

Biography for Edward Donofrio:



Edward J. Donofrio was one of the premier and dominant international and national foil fencers in his era. He was a three-time World Cup Finalist (1975 Montreal, 1976 Rommell and 1977 Lowe Von Bonn). In 1976, he was an Olympic Semi-Finalist. In 1979, Ed won a Pan Am Team Silver medal.

As a two-time National Champion and five-time National Championship finalist, Ed dominated American foil fencing. His major national victories included two Olympic Trial gold medals, Olympic Sports Festival gold medals and countless "A" Foil Opens.

Ed returned to the Naval Academy as head coach from 1991-92. Ed continues to coaches a class (for free as he will not accept compensation) at the Loudoun International Fencing Club.

As a collegiate fencer at the U.S. Naval Academy, Ed earned All-American honors and received The Cointe Award IFA Fencer of the Year in 1972. In 1973, he was captain of the USNA Fencing Team.

In 1978, he was inducted in the U.S. Naval Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. This is a huge honor as his photo and records are celebrated in the USNA Hall of Fame alongside the likes of Roger Staubach, Joe Bellino and David Robinson.

Here is a list of a few of his greatest fencing accomplishments.

- 1976 U.S. Foil Champion.
- 1974 U.S. Foil Team Champion
- 1975 Montreal World Cup Invitational – 10th
- 1976 U.S. Olympic Games - Semi Finalist
- 1976 Rommell Cup (A) - Finalist: 8th
- 1977 Lowe Von Bonn (A) - Finalist – 5th
- 1979 Pan American Games - Silver Medal: Team
- Five-time Finalist in the U.S. Championships
- U.S. Naval Academy Head Coach: 1991-92