



WCHA'S ALL-TIME BEST

THE HOCKEY NEWS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

In celebration of its 50th Anniversary Issue, *The Hockey News* named all-time teams in each of the various professional and collegiate hockey leagues in October of 1997.

A committee of conference coaches and administrators assisted *The Hockey News* in selecting these (listed below) all-time Western Collegiate Hockey Association honorees and accomplishments.

ALL-TIME BEST PLAYER

John Mayasich, F, Minnesota (1951-55)

ALL-TIME BEST GOALTENDER

Tony Esposito, Michigan Tech (1964-67)

ALL-TIME BEST DEFENSEMAN

Keith Magnuson, Denver (1966-69)

ALL-TIME BEST FORWARD

John Mayasich, Minnesota (1951-55)

ALL-TIME BEST COACH

John MacInnes, Michigan Tech (1956-82)

ALL-TIME BEST TEAM

1960-61 • Denver (30-1-1) • Murray Armstrong, Head Coach



JOHN MAYASICH, HERE IN ACTION VS MICHIGAN STATE, WAS NAMED THE WCHA'S ALL-TIME BEST PLAYER

MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT, TEAM

Colorado College's three straight WCHA regular season championships in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT, INDIVIDUAL

North Dakota All-American Tony Hrkac's NCAA-record 116 scoring points with the national championship team in 1986-87.

ALL-TIME ALL-WCHA FIRST TEAM

Goaltender: Tony Esposito, Michigan Tech (1964-67).

Defensesmen: Keith Magnuson, Denver (1966-69); Curt Giles, Minnesota Duluth (1975-79).

Forwards: John Mayasich, Minnesota (1951-55); Gordon 'Red' Berenson, Michigan (1959-62); Mark Johnson, Wisconsin (1976-79).

ALL-TIME ALL-WCHA SECOND TEAM

Goaltender: Curtis Joseph, Wisconsin (1988-89).

Defensesmen: Lou Nanne, Minnesota (1959-63); Bill Steenson, North Dakota (1956-59).

Forwards: Greg Johnson, North Dakota (1989-93); Mike Zuke, Michigan Tech (1973-76); Doug Palazzari, Colorado College (1970-74).

AHCA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY HONORS

In 1997, the American Hockey Coaches' Association (AHCA) – using fans and a panel of 25 past and present collegiate coaches, players, athletic directors and media members – selected the top 52 players in college hockey history in conjunction with the 100th anniversary celebration of college hockey.

Twenty-six players made up the All-Time West Team and 26 made up the All-Time East Team. In all, 25 of the 26 players chosen to the West team were from the WCHA (noted in bold).

ALL-TIME WEST TEAM

Goaltenders: Tony Esposito, Michigan Tech; Lorne Howes, Michigan; Robb Stauber, Minnesota.

Defensesmen: Chris Chelios, Wisconsin; Tom Kurvers, Minnesota Duluth; Norm Maciver, Minnesota Duluth; Keith Magnuson, Denver; Ken Morrow, Bowling Green; Lou Nanne, Minnesota; Craig Norwich, Wisconsin; Bill Steenson, North Dakota; Ken Yackel, Minnesota.

Forwards: Lou Angotti, Michigan Tech; Gordon 'Red' Berenson, Michigan; Neal Broten, Minnesota; Mike Eaves, Wisconsin; Bill 'Red' Hay, Colorado College; Brett Hull, Minnesota Duluth; Tony Hrkac, North Dakota; Greg Johnson, North Dakota; Mark Johnson, Wisconsin; Bill Masterton, Denver; John Matchefts, Michigan; John Mayasich, Minnesota; Reg Morelli, North Dakota; Tom Ross, Michigan State.

Coaches: Murray Armstrong, Denver; Vic Heyliger, Michigan; Bob Johnson, Wisconsin; John MacInnes, Michigan Tech; Ron Mason, Michigan State, Bowling Green, Lake Superior State.