

Head Coach Dave Pietramala

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Dave Pietramala understands the history and tradition of the Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse program better than anyone. He spent four years as a standout defenseman for the Blue Jays from 1986 through 1989 and the last seven years rebuilding the program to the status it held during his playing days. The record of the program - with its 44 national championships and 176 First Team All-Americans, is as daunting as it is impressive and no one has ever embraced the program quite like Pietramala.

The only candidate for the head coaching position when it became available after the 2000 season, Pietramala had watched the program slip, albeit ever so slightly, from its glorious run in the 1970s and 1980s. The Blue Jays hadn't won a national championship since 1987 when

he arrived and hadn't played in a national championship game since 1989. Only once had Hopkins entered the NCAA Tournament as the clear-cut team to beat from 1990-2000 - the would-be albatross of history was gaining the upper hand.

Enter Pietramala, who was targeted, courted and hired by Johns Hopkins President William Brody and Director of Athletics Tom Calder in a matter of days. It took less time than that for "Petro" to start piecing together a recruiting class that would change the course of the program and seven seasons to date to restore the glory.

When the history of the Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse program is discussed the general consensus is that Pietramala is the benchmark among players who roamed the defensive side of the field. With all due respect to the many who have coached the Columbia blue and black, he's also quickly working his way into the discussion of coaching greats who have patrolled the sidelines at Homewood.

Pietramala cut his teeth in the coaching ranks the way so many have; with a series of stops on the assistant coaching trail. He spent one year as an assistant at the Gilman School (1990) and Johns Hopkins (1991) before stops at the University of Pennsylvania and Loyola. He returned to Homewood as the defensive coordinator for three years (1995-97) before accepting the head coaching position at Cornell in August of 1997. Just under three years later he was back "home" and the history and tradition of the program have been in his care since.

Pietramala as the Head Coach at Johns Hopkins

Pietramala has guided the Blue Jays to an 85-19 record, seven trips to the NCAA Tournament, five appearances in the Final Four, the 2005 and 2007 National Championships and one other appearance in the NCAA Championship game (2003). From 2002 through 2005 the Blue Jays posted a 55-6 record with only three losses in the regular season. The Blue Jays ended the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 regular seasons ranked number one in the nation and were the top seed in the NCAA Tournament in each of those four years as well. The 2005 national title also made Pietramala the first person in the history of college lacrosse to win a Division I national championship as a player and a head coach.



Finding a place for the 2007 NCAA Championship in the annals of the program may be difficult. Sure the Blue Jays were considered a contender to win the championship when the season began, but a three-game losing streak at mid-season turned thoughts to making the NAAs, not winning the tournament. An overtime win in the pouring rain at Maryland and a one-goal win a week later against Navy jump-started a stunning nine-game season-ending winning streak that included an overtime win against Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and a stunning one-goal upset of Duke in the national championship game. Factor in the relative youth of the team - only seven seniors on the roster - and mid-season losing streak and the coaching job may have been Pietramala's finest. The Blue Jays won six one-goal games and three overtime games en route to their second championship in three years.

Five players earned All-America honors last season, including Paul Rabil, who earned first team honors for the second straight year, grabbed the McLaughlin Award as the nation's top midfielder and was a finalist for the prestigious Tewaaron Trophy. He also earned Third Team *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America honors. He is the fifth Academic All-American the program has produced since 2002.

The 2005 season proved to be one of the greatest in the storied history of the program as Pietramala guided the Blue Jays to a school-record 16 wins (16-0) and the program's eighth NCAA title (and 43rd overall national championship). With an attention to detail and a team that followed suit, Pietramala orchestrated five one-goal victories and four overtime wins against the most difficult schedule in the nation. The Blue Jays were ranked number one in the nation throughout the season and became the first team since 1997 to be ranked number one from wire to wire and to go undefeated.

In addition to the team accolades, the Blue Jays also received their fair share of individual awards in 2005. Kyle Harrison earned both the Tewaaron Award and the Enners Award as the nation's top player, while he repeated as a First Team All-American and took home the McLaughlin Award for the second straight season as well. Six other Hopkins players joined Harrison on the All-America team, including Tom Garvey, who grabbed First Team All-America status. In addition, Chris Watson and Peter LeSueur earned Second Team *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America honors.

A youth-filled roster battled the same difficult schedule in 2006 and Pietramala guided the squad within one goal of a return trip to the NCAA Semifinals. The Blue Jays produced five All-Americans, including Rabil, who became the first JHU sophomore midfielder since A.J. Haugen in 1998 to earn First Team All-America honors.

The Blue Jays capped Pietramala's first four years with an enjoyable 2004 season that ended one win short of the national championship game. The Blue Jays posted a 13-2 record, spent a majority of the season ranked number one and were the top seed in the NCAA Tournament.

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Pietramala's Coaching Ledger

At Johns Hopkins		
2007	13-4	NCAA Champions
2006	9-5	NCAA Quarterfinals
2005	16-0	NCAA Champions
2004	13-2	NCAA Semifinals
2003	14-2	NCAA Finals
2002	12-2	NCAA Semifinals
2001	8-4	NCAA Quarterfinals
Totals	85-19 (.817)	

At Cornell		
2000	10-4	NCAA First Round
1999	7-6	
1998	6-7	
Totals	23-17 (.575)	

Overall Coaching Record: 108-36 (.750)

- Eight NCAA Tournament Appearances**
- Five Final Fours**
- Two National Championships**
- One National Runner-Up**

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Pietramala guided his first JHU team to an 8-4 record and a trip to the NCAA Quarterfinals with four players earning All-America honors.

The top recruiting class in the nation arrived at Homewood three months after the 2001 season ended and it was obvious that things would be different in 2002. With easily the youngest team in the top 25, Pietramala guided Johns Hopkins to a storybook campaign that ended just short of the national championship game.

With four freshmen in the starting lineup and five more playing prominent roles, Pietramala led the 2002 Blue Jays to a 12-2 record, the top seed in the NCAA Tournament and a berth in the Final Four. For the first time since 1995, the Blue Jays also ended the regular season ranked number one in the nation after winning their final eight games of the regular season.

For his efforts, Pietramala earned the USILA's Morris Touchstone National Coach-of-the-Year award. In all, six Johns Hopkins players earned All-America honors and senior Nick Murtha earned national goalie-of-the-year honors. Murtha and junior midfielder Adam Doneger were named First Team All-Americans. Senior defenseman P.J. DiConza earned Third Team All-America and Second Team Verizon Academic All-America honors and was the only men's lacrosse player in the nation (at any level) to earn a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

In 2003, with a more experienced team, but one that featured just four seniors in prominent roles, Pietramala guided the Blue Jays to a then school-record-tying 14 wins against just two losses and Hopkins advanced to the NCAA Championship Game for the first time since 1989, when Pietramala led the way from his position on close defense.

The 2003 season included many memorable moments and the Blue Jays led the nation in scoring offense, scoring margin and extra-man offense. The Blue Jay defense was among the nation's best as well, as JHU allowed more than 10 goals just once on the year and held 14 of 16 opponents to nine goals or less. Hopkins was also the only team in the nation to finish in the top four in every major statistical category maintained by the NCAA.

Hopkins won its first three games in 2003 before suffering a 15-14 loss at Syracuse. The Blue Jays didn't lose again until suffering a 9-7 loss against Virginia in the national championship game. Along the way the Blue Jays won 11 straight games, won their first three NCAA Tournament games by a combined total of 31 goals and avenged their only regular season defeat with a 19-8 win over Syracuse in the NCAA Semifinals.



With the success of 2003 came the rewards. The Blue Jays had seven players earn All-America honors, including two who garnered First Team honors, while Harrison and senior Adam Doneger were two of five finalists for the Tewaaraton Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top player.

Pietramala Awakens a Giant

Pietramala served as the defensive coordinator at Johns Hopkins from 1995-97 before leaving to become the head coach at Cornell. In three seasons as the head coach of the Big Red, Pietramala guided Cornell to a 23-17 (.575) record, an appearance in the 2000 NCAA Tournament (Cornell's first since 1995 and just its second since 1989) and a final national ranking of ninth in the 2000 STX/USILA Poll.

Cornell was the only team in the nation to beat eventual national champion Syracuse during the 2000 season and the Big Red finished second in the Ivy League with a 5-1 conference record. For his efforts, Pietramala was named national coach-of-the-year.

With his first selection as coach-of-the-year, Pietramala became the first person in the history of college lacrosse to earn coach-of-the-year honors after being named the national

player-of-the-year during his career.

Pietramala as an Assistant Coach

Pietramala spent three seasons (1995-97) as the defensive coordinator at Hopkins, helping the Blue Jays to a 31-11 record, three trips to the NCAA Tournament and two appearances in the Final Four. He helped guide the 1995 team to a 12-0 record in the regular season and the top seed in the NCAA Tournament.

While serving as the defensive coordinator at Hopkins, Pietramala coached two defensemen who combined to earn All-America honors five times. Included was Brian Kuczma, who earned First Team All-America honors in 1996 and 1997 and earned the William C. Schmeisser Award as the nation's top defenseman in 1997. In addition, Jonathan Marcus, Hopkins' starting goalie, earned Honorable Mention All-America honors in 1995 and 1996.

His early coaching stops at Gilman, Hopkins, Penn and Loyola prepared him for the defensive coordinator's role at JHU, which ultimately led him to be hired as the head coach at Cornell after the 1997 season. Three years later he was back at Homewood as the head coach.

Coach Pietramala Quickly

Coaching History

2001 - Present:	Johns Hopkins • Head Coach
1998-2000:	Cornell • Head Coach
1995-97:	Johns Hopkins • Assistant Coach
1993-94:	Loyola College • Assistant Coach
1992-93:	University of Pennsylvania • Assistant Coach
1991:	Johns Hopkins • Assistant Coach
1990:	Gilman School • Assistant Coach

Honors

2004:	Inducted into Lacrosse HOF
2002:	National Coach-of-the-Year
2000:	National Coach-of-the-Year
1995:	Named to NCAA Silver Anniversary Team
1994:	All-World selection at ILF Championships
1990:	Most Outstanding Player at ILF Championships
1989:	National Player-of-the-Year • National Defenseman-of-the-Year • First Team All-American
1988:	National Defenseman-of-the-Year • First Team All-American
1987:	NCAA Championship • First Team All-American

Pietramala Personally

Birth Date
November, 27, 1967

Hometown
Hicksville, NY

High School
St. Mary's

College
Johns Hopkins '90

Wife
Colleen

Children
Twin sons
Nicholas and Dominic (4)

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Pietramala the Player

Pietramala was a three-time First Team All-American during his career at Johns Hopkins. He led the Blue Jays to the 1987 NCAA Division I Championship and an appearance in the 1989 NCAA Championship game. He was the recipient of the William C. Schmeisser Award as the nation's outstanding defenseman in 1988 and 1989 and earned the Lt. Raymond J. Enners Award as the nation's most outstanding player in 1989 as well.

In addition, he was one of 10 Johns Hopkins players named to the NCAA Silver Anniversary Team in 1995 and he was selected to the All-Time Johns Hopkins Team at the end of his career. Pietramala remains one of just 19 players in school history to earn First Team All-America honors three times. He is one of just five JHU defensemen to earn the honor three times.

Pietramala, who was named to *Lacrosse Magazine's* All-Century Team, continued his playing career at the club and national level after leaving Johns Hopkins. He was named the outstanding performer

at the International Lacrosse Federation World Championships in 1990 as a member of the United States' championship team in Perth, Australia. He again earned All-World honors in 1994 as he led the United States to the title in Manchester, England.

Pietramala also played in the club ranks with Mt. Washington and professionally in the Major Indoor Lacrosse League. He was inducted into the Johns Hopkins Hall of Fame in 2001 and the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2004.

Pietramala Personally

A native of Hicksville, New York, Pietramala is a 1985 graduate of St. Mary's High School. He and his wife, Colleen, reside in nearby Timonium, Maryland and are the parents of twin boys. Nicholas and Dominic Pietramala were born on September 1, 2003.

Did You Know

- **Dave Pietramala** is the only person in the history of college lacrosse who has earned NCAA Division I Player-of-the-Year honors (1989) and NCAA Division I Coach-of-the-Year honors (2000, 2002).
- Johns Hopkins has posted an amazing 48-6 record at Home-wood Field under **Dave Pietramala**. Included is an NCAA record-tying 37-game home winning streak from 2001-06. The Blue Jays are 12-0 in home games played in the month of May since Pietramala took over in 2001.
- **Dave Pietramala** is just the second men's lacrosse coach at Johns Hopkins to earn national Coach-of-the-Year honors. Bob Scott earned the award three times from 1955-74 and Pietramala garnered the honor at JHU in 2002.
- **Dave Pietramala** is one of just six coaches to earn national Coach-of-the-Year honors more than once. Prior to winning it at JHU in 2002, he earned it at Cornell in 2000.
- **Dave Pietramala** is one of just two coaches to earn national Coach-of-the-Year honors at two different schools.
- Nearly one-third of the games **Dave Pietramala** has coached at Johns Hopkins have been against teams ranked in the top five in the nation at the time of the game. The Blue Jays are an impressive 21-11 in such games.
- In 15 seasons as either a player (1986-89), assistant coach (1991, 1995-97) or head coach (2001-) at Johns Hopkins, **Dave Pietramala** has helped lead the Blue Jays to a 175-44 (.799) record, three NCAA Championships (1987, 2005, 2007), two other trips to the NCAA title game (1989, 2003) and five other trips to the Final Four (1986, 1995, 1996, 2002, 2004).
- Johns Hopkins has won 15 NCAA Tournament games under the guidance of **Dave Pietramala**. In the 11 seasons prior to Pietramala taking over as head coach, Johns Hopkins won a total of nine NCAA Tournament games.
- **Dave Pietramala** earned All-World honors in 1990 and 1994 as he led the United States to the International Lacrosse Federation World Championship twice. He was selected the Outstanding Performer at the 1990 world championships.
- Johns Hopkins has played 49 games as the number-one ranked team in the nation under **Dave Pietramala**. From 1996-2000 Johns Hopkins played a total of one game as the top-ranked team in the nation.
- Johns Hopkins has excelled under pressure since Dave Pietramala took over in 2001. Since then, the Blue Jays are 30-6 in one-goal games and 13-2 in overtime. JHU posted a 6-1 record in one-goal games and a 3-0 record in overtime en route to the 2007 national championship. Hopkins was 5-0 in one-goal games and 4-0 in overtime on the way to winning the 2005 national championship.

Division I Men's Lacrosse Coaching Records

Active Coaches Ranked by Winning Percentage (Minimum five years at a Division I school)

1.	Dave Urick	Georgetown	304-99	.754
2T.	Dave Pietramala	Johns Hopkins	108-36	.750
	Bill Tierney	Princeton	252-84	.750
4.	Jeff Tambroni	Cornell	73-25	.745
5.	John Desko	Syracuse	102-38	.729
6.	Dom Starsia	Virginia	271-104	.723
7.	Dave Cottle	Maryland	247-98	.716
8.	Jim Stagnitta	Rutgers	172-89	.659
9.	Tony Seaman	Towson	241-129	.651
10.	Greg Cannella	Massachusetts	114-68	.626

Winningest Coaches All-Time by Winning Percentage (Minimum 10 years as a Division I head coach)

1.	W.P. Bilderback	Navy (1959-72)	131-26-2	.830
2.	George Finlayson	Navy (1911-35)	140-25-10	.829
3.	Mickey Cochrane	Bowling Green (1966-75)	77-22	.778
4.	Willie Scroggs	North Carolina (1979-90)	120-37	.764
5.	W.H. Dinty Moore	Navy (1936-58)	159-50-2	.758
6.	Dave Urick	Hobart (1980-89)	304-99	.754
		Georgetown (1990-)		
7.	Roy Simmons, Jr.	Syracuse (1971-98)	290-96	.751
8T.	Dave Pietramala	Cornell (1998-2000)	108-36	.750
		Johns Hopkins (2001-)		
	Bill Tierney	RIT (1982-84)	252-84	.750
		Princeton (1988-)		
10.	Bud Beardmore	Virginia (1968-69)	104-35	.748
		Maryland (1970-80)		