

GEORGE GROSS, JR. - WATER POLO RECORD

Please go to the following two web sites for video and written information:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Icbx9fbenDY>

http://www.collegiatewaterpolo.org/records/Hall_of_Fame/GrossJrBio

YALE UNIVERSITY (1970-1974) Graduated B.Sc. in Psychobiology

1. All-Eastern #1 All-Star Team as GOALIE for all three years varsity
2. Undefeated in the East (39-0) for all three years of varsity play
3. Eastern champions all three years of varsity play
4. First inductee into YALE WATER POLO HALL OF FAME

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (Graduated B. Ed. Teaching Degree for High School)

- 1.. 1974-75 and 1976-77 (2 years) as field player
2. MVP for UofT both years
3. Leading scorer in university league both years
4. Twice selected as "Athlete of the Week" for all sports for all Ontario
5. HEAD COACH from 1990-1992
6. Technical Director overseeing men's/women's UofT coaches '99-07
7. Head of recruiting for men's and women's teams from 2002 to present
8. Took over as Head Coach of UofT Women's program for 2008;
- won 1st championship in 15 years; 2nd in 2009

CITY OF TORONTO

1. Created TORONTO CITY GOLDEN JETS club (1980)
2. Was player-head coach from 1980-1991 (except 1985)
 - First team All-Star at Nationals: 11 years
 - Most Valuable Player AND Most Valuable Coach at same year Nationals (1982)
 - Most Valuable Player at 1986 Nationals
 - Most Valuable Coach at 2008 Nationals
3. Grew team from 12 to 125 members covering men and women, junior and senior
4. Overall club champions in Ontario for first 5 years award created
5. Men's team: 2 National Championships won ('83, '86),
5 silver medals and 2 bronze medals; won numerous provincial titles;
hosted and played National Champions from Hungary (Dosza), Italy (Pescara), Greece (Ethnikos) and Germany (Spandau);
6. Women's team: 1 bronze medal at nationals
Gold & Silver (1-2 finish) at same year's provincials
7. 1993 - created TORONTO PHANTOMS (senior men)
won GOLD at National Championships in 1994; SILVER in 1995;
won several Eastern USA tournaments
8. 2003 - re-created TORONTO GOLDEN JETS
finished 3rd in U.S. Elite League with men, 2nd with women;
9. 2008 - Won COACH OF THE YEAR at Senior Men's Nationals; team 4th

C. NATIONAL TEAM

1. Player from 1974- 79, 1982-84, 1986-87:

- 2 OLYMPIC GAMES (1976, 1984)

- 5 PAN AM GAMES (1975,1979,1983,1987,1995)
including 2 BRONZE MEDALS and one six-goal game

- 3 WORLD AQUATICS GAMES (1975,1978,1986)

Canada's Flag Bearer at 1986 Games

Helped team qualify for 1983 but could not attend Games

- 2 WORLD STUDENT GAMES (1977, 1979)

- Played 170 International Games scoring 162 goals

OTHER COACHING

1. **HEAD COACH of NATIONAL TEAM twice:**

1987-1991 and 1994-1996

: 2 World Aquatic Games; 2 Olympic Qualifications

: 1 Pan Am Games

2. Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching Certification Instructor;

Fully certified Level 3; some Level 4 tasks completed

3. Founding member of World Water Polo Coaches Association

REFEREEING

1. Became Certified INTERNATIONAL LEVEL C

2. Gold Medal Game at Canadian Nationals

ADMINISTRATION

1. Provincial board member for 3 years

2. Member of LTPAD Committee for Water Polo

3. Spearheaded changes to CNWPL

4. National Planning Conference (1984)

5. Created Provincial magazine for 3 years

6. Wrote column for National Aquatics magazine for two years

OTHER HONORS

1. **ONTARIO AQUATICS HALL OF FAME (Inducted ATHLETE/BUILDER)**
2. **ETOBICOKE SPORTS HALL OF FAME (Inducted ATHLETE/BUILDER)**
3. **COLLEGIATE USA WATER POLO HALL OF FAME – (ATHLETE/BUILDER)**
4. **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SPORTS HALL OF FAME (Inducted as a BUILDER)**
5. **YALE WATER POLO HALL OF FAME (1st inductee Inducted ATHLETE)**
6. **KEY NOTE SPEAKER at MISSOURI state High School awards banquet and induction ceremonies for Missouri Water Polo Hall of Fame**
7. **KEY NOTE SPEAKER at SPORTS FOR KIDS Charity Gala event (1,000 people)**
8. **COLOUR COMMENTATOR FOR ROGERS TV COVERAGE OF MEN'S WORLD WATER POLO LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS – 2005**
9. **COLOUR COMMENTATOR FOR CBC COVERAGE OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF WATER POLO FOR MEN AND WOMEN - 2005**
10. **COLOUR COMMENTATOR FOR CBC COVERAGE OF MEN'S OLYMPIC WATER POLO TOURNAMENT – 2008;**

11. **COLOUR COMMENTATOR FOR CBC COVERAGE OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN AND WOMEN - 2009**
12. **GAME ANNOUNCER FOR DIVISION 1 NCAA /CWPA WOMEN'S EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS – MARYLAND, 2010**
13. **GAME ANNOUNCER FOR DIVISION 3 NCAA /CWPA WOMEN'S EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS – UTICA, 2010**
14. **GAME ANNOUNCER FOR DIVISION 3 NCAA /CWPA WOMEN'S EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS – MINNEAPOLIS, 2011**
15. **GAME ANNOUNCER FOR DIVISION 1 NCAA /CWPA MEN'S EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS –BOSTON, 2011**
16. **COLOUR COMMENTATOR FOR CBC COVERAGE OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN AND WOMEN – 2011**
17. **COLOUR COMMENTATOR FOR CTV COVERAGE OF OLYMPIC GAMES FOR MEN AND WOMEN - 2012**