

# Former Bobcat star honored in Maine

*Boston Univ. notes coaching of Terry Meagher*

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Belleville's Terry Meagher was recently honored by Boston University for his coaching achievements at Maine's Bowdoin College.

The BU athletic department last month presented Meagher the 1993 Harry Cleverly Memorial Award during half-time ceremonies at BU's homecoming football win over the University of Rhode Island.

The Harry Cleverly Memorial Award is presented annually to a BU alumnus or alumna who have distinguished themselves in coaching either at BU or other institutions. It is, says the BU athletic department "the highest tribute to 'one of our own' in the competitive field of coaching."

Meagher, who graduated from Quinte Secondary School and played hockey for the Belleville Bobcats and a number of city championship softball teams, graduated magna cum laude from BU in 1976. He is beginning his 11th season as a member of the Bowdoin College coaching staff.

In addition to head coaching duties for Bowdoin's powerhouse hockey team, Meagher serves as head coach for golf, is assistant coach for men's lacrosse, and is director of Dayton

Arena, Bowdoin's indoor ice rink. He was recently elected second vice president of the American Hockey Coaches Association.

At Bowdoin, Meagher replaced local coaching legend Sidney Watson behind the Polar Bear bench and continued Bowdoin's excellent record in men's hockey. Meagher-coached teams have compiled a record of 173-78-9, including Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference East Championships in 1986 and 1993. The Polar Bears have appeared in the ECAC playoffs during each of Meagher's previous 10 seasons — a streak that has now reached 19 straight seasons for the hockey program. Last year, the Polar Bears became the first team to win the ECAC East Championship as the eighth seed in the postseason tournament.



Terry Meagher

Meagher has been honored as the National Men's Ice Hockey College Division Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1989 and was named the New England Hockey Writers Association College Division Coach of the Year in 1986, 1989 and 1993.

During the spring season, Meagher also serves as assistant coach of the men's lacrosse team at Brunswick, Maine's Bowdoin College.

The lacrosse team won the ECAC Division III championship last season, making Meagher one of the few coaches to be involved with the ECAC championship teams in a period of less than two months.

Meagher served as head coach of the softball team at Bowdoin from 1984 to 1986. His teams compiled a 29-17-1 record, including a program best-ever 14-5 record in 1986. His .628 winning percentage is the best posted by a softball coach at Bowdoin.

Meagher earned a master's degree in sport from Illinois State University in 1977 and was captain of the 1976 ECAC Champion Boston University hockey team and was most valuable player in that year's ECAC championship tournament. He shared most valuable player honors for the BU team in 1976, as well.

Also in 1976, Meagher was awarded the E. Ray Speare Award as BU's top scholar-athlete and he was three-time recipient of the Bennett McGuinness Award given to the player who best typifies the spirit of BU hockey.

In 1988, Meagher was awarded the William French Memorial Award for coaching success.

Prior to taking on the coach's job at Bowdoin, Meagher was assistant coach for hockey at Clarkson College, from 1979 to 1983, and was assistant coach of men's hockey, lacrosse and soccer at Williams College from 1977 to 1979.

He is the son of Al and Doreen Meagher, whose large brood also includes former St. Louis Blues stalwart Rick Meagher. Sister, Joan, was a nationally ranked gymnast who still coaches gymnastics in the city.