

Northeastern Men's Rowing History

Summary of the 2020's

Current Years 2020-2024

The 2020 decade began coming off a strong 2019 year with the 1V finishing 5th in the nation at the IRA Regatta. There was a lot of anticipation for improvement and growth of the Men's Program as the decade started. But the momentum was dashed in the first part of the decade by the Covid19 pandemic that started in early 2020. This pandemic would impact development of the teams, recruiting and coaching as the program transitioned through 3 head coaches from 2021 to 2023. More to come as the decade develops.

Early Pandemic – 2020 to 2022

The 2019-2020 season had an impressive fall, including a 1st-place finish over Harvard at the Foot of the Charles. Winter training was cut short due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which forced students to return home in March 2020 with the season cancelled. Athletes did their best to stay in shape by following remote workouts. The 2020 fall season was also cancelled. However, the Spring season went ahead, with the exception of the Eastern Sprints, which were called off.

The 2021 Spring season also marked a major coaching transition. After 20 years as head coach, John Pojednic stepped down. Associate Head Coach and former NU team captain Justin Jones (NU '15) took over and the team performed well. In dual racing, the 2V remained undefeated, while the 1V and 3V suffered only one loss each. At the IRA Championships, all boats reached their respective Grand Finals.

As the pandemic wound down, the 2022 season was a transition year with recruiting, results and head coaching transition again. One highlight was the varsity four+ won the gold medal at the 2022 Eastern Sprints. Justin Jones left as Head Coach in the spring of 2022 and Alex Perkins, Associate Head Coach took over the program to focus now on building for long term success.



Coach Pojednic
2020-2021



Varsity 4+ Sprints Gold Medal 2022



Coach Jones
2021-2022

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Summary of the 2020's (Cont.)

Alex Perkins at the Helm 2022 -



Coach Alex Perkins

Alex Perkins joined the coaching staff as Associate Head Coach in the fall of 2021 after being an Assistant Coach for the BU Men's Program. Alex's collegiate rowing was with the University of Washington (2012-2015), where he helped and lead the varsity team to the IRA National Championships in 3 seasons.

The 2023 season found the top 8 collegiate programs highly competitive with each other. The 1V only lost one race, while the 2V won three out of five matchups. At the IRA Championships, the 1V rowed through Harvard in the semifinals to secure a spot in the Grand Final, relegating Harvard to the Petite Final.

2023-2024 kicked off again a highly competitive season. The 2V finished as the top collegiate 2V entry in the Head of the Charles. In the postseason, the 2V reached the Sprints Grand Final, while the Varsity 4 made the Grand Final at the IRA Championships.



2023 IRA Semi-Final 1V Eliminate Harvard



2023 Head of Charles 2V – 2V Winners

2020 Decade In Summary

There is more coming and more to be written on the 2020 decade as this is written in the spring of 2025. In the decades first four years, there are many NU oarsmen that have participated on National Teams for the US, Great Britain, Germany, France, New Zealand, Czech Republic and Croatia. Congratulations to all their accomplishments.

NU's 1V dual meet record during the decade was 13 wins and 6 losses, 72% W/L rate. During the first 4-years of the decade NU won 1 Eastern Sprints Medals and 0 IRA Medals, list below.

NOTE: Current Years 2020 - 2024				
2020 Decade - NU Men's SPRINTS Medals				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
1st Varsity				0
2nd Varsity				0
Varsity Four	1			1
Freshman				0
Total	1	0	0	1
2020 Decade - NU Men's IRA Medals				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
1st Varsity				0
2nd Varsity				0
Varsity Four				0
Freshman				0
Total	0	0	0	0
Total All	1	0	0	1

There are currently no members of the 2010 decade in the NU Hall of Fame.

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