

CENTRAL COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

National prominence and national dominance are what separates the Central Collegiate Hockey Association from the rest of college hockey.

CCHA teams have won more NCAA Championships (7) in the last 20 years than any other conference. Bowling Green State began the run in 1984, followed by Michigan State in 1986. Lake Superior State, who own the most titles of a CCHA-member team, captured three in a span of seven years (1988, 1992, 1994). Michigan's pair as a CCHA member (1996, 1998) brings its overall NCAA Championship total to nine, the most in the nation. Northern Michigan won the crown in 1991 as a member of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

The league has featured five Hobey Baker Memorial Award winners – Bowling Green's George McPhee in 1982, Michigan State's Kip Miller in 1990, Bowling Green's Brian Holzinger in 1995, Michigan's Brendan Morrison in 1996 and Michigan State's Ryan Miller in 2001.

Membership in the CCHA over the years has fluctuated from four teams in the early years to a current 12-team field. Nebraska-Omaha is the newest member, joining the ranks in 1999-00 after competing as an independent.

Alaska Fairbanks joined the CCHA as a full-time member in 1995-96 after being an affiliate

member for three seasons.

Lake Superior State joined the league for the 1972-73 season. Heading into the 1973-74 season, Ohio University dropped its varsity program and Ohio State became an independent, only to rejoin the league two years later. Western Michigan became a member for the 1975-76 season. The 1976-77 campaign marked a first for the CCHA as Bowling Green State qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

Northern Michigan first joined the CCHA for the 1977-78 campaign, while Bowling Green State became the first CCHA team to host a NCAA regional game and advance to the NCAA semifinals.

For the 1978-79 season, Ferris State became a probationary member while St. Louis University was in its final season of field a varsity program.

A highlight for the CCHA occurred in 1979-80 when Bowling Green State had two players on the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic team. Miami (Ohio) University was named a probationary member for the 1980-81 season. The CCHA continued to prosper in the 1981-82 campaign with the addition of Michigan, Notre Dame, Michigan State and Michigan Tech.

Bowling Green State gave the CCHA its first-ever NCAA title in 1984, winning the NCAA's longest championship game (four overtimes). The CCHA's claim as the

premier collegiate hockey conference was no more evident than in April 1992, when three of the four NCAA semifinalists were CCHA teams.

The 1995-96 season featured the first tie for the regular-season title since 1974. Michigan captured a NCAA-record eighth national championship with a 3-2 overtime victory over Colorado College. In 1997-98, Michigan State won its first CCHA title in eight years. Despite losing the conference crown, the Wolverines rebounded in the NCAA Tournament and captured their second national championship in three years.

In 2001-02, the CCHA changed its tournament format as all 12 teams qualified for the playoffs. The first round features a best two-of-three series at campus sites this season, March 12-14. The following week, the six remaining teams will travel to Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, which is the annual CCHA Super 6 Championship site. The top two remaining seeds receive byes into the semifinals on Friday, March 19, while the remaining four schools will square off on Thursday, March 18. Preceded by a third-place game, the winners will meet in the CCHA Championship final on Saturday, March 20, with the tournament winner receiving an automatic NCAA Tournament bid. The annual CCHA Awards banquet will be held Wednesday, March 17, at the historic Fox Theatre in Detroit.



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THE PERANI CUP

Following each CCHA regular-season contest, the "Perani Cup Three Stars of the Game," sponsored by Perani's Hockey World of Flint, Mich., are announced as selected by the media. Players accumulate points throughout the season as a result of being named a Star of the Game. At the end of the CCHA season, a winner will be named from each team along with a league-wide winner, which will receive the Perani Cup at the annual CCHA Awards Banquet. Complete Perani Cup standings can be found on www.ccha.com.



CCHA CHAMPIONS

YEAR	REGULAR SEASON	TOURNAMENT
2002-03	Ferris State	Michigan
2001-02	Michigan	Michigan
2000-01	Michigan State	Michigan State
1999-00	Michigan	Michigan State
1998-99	Michigan State	Michigan
1997-98	Michigan State	Michigan State
1996-97	Michigan	Michigan
1995-96	Lake Superior State, Michigan	Michigan
1994-95	Michigan	Lake Superior State
1993-94	Michigan	Michigan
1992-93	Miami	Lake Superior State
1991-92	Michigan	Lake Superior State
1990-91	Lake Superior State	Lake Superior State
1989-90	Michigan State	Michigan State
1988-89	Michigan State	Michigan State
1987-88	Lake Superior State	Bowling Green State
1986-87	Bowling Green State	Michigan State
1985-86	Michigan State	Western Michigan
1984-85	Michigan State	Michigan State
1983-84	Bowling Green State	Michigan State
1982-83	Bowling Green State	Michigan State
1981-82	Bowling Green State	Michigan State
1980-81	Northern Michigan	Northern Michigan
1979-80	Northern Michigan	Northern Michigan
1978-79	Bowling Green State	Bowling Green State
1977-78	Bowling Green State	Bowling Green State
1976-77	St. Louis	Bowling Green State
1975-76	Bowling Green State	St. Louis
1974-75	St. Louis	St. Louis
1973-74	Lake Superior State	St. Louis
1972-73	St. Louis	Bowling Green State
1971-72	Ohio State	St. Louis

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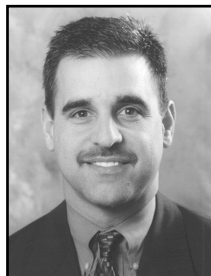
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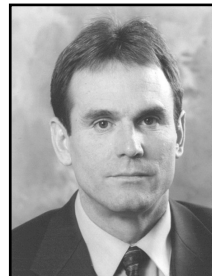
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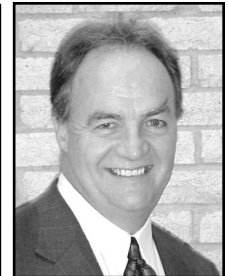
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