

= B. J. Prager =

William J. " B. J. " Prager is a retired professional lacrosse attackman who played professional field lacrosse in the Major League Lacrosse ( MLL ) . He starred as a member of the Princeton Tigers men 's lacrosse team from 1999 through 2002 , where he was Ivy League rookie of the year , a three @-@ time United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association ( USILA ) All @-@ American ( twice third @-@ team , once honorable mention ) , a four @-@ time All @-@ Ivy League selection ( three @-@ time first team ) , a team captain and a NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player of a national champion team . For over a decade , he held the freshman goal scoring record at Princeton .

During his time at Princeton , the team qualified for the NCAA Men 's Lacrosse Championship all four years , reached the championship game three times , won the championship game once and won four Ivy League championships . In his career , he has scored game @-@ winning overtime goals in both state high school and national collegiate championship games as well as participated on two championship MLL teams .

= = Background = =

Prager is from Garden City , New York on Long Island . He began playing lacrosse in fifth grade . In high school , he played both lacrosse and soccer . He led Garden City High School to an undefeated 21 ? 0 season culminating on his overtime game @-@ winning goal in the 1997 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B Lacrosse Championship . In 1996 , the team had a 13 ? 0 ? 1 streak that included the Nassau County and Long Island Championships . During his high school career , he scored 154 goals .

= = College career = =

At Princeton he earned the 1999 Men 's Ivy League Rookie of the Year and the 2001 NCAA Division I Men 's Lacrosse Championship tournament Most Outstanding Player . In both 2000 and 2002 , he was a third team USILA All @-@ American Team selection , while he was an honorable mention in 2001 . He was a first team All @-@ Ivy League selection in 1999 , 2000 & 2002 and a second team selection in 2001 . He was a 2002 USILA Scholar All @-@ American . He served as co @-@ captain of the 2002 team . His 25 goals as a freshman in 1999 was a Princeton freshman record . In 2010 , Ivy League Rookie of the Year Mike Chanenchuk totaled 28 as a Princeton freshman to surpass Prager 's record . During his four @-@ year career , Princeton won the Ivy League Conference outright each year , achieving undefeated 6 ? 0 records in 1999 ? 2001 and having a 5 ? 1 record in 2002 .

In 2000 , Prager tore his anterior cruciate ligament while he was the leading scorer with 23 goals in his first 8 + games and was lost for the remainder of the season . In the 2001 NCAA championship semifinals , Prager scored three goals against Towson State in a 12 ? 11 victory . In the finals , he scored a total of four goals , including the game @-@ winning goal in overtime with an assist from Ryan Boyle as well as the ninth goal in the 10 ? 9 victory over Syracuse . In the 2002 NCAA Division I Men 's Lacrosse Championship semifinals , he scored five goals in an 11 ? 9 victory over Johns Hopkins , but in the 13 ? 12 finals loss , Syracuse defenseman Solomon Bliss held him to one goal .

= = Professional career = =

After graduating , Prager worked for Lehman Brothers in an analyst training program . He played with the Bridgeport Barrage during the 2002 and 2003 MLL seasons and then the Philadelphia Barrage from 2004 to 2006 . On July 19 , 2003 , Prager scored five goals in a 22 ? 17 victory against the Baltimore Bayhawks . The Barrage won the Steinfeld Cup in both 2004 and 2006 . In 2006 , he scored the goal that ended the Denver Outlaws ' last lead possession of the game . He was second in the league in power play goals in 2004 and led both the 2004 and 2006 teams in

shooting percentage . After retiring from professional play , Prager represented the New York Athletic Club .

= = Personal = =

His father is Bill Prager . Prager is from a family of competitive lacrosse players : His younger brother , Matt , who was in the class of 2005 , played at Princeton . The 2002 season was the first time the two of them played on the same organized team . Another brother , Pat , played lacrosse at C.W. Post .

= = Statistics = =

= = = Princeton University = = =

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The following are his MLL career stats :