



WCHA TOP 50 PLAYERS IN 50 YEARS

The WCHA Top 50 Players in 50 Years recognition was part of the league's 50th anniversary season of 2001-02. Season-long promotions also included 50th Anniversary logos, uniform patches for teams and referees, arena banners and signage, a 50th Anniversary video, a limited edition poster, merchandise, and video and audio clips from past and present coaches and players.

Nearly three dozen members of the Top 50 Players in 50 Years, along with numerous VIPs, were in attendance at a reception held in Saint Paul in conjunction with the WCHA Final Five and hosted by the WCHA, the NHL's Minnesota Wild, the Saint Paul Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Minnesota Sports & Entertainment.

Nominations were made by both current and past member schools and included recommendations from a selection committee appointed by the Commissioner's office to choose the top 50 honorees.



Henry Akervall • D • Michigan Tech • 1959-62 • Port Arthur, Ont.

Three-time All-WCHA (1960-61-62) honoree on defense ... two-time All-American (1960, 1962) ... helped Huskies to both WCHA and NCAA championships in 1961-62 ... captain of Team Canada at 1964 Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria.

Lou Angotti • F • Michigan Tech • 1959-62 • Regina, Sask.

WCHA Most Valuable Player in 1962 ... two-time All-American and two-time All-WCHA (1961, 1962) ... named to AHCA's All-Time West Team and NCAA 50th Anniversary Team (1997) ... had 78-59=137 in 68 games at MTU ... played 18 years in the NHL with 658 points in 987 games ... Stanley Cup winner.

Scott Beattie • F • Northern Michigan • 1989-92 • Kimberley, B.C.

WCHA Most Valuable Player and First Team All-American in 1991 ... two-time Hobey Baker Memorial Award Finalist ... NCAA champion with NMU in 1991 ... WCHA Freshman of the Year in 1990 ... ranked third all-time at NMU with 106 goals and fourth with 222 points.

Gordon 'Red' Berenson • F • Michigan • 1959-62 • Regina, Sask.

WCHA's Most Valuable Player as a forward at Michigan in 1962 ... two-time All-American All-WCHA (1961, 1962) honoree ... named to AHCA's All-Time West Team and NCAA 50th Anniversary Team (1997) ... totaled 78-59=137 in 68 games for the Wolverines ... played 18 years in the NHL with 658 points in 987 games ... Stanley Cup winner.

Aaron Broten • F • Minnesota • 1979-81 • Roseau, Minn.

All-WCHA in 1981 and WCHA Freshman of the Year in 1980 ... amassed 178 points with the Golden Gophers ... holds UM season record for points with 109 in 1980-81 ... six-time U.S. National Team member ... played 12 seasons in the NHL with 515 points in 748 games.

Neal Broten • F • Minnesota • 1979-81 • Roseau, Minn.

U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame member ... had 142 points (38g, 104a) in 76 games for Minnesota from 1978-81 ... 1981 Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner ... All-American, All-WCHA ... named to AHCA All-Time West Team (1997) ... 1980 Olympic Gold Medal-winner with USA at Lake Placid ... played 17 NHL seasons with 923 points in 1099 games ... Stanley Cup winner.

Jack Brownschidle • D • Notre Dame • 1973-77 • East Amherst, N.Y.

Two-time All-American and All-WCHA First Team honoree (1976, 1977) on defense for Notre Dame ... totalled 109 points (31g, 78a) in 150 collegiate games ... WCHA All-Academic Team ... played nine seasons and 494 games in the NHL, with 201 points ... member of U.S. National Team from 1975-79.

Chris Chelios • D • Wisconsin • 1981-83 • Chicago, Ill.

Member AHCA's All-Time West Team and NCAA 50th Anniversary Team ... led Wisconsin to 1983 NCAA championship ... had 97 points in two college seasons ... played 1651 NHL regular season games with 948 points (266 playoff games) from 1983-2010 with Montreal, Chicago, Detroit ... NHL All-Star, Norris Trophy winner, Stanley Cup champion ... four-time Olympian ... member of numerous U.S. National Teams.

Keith Christiansen • F • Minnesota Duluth • 1963-67 • Fort Frances, Ont.

WCHA Most Valuable Player, All-American and All-WCHA forward at University of Minnesota Duluth in 1966-67 ... had 196 points in just 102 collegiate games ... won Silver Medal with Team USA at 1972 Winter Olympic Games in Sapporo, Japan ... three-time U.S. National Team member ... later played with Minnesota of the old WHA.

Dave Delich • F • Colorado College • 1975-79 • Eveleth, Minn.

Colorado College's all-time leader in points (285) and assists (174) ... ranks second in goals (111) ... two-time All-WCHA honoree at forward ... won WCHA scoring title in 1978-79 with 70 points (25g, 45a) ... named WCHA Freshman of the Year in 1975-76 ... member of 1980 U.S. National Team ... member of CC Hall of Fame.

Dallas Drake • F • Northern Michigan • 1988-92 • Rosslanc, B.C.

Produced 220 points (92g, 128a) at NMU from 1988-92 ... First Team All-American, All-WCHA ... NCAA champ in 1991 ... WCHA's top goal scorer and Defensive Player of the Year in 1991-92 ... played over 1,100 NHL games (1992-2008) with 477 points ... Stanley Cup winner.

Mike Eaves • F • Wisconsin • 1974-78 • Windsor, Ont.

Wisconsin's all-time leading scorer with 267 points (94g, 173a) in 160 games ... WCHA MVP in 1977-78 ... two-time First Team All-American (1977-78) and All-WCHA choice ... NCAA champion with UW in 1977 ... played eight seasons in NHL with 226 points in 324 games ... coached UW Badgers to 2006 NCAA hockey championship in Milwaukee ... son of NHL alum Murray Eaves.

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Tony Esposito • G • Michigan Tech • 1964-67 • Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

One of the game's greatest goaltenders ... member of Hockey Hall of Fame ... named WCHA's All-Time Best Goaltender in The Hockey News (1997) ... three-time All-American and All-WCHA honoree (1965-67) ... played 17 seasons in NHL and 886 regular season games with Montreal and Chicago ... had 423 wins and 76 shutouts ... five-time NHL All-Star, Vezina Trophy winner, Stanley Cup champion.

Dallas Gaume • F • Denver • 1982-86 • Innisfail, Alb.

All-time leading scorer at Denver with 266 points (78g, 188a) in 145 games ... WCHA Most Valuable Player, All-American and All-WCHA in 1985-86 ... Hobey Baker Memorial Award finalist ... holds DU career record for assists (188) and record for most points in a season (99) in 1985-86 ... had a five-year professional playing career.

Curt Giles • D • Minnesota Duluth • 1975-79 • The Pas, Man.

Two-time All-American defenseman ... two-time All-WCHA (1978, 1979) ... named to All-Time All-WCHA First Team by The Hockey News in 1997 ... 14-year NHL career with 242 points ... three-time MVP of NHL's Minnesota North Stars ... played for Canada at 1992 Winter Olympic Games in Albertville, France.

Karl Goehring • G • North Dakota • 1997-2001 • Apple Valley, Minn.

Two-time All-American and All-WCHA goaltender at North Dakota ... NCAA champion in 2000 ... two-time WCHA goaltending champ ... WCHA Rookie of the Year in 1998 ... WCHA Student-Athlete of the Year in 2001 ... member of WCHA All-Star Team for Norway Tour 2000.

Ron Grahame • G • Denver • 1969-73 • Victoria, B.C.

One of WCHA's all-time winningest goaltenders with 82 career victories at Denver ... WCHA Most Valuable Player in 1972-73 ... All-American, All-WCHA ... led DU to three NCAA tournaments (1971-73) ... eight-year professional playing career, including 114 NHL games.

Tony Granato • F • Wisconsin • 1983-87 • Downers Grove, Ill.

Had 220 points (100g) at Wisconsin ... two-time All-American and All-WCHA honoree ... Hobey Baker Memorial Award finalist ... 1987 WCHA Student-Athlete of the Year ... played for USA at 1988 Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo ... 14 seasons in NHL with 492 points ... 1997 Bill Masterton (NHL) trophy winner.

Bill 'Red' Hay • F • Colorado College • 1956-58 • Saskatoon, Sask.

Two-time All-American and All-WCHA honoree (1957-58) ... 154 points (60g, 94a) in two seasons at Colorado College ... league scoring champ in 1958 ... named to AHCA's All-Time West Team in 1997 ... NCAA champion in 1957 ... eight seasons and 422 points in the NHL with Chicago ... Stanley Cup winner.

Bret Hedican • D • St. Cloud State • 1988-91 • North St. Paul, Minn.

All-WCHA defenseman at St. Cloud State ... had 77 points (27g) from 1988-91 and set team records for most goals (18) and points (48) in a season by a defenseman ... member of 1992 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team ... played over 1,000 NHL games (1991-2009) with 294 points ... Stanley Cup champion.

Tony Hrkac • F • North Dakota • 1984-87 • Thunder Bay, Ont.

Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner and NCAA champion at North Dakota in 1987 ... WCHA Player of the Year and All-American ... set D1 record with 116 points in 1986-87 ... member of AHCA's All-Time West Team, NCAA 50th Anniversary Team (1997) ... 13 NHL seasons with 371 points ... Stanley Cup champion.

Brett Hull • F • Minnesota Duluth • 1984-86 • West Vancouver, B.C.

Had 144 points (84g) in just two years at Minnesota Duluth ... All-WCHA and Hobey Baker Memorial Award award finalist in 1986 ... set UMD season record for goals with 52 ... member of AHCA's All-Time West Team ... one of top goal scorers in NHL history with 741 regular season tallies in 1269 games... eight-time NHL All-Star, Stanley Cup winner, two-time US Olympian ... son of hockey legend Bobby Hull.

Greg Johnson • F • North Dakota • 1989-93 • Thunder Bay, Ont.

Three-time All-American, Hobey Baker Memorial Award finalist and All-WCHA forward at North Dakota ... named to AHCA All-Time West Team in 1997 ... first in WCHA with 198 career assists ... first at UND with 272 career points ... earned Silver medal with Canada at 1994 Winter Olympic Games ... played 758 NHL regular season games from 1987-2003 with 371 points.

Mark Johnson • F • Wisconsin • 1976-79 • Madison, Wis.

Had 125 goals and 256 points in just three seasons at Wisconsin ... 1979 WCHA MVP, two-time All-American, All-WCHA ... named to All-Time All-WCHA First Team by The Hockey News and to AHCA's All-Time West Team ... Gold medal winner with USA at 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid ... played 11 NHL seasons with 508 regular season points.

Curtis Joseph • G • Wisconsin • 1988-89 • Newmarket, Ont.

WCHA Player of the Year in 1989 as a goaltender at Wisconsin ... named to All-Time WCHA Second Team by The Hockey News in 1997 ... All-WCHA, All-American ... more than 1,000 NHL games from 1989-2009 with 454 wins and 51 shutouts ... NHL All-Star, King Clancy Memorial Trophy (NHL) winner ... two-time Olympian for Canada.

George Konik • D • Denver • 1958-61 • Flin Flon, Man.

All-American on defense at Denver ... produced 116 points (46g, 70a) in 89 games ... All-WCHA honoree ... back-to-back NCAA champion in 1960 and 1961 with Murray Armstrong's Pioneers ... member of NCAA 50th Anniversary Team ... played in the NHL for Pittsburgh.

Tom Kurvers • D • Minnesota Duluth • 1980-84 • Bloomington, Minn.

1984 Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner as a defenseman at Minnesota Duluth ... WCHA MVP in 1983-84 ... All-American, All-WCHA ... UMD record-holder for points in a season (76) and career points (192) and goals (43) ... played 11 NHL seasons with 421 points in 659 regular season games ... Stanley Cup winner.



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BRETT HULL

Norm Maciver • D • Minnesota Duluth • 1982-86 • Thunder Bay, Ont.

All-American at Minnesota Duluth from 1984-86 ... three-time All-WCHA honoree ... 1986 Hobey Baker Memorial Award finalist ... set UMD record for career assists (152) ... second all-time among UMD defensemen with 191 points ... played 12 NHL seasons (285 points).

Keith Magnuson • D • Denver • 1966-69 • Saskatoon, Sask.

Two-time NCAA champion at Denver with 75 points (16g, 59a) in 96 gp ... Named to All-Time All-WCHA First Team by The Hockey News (1997) and to NCAA 50th Anniversary Team ... WCHA MVP in 1968 ... All-American, All-WCHA ... 11 NHL seasons and All-Star with Chicago.

Bill Masterton • F • Denver • 1958-61 • Winnipeg, Man.

Compiled 196 points (66g, 130a) at forward in just 89 games at Denver ... two-time All-American and All-WCHA honoree (1960, 1961) ... named to NCAA 50th Anniversary Team and AHCA All-Time West Team in 1997 ... two-time NCAA champion at DU ... honored by the NHL with creation of the prestigious Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy.

John Matchefts • F • Michigan • 1951-53 • Eveleth, Minn.

Two-time All-American (1951, 1953) and three-time NCAA champion at Michigan ... Named to AHCA's All-Time West Team and to NCAA 50th Anniversary Team in 1997 ... U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame member ... Silver Medalist with Team USA at 1956 Olympic Winter Games in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy ... also coached hockey at Colorado College.

John Mayasich • F • Minnesota • 1951-55 • Eveleth, Minn.

Named WCHA's All-Time Best Player by The Hockey News in 1997 ... Minnesota's all-time leading scorer as a forward with 298 points (144g) ... All-American and All-WCHA honoree ... named to AHCA's All-Time West Team in 1997 ... Gold Medal winner with Team USA at 1956 Olympic Winter Games in Squaw Valley, CA ... member of U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame.

Corey Millen • F • Minnesota • 1983-87 • Cloquet, Minn.

One of top scorers in Minnesota history with 119 goals and 241 points ... owns UM season record for goals with 48 (1985-86) ... three-time All-WCHA honoree ... two-time U.S. Olympian (1984, 1988) ... U.S. National Team member ... eight NHL seasons (221 points).

Eddie Mio • G • Colorado College • 1972-76 • Windsor, Ont.

Two-time All-American goaltender (1975, 1976) at Colorado College ... All-WCHA First Team in 1975-76 and All-WCHA Second Team in 1974-75 ... played seven seasons in the NHL and 192 regular season games ... was 'best man' at Wayne Gretzky's wedding.

Reg Morelli • F • North Dakota • 1957-60 • Hamilton, Ont.

First Team All-American and All-WCHA honoree for North Dakota in 1960 ... named to AHCA All-Time West Team in 1997 ... NCAA champion and tournament's Most Outstanding Player in 1959 ... amassed 132 points in just 85 collegiate games at UND.

Jim Nahrgang • D • Michigan Tech • 1970-74 • Kitchener, Ont.

Produced 104 points (33g, 71a) in 137 games on defense at Michigan Tech ... was second highest scoring defenseman in MTU history ... All-American and All-WCHA honoree in 1973-74 ... played three seasons in National Hockey League with Detroit ... head hockey coach at MTU from 1982-85.

Lou Nanne • D • Minnesota • 1959-63 • Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

All-American blueliner at Minnesota ... 1963 WCHA MVP ... named to AHCA's All-Time West Team ... Named to All-Time All-WCHA Second Team by The Hockey News in 1997 ... captain of Team USA at 1968 Olympic Winter Games in Grenoble ... 1976 Canada Cup participant ... U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame member ... 11 seasons in NHL ... Lester Patrick Award (NHL) winner.

Craig Norwich • D • Wisconsin • 1974-77 • Edina, Minn.

Produced 168 points (42g, 126a) in 144 games on defense at Wisconsin ... two-time All-American (1976, 1977) and All-WCHA honoree ... named to AHCA's All-Time West Team in 1977 ... member of UW's 1977 NCAA championship club ... produced 83 points and 18 goals in 1976-77, a UW record for defensemen ... played three years of pro hockey.

Bill Nyrop • D • Notre Dame • 1970-74 • Edina, Minn.

All-American defenseman in 1972-73 at Notre Dame ... U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Member ... All-WCHA honoree ... played in 132 collegiate games with 89 points (17g, 72a) for the Irish ... member of USA's Canada Cup team in both 1976 and 1981 ... played seven seasons in NHL, winning three Stanley Cups with Montreal.

Doug Palazzari • F • Colorado College • 1970-74 • Eveleth, Minn.

Two-time WCHA MVP, All-American and All-WCHA honoree at Colorado College ... member of U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame ... was third all-time at CC with 228 career points (95g, 133a) ... named to All-Time All-WCHA Second Team in 1997 ... U.S. National Team member ... played in 1976 Canada Cup ... served as Executive Director of USA Hockey, Inc..

**WCHA TOP 50 PLAYERS IN 50 YEARS****James Patrick • D • North Dakota • 1981-83 • Winnipeg, Man.**

Hobey Baker Memorial Award finalist and All-American defenseman at North Dakota ... member of 1982 NCAA championship team ... All-WCHA ... 1982 WCHA Rookie of the Year ... had 77 points in 78 collegiate games ... played for Team Canada at 1984 Winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo ... played in 1984 & 1987 Canada Cups and skated 21 seasons in the National Hockey League.

Mark Pavelich • F • Minnesota Duluth • 1976-79 • Eveleth, Minn.

Had 142 points in 110 games at forward for Minnesota Duluth ... All-American and All-WCHA honoree in 1978-79 ... member of Gold Medal-winning Team USA at 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid ... played seven seasons in the NHL and three years in Europe.

Bill Reichart • F • North Dakota • 1954-57 • Winnipeg, Man.

Three-time All-American at North Dakota (1955-56-57) ... All-WCHA ... had 156 points (97g, 59a) in 85 games ... had WCHA-record seven goals and nine points vs UMD on 12/29/54 ... played for Team USA at 1964 Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria ... U.S. National Team member.

Tom Ross • F • Michigan State • 1972-76 • Detroit, Mich.

Two-time All-American and All-WCHA forward at Michigan State ... Named WCHA MVP in 1975 ... Selected to AHCA's All-Time West Team in 1997 ... top scorer in WCHA history with 324 points (138g, 186a) ... had 51-54=105 in 1975-76 ... had points in a record 78 straight collegiate games ... U.S. National Team member.

Robb Stauber • G • Minnesota • 1986-89 • Duluth, Minn.

Minnesota standout who became the first goaltender to win the Hobey Baker Memorial Award in 1988 ... also named WCHA MVP in 1987-88 ... All-American, All-WCHA ... named to AHCA's All-Time West Team in 1997 ... owned 73-23-0 record at UM and led Gophers to two WCHA titles and three Frozen Four berths ... nine years in the pros, including stint in NHL.

Bill Steenson • D • North Dakota • 1956-59 • Moose Jaw, Sask.

Three-time All-American at North Dakota (1957, 1958, 1959) ... two-time All-WCHA First Team (1957, 1958) ... Named to All-Time All-WCHA Second Team by The Hockey News (1997) ... team captain for UND's 1959 NCAA championship club ... had 45 points (12g) in 83 gp.

Brian Swanson • F • Colorado College • 1995-99 • Eagle River, Alaska

Two-time All-American and four time All-WCHA honoree for Colorado College ... two-time Hobey Baker Memorial Award finalist ... WCHA co-scoring champion ... one of CC's top all-time top scorers with 232 points (88g, 144a) ... WCHA Rookie of the Year in 1996 ... member of WCHA All-Star Team at 1998 Kolin Cup in Switzerland ... played four NHL seasons.

Mel Wakabayashi • F • Michigan • 1964-66 • Chatham, Ont.

Earned All-American and All-WCHA honors as a forward at Michigan in 1965 ... WCHA MVP in 1966 ... league scoring champion in 1964-65 ... 1964 NCAA team champion ... ranked as one of Wolverines' top scorers with 172 career points (74g) ... had only one penalty in three college seasons ... coach of 1980 Japan Olympic Hockey Team.

Bill Watson • F • Minnesota Duluth • 1982-85 • Powerview, Man.

1985 Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner and WCHA Player of the Year as a prolific forward at Minnesota Duluth ... two-time All-American and All-WCHA honoree ... had 210 scoring points in 108 collegiate games ... set school season record with 109 points in 1984-85 ... played four seasons in the National Hockey League.

Mike Zuke • F • Michigan Tech • 1972-76 • Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

High-scoring forward who had 310 points (133g, 177a) for the Michigan Tech Huskies ... WCHA MVP in 1976 ... second all-time in WCHA in goals and points ... two-time All-American (1974, 1976) ... All-WCHA honoree ... named to All-Time All-WCHA Second Team by The Hockey News in 1997 ... played eight seasons in NHL with 282 points in 455 regular season games .

WCHA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Between the years of 2004-16 for the Men's League and 2004-17 for the Women's League, the WCHA awarded annual postgraduate scholarships in the amount of \$7,500 to graduating student-athletes that excelled both on and off the ice. Nominees were submitted annually by WCHA member institutions, with the winners determined by a vote of Association Faculty Athletics Representatives. Below is the full list of WCHA Postgraduate Scholarship recipients:

Year Men's League (Recipient, School)

2004	Mike Colgan, Colorado College
2005	Reid Goolsby, Colorado College
2006	Jake Brandt, North Dakota
2007	Ted O'Leary, Denver
2008	Nate Raduns, St. Cloud State
2009	Andrew Thomas, Denver
2010	Jake Gannon, Colorado College
2011	Eli Vlasisavljevich, Michigan Tech
2012	Kyle Schmidt, Minnesota
2013	Brad Eidsness, North Dakota
2014	Brad Stebner, Michigan Tech
2015	Tanner Kero, Michigan Tech
2016	Austin Sevalrud, Alaska Anchorage
2017	N/A

Women's League (Recipient, School)

Michelle McAteer, Minnesota Duluth
Emma Laaksonen, Ohio State
Kelsey Bills, Minnesota
Meghan Mutrie, North Dakota
Denelle Maguet, St. Cloud State
Laura Fast, St. Cloud State
Myriam Trepanier, Minnesota Duluth
Caitlin Hogan, St. Cloud State
Kelli Blankenship, Minnesota
Courtney Josefson, St. Cloud State
Brittany Toor, St. Cloud State
Montana Vichorek, Bemidji State
Becky Allis, Ohio State
Kathleen Rogan, Minnesota State
Shelby Amsley-Benzie, North Dakota
Halli Krzyzaniak, North Dakota



THE HOCKEY NEWS/AHCA WCHA ALL-TIME BESTS

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.

THE HOCKEY NEWS WCHA ALL-TIME BESTS (1951-1997)

PLAYER

John Mayasich, F, Minnesota (1951-55)

GOALTENDER

Tony Esposito, Michigan Tech (1964-67)

DEFENSEMAN

Keith Magnuson, Denver (1966-69)

FORWARD

John Mayasich, Minnesota (1951-55)

COACH

John MacInnes, Michigan Tech (1956-82)

TEAM

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

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)

Defensemen: 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)

Defensemen: 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 (1997)

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

Defensemen: 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



JOHN MAYASICH WAS NAMED THE WCHA'S ALL-TIME BEST PLAYER BY THE HOCKEY NEWS IN 1997.