



JEFF SAUER

Distinguished Ice Hockey Coach at Colorado College & Wisconsin

Inducted October 29, 2013

Jeff Sauer played ice hockey for Colorado College from 1962-65 and was the head coach at CC for 11 seasons, taking the job at the start of the 1971-72 season, replacing John Matchefts.

His teams recorded 166 wins, including a 23-16-0 mark in 1974-75. He became the head coach at Wisconsin in 1982 and led the Badgers to the NCAA Frozen Four three times, winning championships in 1983 and 1990.

He was the first coach in college ice hockey history to win an NCAA Championship in his first season. His UW teams chalked up an amazing 489 wins over 20 seasons. He coached 17 All-Americans at Wisconsin and 27 players,



including Chris Chelios, who went on to play in the NHL. He ended his collegiate coaching career with a total of 655 wins over three decades, the eighth best in history.

Sauer has been heavily involved in the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association and has served as the head coach and president for over 40 years. He has been an influential USA Hockey coach and official and received the prestigious Lester Patrick Award in 2011 for his service to USA Hockey and his distinguished career.

He was selected as the head coach for the USA Sled Hockey Team at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.