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RED BERENSON of MICHIGAN IS AHCA MEN'S DIVISION I COACH of the YEAR Will Receive Spencer Penrose Award at AHCA Convention on April 26 in Naples, FL



For his efforts in leading the Wolverines of the University of Michigan to both the CCHA regular season and tournament titles, Gordon “Red” Berenson has been chosen winner of the 2008 Spencer Penrose Award as Division I Men’s Coach of the Year. Michigan went 33-6-4, ending the regular season ranked as the #1 team in the country. Making the accomplishment even more impressive was the fact that Michigan regularly skated as many as ten freshmen in a game.

The Wolverines won the NCAA East Regional with victories over Niagara (5-1) and Clarkson (2-0) to advance to the NCAA Frozen Four in Denver. There, the season ended with a tough 5-4 overtime loss to Notre Dame in the semifinals. Still, the trip to the Rocky Mountains was not without success as Michigan’s Kevin Porter was presented the Hobey Baker Award as the nation’s best player.

This is the first national Coach of the Year award for Berenson who has compiled a career mark of 644-298-68 in 24 seasons at Michigan. His 644 wins rank him eighth all-time among all NCAA coaches.

The 2007-08 edition of the Wolverines qualified for the NCAA Tournament for a record 18th consecutive year. The CCHA regular season and tournament titles were the 10th and 8th, respectively for Berenson.

A native of Regina, Saskatchewan, Berenson was a two-time All-American and a captain at Michigan, graduating in 1962. He followed his college exploits with a 17-year NHL career in which he scored 261 goals and had 397 assists, playing 987 games for Montreal, New York, Detroit, and St. Louis. He once scored six goals in a single game against Philadelphia, four of the goals coming in a nine-minute span.

Before starting his college coaching career at Michigan in 1984, Berenson coached briefly in the NHL, earning Coach of the Year honors with St. Louis in 1981. His contributions to the game were recognized most notably when USA Hockey and the National Hockey League presented him the Lester Patrick Trophy in 2006.

The runners-up for this year’s AHCA Men’s Division I Coach of the Year award were Guy Gadowsky of Princeton University and Jerry York of 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 26.

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	1980	Rick Comley, Northern Michigan
1952	Cheddy Thompson, Colorado College	1981	Bill O'Flaherty, Clarkson
1953	John Mariucci, Minnesota	1982	Ferny Flaman, Northeastern
1954	Vic Heyliger, Michigan	1983	Bill Cleary, Harvard
1955	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland, Harvard	1984	Mike Sertich, Minnesota-Duluth
1956	William Harrison, Clarkson	1985	Len Ceglarski, Boston College
1957	Jack Riley, Army	1986	Ralph Backstrom, Denver
1958	Harry Cleverly, Boston University	1987	John "Gino" Gasparini, North Dakota
1959	John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College	1988	Frank Anzalone, Lake Superior
1960	Jack Riley, Army	1989	Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence
1961	Murray Armstrong, Denver	1990	Terry Slater, Colgate
1962	Jack Kelley, Colby	1991	Rick Comley, Northern Michigan
1963	Tony Frasca, Colorado College	1992	Ron Mason, Michigan State
1964	Tom Eccleston, Providence	1993	George Gwozdecky, Miami
1965	Jim Fullerton, Brown	1994	Don Lucia, Colorado College
1966	Amo Bessone, Michigan State	1995	Shawn Walsh, Maine
1967	Edward Jeremiah, Dartmouth	1996	Bruce Crowder, MA-Lowell
1968	Ned Harkness, Cornell	1997	Dean Blais, North Dakota
1969	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	1998	Tim Taylor, Yale
1970	John MacInnes, Michigan Tech	1999	Richard Umile, New Hampshire
1971	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland, Harvard	2000	Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence
1972	John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College	2001	Dean Blais, North Dakota
1973	Len Ceglarski, Boston College	2002	Tim Whitehead, Maine
1974	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	2003	Bob Daniels, Ferris State
1975	Jack Parker, Boston University	2004	Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth
1976	John MacInnes, Michigan Tech	2005	George Gwozdecky, Denver
1977	Jerry York, Clarkson	2006	Enrico Blasi, Miami
1978	Jack Parker, Boston University	2007	Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame
1979	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	2008	Red Berenson, Michigan



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