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Our Story - The New Hampshire Legends of Hockey

It began in the spring of 2001 with a meeting of the minds – three of them to be exact: Jeff Eisenberg, president of the Manchester Monarchs AHL franchise; Dick Boucher, a former Berlin Maroons player and later business manager of the Manchester Blackhawks; and Francoise Elise, then executive director of the Franco American Center in Manchester.

The three shared a love for hockey and they discussed the rich history and tradition of the game in New Hampshire. All agreed there should be a statewide hockey Hall of Fame that would honor the men and women who have made outstanding contributions by their participation as players, coaches, officials, owners, or worked in any other administrative capacity, plus as builders and media representatives.

The three also felt there should be an annual salute to one of the hockey teams that either once played or still plays in New Hampshire. The honored team's history would be celebrated, and the final salute would be made by the Manchester Monarchs, whose players, for one home game, would wear the jerseys of the team being honored by the Hall of Fame. The jerseys, after the game, then would be auctioned to benefit the Organization.

Other ideas at that first meeting were discussed and soon afterwards an effort was made to begin the writing of the sport's history in the state. It was discovered quickly that the history is vast and began November 17, 1883, when on the lower pond at St. Paul's School in Concord, the first organized game in the United States was played by St. Paul's students.

Twenty years later, in 1903, a youngster named Hobey Baker arrived at St. Paul's School from Pennsylvania and by 1909, when he graduated, he had written his own historical chapter, not only in the state but internationally, too. Baker was an outstanding skater and fashioned a reputation for high sportsmanship.

History shows that four communities – Berlin, Concord, Manchester and Nashua– were central to the early development of the sport in the state. In the 1910s, amateur hockey began in Berlin with the organization of mill teams. Additionally, numerous other communities had teams for short periods of time.

The Brown Paper Company, back between 1910 and 1920, guided the destiny of Berlin's many hockey players. D.B. Brown, of Dartmouth fame and also an owner of Brown Company, helped form a Mill League. All of the games were played on the outdoor rink directly in front of the old baseball grandstand behind home plate at the city ballpark.

In 1920, Father Lauziere formed the "Canadiens." His team, among others, played against Maine's top teams from Lewiston and Waterville. In 1923, the Berlin Athletic Association (BAA) was formed and until 1928 was a major hockey force. From 1928 until the middle of 1930s, the Berlin Hockey Club was a power and in 1928 many games were played at the Boston Arena as part of New England competition. In 1937, the Berlin Maroons were formed and shortly thereafter were a dominant team, winning New England AAU championships in 1941, 1949 and 1951. The Maroons also played throughout North America and won the National AHA championships in 1954, 1967 and 1968, and continued to play competitively until the early 1990s.

In Concord, the hockey history began circa 1927 with the Concord Hockey Club (CHC) which played at the John Higgins rink on the site of the old Highway Hotel off Bridge Street. In 1939, the White Park team won the New Hampshire AAU championship and was runner-up in the 1939 New England AAU

championships. Among the early teams, Sacred Heart Catholic parish and the Millville Bruins were two of the most prominent. Sacred Heart began play at the rink on Pleasant Street in January of 1932. In fact, in their last year, the United States Olympic team played Sacred Heart on January 9, 1952 in Concord. The Bruins played at Kimball Pond in Hopkinton, and in Concord at both Memorial Field and on Horseshoe Pond.

The teams that later followed were the Concord Shamrocks (1962-1966), the Coachmen (1966-1968), the Eastern Olympics(1967-1973) who played in the New England Hockey League and the Can-Am. Finally, the Budmen started in the fall of 1975 and competed for twelve seasons in the New England Hockey League and later independently.

In Manchester, St. Jean (de Baptiste) Maple Leafs started things off in the late 1930s and played at the Kelly Street church grounds through the early 1960s. Beginning in 1958, the Manchester Beavers played on the Dorrs Pond Rink for five seasons. The Tam-O-Shanters and Alpine Club each started in 1962 and played outdoors for a couple seasons then when the JFK Coliseum opened for the winter of 1964 they moved into their new home. In the fall of 1966, the Blackhawks were formed and competed independently and then played in the New England Hockey League through the spring of 1970. The Monarchs then came into existence and played four seasons in the Can-Am League. At the end of the 1973-1974 season, everything ceased. The Manchester Blackhawks came back in the late 1970's for a second go-round and competed against the Budmen and the Maroons among others, in New England Hockey League. The last organized men's team to compete out of Manchester was the Busch Blues. That team came on the scene in the fall of 1986 and competed for five seasons.

In Nashua, the Club National team began play in 1923 and continued to play though the 1927-28 season. Two of the many Club National players, Ted Stackhouse and Art Lesieur both played in the NHL. In 1948-49 the Nashua Royals were formed and continued playing through the 1966-67 season. On March 24, 1952 they won a NE Class B Amateur Championship over the Rye Seahawks in Lynn MA. Their last five years they played in the Granite State Hockey League playing in the last three championships and winning the best of five series over the Manchester Tams on March 22, 1966. The very next season, the Maple Leafs took over and competed in the New England Hockey league for four additional years.

Today, the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey remains a self-governing, 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization incorporated with the State of New Hampshire. Our directors each year work to raise money to preserve the donated archives, including historical literature, records, photos, film, clothing, equipment, trophies, etc. Many of those artifacts are on display or available for viewing on our on-line museum. We continue to search for artifacts and film from the old days. Anyone wishing to donate either is encouraged to do so.

From that first meeting of three enthusiastic hockey buffs, the New Hampshire Hockey Hall of Fame was born and the inaugural class of twelve inductees was recognized and enshrined February 17, 2002 at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester. That evening, the Manchester Monarchs, in their AHL game, recognized the Manchester Blackhawks and wore replica uniforms from of the 1960s.

In the fall of 2003, the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey was formed and a new Board of Directors was elected and the Association's new name officially adopted.

New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame

Through 2026

We would like to recognize all in attendance – please wave when recognized

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Karl "Red" Adams	2011	Bill Dennehy	2014	Clarence T. Lessard	2017	Jim Rivers	2012
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Ben Arguin	2005	Tricia Dunn-Luoma	2008	Bud Luckern	2007	Dick Roy	2005
Steve Arndt	2008	Jeff Eisenberg	2010	Jock MacKenzie	2003	Frank Roy	2003
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Gary Bishop	2016	Walter Fournier	2010	Hubie McDonough, Jr.	2004	Jeff Serowik	2009
Rod Blackburn	2002	Ryan Frew	2022	Ken McKinnon	2005	Steve Shirreffs	2014
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Dick Bradley	2013	Jeff Giuliano	2016	Omer Morin	2003	Andre St. Laurent	2004
Ryan Brandt	2011	Malcolm Kenneth Gordon	2008	Tom Moulton	2022	Brian Stone	2006
Leonard "Red" Brochu	2011	Ron Gosselin	2024	Tara Mounsey	2004	Daniel K. Stuckey, II	2010
Albie Brodeur	2003	Leo Gould	2006	Mick Mounsey	2023	Mark Stuckey	2013
Chris Brown	2022	Gerry Grassie	2008	Brian Murphy	2021	Lauren Sullivan (Slebodnick)	2021
Downing Potter Brown	2019	Chris Grassie	2025	Steve Murphy	2014	Wally Tafe Jr	2009
Ken Cail	2010	Jim Griffin	2017	Mat Myers	2024	Bob Tardif	2003
Howell P. Campbell	2017	John Healy	2007	Martin J. Myers	2026	Dick Theriault	2010
Kent Carlson	2002	Norm Hebert	2007	Walter Nadeau	2023	Elmo Theriault	2005
Dave Caron	2023	Charlie Holt	2002	George Naum	2008	Paul Thompson	2025
Tom Carroll	2019	James D. Houston	2015	John Normand	2007	George Thurston	2017
Louis Chabot	2025	Nelson Hutchins	2023	Bob Norton	2009	Sean Tremblay	2026
Taylor Chace	2015	Ed Jeremiah	2002	Judy Parish Oberting	2026	Jim Tufts	2012
Paul J. Chalue	2021	Katie King Crowley	2007	Dick Osborne	2004	Kathleen Twomey Moore	2012
Ray Champagne	2003	Navy Labnon	2006	Bruce Parker	2014	Dick Umile	2009
Paul Colgan	2015	Beatrice "Bea" Lambert	2013	Rand Pecknold	2016	Anthony "Tony" Urban	2018
Paul Commeau	2023	Carl Langlais	2005	Wayne Pecknold	2017	Leo Vaillancourt	2003
Alphonse Corriveau	2005	Barney LaRoche	2002	Ron Peters	2008	Bruce L. Valley	2021
Maurice Couture	2017	David Lassonde	2022	Seaver Peters	2010	Dicky Valliere	2012
Brendan Creagh	2018	Msgr. Lauziere	2002	Norman "Fat" Pinette	2010	Carol & DeDe Villeneuve	2004
Bruce Crowder	2014	Roland Lavigne	2006	Husky Poirier	2004	Dunc Walsh	2011
Scott Crowder	2025	René LeClerc	2007	Andre "Pref" Prefontaine	2009	Ryan Weston	2015
George Crowe	2004	Jacques LeClerc	2003	Deron Quint	2019	Paul "Pop" Whalen	2009
Dan Dagesse	2024	Roger LeClerc	2003	Fred Quistgard	2024	Don Williamson	2002

Date	Location	Inducted	Team Honored
Feb. 17, 2002	Puritan Back Room	12	Manchester Blackhawks
Mar. 23, 2003	Wayfarer Inn	10	Berlin Maroons
Mar. 20, 2004	Wayfarer Inn	9	Concord Budmen
Mar. 6, 2005	Wayfarer Inn	7	UNH
Mar. 26, 2006	Executive Court Conference Center	9	St. Paul's School
Apr. 1, 2007	Event Center at C.R. Sparks	9	Dartmouth College
Mar. 2, 2008	Event Center at C.R. Sparks	8	Phillips Exeter Academy
Oct. 18, 2009	Event Center at CR Sparks	9	Notre Dame High School
Dec. 5, 2010	Radisson Hotel	12	Manchester Monarchs
Oct. 30, 2011	Grappone Conference Ctr.	6	Sacred Heart
Oct. 28, 2012	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	Berlin High School
Oct. 27, 2013	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Concord High School
Oct. 26, 2014	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	Hanover High School
Oct. 25, 2015	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	Nashua Royals
Oct. 23, 2016	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Saint Anselm College
Oct. 22, 2017	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	New England College
Oct. 21, 2018	Grappone Conference Ctr.	6	MRYHA
Oct. 20, 2019	Grappone Conference Ctr.	6	Alpine Club
Oct. 24, 2021	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Exeter High School
Oct. 23, 2022	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Kimball Union Academy
Oct. 22, 2023	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Concord Eastern Olympics
Oct. 20, 2024	Grappone Conference Ctr.	4	NH Selects
Oct. 26, 2025	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Club National

2026: Today, on Nov. 1st at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, 5 individuals are being enshrined and the Legends are recognizing the hockey history of Dover High School.

Yes, hockey is as strong as ever in New Hampshire. Beginning with youth hockey and up through high school and prep school, both girls and boys programs abound. Additionally, junior programs are strong. At the college and University levels, UNH and Dartmouth lead the way, along with New England College, Saint Anselm, Southern NH, Plymouth State University, Franklin Pierce, Rivier and Keene State.

Teams recognized by the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey

2002 Manchester Blackhawks • 2003 Berlin Maroons • 2004 Concord Budmen • 2005 UNH Wildcats
2006 St. Paul's School • 2007 Dartmouth College • 2008 Phillips Exeter Academy
2009 Notre Dame High School • 2010 The Original Manchester Monarchs
2011 Sacred Heart • 2012 Berlin High School • 2013 Concord High School
2014 Hanover High School • 2015 Nashua Royals • 2016 Saint Anselm College
2017 New England College • 2018 Manchester Regional Youth Hockey Association
2019 Alpine Club • 2021 Exeter High School • 2022 Kimball Union Academy
2023 Concord Eastern Olympics • 2024 NH Selects • 2025 Club National • 2026 Dover High School



Dover High School

THE EARLY YEARS



The 1934-35 hockey season was under way and the kids in Dover were on the ice. Foster's Daily Democrat, January 2, 1935 - "Rink Ramblings": General Skating until 2:30; Girls' Hockey League 2:30 – 3:30; DHS practice 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Interscholastic Hockey, Saturday – DHS vs Stearns School." Dover's victory over Concord was reported on February 11, 1935, "The Green & White continued its relentless attack on their way to a convincing win." The following season, the Democrat described the team as aggressive and relentless, "Dover is the best sextet in the state and willing to take on all challengers. This team will be stamped as one of the most successful teams in the history of D.H.S. athletics." Coach Bailey would lead the team through the rest of the decade. Sixty years later, Dover High School would win their first of eight NHIAA Division II Championships.

Dover hockey players had no permanent place to practice and were yet to hold a session on a boarded rink. However, with the 1940 Dover squad trimmed down from 30 to17, Coach Freddie Walker would rely on seven Letterman to lead Dover in their season opener against Phillips Exeter Academy. Future games would include a visit from Berlin High and a trip to Brewster Academy. It took a full season to hit their peak, but the team had aspirations to play in the first ever New England High School Tournament.

Selected through sectional contests, the inaugural event would showcase the best eight high school teams in New England. The combined Vermont /New Hampshire region would send a single representative and Bellows Falls was set to meet Hanover. However, the NH team withdrew due to injuries. Dover was called upon to represent the Granite State and deftly delivered the Vermont challenger a 6-2 loss, propelling them to meet Cranston at the Providence Arena. The other pairings would feature Needham and West Springfield, Melrose against Hudson and West Haven facing Waterville. The tournament provided another first for Dover hockey. The team had never played a game on artificial ice. Walker told the newspaper, "They didn't master the ice until the second period. But after that, they looked pretty good." Described as "well-coached and hockey-wise", Dover kept it close in front of 1800 fans, scoring twice in the second period to force overtime before falling to Cranston at the 4:35 mark. Dover walked out tall and proud having received telegrams of best wishes and congratulations from the Dover Rotary Club and the Merchants Association.

Fred Walker coached until the program was temporarily halted during the War Years before resuming again in the 1945-46 season. Dover posted a favorable 4-8-0 record that year with all four wins coming against Southeast Division rivals, Portsmouth and Rochester. These wins earned Dover the title of Southeastern NH Champs. Freddie left after 1948 and Robert O'Kane took over. Poor weather reduced his first season to seven games with two wins and five losses. Rob stayed with the team until the end of the 1950-51 season.

January 1952 arrived and replacement, Rudy Bergeron, faced adversity. Dreadful weather conditions persisted and Rudy was unable to schedule even a practice game. The situation drew commiseration from Foster's Daily Democrat, "Hockey is a sport that seems to be becoming all but extinct in the high school ranks in this section of the state". The Dover players had limited experience and struggled against the more established teams, falling to Brewster 11-5, then finishing their season with a 13-3 loss to Berlin at the NHIAA tournament.

The new season arrived with a sense of optimism. Bergeron formed the team around his four returning Lettermen. He told the paper, "We have ample depth this year and that was a sore spot for us last year." However, despite their tenacity, all signs were pointing in the opposite direction for Dover, in particular, and high school hockey in general.



The Democrat praised the Dover program explaining, "The last citadel of high school hockey in the lower reaches of New Hampshire has refused to succumb to the uncertainty of the weather that has plagued outdoor sports in this area since the war." In fact, Dover was the only high school hockey team remaining in the south, forcing them to constantly punch above their weight class as they faced the more established teams outside the high school circuit. Bergeron summed it up glumly, "That's the crux of the whole matter. And it's a sad commentary on the interest of the high schools and the high school athletes of today. When it comes to meeting teams like Berlin and Notre Dame, who play for months under ideal conditions, Dover teams will never be able to compete with north country schools unless some provision is made for a sheltered rink." Dover played Berlin at the state tournament and they would be the only high school team Dover would face all season.

Dover kick-started 1954 with a 3-1 New Year's Day victory over Brewster and were scheduled to face off against Tilton Academy, UNH Freshmen, New Hampton and the Dover Alumni. The Alumni game would feature former coaches, Freddie Walker and Bob O'Kane. But that was the upside. The 1954 season ended with a 9-0 semi-final loss to Berlin at the NHIAA tournament and would signal the end for Rudy Bergeron as Dover's coach.



1945-46 Team Photo. ***Seated:*** *R. Simpson, J. Clark, R. Bolduc, R. Meserve, J. Flanagan, F. Gitchier, A. Dimanbro, H. Tibbets.* ***Standing:*** *S. Lebow, Mgr.; J. Pratt, L. Jorde, M. Carron, R. Kilty, Mr. F. Walker, Coach*

With Art Valicenti now behind the Dover bench in 1954-55, the team proved hearty enough to dominate Tilton Academy, blasting 5 goals past their netminder in the first period. Losses came to Amesbury and Berlin the following week. With a 4-4 record, Dover headed to the New Hampshire Championships to meet Berlin again. Absorbing a respectable 3-1 loss, they presented a strong showing despite being outshot 27-13. By 1956, the Dover High School hockey program had gone into remission and would remain dormant for over two decades. Twenty-two years later on December 8, 1978, Foster's Daily Democrat finally announced, "Hockey has come to Dover after about a 20-year absence."

THE BUILDING YEARS & DOVER'S COACHING STAFF

Coach Bob Watson would be first to steer the DHS hockey program through the building years. On November 22, 1978, the Democrat announced, "The Dover High School hockey team will launch its first hockey season in some

20 years Thursday night at the Ice and Tennis Arena in an exhibition game against Portsmouth." Another upbeat inclusion soon followed, "Yes, fans, hockey has come back to Dover. The Green Wave will make its debut at 8:00 p.m. tomorrow against the Oyster River Bobcats at the Ice and Tennis Arena."

Watson assessed his untested team and mused, "Hopefully, we'll be right at the top in the next few years. Many of the players have come up from youth hockey and don't have the needed experience for a winning season in the first year." But Dover gamely held Oyster River to a 3-3 tie, prompting Bobcat's Coach, Rick Olmstead to recognize Dover's moxie, "For their first game, I'm pretty impressed by them." Dover then faced an undefeated Bishop Guertin team and pressed them to earn a slim, one goal victory. Watson noted, "We're improving every game. It won't be long before we're in the win column." On December 21, 1978, the Green Wave posted their first "W' in over 20 years against Portsmouth and finished with a 3-15-2 record after losing to fourth seed Bishop Brady. Watson would remain for one more season.

Paul Chalue coached in 1979-80 along with assistant Dan Raposa, who would remain as Head Coach until 1982-83. He shared bench duties with several different assistants including Kim Bosse, Dover's first female hockey coach, Jack Hippern and Tom Ferguson. Bill Fenniman was bench boss in 1983-84, followed by Brian Murphy and Rob Plourde. Bob Straton took a turn in 1985-86 before Jack Hippern stepped in. He would lead Dover for eight years until 1993-94, pairing up with Assistant Coach Paul Bandouveres for six of those. Paul stayed in that role when John Cesere took over as Head Coach in 1994-95. This would be John's only year of coaching Dover hockey, but along with Bandouveres, the Green Wave would capture their first NHIAA Division II Championship. Dover appeared in the finals again the following season with Lee Hunsaker in charge, but lost to Lebanon. Lee coached three seasons finishing with a 47-16-2 record.

Beginning in 1998, the next decade of Dover hockey would belong to Ray Terrell and Bill Morgan. They guided their teams to three Division II Championships in 2004, 2005 and 2008. Over ten campaigns, they enjoyed nine winning seasons and built an impressive 152-66-11 record. Dover appeared in four consecutive Championship Finals beginning in 2002-03, losing 4-2 to Spaulding in front of 3,500 at the Whittemore Centre. Dover recovered the following year and thumped Spaulding 6-0, then repeated in 2005-06 with a 4-1 win over Oyster River. Suffering a final 3-2 heart-breaker to Spaulding in 2007, the teams met again in 2008. Dover's triumph would be Ray's third title and his final game as Dover's coach.

Steve Riker assumed the duties in 2008-09. Assistant Coach, Mike Young joined Steve the following season and the pair would guide the Green Wave until 2015-16. During that stretch, Dover would appear in the Division Championships three times, defeating Merrimack in 2011, losing a tight one the following year against Bedford, then taking a 2-1 win over Spaulding on March 14, 2015. Together, Steve, Mike and DHS would bring home two more Division II Championships. Steve's final season would be 2015-16.

Mike Young became Head Coach along with assistant Chris Hitchcock. The pair are currently in their tenth year together, making it 17 years now for Mike. The team has been on the plus side all ten seasons, sporting a decade-long record of 133-69-5. Dover appeared in the finals in 2019 and lost to city rivals St. Thomas, then won the championship two years later with a 2-1 victory over Somersworth-Coe Brown in 2021. They did it again in 2023, handing Merrimack a 4-1 loss. That's twice for Mike with Steve Rikers and two more with Chris. Since 1995, the coaches of Dover High School have collectively taken the Green Wave to thirteen final appearances on their way to winning eight Division II Championships.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP YEARS

Dover's first NHIAA Championship came on March 12, 1995 with Head Coach John Cesere and Ray Terrell behind the bench. Cesere shared his strategy, "We played close games with all three teams in the regular season. We used three lines, but in the tournament, I let my big dogs (first line) eat". Dover had some big, hungry dogs! The All-Tournament First Team was made up entirely of Dover skaters and the Second Team counted three more. Dover

Banquet Program

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Ken Cail

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Father John Brancich

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Mike Gould – President

Ken Cail

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Mike Gould – President

Dover High School
Peter Driscoll - Principal

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Ken Cail

Dessert

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Dwayne Robinson – Vice President

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defeated Spaulding 4-3 in the quarters and knocked off Exeter 6-3 in the semi-final before crushing Oyster River 6-1. Summing up the championship game, Cesere added, "It was the best we put the body to a team all season."

Dover suffered a disappointing loss to the Goffstown Grizzlies prompting Ray to tell the boys, "You can't reach the top until you've been at the bottom". Dover responded and proved to be more than ready against Spaulding on March 14, 2004. Terrell reminded his team that, "A champion boxer, before he gets his belt, is always hungrier." Dover's 6-1 win left no doubt that Spaulding was the only thing on the menu.

Oyster River was the next to go down on March 13, 2005, making it two in a row for Ray and the Green Wave. Reigning champs can be a target and Terrell said, "This one was a relief. All season long we had the bull's eye on our chest." Terrell shortened his bench to two lines to take advantage of UNH's Olympic-size rink in Durham. His speedsters used the extra space and struck quickly. Zach Joy fired the ice-breaker in the first 24 seconds and 21 seconds later, Zach Bartlett lit the light. He'd score again before the end of the first to establish a 3-0 lead. Terrell, well aware of Oyster River's comeback from a 2-0 deficit against Lebanon, urged the boys to keep the pedal down, knowing that this one could still be a grinder. Dover took off and responded with the victory.



Dover's first NHIAA Championship - March 12, 1995

Three years later on March 10, 2008, Dover and Spaulding found themselves in another nail-biter. Fans could barely catch their breath in the final frame until Kyle Dubois gave Coach Ray Terrell a gift with 48.9 seconds left on the clock. It would be Ray's going away present and his third Division II Championship. He'd been Head Coach since 1998. "I told the boys of my decision before the game. It's kind of hard to hold a real job and get to the afternoon practice at the same time." Terrell recognized the fantastic accomplishments of his team while praising Spaulding's

efforts, “It was good to have this one go down to the wire with such a dramatic ending against a great team like Spaulding.” Red Raider’s Coach, Paul George, responded with equanimity regarding both Dover High School and Ray Terrell, “They’re my favorite adversary. He’s a good guy.”

March 13, 2011 arrived and Coach Steve Riker felt confident enough to proclaim, “At the end of the season, we were, by far, the best team in the state.” Merrimack, seeded first, had beaten Dover both times in the regular season. Maybe that’s why the Tomahawks weren’t prepared to handle the high-octane offense that exploded from the Green Wave that ultimately dictated the outcome. Dover scored three goals in the first two minutes before Merrimack had even broken a sweat. Coach Chris Kinney conceded, “It was tough. We tried to battle but couldn’t quite get it today.” Championship number five for Dover High School.

Dover pencilled in another date for the NHIAA Division II Championship game on March 15, 2015. The Red Raiders looked ready to put some more hurt on Dover with their near-perfect 20-1-0 record. The teams had met twice in the regular season with Spaulding taking a 3-2 win in Dover and a 5-2 victory in Rochester. With five minutes left on the clock and the game tied 1-1, Eric DeGregorio broke in unassisted and fired the winner, prompting Coach Riker to offer praise for his marksman, “He skates well and is super gritty. For a freshman, he’s a very composed kid with a great shot.” The sizzling wrister delivered Dover another Championship and number two for Riker.

Head Coach Mike Young and Assistant Chris Hitchcock would guide Dover to their seventh crown in 2021, but it would require overtime for the Green Wave to dispatch Somersworth-Coe Brown 2-1. Young observed, “It kind of went in line with how the season has been – a crazy ending to a great game.” Senior Captain and goalie, Devon Lapierre made 27 saves, while cousins Dante and Dario Ceppetelli combined at 2:21 of the extra period for the OT winner. Young said, “Dario and Dante, have been huge for us all year. I was happy for those guys.”

Dover’s most recent championship came on March 15, 2023. The game was tied 2-2 and Dover’s Captain, Jacob Lapierre, wanted to know one thing, “Who’s going to be the hero?” He answered his own question by breaking the tie at 5:29 of the final frame. The contest was another close one, but the Green Wave prevailed winning 4-2. Lapierre exclaimed, “I dream of stuff like this!” Merrimack coach Dan Belliveau recognized the achievement, “Hand it to Dover. They’re well-coached with Mike Young behind the bench. They out-hustled us. You got to have three periods in a Championship Game.”

DOVER HOCKEY TODAY

For over 90 years, Dover players have pulled on the green and white to represent their school, coaches, parents, teachers and community. Current DHS Hockey Coach, Mike Young, passionately expresses his appreciation for all players, past and present. Many of the boys are men now, some with kids who skate for Dover. Acknowledging his privilege to stand behind the bench, Mike is quick to recognize the contributions of every Dover player, coach, builder and supporter who has ever been associated with the team. Over these many years, the collective community has devoted their time to teach skills and inculcate values to foster and preserve Dover’s preeminent hockey reputation, success, community spirit and healthy hockey culture. Like so many others in Dover, Mike has been a fan, a player, a coach and a supporter. He derives his greatest satisfaction from sharing his passion for the game, stating simply, “I want the kids to love hockey as much as I do.” For those who’ve ever worn the Green and White, it’s a safe bet that some coach, somewhere, felt the same way, articulating the love of the game, modeling respect in the locker room and expressing an appreciation for every single person who has been a part of the Dover hockey story. Each one can now lay claim to the title, New Hampshire Legend of Hockey.



JOE ANDREWS

February 18, 1970 • Concord, NH

OFFICIAL

Joe Andrews was born in Concord, NH in 1970. He played ten years of hometown youth hockey, hitting the ice at age four, before logging two seasons with the Manchester Flames playing for NH Legends coach Wally Tafe Jr. and Len Hammond. Under NH Legends Hall of Famers, Red Brochu and Bud Luckern, Joe skated at Bishop Brady from 1984- 88 before moving to Portland, ME to attend the University of Southern Maine. Along the way, he discovered his hockey passion – officiating.

Joe began officiating Concord Youth Hockey / USA Hockey games when he was eleven and continued until 1992 throughout high school and college. Many rinks and hockey levels later, he was reflecting on a successful twenty-two-year career as a veteran linesman in the American Hockey League. Joe was with NIHOA (Maine High School Hockey) from 1992 – 2010 and joined ECAC – Division III in 1993, remaining there until 2002. His seven-year stint in Hockey East – NCAA Division I ran from 2001 to 2008. Starting in1993, Joe was involved with Roller Hockey International (Professional Roller Hockey), the same year his pro career began in the AHL. He retired in 2015.



Andrew's officiating highlights and notable assignments included the New England Regional All-Star Festival (USA Hockey – Providence, RI), Maine Class A and Class B State Championships (1995 – 2001), Roller Hockey International, and an American Hockey League career spanning twenty-one regular and play-off seasons, one of which included the 2013 AHL All-Star Game in Providence, RI. He worked the first-ever Manchester Monarchs home game, made regular appearances in the ECAC Division III college circuit, and skated as a referee in the 2002 NESCAC and ECAC Division III Championships. Joe guarded the lines for Hockey East – NCAA Division I, working both the regular season and playoffs. He appeared in multiple UNH vs Maine Series, several Bean Pot Assignments, including a championship final, and numerous Hockey East Championship games. At the NCAA D I level, Joe officiated four straight tournaments, including three Frozen Fours – 2002 in Minneapolis, 2003 in Buffalo and Boston in 2004.

It seems that Joe was looking at more than just offsides during one of those Final Fours. Something else caught his eye. His wife, Jen played club hockey at the University of Michigan and was the marketing director for the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. Jen said, "If he hadn't been a referee, we wouldn't have met." In 2015, at the age of forty-five, the burly linesman figured he was roughly fifteen years older than the average AHL official, so # 32 blew his whistle for the last time. Jen lamented, "I think I'm sadder about the retirement than he is, even though I'll be happy to have him around more, it's sort of the end of an era."

Please welcome Joe Andrews to the Class of 2026, as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.

JUDY PARISH OBERTING

February 24, 1969 • Hartford, CT

COACH

Judy Parish Oberting grew up in Connecticut playing youth hockey in West Hartford and at the Loomis Chafee Prep School in Windsor. She arrived at Dartmouth in 1987 where she excelled at the sport and served as a co-captain in her senior year. Along the way, Judy gathered awards and records and remains as one of the school's elite women's hockey players. She was a three-time All-Ivy League Selection and won a Silver Medal at the inaugural IIHF Women's World Championships in 1990. While her accomplishments as a player stand on their own merit, she has brought further glory to herself and Dartmouth as the coach of the women's hockey team. The Dartmouth Hockey Magazine recognized her combined contributions in October 2022 when Judy was named to the school's prestigious list of 100 Greatest Athletes of All-Time.

Judy served as Dartmouth Women's Assistant Hockey Coach from 1993-94 before taking on the role of Head Coach from 1998-99 through 2002-03. During those five years, The Big Green compiled an impressive record of 114-40-8, including four straight 20-win seasons. Dartmouth won ECAC Hockey Championships in 2001 and 2003 and were Ivy League Champions in 2001 and 2002. Boasting a 2002-03 program-record of 27 wins, the team made it to the NCAA Frozen Four and finished third at the Tournament. As Head Coach, her teams would appear in three NCAA Tournaments.



(Left to Right) Patti Crowe, Michelle Erickson, George Crowe, Sarah Howald and Judy Parish

Judy was recognized as National Coach of the Year in 1999-2000 and she would ultimately be presented with the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) Women's Ice Hockey Founders Award in 2023. This prestigious recognition honors a member of the hockey community or college coaching profession who has contributed to the overall growth and development of the sport of women's ice hockey in the United States through their enthusiasm, passion and selflessness.

Bob Ceplikas, Deputy AD Emeritus, Dartmouth College aptly summarized his reasons for Judy's inclusion in the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame. He stated, "As an athletics administrator at Dartmouth, including 26 years as Deputy AD, I can honestly say that no single person has had as much impact on the growth and development of women's ice hockey at Dartmouth than Judy, and her impact on the Ivy League and nationally was compelling as well." Judy's dual contributions to the game have spurred the growth women's ice hockey in The Granite State.

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MARTIN J MYERS

October 18, 1966 • Manchester, NH

COACH

After moving from the Manchester Flames organization, Marty took charge as coach of the Bedford High School Boys' Hockey Team in 2009 where he remained until 2020. As the Bulldog's bench boss, he stacked up an impressive overall record of 200-51-6. Number 200 arrived on January 27, 2020 in a 5-2 victory over Nashua South/Pelham. During the years, his teams made nine playoff appearances, faced off in the state title game eight times and captured seven NIAHA State Championships. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, Bedford's streak claimed three consecutive D II State Titles by defeating Dover, Merrimack and Bow respectively. After moving up to Division I, Marty orchestrated four more titles, with his first coming in 2016 in a win over Gary Bishop at Bishop Guertin. The following season, the Bulldogs made it two in a row by shutting out Concord 7-0, then lost a tight final game the next year to Dick Dodds and Hanover by a score of 2-1. Bedford were top dogs again in 2019, firing in 7 and leaving Trinity scoreless. The shortened 2020 season resulted in Bedford and Concord being declared Co-Champions.



Reflecting on his years and victories at Bedford, Marty recalls that, "Each championship team is special for both the players and the staff." Occasionally, an underdog might come from nowhere to make a surprising run at the prize, but for a team to rise to the top and dominate, as Bedford did under Marty's tenure, it takes an entire organization with a leader who can build a healthy, winning hockey culture to sustain those championship-level performances year after year. Marty consistently demonstrated his ability to motivate players to get the best out of each individual while still promoting and maintaining team unity. That's one of the main reasons why he recognizes and appreciates the uniqueness of every single coach/team relationship. The skill of managing different personalities and elevating every player to maximize their talents created opportunities and results on the ice. Marty developed player potential and encouraged the kind of growth necessary for players to buy-in and keep the titles coming. With 200 wins to his credit, it's obvious that Marty's recipe for success had all the right ingredients, Marty proudly joins his son Mat, inducted into the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame in 2024.

Please welcome Marty Myers to the Class of 2026, as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.

SANDY SMITH

December 8, 1965 • Concord, NH

MEDIA

Sandy Smith is a lifelong Concord resident noted as being one of the strongest media supporters of the game of Hockey in New Hampshire. She credits the late Mike Pride, Concord Monitor editor, for first hiring her and then getting the paper to support such momentous trip events as the Olympics. She started with the Monitor in 1988 and stayed until 2016 chronicling the Concord High boys' team's run to the state title in 1992. She elevated the sport of hockey and credits both Concord High boys' hockey coach Dunc Walsh and U.S. Olympic women's coach Ben Smith for igniting her love of the game.

The USA Women currently wear the Olympic Gold Medal, so it's easy to forget the uphill climb to the summit of women's hockey. Sandy's strong media support magnified New Hampshire's programs and shone the spotlight on the game in its formative stages. In doing so, she received the New Hampshire Women's Lobby media award for coverage of the inaugural U.S. women's Olympic hockey team and earned the Associated Press Sports Editors national writing contest Top-5 game story in 1998 for her coverage of Team USA's gold medal victory.



Tara Mounsey emerged on the national scene and was the reason Sandy started tracking TEAM USA. She covered America's best at the 1998 Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan and the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City. Her award-winning journalism highlighted Mounsey's exploits, along with those of fellow Granite-Staters Katie King Crowley and Tricia Dunn Luoma, and the entire team. Sandy's media exposure was likely the major reason why the squad opened their inaugural pre-Olympic tour in Concord. For nearly a quarter of a century, Sandy documented the successes of Concord-area athletes as a mainstay for the paper. She also worked as a freelance writer and contributor to the USA Hockey Magazine and other hockey publications.

Jim Rivers spent more than four decades broadcasting New England sports and remembers Sandy's intense passion and commitment to covering the sport of hockey. Rivers recalls, "Nearly every Bishop Brady game that I covered during her career, Sandy was usually right there with me in the press box covering the sport she loved". Rivers, inducted into the New Hampshire Legends Hall of Fame in 2012, described Smith as, "Easily, one of the strongest media supporters of the game of Hockey in New Hampshire that I have come across in my media career". It was Sandy's in-depth coverage of Concord High's State Championship win over St. Thomas that sparked her media dedication to the sport, then was enriched and consolidated by bringing women's hockey in New Hampshire to the forefront.

Please welcome Sandy Smith to the Class of 2026, as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.

SEAN TREMBLAY

March 5, 1970 • Biddeford, ME

COACH

Sean Tremblay's focus on player development has consistently contributed to player achievement and success. He is a gifted hockey coach with the ability to bring out the best in these aspiring athletes. Sean has rightly earned recognition as one of the most respected coaches in the state and beyond. His philosophy has been to establish competitive foundations for player advancement and his dedication to this objective has elevated players at all levels of competition. This includes three players who have Stanley Cup rings, along with ten others who've been selected in the NHL Draft. Between 2001 and 2018, he directed over 250 players to college and university programs across the states, with 170 players heading to Division I schools and the rest to Division III. Sixteen players who skated for Tremblay have won National Collegiate Championships.



Sean has captured three consecutive Jr A National Championships along with nine Dineen Cups in the EJHL/USPHL. He won two USA U-17 Gold Medals in the Five Nations Tournaments, one as Assistant Coach in 2006, and the other as Head Coach in 2010. Fourteen times, between 2002 and 2018, his teams appeared in the EJHL/USPHL Championships. He's won nine regular season titles and put together a run of fourteen 40-win seasons in a row from 2000-2013. Sean's been named Coach of the Year five times.

Players attesting to the impact of Sean's coaching talents and mentorship attributes include Stanley Cup Champions Zach Sanford, winning with the St. Louis Blues in 2019, two-time champ Brian Dumoulin of the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2016 and 2017 and Trevor van Riemsdyk with the Chicago Blackhawks in 2015. Yale University 2013 NCAA National Champion, Trent Ruffolo, acknowledged Sean's influence along with Mike Doherty, a 2012 Yale player and Brian Flynn, currently scouting for the Detroit Red Wings. Brian also played with the Buffalo Sabres, Montreal Canadiens and the University of Maine in the NCAA.

Sean coached the New Hampshire Jr. Monarchs, Granite State Stars and Exeter Snow Devils, producing elite prospects Jon Rheault and New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame member Paul Thompson (2025), who both played in the NHL. Sean devoted more than ten years of volunteer service to the New Hampshire Amateur Hockey Association evaluating and selecting the state's top players at Team New Hampshire tryouts for the 14-, 15-, 16-, and 17-year-old age groups. He's also been a Coaching Director for the New Hampshire Amateur Hockey Association. Sean was selected by USA Hockey to assist and coach teams at the National Camp each summer, adding to his already impressive list of significant contributions to New Hampshire hockey.

Please welcome Sean Tremblay to the Class of 2026, as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.

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