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JACK PARKER of BOSTON UNIVERSITY IS AHCA MEN'S DIVISION I COACH of the YEAR Will Receive Spencer Penrose Award at AHCA Convention on April 25 in Naples, FL



For his efforts in leading the Terriers of Boston University to this year's NCAA Division I Men's Championship, Jack Parker of Boston University has been chosen winner of the 2009 Spencer Penrose Award as Division I Men's Coach of the Year. Boston University went 35-6-4, winning the national title in dramatic fashion last Saturday night in Washington, DC. Trailing by 3-1, with just over a minute remaining in regulation, the Terriers struck twice within 42 seconds to tie the game, the latter goal coming with 18 seconds to play. The game-winner came at 11:47 of overtime, giving Parker his third NCAA crown and the school's fifth.

It was a dream season for a storied program as the Terriers won a total of seven championships in 2008-2009: Ice Breaker Tournament, Denver Cup, Beanpot Tournament, Hockey East Regular Season, Hockey East Tournament, NCAA Northeast Regionals, and NCAA Championships.

This is the third national Coach of the Year award for Parker (1975, 1978), who has compiled a career mark of 816-412-101 in 36 seasons at BU. His 816 wins rank him third all-time among all NCAA coaches, behind Ron Mason of Michigan State (924) and Jerry York of Boston College (821). His total of 816 wins at the same institution is an NCAA record.

The 2008-09 Terriers had lofty goals and met each one of them. Among the milestones were Parker's 800th win (4-1 win at Merrimack on January 16) and his record 23rd NCAA appearance. This honor follows the announcement that his senior defenseman, Matt Gilroy, won the 2009 Hobey Baker Award as college hockey's top player and his freshman goalie, Kieran Millan, was selected as the National Rookie of the Year.

A native of Somerville, Massachusetts, Parker excelled as a player at Catholic Memorial High School and later at Boston University, serving as team captain his senior year (1967-68). He started his coaching career at Medford High School right out of college, came to BU as an assistant for four seasons and was named varsity coach in December of 1973. This season marked his 40th as a member of the BU staff.

Assisting Parker this season were two of his former players, Associate Head Coach David Quinn and Assistant Coach Mike Bavis. Serving as Goaltending Coach was former UMass-Lowell standout Mike Geragosian. In addition to his coaching duties, Parker holds the title of Executive Director of Athletics at BU.

The runners-up for this year's AHCA Men's Division I Coach of the Year award were Tom Serratore of Bemidji State University and Keith Allain of Yale University.

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 25.

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	1981	Bill O'Flaherty, Clarkson
1952	Cheddy Thompson, Colorado College	1982	Ferny Flaman, Northeastern
1953	John Mariucci, Minnesota	1983	Bill Cleary, Harvard
1954	Vic Heyliger, Michigan	1984	Mike Sertich, Minnesota-Duluth
1955	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland, Harvard	1985	Len Ceglarski, Boston College
1956	William Harrison, Clarkson	1986	Ralph Backstrom, Denver
1957	Jack Riley, Army	1987	John "Gino" Gasparini, North Dakota
1958	Harry Cleverly, Boston University	1988	Frank Anzalone, Lake Superior
1959	John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College	1989	Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence
1960	Jack Riley, Army	1990	Terry Slater, Colgate
1961	Murray Armstrong, Denver	1991	Rick Comley, Northern Michigan
1962	Jack Kelley, Colby	1992	Ron Mason, Michigan State
1963	Tony Frasca, Colorado College	1993	George Gwozdecky, Miami
1964	Tom Eccleston, Providence	1994	Don Lucia, Colorado College
1965	Jim Fullerton, Brown	1995	Shawn Walsh, Maine
1966	Amo Bessone, Michigan State	1996	Bruce Crowder, MA-Lowell
1967	Edward Jeremiah, Dartmouth	1997	Dean Blais, North Dakota
1968	Ned Harkness, Cornell	1998	Tim Taylor, Yale
1969	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	1999	Richard Umile, New Hampshire
1970	John MacInnes, Michigan Tech	2000	Joe Marsh, St. Lawrence
1971	Ralph "Cooney" Weiland, Harvard	2001	Dean Blais, North Dakota
1972	John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College	2002	Tim Whitehead, Maine
1973	Len Ceglarski, Boston College	2003	Bob Daniels, Ferris State
1974	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	2004	Scott Sandelin, Minnesota Duluth
1975	Jack Parker, Boston University	2005	George Gwozdecky, Denver
1976	John MacInnes, Michigan Tech	2006	Enrico Blasi, Miami
1977	Jerry York, Clarkson	2007	Jeff Jackson, Notre Dame
1978	Jack Parker, Boston University	2008	Red Berenson, Michigan
1979	Charlie Holt, New Hampshire	2009	Jack Parker, Boston University
1980	Rick Comley, Northern Michigan		



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