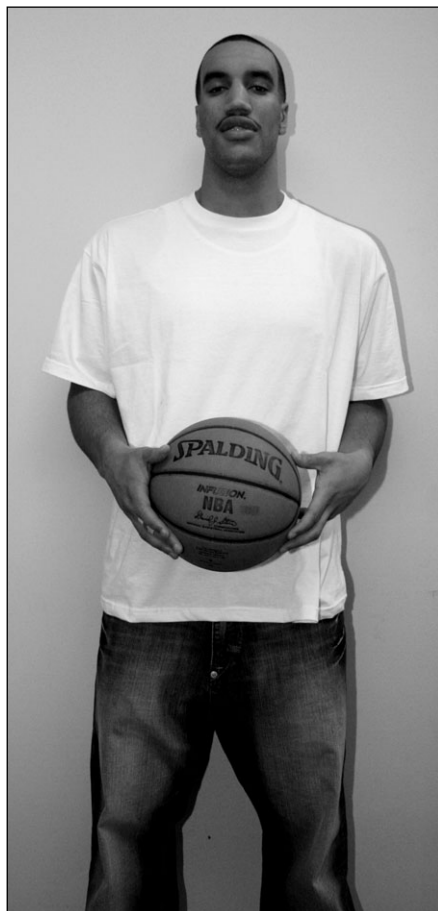


ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Terrell Hollins '10

■ The forward came off the bench to score 26 points in the championship game of the Brandeis Tip-off Tournament.

The end of last season was bittersweet for forward Terrell Hollins '10. The men's basketball team was making a late run into the NCAA Tournament, but due to a broken foot, Hollins was unable to play during that stretch.

He was overjoyed by the Judges' late-season run, but admitted he wished he was healthy, especially during the team's 70-67 second-round tournament loss to Rhode Island College.

"They were a smaller team that liked to run, so if I was out there, I might have been able to provide more of an inside presence," he said.

Now fully healthy, Hollins, much like his teammates did for him last season, raised his game to fill in for an injured teammate.

With last year's leading scorer, forward Steve DeLuca '08, hobbling with nagging back and hamstring injuries, Hollins came off the bench to score 26 points, leading the Judges to a win over Bridgewater State College in the championship game of the Brandeis Tip-off Tournament last

Sunday.

Hollins hasn't had the smoothest road to recovery. After suffering the foot injury in a loss to the University of Chicago last February, Hollins had surgery and was not cleared to play a full-contact game until early July. Soon after that, he suffered a sprained knee, keeping him off the court for the majority of the summer.

"It was weird when I first came back," he said. "I was making all my regular moves, but I was having trouble finishing."

After averaging just over 16 minutes a game in 19 contests last season, Hollins has seen his playing time rise with DeLuca's injury struggles, but he doesn't see his role changing this season, even with DeLuca limited by injury.

"[DeLuca and I] are different players," he said. "We have depth to pick up the slack, but at the same time, even when he comes back, we have to keep doing the same things we were doing without him."

—Mike Prada

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Post rotation: a recipe for success

When coach Carol Simon and some players on the women's basketball team told me last week they were going to rely on a rotating post scheme this season, I have to admit I was somewhat skeptical about how the constant substitutions would affect the flow of the game.

However, after watching Wednesday's practice, I stand corrected.

During Wednesday's practice, the team was clearly focused on pushing the ball up the court as fast as possible, so the rotating post plan allowed for consistently fresh legs down low.

While I don't think that Simon is necessarily concerned about the production of the team's inside game this season, in yesterday's practice it was obvious that a solid game down low will be key to the Judges' success.

Throughout practice, Simon continually stopped drills and plays to make adjustments and comments about the post play.

When I talked to Simon Wednesday about the importance of the post, she said the following:

"The post is a big part of the game because we have to have an inside-outside game. The post is a higher percentage shot, and you're not going to win a lot of games relying on the perimeter."

Although each post player's style of play is distinct from the next, Wednesday's practice showed me that each post player has the talent and athleticism to pull down a rebound, keep up with the rapid transition and go hard to the basket on the opposite end of the court. I think the constant rotation will be crucial to the Judges' success as a quick transition team.

The majority of the team's post players are upperclassmen and it seems like their experience on the team will be important in successful play down low this season. They know they'll need to step up their game in order to see crucial playing time.

Last week, center Lauren Orlando '09 told me the following:

"Our team, on the whole, is faster this year, and we do have a lot of experienced players, but everyone is going to step their game up because right now, it's everyone's game in the post."

For now, it looks like the Judges' rotation scheme will prove to be the best game plan in a quicker game. In that sense, it won't matter as much who starts, rather the focus will be on the ability to maintain the intensity and flow of the game.

—Julie Scherr

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Judging numbers

11-point deficit erased by the men's basketball team in its 84-79 win over Bridgewater State College last Sunday. The Judges trailed 71-60 with nine minutes, 22 seconds left in the game before closing with a 24-8 run.

4 years since the women's basketball team last lost a nonconference, regular-season game before last Saturday's 67-62 defeat at the hands of Kenyon College. The Judges also hadn't lost a Tip-off Tournament game since the 2001 season.

3 events in which the men's swimming and diving teams swept the top three spots in their 127-99 win against Bentley College last Tuesday. The Judges accomplished the feat in the 100-, 200- and 1000-yard freestyle events. Overall, the Judges won nine of the 13 races to win the match.

9 combined wins by the men's and women's fencing teams at the first Northeast Conference Meet last Saturday. Both squads were undefeated and overwhelmed the competition, winning each match by an average of over 14 bouts.

8 minutes played by Steve DeLuca '08 in the men's basketball team's win over Bridgewater State last Saturday. DeLuca, a pre-season second-team all-American pick by D3hoops.com, is slowly recovering from back and hamstring injuries after originally suffering a foot injury last summer.

11 missed shots on 14 attempts for guard Jaime Capra '08 in the women's basketball team's loss to Kenyon College last Saturday. Capra led the Judges in scoring as a junior last season.

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

MBball at Tufts University

The No. 12 Judges play the Jumbos on the road Sunday at 1 p.m.

When the men's basketball team faced Tufts University last year, the Judges were an up-and-coming team and Tufts was the established power with a No. 12 national ranking.

In that game, the Judges rallied late to get a 99-89 upset win.

This year, the Judges are the ranked team, and Tufts is the under-

dog, having missed the NCAA Tournament last season.

Both teams played in the Brandeis Tip-off Tournament last weekend. The Judges defeated Bridgewater State College 84-79 to win the title, while Tufts took third place by defeating Kenyon College 69-63 after losing to Bridgewater State in the first round.

TEAM LEADERS

MBball (points per game)

Forward Terrell Hollins '10 and guard Joe Coppens '08 are both averaging 17 points a game.

Player	PPG
Terrell Hollins	17
Joe Coppens	17
Kwame Graves-Fulgham	11
Kevin Olson	9
Florian Rexhepi	6

MBball (rebounds per game)

Point guard Kwame Graves-Fulgham '08 is the Judges' leading rebounder so far this season.

Player	RPG
Kwame Graves-Fulgham	5.5
Stephen Hill	4.5
Terrell Hollins	3.5
Joe Coppens	3
Florian Rexhepi	2.5

WBball (points per game)

Center Lauren Orlando '09 was the Judges' top scoring threat in the Tip-off Tournament.

Player	PPG
Lauren Orlando	15
Jessica Chapin	11.5
Amber Strodthoff	9.5
Jaime Capra	7.5
Amanda Wells	7.5

WBball (rebounds per game)

Guard Jaime Capra '08 is struggling offensively, but leads the team with 7.5 rebounds per game.

Player	RPG
Jaime Capra	7.5
Amber Strodthoff	5
Lauren Orlando	4.5
Cassidy Dadaos	3.5
Jessica Chapin	3



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UAA BRIEF

NYU cross country team wins its first NCAA title in school history

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NEW YORK—Its greatest victory was its most unexpected.

Despite placing only one runner in the Top 10, the New York University men's cross country team won its first-ever NCAA National Championship Saturday in snowy Northfield, Minn.

After running roughshod over all comers for all of autumn, the team was convinced that it had fallen at the final hurdle again. As the men gathered together after the last runner crossed the finish line, waiting for the posted scores, no one said much. The quietest was senior Ryan Williams, who had fallen toward the start of the race and placed 53rd.

"At this level, there's not much separation, so we're all running in packs," said Williams, who ran the 8,000 meter race in 25 minutes, 27 seconds. "I got tripped from behind, lost my balance and fell on my side. I've never fallen before in a race, ... and I didn't run well at all, probably my worst race of the year. I was really upset after the race, because I thought I'd cost the team."

But after a 10-minute wait, the sorrow turned to jubilation. NYU ended up placing first by a good margin with 125 points.

Haverford College placed second with 150 points. Cortland State College (158), defending champion Calvin College (214) and University of Wisconsin at La Crosse (221) rounded out the top five.

"It takes so long for them to calculate, and a bunch of the guys were watching them post the scores," Williams said. "I was off by myself, and I heard them yelling and saw them running toward us, and that's when I knew we'd won."

The race, run in snowy weather, was very different from the muddy course of last year. Last year, the Violets finished second with 92 points, 55 behind Calvin College. This year, NYU's strategy was to let senior and pacesetter Hany Abdullah, junior Jesse Schneider and Williams get as close to the front as possible. The plan was forgotten as soon as Williams tripped, but that was not the end of NYU's troubles.

"I don't think we were used to running in the cold," said Abdullah, who finished in ninth place with a time of 24:51.3. "Some of the guys, including me, probably didn't get warmed up enough, and it showed in the race. I ran the first mile in 4:47, and I actually dropped from about third to 13th. I was really mad at myself, but I was able to compose myself and beat [three or four] guys toward the end."

Senior Spenser Popeson finished 46th with a time of 25:22.1. Right after him came senior James McCarthy who finished 47th with a time of 25:22.7.

In addition to the team victory, Abdullah and Schneider earned All-American status for finishing in the top 25.

The individual race was won by Tyler Sigl of the University of Wisconsin at Platteville in 24:24.0.

In all, 32 teams competed in the race, with 280 runners finishing.