The 800 Club

Hockey’s Jack Parker gets 800th victory in January win

with a 3-1 road victory over Merrimack on January 30, Terrier men’s ice hockey coach Jack Parker joined an elite group of collegiate coaches: those with 800 career victories. Only former Michigan State coach Ron Mason and Boston College coach Jerry York have more. Parker is the first coach in NCAA history to win 800 games at one school.

“I’m old,” Parker says about the significance of the victory. “I’ve been here a long time — that’s the reason you get 800 wins. I’ve also had over these thirty-six seasons some fabulous assistant coaches who have recruited some great players.”

“Jack Parker epitomizes the very best in college coaching, and the milestone of his 800th victory is a testimony to the quality of his program and his skill as a leader on and off the ice,” says Boston University President Robert A. Brown. “The whole BU community is beaming with pride.”

Parker (SMG’68, Hon.’97), who has coached the team since 1973, has led the Terriers to two NCAA titles, four consecutive Eastern College Athletic Conference crowns, twenty-one Beanpot championships, and six Hockey East titles.

Terriers Claim Beanpot

BU beats Northeastern 5-2 in final at Garden

The men’s ice hockey team captured the 2009 Beanpot — BU’s twenty-ninth title in the fifty-seven-year history of the tournament — in a 5-2 victory over the Northeastern University Huskies on February 9 at the TD Banknorth Garden.

Colby Cohen (CAS’11) gave the Terriers an early lead in the first period, and BU stayed ahead on a goal from Nick Bonino (CAS’11) in the second. Bonino was named the game’s Most Valuable Player.

BU reached the title game by virtue of its 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Harvard in the first round, on February 2. Northeastern posted a 6-1 victory over Boston College in the other semifinal.

The title game marked the 200th meeting between the crosstown rivals, but Northeastern hasn’t claimed the trophy since 1988, when it posted a 6-3 victory over the Terriers for its fourth ‘Pot championship.

BU has won all fourteen Beanpot matchups with the Huskies since, including a 5-4 triumph in last season’s consolation game. That winning streak is the longest between two opponents in the tournament’s history.

The Terriers have an all-time Beanpot record of 83-31, which includes a 30-7 record against Northeastern. In the consolation game, BC defeated Harvard, 4-3.

Four in a Row

Women’s Track Captures America East Championship

The Boston University women’s indoor track and field team captured its fourth straight America East Championship on February 21 at the BU Track and Tennis Center. The Terriers became the first team since 1996 to win a fourth consecutive conference crown. They have now won eleven titles in the twenty-year history of the conference championship. BU won five events on the second day of competition to overcome a first-day deficit and pace the field with 158.5 points. Albany was second, with 141.5 points, followed by New Hampshire (120).