NJIT Basketball Alumnus Shining in Luxembourg

Former NJIT basketball star Tim Coleman ’17 is representing the Highlanders program with flying colors. In November, he was named Interperformances Player of the Week in the Total League for his performance with Etzella in Luxembourg.

The Union, N.J., native notched 32 points and 10 rebounds in an 88-68 win over Sparta. In fact, Coleman is leading the league at 29.3 ppg. In the process, the 24-year-old product of St. Anthony’s High School has guided Etzella to a 6-1 record and a second-place standing in the early stages of the season.

Coleman finished his NCAA with 1,439 career points, which ranks fourth all-time at NJIT, and 762 rebounds, which ranked 41st among active Division-I leaders upon the completion of his senior season. He became the sixth member of NJIT’s D-I 1,000-point club vs. Army on March 16, 2016.

He is also the only player in NJIT history to average better than 1.0 block and 1.0 steal per game for a season — a feat he accomplished three times (2013-14, 2014-15, 2016-17).

ALLY NICK NAMED ASUN COACH OF THE YEAR; FIONA WRIGHT SELECTED ASUN FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Three NJIT women’s soccer players were selected to the 2018 ASUN All-Conference team, headed by Freshman of the Year Fiona Wright, and NJIT’s Ally Nick was named Coach of the Year. In addition to Wright, senior midfielder Arianna Gerber was selected to the 11-person first-team. Sophomore defender Nicole Loehle was named to the second-team while Wright was selected to the All-Freshman team.

In her third season at the helm of the Highlanders, Nick recorded a program-record 11 victories and nine shutouts, and placed second in the regular season, earning the No. 2 seed in the program’s first postseason appearance in the ASUN since joining the league in 2015-16.

NJIT, which started off the season with a 1-0 loss at five-time defending MAAC champions Monmouth, went 4-0-1 over the next five contests. NJIT closed out the regular season with a 5-1-1 mark, which included wins over both Florida Gulf Coast and Kennesaw State in the regular season. Wright, from Ajax, Ontario, Canada, registered 11 goals this season, more than any first-year player for the Highlanders and just one off the overall mark in program history as a Division I team. Wright added to her 2018 accolades, earning Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division I Women’s Soccer Rookie of the Year. In addition, she became the first female Highlander to be recognized on an All-Region team since the Highlanders began competing at the Division I level.

The midfielder was one of three freshmen named to the second-team at the end of November. Her 11 career goals rank one-shy of the NJIT Division I record (12) held by Kori Washington (2007-10) and two-shy of the NJIT all-time single-season record (13) held by Cathy Wasko ‘01.

Gerber was recognized on the 2018 ASUN Conference Fall Winners for Life team and selected to the 2018 United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division I Women’s Scholar All-East Region Team. Gerber owns a 3.81 cumulative GPA working towards her bachelor’s degree in biology and on schedule to graduate in May with magna cum laude honors. Her leadership and play were instrumental in leading NJIT to its best-ever season with 11 victories in 2018. Gerber, an ASUN first-team all-Conference honoree, finished her playing career tied for most assists (18) in NJIT program history. Gerber appeared in all 18 matches, recording one goal and six assists. The lone goal on the season for Gerber was a game-winner, coming in the 89th minute against Temple, in the Highlanders’ 1-0 victory.

Nicole Loehle, the Highlander sophomore on the backline, started 17 matches, notching two goals and four points. Loehle scored the game-winning penalty kick in NJIT’s 1-0 victory at North Florida and scored the lone goal in the Highlanders’ 1-0 victory over FGCU for the first all-time win over the Eagles.