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Blaise MacDonald Wins Edward Jeremiah Award Winner As 2017-18 AHCA Division II-III Men's Coach of the Year

For leading Colby College into the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championships, **Blaise MacDonald** has been named winner of the **Edward Jeremiah Award** as the **CCM/AHCA Division III Men's Coach of the Year**. The Mules will meet St. Norbert College in the NCAA Semifinals at Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid, NY, on Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

Colby enters Friday's contest on a nine-game unbeaten streak (7-0-2) and brings a 17-10-2 overall record to the event. That streak followed a 10-10-0 start that accounted for Colby's fifth place regular season finish in the NESCAC. But the post-season has been anything but average. The Mules swept through the NESCAC Tournament, outscoring three opponents by 14-3, in leading Colby to its first NESCAC championship. To reach the NCAA semifinals, Colby defeated the University of New England, 4-2, and Geneseo State, 2-1, the latter with a GWG at 19:58 of the third period. Since the unbeaten streak began on February 10, Colby has only allowed 11 goals in those nine games (1.22 GAA.)

MacDonald is the former head coach of Niagara University and UMass Lowell. He was the founding coach of Niagara's varsity hockey program, leading the Purple Eagles into Division I hockey in their third year. In 1999-2000, he led Niagara to a mark of 30-8-4 and was voted College Hockey America Coach of the Year. MacDonald won 145 games during his decade at UMass-Lowell.

His 15 seasons with those varsity programs followed 11 years as an assistant coach at Dartmouth (1985-87), Princeton (1987-88), UMass-Lowell (1988-90) and Boston University (1990-96.) Working alongside legendary Terrier head coach Jack Parker, MacDonald helped Boston University to a national championship at the NCAA Frozen Four in 1995 as the associate head coach. Overall in 21 seasons, he has compiled a record of 298-311-79.

A native of Billerica, Mass., MacDonald, was a four-year letterwinner at Rochester Institute of Technology, graduating in 1985. He helped lead RIT to NCAA Division III championships in 1983 and 1985. MacDonald was an All-American defenseman and was inducted into the RIT Hall of Fame in 1991. At the time of his graduation, he held RIT records for career assists (106) and points (119) by a defenseman. MacDonald and his wife, Carol, are the parents of four children – sons Cam, Joseph, and Jacob, and daughter Carly. Cam plays for his father at Colby.

The Edward Jeremiah Award is named in honor of the great Dartmouth College head coach and was first presented in 1970. MacDonald was assisted this year by Chris Hall and Mike Latendresse. The runner-up for the Jeremiah Award was Zech Klann of Salve Regina University.

MacDonald and his staff will receive their awards at the annual AHCA Celebration of Men's Ice Hockey Banquet, held in conjunction with the AHCA Convention in Naples, FL. This year's banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25.

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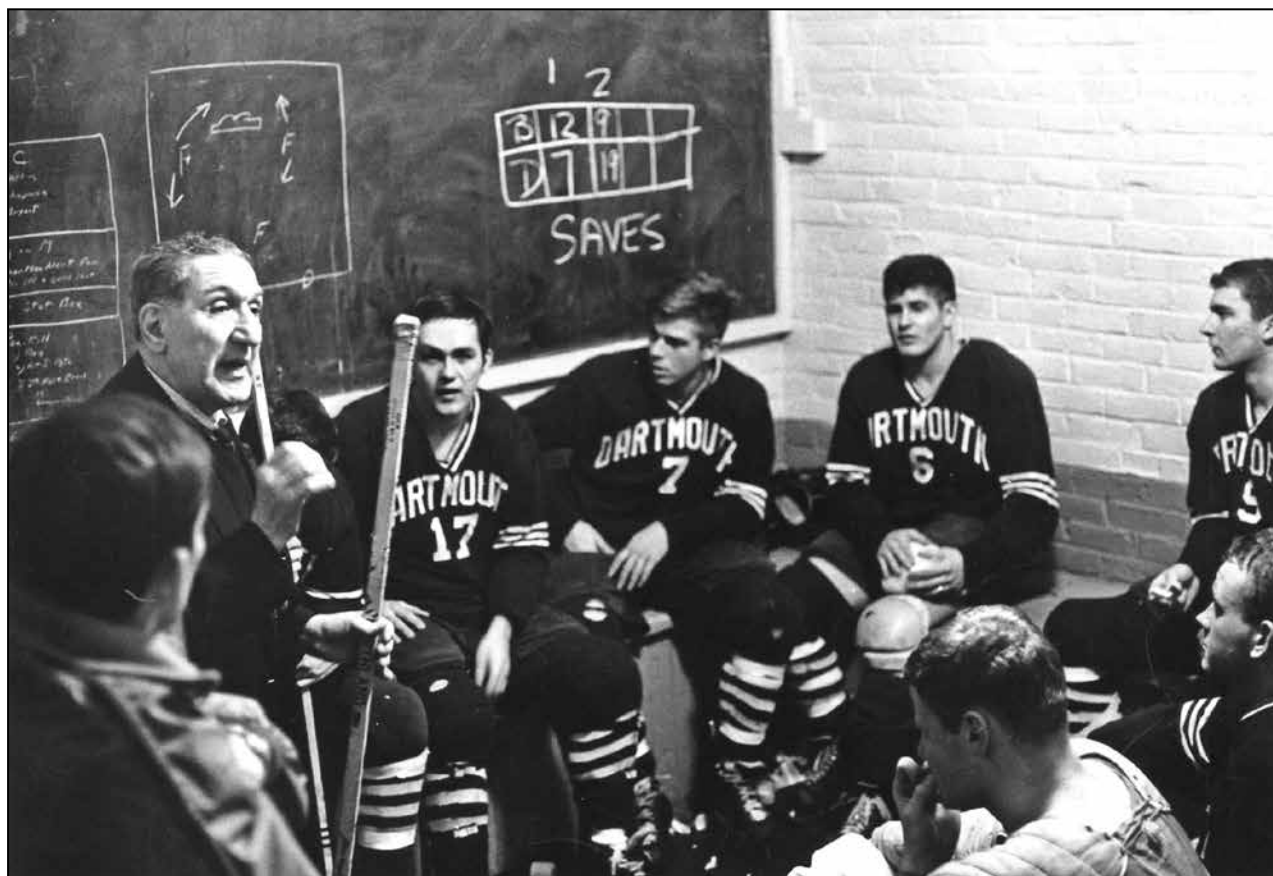
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Recipients of the Edward Jeremiah Award — CCM/AHCA Division III Coach of the Year

1970	Sid Watson, Bowdoin College	1994	Jeff Meredith, SUNY Fredonia
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1972	Jack Caniff, University of Massachusetts	1996	Dean Talaious, UW-River Falls
1973	Jim Cross, University of Vermont	1997	Mike McShane, Norwich University
1974	Barry Urbanski, Boston State College	1998	Mike Schwartz, Augsburg College
1975	Wendell Forbes, Middlebury College	1999	Mike McShane, Norwich University
1976	Don Roberts, Gustavus Adolphus College	2000	Mike McShane, Norwich University
1977	Bill Riley, Jr., UMass-Lowell	2001	Wayne Wilson, RIT
1978	Sid Watson, Bowdoin College	2002	Dan Stauber, UW-Superior
1979	Don Brose, Mankato State University	2003	George Roll, SUNY Oswego
1980	Steve Stirling, Babson College	2004	Bill Beaney, Middlebury College
1981	Herb Hammond, SUNY Plattsburgh	2005	Terry Skrypek, St. John's University
1982	Steve Stirling, Babson College	2006	Bill Beaney, Middlebury College
1983	Mike Gibbons, Bemidji State University	2007	Ed Gosek, SUNY Oswego
	Peter Van Buskirk, College of the Holy Cross	2008	Tim Coghlin, St. Norbert College
1984	Bob Peters, Bemidji State University	2009	Dominick Dawes, Neumann College
1985	Rob Riley, Babson College	2010	Mike McShane, Norwich University
1986	Terry Meagher, Bowdoin College	2011	Tim Coghlin, St. Norbert College
1987	Tony Mariano, Norwich University	2012	Jack Arena, Amherst College
1988	Glenn Thomaris, Elmira College	2013	Matt Loen, UW-Eau Claire
1989	Terry Meagher, Bowdoin College	2014	Chris Schultz, SUNY Geneseo
1990	Bill Beaney, Middlebury College	2015	Jack Arena, Amherst College
1991	Glenn Thomaris, Elmira College	2016	Chris Schultz, Geneseo & Peter Belisle, UMass Boston
1992	Bruce Marshall, University of Connecticut	2017	Mike McShane, Norwich University
1993	Joe Baldarotta, UW-Stevens Point	2018	Blaise MacDonald, Colby College



Coach Eddie Jeremiah speaks to his Dartmouth team. (Photo courtesy of Dartmouth College Sports Information)