



## **Jerry Slocum**

**Head Coach**  
**Third Season**  
**The Kings (N.Y.) College, 1975**

One of 47 individuals to win 600 games on the NCAA level, Head Coach Jerry Slocum is showing Youngstown State basketball fans how he turns programs around.

Between his first and second seasons, the Penguins improved their overall win total by seven. The 14 wins in 2006-07 were the most in six years, the seven Horizon League victories were the most for the school since joining the conference and the fourth-place league finish was also the program's highest spot in the standings since joining the league.

Senior guard Quin Humphrey had a career to remember capping it off by being named first-team all-conference for the second straight year. Humphrey is the first player in YSU history to be a two-time first-team all-conference pick.

The program had two three-game winning streaks, won 10 home games for just fourth time since 1986-87, won a postseason game for the first time in three years, played a school-record 31 contests and had two 500-point scorers for the first time in school history.

On Feb. 22, Slocum picked up a personal milestone earning his 600th career victory after YSU's 72-57 over Wright State. He became the 47th coach in NCAA history to eclipse the mark.

Slocum, who is the 12th head coach in school history, has tremendous energy around the basketball court and his passion for the game showed in the way the Penguins have played throughout his two-year tenure.

In 2005-06, YSU had its first Horizon League first-team all-conference performer in Humphrey while Keston Roberts made the all-newcomer team. The Guins had the leading individuals in scoring, rebounding and assists in the Horizon League, only the second time in the league's 26 years that a team accomplished that feat.

Youngstown State showed no fear from the outside attempting a school-record 578 3-pointers while making 191 - the second most in school history. The Guins cut way down on turnovers - the 368 was the fourth fewest ever - and were solid from the free-throw line making 70.6 percent - the fifth-highest ever by a YSU team.

Slocum, who has the distinction of being the most winning coach at three different schools, was originally named head coach on April 12, 2005. He hit the ground running and the program has been moving forward ever since.

He has been on the sidelines for more than 950 games and recently completed his 32nd season. Overall, he has a mark of 601-363 in his career coaching at four different schools.

Slocum came to the Mahoning Valley after a distinguished nine-year tenure at Division II Gannon in Erie, Pa. He led the Golden Knights to a 179-78 record and six straight appearances in the NCAA Division II Tournament.

His teams have been very successful during his career as a head coach. In his 31 years, he has had 25 winning seasons, including 17 of the last 18 campaigns. He has posted 19 20-win seasons throughout his career, including five of the last seven years.

In 2004-05, Gannon finished 18-11 overall and tied Wayne State for second place in the South Division of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with an 11-6 mark. Following the regular season, the Golden Knights were ranked sixth in the final Great Lakes Regional Rankings. Gannon eventually lost to Southern Indiana, 67-61, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Golden Knights finished first -- three times -- or second in the South Division of the GLIAC in each of his nine years.

In 2000-01 and 2001-02 his squad tied for the South Division title after winning the outright crown in 1999-2000. In 2001-02, Gannon had a 12-5 conference record while in 2000-01, the Golden Knights were 13-4. In 2001, Gannon advanced to the GLIAC Tournament title game for the first time in school history losing to Grand Valley State.

The 54-year-old Slocum was named the GLIAC Coach of the Year following the 1999-2000 campaign after leading the Golden Knights to a 16-3 league mark. That season his team posted a 23-5 ledger setting his personal best at the school for wins in a season and winning percentage (.821).

In each of the last six seasons, Gannon was selected for the NCAA Division II Tournament.

While at Gannon, he recorded his 500th career coaching victory against Edinboro on Nov. 20, 2001.

He owned a .696 winning percentage at the school while averaging just under 20 wins per season. His nine seasons were a school mark to go along with his 179 victories.

His players at Gannon earned numerous awards. He had six All-Americans, one Academic All-American, one Division II National Player of the Year (Troy Nesmith in 1997) and two conference players of the year.

At Geneva, he was a consistent winner posting 20-win campaigns in his final eight seasons with the Golden Tornadoes. In his stint as head coach, he had a 202-81 overall mark for a winning percentage of .714.

He helped the program make four NAIA Division I Tournament appearances during his tenure. The first came in 1989-90, which was the first time Geneva had qualified for the postseason event since 1956. He had two 28-win seasons (1992-93 and 1993-94) along with a 27-win campaign in 1991-92 while at Geneva.

In his final year at Geneva in 1995-96, the Golden Tornadoes finished 24-7 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NAIA Tournament. The previous year, Geneva was 26-6 and won a first-round game in the NAIA Tournament. The win marked the school's first in the postseason tournament since 1956.

His 400th career win came when Geneva defeated Montana State-Northern in the opening round of the 1996 NAIA Division I Tournament. He picked up his 300th career victory against Ohio Valley early in the 1992-93 campaign. His 200th win came in his first game as the head coach at Geneva against Bethany in 1987.

Slocum's head-coaching experience began at Nyack College in Nyack, N.Y., from 1975 through 1987. He spent 12 seasons in charge of the Warriors' program finishing with a 199-166 overall record for a .545 winning percentage. He ended his tenure strong with six 20-win seasons in his final six seasons. His best campaign was a 25-8 mark in 1984-85. He was inducted into the Nyack Athletics Hall of Fame in October 2001.

Slocum is a 1975 graduate of The Kings, N.Y., College where he earned his bachelor's degree in Physical Education. He earned a Master's Degree in Athletic Administration from the U.S. Sports Academy in 1987.

Jerry and his wife Kim, have a son, Aaron, a daughter, Anelli and a grandson, Aidan. Aaron is an assistant football coach and special education teacher at Erie Cathedral Prep while Anelli is a paralegal in Youngstown.

(Information Courtesy of YSU)

## **Jerry Slocum's Year-by-Year Record and Highlights**

### **Year School Record Pct. GLIAC Notes**

2004-05 Gannon 18-11 .621 11-6 Tied for second in South Division of GLIAC  
2003-04 Gannon 22-8 .733 12-5 Team finished second in the GLIAC South Division  
2002-03 Gannon 20-10 .666 11-6 Team finished second in the GLIAC South Division  
2001-02 Gannon 21-7 .750 12-5 Tied for the GLIAC South Division crown  
2000-01 Gannon 22-8 .733 13-4 Tied for the GLIAC South Division title  
1999-00 Gannon 23-5 .821 16-3 Team won South Division title; GLIAC Coach of the Year  
1998-99 Gannon 19-9 .679 12-7 Team finished second in the GLIAC South Division  
1997-98 Gannon 16-11 .593 9-8 Team finished second in the GLIAC South Division  
1996-97 Gannon 18-9 .666 9-8 Team rebounded from 10-16 record the previous season

### **Record at Gannon: 179-78 (.696 winning percentage) in Nine Seasons**

#### **Year School Record Pct. Notes**

1995-96 Geneva 24-7 .774 Advanced to Quarterfinals of NAIA Division I Tournament  
1994-95 Geneva 26-6 .812 School's first NAIA Division I Tournament win since 1956  
1993-94 Geneva 28-4 .875 Posted 28 victories for the second consecutive year  
1992-93 Geneva 28-3 .903 Participated in NAIA Division I Tournament  
1991-92 Geneva 27-7 .794 27 wins were then a personal best in coaching career  
1990-91 Geneva 21-9 .700 First NAIA Division I Tournament Appearance since 1955-56  
1989-90 Geneva 22-9 .710 16 victory improvement from first season  
1988-89 Geneva 20-15 .571 14 more wins than previous campaign  
1987-88 Geneva 6-21 .222 Only losing season as head coach since 1979-80

### **Record at Geneva: 202-81 (.714 winning percentage) in Nine Seasons**

#### **Year School Record Pct. Notes**

1986-87 Nyack 22-8 .733 District 31 Coach of the Year  
1985-86 Nyack 21-9 .700 District 31 Coach of the Year  
1984-85 Nyack 25-8 .758 School record for wins, District 31 and Area 8 Coach of the Year  
1983-84 Nyack 21-9 .700  
1982-83 Nyack 20-13 .606  
1981-82 Nyack 20-12 .625 First 20-win season of coaching career  
1980-81 Nyack 17-11 .607 First campaign of 24 of 25 winning seasons  
1979-80 Nyack 10-21 .323  
1978-79 Nyack 8-24 .250  
1977-78 Nyack 8-21 .276  
1976-77 Nyack 17-14 .548 First winning season of coaching career  
1975-76 Nyack 10-16 .385

### **Record at Nyack: 199-166 (.545 winning percentage) in 12 Seasons**

**Overall Record: 580-325 (.641 winning percentage) in 30 Seasons**