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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR SPENCER PENROSE AWARD PRESENTED TO AHCA MEN'S ICE HOCKEY DIVISION ONE COACH OF THE YEAR

Eleven coaches who have enjoyed on-ice success in 2006-07 have been named finalists for the Spencer Penrose Award, given annually to the top NCAA Division One Men's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. To be a finalist for this award, you must either be voted Coach of the Year in your conference or take your team to the NCAA Frozen Four.

Noteworthy among this year's finalists:

- Five former Penrose Award winners, including Rick Comley of Michigan State (1980 and 1991 winner while at Northern Michigan); Joe Marsh of St. Lawrence (1989 and 2000 winner); Dick Umile of New Hampshire (1999 winner); Tim Whitehead of Maine (2002 winner); and Jerry York of Boston College (1977 winner while at Clarkson).
- Three coaches each from Hockey East and the WCHA. Three are NCAA semifinalists (North Dakota's Dave Hakstol, Maine's Whitehead and BC's York); three were conference Coach of the Year winners (Hockey East's Umile and WCHA Co-Coaches Bob Motzko of St. Cloud and Jamie Russell of Michigan Tech.)
- Army's Brian Riley and Niagara's Dave Burkholder are repeat finalists from a year ago.
- Notre Dame's Jeff Jackson, in his second year at Notre Dame, is a finalist for the first time in over a decade. (He was at Lake Superior in the early 1990's.)

The award is named in honor of the former Colorado Springs benefactor who built the Broadmoor Hotel Complex, site of the first 10 NCAA Hockey Championships. It will be presented at the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) Coach of the Year Banquet on Saturday, April 28, in Naples, FL.

2006-2007 AHCA Men's Ice Hockey Division One Coach of the Year Finalists

Dave Burkholder, Niagara*
Rick Comley, Michigan State#@
Dave Hakstol, North Dakota#
Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame*
Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence*
Bob Motzko, St. Cloud State University*
Brian Riley, Army*
Jamie Russell, Michigan Tech*
Dick Umile, New Hampshire*
Tim Whitehead, Maine#@
Jerry York, Boston College#@

* Conference Coach of the Year # NCAA "Frozen Four" Participant
@ Previous Winner of the Spencer Penrose Award

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PICK-UP: Past Winners List

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Past Winners of the Spencer Penrose Award Division One Coach of the Year

1951	Edward Jeremiah, Dartmouth	1979	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire
1952	Cheddy Thompson, Colorado College	1980	Rick Comley, Northern Michigan
1953	John Mariucci, Minnesota	1981	Bill O'Flaherty, Clarkson
1954	Vic Heyliger, Michigan	1982	Fernie Flaman, Northeastern
1955	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland, Harvard	1983	Bill Cleary, Harvard
1956	William Harrison, Clarkson	1984	Mike Sertich, Minnesota-Duluth
1957	Jack Riley, Army	1985	Len Ceglarski, Boston College
1958	Harry Cleverly, Boston University	1986	Ralph Backstrom, Denver
1959	John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College	1987	John "Gino" Gasparini, North Dakota
1960	Jack Riley, Army	1988	Frank Anzalone, Lake Superior
1961	Murray Armstrong, Denver	1989	Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence
1962	Jack Kelley, Colby	1990	Terry Slater, Colgate
1963	Tony Frasca, Colorado College	1991	Rick Comley, Northern Michigan
1964	Tom Eccleston, Providence	1992	Ron Mason, Michigan State
1965	Jim Fullerton, Brown	1993	George Gwozdecky, Miami
1966	Amo Bessone, Michigan State	1994	Don Lucia, Colorado College
1967	Edward Jeremiah, Dartmouth	1995	Shawn Walsh, Maine
1968	Ned Harkness, Cornell	1996	Bruce Crowder, MA-Lowell
1969	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	1997	Dean Blais, North Dakota
1970	John MacInnes, Michigan Tech	1998	Tim Taylor, Yale
1971	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland, Harvard	1999	Richard Umile, New Hampshire
1972	John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College	2000	Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence
1973	Len Ceglarski, Boston College	2001	Dean Blais, North Dakota
1974	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	2002	Tim Whitehead, Maine
1975	Jack Parker, Boston University	2003	Bob Daniels, Ferris State
1976	John MacInnes, Michigan Tech	2004	Scott Sandelin, Minnesota-Duluth
1977	Jerry York, Clarkson	2005	George Gwozdecky, Denver
1978	Jack Parker, Boston University	2006	Enrico Blasi, Miami



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