

2009 Norwich Cadets

Coaching Profile: Mike McShane

Mike McShane has assembled an impressive resume at Norwich University as he begins his 15th season. He's led the Cadets to a pair of NCAA Division III national championships and seven Division III Frozen Fours. NU has also won the ECAC East regular season title 11 straight times under McShane, and the ECAC East tournament crown seven times. His teams have won 20 games or more nine times. He has also been selected as the Division III/II National "Coach of the Year" three times throughout his tenure at Norwich.



A native of Wakefield, Mass., McShane graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1971 as the third-leading scorer in Wildcats' history. In 2003, McShane earned an M.Ed. from Boston University.

McShane was selected as the 10th head coach of the Norwich men's ice hockey program prior to the 1995-96 season. In the 14 years since, he has posted a 293-89-17 record. He became the program's all-time winningest coach last season, and should surpass the 300-win plateau during the 2009-10 campaign. Under McShane's guidance, the Cadets have never posted a losing season.

McShane won his 400th career game as a collegiate coach on Jan. 4, 2003, when Norwich defeated Trinity, 4-1. He won his 500th career game on Feb. 16, 2007, when NU beat Bowdoin, 7-4. He enters the 2009-10 season with 537 career coaching victories.

In 28 years of college coaching, McShane has received 15 "Coach of the Year" awards, including earning the Edward Jeremiah Award from the American Hockey Coaches' Association in 1997, 1999 and 2000, as the College Division "Coach of the Year."

The New England Hockey Writers selected McShane as the ECAC East/NESCAC "Coach of the Year" in 2003, becoming just the second coach to be honored as "Coach of the Year" five times by the organization.