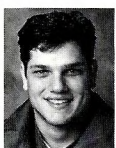
8 **Tarik Rodgers**
6-2, Sophomore
Middle Blocker, Orange, N.J.

- A full-time starter last season
- Led the team with 136 blocks
- Major: mechanical engineering



11 **Bryan Slota**
6-0, Junior
Defensive Specialist,
East Hartford, Conn.

- The team's top defensive specialist
- A hard-working player who plays with intensity and desire
- A versatile athlete who also started for the Highlanders soccer team this past fall
- Major: civil engineering



3 **George Sutor**
6-5, Freshman
Outside Hitter, Ventnor, N.J.

- First season of organized volleyball
- Has outstanding athletic ability
- Size and strength will allow him to compete for a starting position
- Major: management



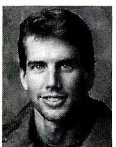
1 **Phuoc Tang**
5-5, Junior
Setter, Dunellen, N.J.

- Became the starting setter after a mid-season illness to Manny Del Rio
- Possesses good passing skills
- Teamed with Tarik Rodgers on the Warren Volleyball Club that captured the 18-and-under national AAU championship
- Major: computer engineering



15 **Rick Troiano**
6-0, Senior
Outside Hitter,
North Bergen, N.J.

- A key reserve last season as a right-side hitter
- New Jersey Tech's most improved player last year
- Tallied 57 kills and 17 blocks in 57 games
- Major: mechanical engineering



4 **Eric Wenstrom**
6-3, Senior
Outside Hitter, Wayne, N.J.

- Team co-captain this year
- New Jersey Tech's most powerful hitter
- Led the nation in service aces with 89
- A member of the EIVA All-Tournament team
- Major: industrial engineering

ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
14	Chris Bladek	Frosh	6-4	MB	Clifton, N.J.
13	Manny Del Rio	Senior	5-7	S	Paterson, N.J.
6	Tom Doherty	Senior	6-2	MB/OH	Sayreville, N.J.
2	Brian Driesse	Junior	6-3	MB	Pompton Plains, N.J.
7	William Govea	Frosh	6-0	S/OH	West New York, N.J.
12	Harold Johns	Senior	6-1	OH	Staten Island, N.Y.
10	Tom Jones	Junior	6-0	OH	West Deptford, N.J.
5	Han Joon Lee	Frosh	6-2	S/OH	Westfield, N.J.
9	Jaroslav Mysliwicz	Soph	6-2	MB	Roselle Park, N.J.
8	Tarik Rodgers	Soph	6-2	MB	Orange, N.J.
11	Bryan Slota	Junior	6-0	DS	East Hartford, Conn.
3	George Sutor	Frosh	6-5	OH	Ventnor, N.J.
1	Phuoc Tang	Junior	5-5	S	Dunellen, N.J.
15	Rick Troiano	Senior	6-0	OH	North Bergen, N.J.
4	Eric Wenstrom	Senior	6-3	OH	Wayne, N.J.

Head Coach: Dave DeNure (5th season)

Captains: Tom Doherty, Eric Wenstrom

NUMERICAL

- 1 Phuoc Tang, S
- 2 Brian Driesse, MB
- 3 George Sutor, OH
- 4 Eric Wenstrom, OH
- 5 Han Joon Lee, S
- 6 Tom Doherty, MB/OH
- 7 William Govea, S/OH
- 8 Tarik Rodgers, MB
- 9 Jaroslav Mysliwicz, MB
- 10 Tom Jones, OH
- 11 Bryan Slota, DS
- 12 Harold Johns, OH
- 13 Manny Del Rio, S
- 14 Chris Bladek, MB
- 15 Rick Troiano, OH

1992 RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Won/Lost</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Match Score</u>
1/29	Won	NEW PALTZ	3-2
2/1		NEW JERSEY TECH INVITATIONAL	
	Won	M.I.T.	2-1
	Lost	SPRINGFIELD	1-2
	Lost	N.Y.U.	1-3
2/4	Won	Concordia **	3-1
2/6	Lost	EAST STROUDSBURG	2-3
2/9	Lost	OHIO STATE	1-3
2/12	Won	L.I.U.-Southampton **	3-2
2/13	Won	Queens	3-0
2/18	Lost	PRINCETON **	0-3
2/20	Won	JERSEY CITY	3-0
2/22	Won	St. Francis **	3-0
2/22	Lost	Juniata	0-3
2/25	Lost	N.Y.U. **	1-3
2/26	Lost	L.I.U.-SOUTHAMPTON **	1-3
2/27	Won	STEVENS	3-0
3/1		IAC TOURNAMENT	
	Won	Stevens	2-0
	Won	Mt. St. Vincent	2-0
	Won	Bard	2-0
	Won	Yeshiva	2-0
	Won	Stevens	3-0
3/6	Won	CONCORDIA **	3-0
3/10	Won	N.Y.U. **	3-1
3/13	Won	ST. FRANCIS **	3-2
3/14	Lost	ROGER WILLIAMS	2-3
3/14	Lost	JUNIATA	1-3
3/15	Lost	WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE	0-3
3/19	Lost	Ohio State	0-3
3/25	Won	Vassar	3-1
3/27		NAVY SPIKETACULAR	
	Lost	Navy	0-3
	Lost	East Stroudsburg	0-3
4/1	Lost	Princeton **	0-3
4/2	Won	Hunter	3-1
4/4		EIVA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP	
	Won	New Paltz	3-0
	Lost	Juniata	0-3
4/8	Lost	N.Y.U.	1-3

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

** Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA)
Eastern Conference Match

SCHEDULE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday	Feb. 3	at LIU-Southampton *	7 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 6	NJIT TOURNAMENT	9 a.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 9	at Concordia *	7 p.m.
Thursday	Feb. 11	at East Stroudsburg	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	Feb. 14	IAC TOURNAMENT	9 a.m.
Thursday	Feb. 18	QUEENS	7 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 20	at Stevens Tech	12 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 23	at N.Y.U. *	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 24	L.I.U.-SOUTHAMPTON *	7 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 27	at St. Franics (Pa.)	10 a.m.
Saturday	Feb. 27	at Juniata	7 p.m.
Thursday	March 4	CONCORDIA *	7 p.m.
Tuesday	March 9	EASTERN MENNONITE	7 p.m.
Wednesday	March 10	at S.U.N.Y.-New Paltz	7 p.m.
Saturday	March 13	at M.I.T.	12 p.m.
Saturday	March 13	at Harvard	4 p.m.
Wednesday	March 24	VASSAR	7 p.m.
Friday	March 26	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.) *	8 p.m.
Saturday	March 27	JUNIATA	7 p.m.
Tuesday	March 30	HUNTER	7 p.m.
Thursday	April 1	PRINCETON	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 6	N.Y.U. *	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 14	at Rutgers-Newark	4:30 p.m.
Saturday	April 17	EIVA Division III Championships	TBA
Saturday	April 24	EIVA Playoffs	TBA
Saturday	May 1	EIVA Final Four	TBA
Saturday	May 8	NCAA Final Four	TBA

HOME MATCHES IN CAPS

* Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA)

Eastern Conference Match

A WORD ABOUT NJIT

Since its founding in 1881 at the urging of the Newark Board of Trade, New Jersey Institute of Technology has maintained close ties with industry, preparing successive generations of students to assume leadership roles in an increasingly technological society.

The university, located on a 40-acre campus in the University Heights section of Newark, offers programs in engineering, technology, architecture, computer science, management, mathematics, and policy studies.

Enrollment is about 7,700, with one third of the student body pursuing graduate degrees. Bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degrees are offered through Newark College of Engineering, the School of Architecture, the College of Science and Liberal Arts, and the School of Industrial Management.

Through the application of advanced technologies, researchers seek solutions to problems encountered by a range of organizations — from multinational corporations to local non-profit agencies. Efforts are focused especially on protecting the natural environment, finding new forms for the built environment and strengthening the nation's competitive position through computer-integrated manufacturing and the skillful management of technology.

NJIT is a public research university. Its research program is among the nation's 10 fastest growing efforts at all technological universities. NJIT spends approximately \$20 million annually on research. Funds come from a combination of corporate, state, and federal sources as well as from gifts from alumni and private individuals.

In the past five years, the campus has undergone a major expansion that included the addition of new research, instruction, residence, and recreational facilities.

Our most recent projects include a new home for the university's library and School of Industrial Management, an addition for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, a 1,300-space parking facility, and a branch campus in Burlington County.

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