Erica Lawrence

Basketball

1995-1999

As rich as Nyack's basketball tradition has been, few players have been as dominant on the court wearing the red and black as Erica Lawrence. She led the girls' basketball team to three section finals and earned numerous accolades along the way. Lawrence scored 1569 points in high school before em-barking on a successful collegiate career at George Washington University, a Division 1 school.

As a freshman, Erica was already one of the best players in the area. She averaged 13 points per game and helped lead the team to the section finals, where they lost to John Jay. She was named 1st Team All-League, All-County, and All-Section, and was 9th Team All-State. Most impressively, she was named Journal News Player of the Year.

As a sophomore and junior, Lawrence earned more All-League, All-County, All-Section, and All-State honors. She led the team to a section semifinal and another section final after winning the league each year. She scored a career high 19.2 points per game as a junior on her way to becoming Journal News Player of the Year again.

Erica continued to shine in her final year at Nyack, averaging 18.3 points, 13 rebounds, and nearly five steals per game. She led the team to another section final despite not having as strong of a supporting cast as her first three years. They lost to a powerful Our Lady of Lourdes team, but Lawrence was still recognized for her exceptional play, earning more All-League, All-Section, and All-State honors. She finished 42 points shy of the county scoring record held by Nyack's Eva Koehler, and was named to the All Starter Sports magazine's 1999 Regional Dream Team. Over the course of her career, Lawrence was also Team MVP three times, co-captain twice, and was named to the New York State Scholar/Athlete Team.

She continued to excel at The George Washington University, scoring over 1000 points against tough Division 1 opposition and earning multiple Atlantic 10 All-Conference honors. Erica Lawrence will long be remembered as one of the greatest athletes to don the Nyack uniform.