

2009 Middlebury Panthers

Coaching Profile: Bill Beaney

After taking over the hockey program in 1986, Beaney led the team to an NCAA record five consecutive National Championships ('95-'99) as well as three straight crowns from '04-'06. The team appeared in 13 straight NCAA Tournaments ('95-'07), while winning seven of nine NESCAC Championships. His 1996 National Championship squad set school records for most wins in a season (26), highest winning percentage (.929), and longest unbeaten streak (29 games). He has also led the team to six ECAC Tournament appearances, with a championship in the '90-'91 season. The school record for wins was later broken by the '03-'04 team with 27.



The Lake Placid, New York native attended the University of New Hampshire, where he played four years of varsity hockey and captained the 1973 team. He began his coaching career in 1974 at Bellows Free Academy (Vermont), leading his teams to three straight championships. He then moved to the college ranks, taking over the reigns at New England College in 1979. He promptly led his teams to four consecutive ECAC Tournaments and one NCAA berth. He was named the New England Coach of the Year in 1981-82 and 1983-84 at New England College.

At Middlebury, he was selected as the New England Coach of the year in '89, '91, '95 and '06. He also earned the Edward Jeremiah Award as the National Coach of the Year in '90, '95, '04 and '06. In '98-'99 he was named the USOC National Hockey Coach of the Year.

Beaney has also been heavily involved with USA Hockey. He recently served as the head coach of the U.S. Women's Junior National team in 1996 and 1997. From 1985-97, Beaney coached USA Hockey's Junior Olympic team, while serving as an assistant coach for the 1994 U.S. Junior National team. In the summer of 1993, Beaney served as head coach of the gold medal East Team at the Olympic Festival in San Antonio. In addition to his duties with USA Hockey, Beaney was a member of the NCAA Hockey selection committee for six years.