

TAYLOR COPPENRATH • Vermont (2001-05)

A finalist for the John Wooden National Player of the Year Award and the Bayer Advantage National Senior CLASS Award as the nation's top senior, Taylor Copenrath finished his standout career by helping the Catamounts reach the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2005. Vermont earned its first NCAA Tournament victory when it stunned fourth-seeded Syracuse in overtime, 60-57. He concluded his career second all-time in scoring at Vermont, third in America East Conference history, with 2,452 points, second in scoring average at 21.5 points per game, and fourth in rebounds with 846.



His 25.1 ppg average as a senior was second in the nation and the second-best average in UVM history. During his senior season Copenrath scored 777 points in 31 games, tops in the country, to set a single-season record for points at Vermont and the second most in conference history.

The three-time Kevin Roberson America East Player of the Year, he also was the second player in conference history to lead the league in scoring for three straight years. Copenrath joined the late great Reggie Lewis of Northeastern (1985-87) as the only three-time winners of the award in the 26 years of the conference. The only season he did not take home player of the year honors in the conference, he was named the league's rookie of the year. Copenrath also led the Catamounts to their only three NCAA Tournament appearances, as the team went in 2003, 2004 and 2005.