



# AMERICAN HOCKEY COACHES ASSOCIATION

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## **JEFF JACKSON of NOTRE DAME IS AHCA MEN'S DIVISION I COACH of the YEAR Will Receive Spencer Penrose Award at AHCA Convention on April 28 in Naples, FL**



For his efforts in leading the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame University to their first ever CCHA regular season title, Jeff Jackson has been chosen winner of the 2007 Spencer Penrose Award as Division I Men's Coach of the Year. Notre Dame went 32-7-3, ending the regular season ranked #1 in the country for five consecutive weeks. The Irish improved its CCHA league record by a whopping 19 points over the 2005-06 standings.

For Jackson, a 1978 graduate of Michigan State, this is the first such honor and the first national Coach of the Year award for Notre Dame as well. Arriving at Notre Dame in 2005, Jackson has compiled a mark of 45-26-7 in South Bend.

This is Jackson's second stint in the CCHA, having coached Lake Superior State from 1990-1996, winning NCAA titles with the Lakers in 1992 and 1994. His collegiate career record through eight seasons is 227-78-32. Between college head coaching assignments, Jackson was the first head coach of USA Hockey's National Development Program in Ann Arbor, MI, and he also served in the OHL (Guelph Storm head coach) and NHL (New York Islanders assistant coach).

The runners-up for this year's AHCA Men's Division I Coach of the Year award were Joe Marsh of St. Lawrence University and Rick Comley of Michigan State University.

Other finalists for this year's award were Dave Burkholder, Niagara; Dave Hakstol, North Dakota; Bob Motzko, St. Cloud State University; Brian Riley, Army; Jamie Russell, Michigan Tech; Richard Umile, New Hampshire; Tim Whitehead, Maine; and Jerry York, Boston College.

The Spencer Penrose Award is named in memory of the Colorado Springs benefactor who built the Broadmoor Hotel Complex, site of the first ten NCAA championship hockey tournaments. It will be presented at the AHCA Coach of the Year Banquet in Naples, Florida, on Saturday evening, April 28.

PICK-UP: List of Past Winners  
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## 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	Ferny 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
		2007	Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame



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