

Nikita Kryvonos Joins the Loriet Pro-Team

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If you are from the East and follow tennis, chances are you have heard of Nikita Kryvonos; a talented player who was thrown a tough curve ball early in his career.



Nikita Kryvonos is a resident of Flushing, NY. He played in the main draw of the US Open doubles in 2005 and in the singles qualifying from 2005-07, when he peaked at a career-best No. 389 in the world.

At the age of 13, Kryvonos came to the United States from the Ukraine. He trained at the Rick Macci Tennis Academy in Florida and with Nick Brebenel, and soon established himself as a player on the rise in the junior ranks. But at the age of 16, Nikita was required to undergo surgery to repair a serious staph infection in his right leg. Recovery resulted in a series of debilitating challenges, including three months on

intravenous antibiotics, six months on crutches and eight months without competitive play.

After a hard fought recovery, Kryvonos played in the US Open Qualifying Tournament, his first appearance in a Grand Slam event. In 2005, Kryvonos also reached the semifinals of the Dunlop Orange Bowl and made his USTA Pro Circuit debut.

The following year, Kryvonos turned professional and competed primarily in Futures events, breaking through in 2006 with a victory at a Challenger event in Montreal, winning a round in qualifying at the US Open, and being called for the U.S. Davis Cup team's semifinal against Russia.

Kryvonos won the US Open National Playoffs East in both 2010 and 2012, and has competed in Futures and Challengers around the world. Now at the age of 26, he is working diligently on the Pro Circuit to crack the top ranks of the men's game.

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