



# MIGHTY DUCKS

## INSIDER

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## Mighty Ducks Develop Players and Fan Base in First AHL Season

Although the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks fell short in their bid to qualify for a berth in the 1998 Calder Cup playoffs, the American Hockey League (AHL) club's first season of operations was considered a success.

The Mighty Ducks finished the 1997-98 season with a 23-37-7-13 record for 66 points, including 13 victories away from home. Cincinnati's best month came in November, when the Mighty Ducks went 5-4-0-1 in 10 games.

The Mighty Ducks averaged 4,554 fans a game during their first season, slightly above the club's projected numbers. "The concept of the Mighty Ducks really took off," said owner Jerry Robinson. "We saw a number of families and kids coming to our games. We would expect our season ticket sales to more than double next year because we now have a year of experience behind us along with a solid base of fans to build from.

The affiliation with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim allowed hockey fans in Cincinnati the opportunity to witness several future NHL stars with the likes of Matt Cullen, Frank Banham, Jeff Nielsen, Pavel Trnka and Mike Crowley. Overall, 18 different players were called up to Anaheim with 19 players wearing the uniforms of both the Anaheim and Cincinnati Mighty Ducks.

"We must have done something right to have 18 guys called up with more than 300 man-games in the NHL," said Ducks coach Moe Mantha.

"It was very rewarding to have fans come up and tell me they were watching Anaheim games on ESPN and other networks because of the players that came through Cincinnati," said Mighty Ducks President Pete Robinson. "That's what the AHL is about, developing players for the parent club."

On the ice, the Mighty Ducks had two of the AHL's Top-10 scorers in center Bob Wren and Craig Reichert. Wren finished second with 100 points on 42 goals and 58 assists. Reichert had 28 goals and 59 assists for 87 points. They finished as the second highest scoring tandem in the league with 187 points behind Philadelphia's Peter White and Craig Darby, who finished with 192. Wren ended the season scoring 32 points in the final 18 games.

"To have the kind of year he did under the



*Bob Wren*

circumstances he was under is quite a story," Mantha said about Wren. "He was our lone go-to guy. Without Cullen (summoned by Anaheim), it was pretty easy for teams to focus on him, but he kept finding a way to score. He paid the price every night, went to the net and wasn't afraid of the corners.

"When he came to the Anaheim organization last year in Baltimore he was a player nobody wanted, a write-off, a disaster. Not now. There are a lot of teams in the AHL and International Hockey League that would love to have him in their lineup."

Rookie Mike Crowley, after a slow start, came on strong the second half of the season and wound up 14th in scoring among AHL defensemen with 12 goals and 26 assists for 38 points. He led AHL blueliners in scoring in March with 16 points on seven

goals and nine assists and finished the season playing in the NHL for Anaheim. Goalie Chris Mason was a surprise, starting 18 consecutive games down the stretch and proving himself as a bonafide NHL prospect. Defenseman Marc Moro was another pleasant surprise and could wind up competing for a berth on the Anaheim defensive corps next season.

"(Marc) Moro is a player that came in a little raw with his skating and stickhandling and positional play," said Mantha. "He worked hard all season before and during practice and is such a competitor. He made tremendous strides forward over the course of the season and has a bright future."

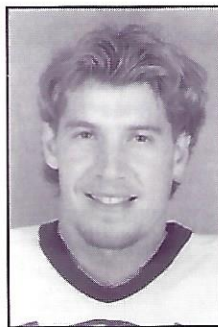
As for next season, Cincinnati general manager David McNab is already planning.

"We'd like to sign three or four veteran players who we feel can score between 35-40 goals in the AHL," McNab said.

"We learned this year that we need to have more backups, more players available for when we have injuries in Cincinnati and call-ups to Anaheim."

"It's been a very interesting year," said Mantha. "We lost more than 630-man games to injuries and call-ups to Anaheim. But that's the nature of the business.

"Our projected roster was together from just 10 games, and we won eight of those. Give us back just a third of the man-games we lost and we're in the playoffs."

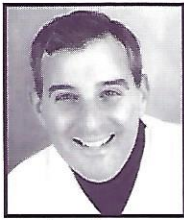


*Craig Reichert*



*Moe Mantha*

## With Andy Furman



Andy Furman



### USA HOCKEY NAMES MOE MANTHA ASSISTANT COACH FOR 1998 UNITED STATES NATIONAL TEAM

USA Hockey recently named Cincinnati Mighty Ducks head coach Moe Mantha as assistant coach

for the 1998 United States National Team, which will compete in the 1998 International Ice Hockey Federation World Championship, May 1-18 in Zurich and Basel, Switzerland.

Mantha's appointment was announced by USA Hockey International

Council Chairman Ron DeGregorio, 1998 U.S. National Team General Manager David Poile and USA Hockey National Coach Jeff Jackson, who will serve as head coach of the 1998 U.S. National Team.

Mantha recently completed his first season as head coach of the AHL Mighty Ducks - the top affiliate for the NHL's Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. Prior to being named head coach in Cincinnati, Mantha served as head coach of the AHL's Baltimore Bandits in 1996-97 and head coach of the East Coast Hockey League's Columbus Chill in 1994-95 and 1995-96.

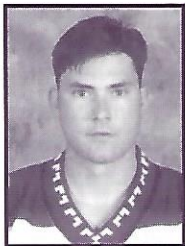
Mantha began his coaching career in 1992-93 as an assistant coach with the AHL's Hershey Bears.

As a player, Mantha enjoyed a 12-year career in the NHL that included stints with Winnipeg, Pittsburgh, Edmonton, Minnesota and Philadelphia.

He also played for the 1992 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team and three U.S. National Teams in IIHF World Championships (1982, 1985 and 1991).

*Andy Furman is a sports talk show host for 700 WLW Radio in Cincinnati.*

### SPRINGFIELD'S SCOTT LANGKOW NAMED AHL'S TOP GOALTENDER



Scott Langkow

Scott Langkow of the Springfield Falcons has been named recipient of the Aldege "Baz" Bastien Award as the League's outstanding goaltender for the 1997-98 season. The Bastien Award is selected by the AHL writers and broadcasters association.

Langkow was a key figure in the Falcons share of first place with Hartford

in the New England Division. The second choice, 31st overall, of the Winnipeg Jets in the 1993 NHL Entry Draft established career highs this season in wins (30), games played (51) and goals-against average (2.66). He finished tied for second in the AHL in wins and had the sixth-best goals-against average. Langkow also appeared in three games this season in the NHL with the Phoenix Coyotes.

Langkow was named Sher-Wood AHL Player of the Week for the period

ending December 22. The 22-year-old native of Sher-Wood Park, Alberta was the winning goaltender for the Canadian AHL All-Stars at the 1998 AHL All-Star Game, his second All-Star appearance. Langkow as named an AHL First Team All-Star.

Past winners of the Bastien Award include Jon Casey (1985); Felix Potvin (1992); Corey Hirsch (1993) and Jim Carey (1995).

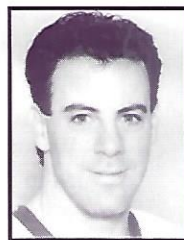
### ROCHESTER AMERICANS' CRAIG CHARRON HONORED FOR SPORTSMANSHIP AND DEDICATION

Rochester Americans center Craig Charron has been awarded the Fred T. Hunt Memorial Award for the 1997-98 season. The Hunt Award is given annually to the player who best exemplifies sportsmanship, determination and dedication to the sport of hockey as selected by the AHL writers and broadcasters association.

Charron, in his fifth AHL season and third with Rochester, led the Americans in scoring with 78 points on 25 goals and 53 assists. The 30-year-old native of

North Easton, MA was a member of the PlanetUSA AHL All-Star Team, his second consecutive All-Star selection.

Charron, the first choice, 25th overall, of the Montreal Canadiens in the 1989 NHL Supplemental Draft, signed as a free agent with Rochester in June 1995, and was a member of the United States National Team



Craig Charron

at the 1995 World Championships. He won the Americans' Sportsmanship and Community Service Awards following the 1996-97 season.

Past winners of the Hunt Award include Adirondack Red Wings head coach Glenn Merkosky (1987, 1991), Adirondack assistant coach Murray Eaves (1989, 1990) and Nashville Predators assistant coach Paul Gardner (1985).

# Cincinnati Mighty Ducks 1997-98 Statistics

Player	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Bob Wren	C	77	42	58	100	151
Craig Reichert	RW	78	28	59	87	28
Richard Park	C	56	17	26	43	36
Mike Leclerc	LW	48	18	22	40	83
Mike Crowley	D	76	12	26	38	91
Nikolai Tsulygin	D	77	5	31	36	63
Tony Tuzzolino	RW	13	3	3	6	6
<i>(Totals)</i>		48	12	17	29	89
Jean-Francois Jomphe	C	38	9	19	28	32
Matt Cullen	C	18	15	12	27	2
Mike Pomichter	C	26	6	8	14	18
<i>(Totals)</i>		46	13	14	27	32
Igor Nikulin	RW	54	14	11	25	40
Barry Nieckar	LW	75	10	14	24	295
Peter LeBoutillier	RW	51	9	11	20	143
Dan Trebil	D	32	5	15	20	21
Eric Lecompte	LW	26	11	8	19	68
Espen Knutsen	C	41	4	13	17	18
Frank Banham	RW	35	7	8	15	39
Antti Aalto	LW	29	4	9	13	30
Jeff Nielsen	LW	18	4	8	12	37
Chris Tok	D	48	3	9	12	58
Ruslan Salei	D	6	3	6	9	14
Byron Briske	D	59	0	9	9	95
Pavel Trnka	D	23	3	5	8	28
Marc Moro	D	74	1	6	7	181
Jeremy Stevenson	LW	10	5	0	5	34
Jeff Winter	D	26	0	4	4	21
Ryan Black	C	12	2	1	3	2
Marc Chouinard	C	8	1	2	3	4
Lloyd Shaw	D	60	1	2	3	138
Pat Thompson	D	21	0	3	3	6
Brad Englehart	C	7	1	1	2	2
Jeremy Brown	C	9	0	1	1	2
<i>(Totals)</i>		10	1	1	2	2
David Froh	D	2	0	1	1	4
Tim Fingerhut	LW	4	0	1	1	2
Cail MacLean	RW	7	0	1	1	4
Blaine Russell	G	20	0	1	1	0
Shawn Wansborough	RW	1	0	0	0	0
Robin DeLacoure	D	2	0	0	0	0
Blair Manning	C	2	0	0	0	0
Tim Lovell	C	4	0	0	0	0
Mark Pivetz	D	5	0	0	0	2
Nick Checco	LW	12	0	0	0	2
Nick Stadjuhar	D	13	0	0	0	16
Clint Collins	RW	16	0	0	0	97
Tom Askey	G	32	0	0	0	6
Chris Mason	G	47	0	0	0	4
"Bench"		80	16			
<i>Totals</i>		80	243	414	657	19 39
Goaltenders	GP	MIN	AVG	W-L-T	SO	SPCT
Chris Mason	47	2368	3.45	13-19-7	0	.903
Tom Askey	32	1752	3.56	10-16-4	3	.896
Blaine Russell	20	747	4.65	0-9-2	0	.874
<i>Totals</i>	80	4884	3.72	23-44-13	3	.894

# AHL Announces All-Star Teams

The American Hockey League First and Second All-Star Teams for the 1997-98 season:

## 1997-98 AHL First Team All-Stars

Player	Position	AHL Team
Scott Langkow	Goaltender	Springfield Falcons
Jamie Heward	Defense	Philadelphia Phantoms
Bryan Helmer	Defense	Albany River Rats
Daniel Briere	Center	Springfield Falcons
Craig Darby	Right Wing	Philadelphia Phantoms
Ryan Mulhern	Left Wing	Portland Pirates

## 1997-98 AHL Second Team All-Stars

Player	Position	AHL Team
Norm Maracle*	Goaltender	Adirondack Red Wings
Richard Shulmistra*	Goaltender	Albany River Rats
Ryan Bast	Defense	Saint John Flames
David Cooper	Defense	St. John's Maple Leafs
Steve Guolla	Center	Kentucky Thoroughblades
Paul Brousseau	Right Wing	Adirondack Red Wings
Sean Haggerty	Left Wing	Kentucky Thoroughblades

\*Goaltenders Norm Maracle and Richard Shulmistra tied in the voting.

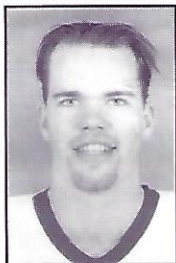
The League's All-Star Teams are selected by AHL players and media in each of the League's 18 cities.

# Bauer AHL All-Rookie Team Announced

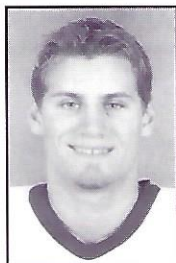
The American Hockey League BAUER AHL All-Rookie Team for the 1997-98 season:

Player	Position	AHL Team
Jean-Sebastien Giguere	Goaltender	Saint John Flames
Zdeno Chara	Defense	Kentucky Thoroughblades
Mike Gual	Defense	Hershey Bears
Daniel Briere	Forward	Springfield Falcons
Brendan Morrison	Forward	Albany River Rats
Marc Savard	Forward	Hartford Wolf Pack

The BAUER AHL All-Rookie Team is selected by the AHL players and media in each of the League's 18 cities.



Chris Mason



Mike Leclerc



Matt Cullen

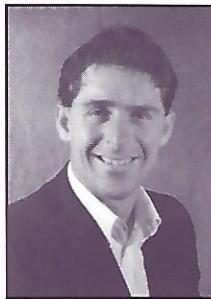
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As a viable member of the Cincinnati community, The Cincinnati Mighty Ducks are always happy to serve the public interest in any way possible. We would like to communicate to you our willingness to assist your organization in its efforts. Our players, coaches and staff are available to you at no charge for public service announcements, visitations, or other forms of volunteer work, schedule permitting.

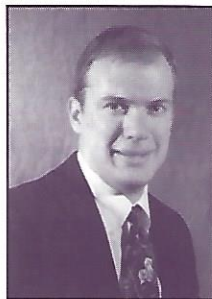
Since local sports personalities are so often in the public eye, this should help in raising the community awareness of your organization and its endeavors. If there is anything we can assist you with or if you have further questions, please feel free to call our communications department at (513) 351-3999 extensions 231 or 232. We look forward to working with you.



*Pete Robinson*



*Moe Mantha*



*John Walton*



*Don Helbig*



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Fan Club President ..... Bob Nydick  
Health Care Provider .. The Health Alliance  
Team Physicians ..... Dr. Angelo Colosimo,  
Dr. Stephen Dailey,  
Dr. Warren Harding

### TEAM INFORMATION

Club Colors ..... Eggplant, Jade, Grey, White  
Home Arena ..... Cincinnati Gardens  
Seating Capacity ..... 10,326  
Dimensions of Ice Surface ..... 200' x 85'  
Ticket Prices ..... \$14, \$11, \$9, \$5  
Press Box Location Upper Level, Section 47  
Practice Facility ..... Northland Ice Center  
Home Starting Times Weeknights - 7:35p.m.  
Sundays - 3:05 .m.  
Founded ..... 1997  
Press Box Phone ..... (513) 351-5010  
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Radio Network Affiliates WVXC-FM (89.3),  
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# Springfield Falcons' Daniel Briere Named AHL's Top Rookie



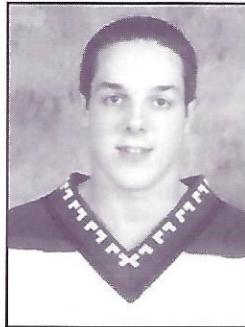
The American Hockey League announced that center **Daniel Briere** of the Springfield Falcons has been awarded the 1997-98 Dudley "Red" Garrett Award as the League's Top Rookie. The Garrett Award is selected by the AHL players and the media in each of the League's 18 cities.

Drafted as Phoenix's second choice (24th overall) in the 1996 NHL Entry Draft, Briere was among the rookie and overall leaders in scoring throughout the season while helping Springfield maintain its position at or near the top of the New England Division standings. At the time of his recall by the Coyotes on March 18, Briere was leading the AHL in scoring with 92 points (36-56). Briere had one goal in three games with Phoenix prior to suffering a shoulder injury.

Briere played three seasons for Dummerstonville (QMJHL) and became only the fourth player to lead the QMJHL in goals, assists and points in the same season (1995-96). The others

to accomplish this feat were Hockey Hall of Famer **Mario Lemieux**, New York Ranger **Pat LaFontaine** and NHL great **Dale Hawerchuk**.

Briere was selected by the fans as a starter for the Candien AHL All-Star Team and registered two assists in the game. The 20-year-old native of Gatineau, Quebec was named **BAUER AHL Rookie of the Month** for October and was selected as the **Sher-Wood AHL Player of the Week** for the period ending March 1. Briere was named an AHL First Team All-Star on Wednesday and a member of **BAUER AHL All-Rookie Team** today.



Daniel Briere

Past winners of the Garrett Award include: Rick Middleton (1973-74), Pierre Mondou (1975-76), Darryl Sutter (1979-80), Pelle Lindbergh (1980-81), Ron Hextall (1985-86), Brett Hull (1986-87), Donald Audette (1989-90) and Felix Potvin (1991-92).

## DUCK SHOTS

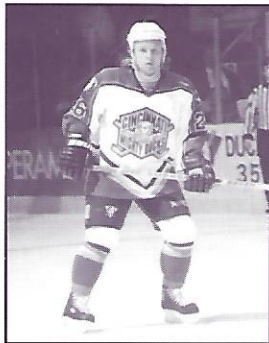


Photo by Tony Pigford

Center **Espen Knusten** will not return next season with the Anaheim organization, signing a deal to return to Djurgarden Stockholm of the Elitserien League in Sweden.

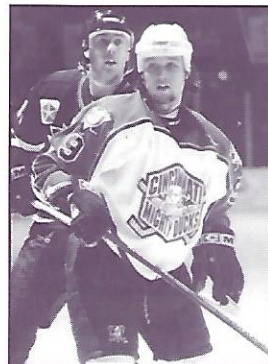


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**Bob Wren** led the Mighty Ducks and finished second in the AHL scoring race with a career-high 100 points on 42 goals and 58 assists.

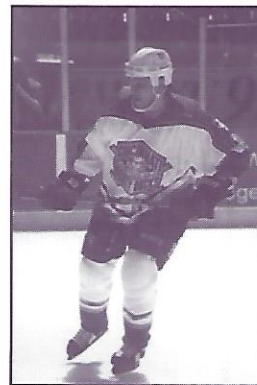


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Fiery right wing **Clint Collins** collected 97 penalty minutes in just 16 games for Cincinnati and became an instant fan favorite.

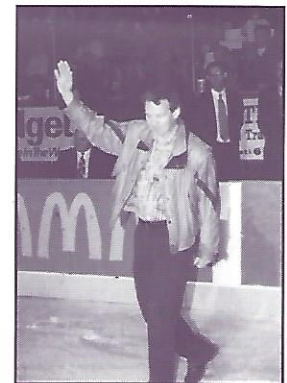


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Former Swords goaltender **Gary Bromley** used to stop pucks for a living. Now he puts out fires as a firefighter in Vancouver, British Columbia.

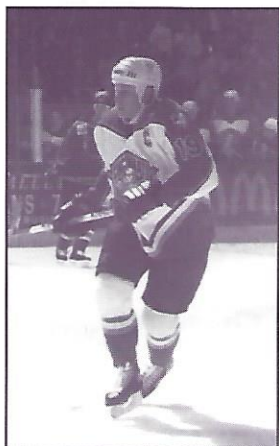


Photo by Tony Pigford

**Craig Reichert** finished seventh in the AHL in scoring with a career-high 87 points, including the third most assists in the league (59).



Photo by Tony Pigford

Cincinnati Post sportswriter **Bob "Bear" Queenan** (far right) presented Cincinnati Swords coach **Floyd Smith** with a plaque commemorating the team's 1972-73 Calder Cup championship. Standing with Smith and Queenan are (left to right) **Gary Bromley**, **Bill Hart** and **Ray McKay**.



Photo by Tony Pigford

Ducks broadcaster **John Walton** resigned his position on April 6, but had a change of heart two weeks later and will return for his second season as the play-by-play voice of the Mighty Ducks.

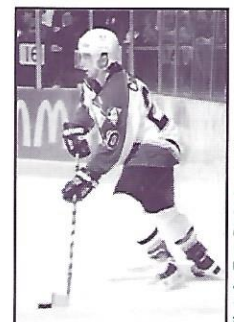


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**Mike Crowley** collected his first career NHL points with two assists for the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim April 15 against Edmonton.

## Around The AHL

Don Helbig



□ The AHL surpassed the four million mark in regular season attendance for the first time in the League's 62-year history. The AHL has set a League attendance mark each of the past six seasons. Total attendance has increased nearly 60-percent since the conclusion of the 1992-93 season.

□ For the second consecutive season, the Philadelphia Phantoms finished the regular season with the best record in the AHL thus winning the inaugural MacGregor Kilpatrick Trophy. The MacGregor Kilpatrick Trophy is named after the long serving League Vice-President who passed away early this season.

□ The AHL had several outstanding rookies this past season. Three AHL rookies finished among the Top-15 in League scoring led by Dudley "Red" Garrett Award winner and BAUER AHL All-Rookie Team member Daniel Briere of the Springfield Falcons who was fourth in scoring with 92 points (36-56-92). Albany River Rats center Brendan Morrison (35-49-84) and Hartford Wolf Pack center Marc Savard (21-53-74), both members of the BAUER AHL All-Rookie Team, also finished in the Top-15 in scoring. The Adirondack Red Wings established new franchise records for power-play opportunities (443) and power-play goals (87).

□ Syracuse goalie Corey Hirsch played in 60 games for 3,512 minutes and made 1,724 saves despite spending a month of the season in the NHL with the Vancouver Canucks.

□ Mighty Ducks center Bob Wren finished second in the AHL in scoring with 100 points on 42 goals and 58 assists. Wren was the only player in the League to finish in the Top-10 in scoring while also accumulating more than 100 penalty minutes (151).

□ Rookie John Grahame recorded 15 of the Providence Bruins 19 victories including a franchise record three shutouts. Herbert Vasiljevs became only the fourth player to register four goals in a game this season when he lit the lamp four times in New Haven's 6-2 victory over Hartford on April 10.

□ More than 500 fans were on hand to see former Cincinnati Swords Floyd Smith, Bill Hajt, Ray McKay and Gary Bromley April 10 at the Florence Mall.

□ The Mighty Ducks attracted their second largest crowd of 7,449 for the regular season finale on April 10 vs. Syracuse. Cincinnati averaged over 7,100 a game over its last two home appearances at the Cincinnati Gardens.

□ Mike Crowley recorded the first points of his NHL career with two assists April 15 for the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim against Edmonton.

□ The Mighty Ducks are planning on instituting a children's ticket price for the 1998-99 season. More than 7,000 children were in the Mighty Ducklings Kids Club for the 1997-98 season.

## Saint John Flames' Bill Stewart Named AHL Coach Of The Year

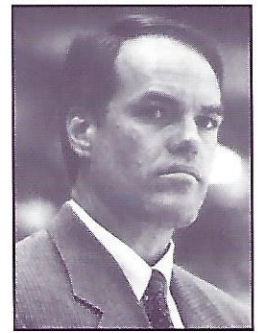
Bill Stewart of the Saint John Flames has been named the recipient of the Louis A.R. Pieri Memorial Award as the AHL's Coach of the Year for the 1997-98 season. The Pieri Award is selected by the AHL writers and broadcasters association.

Stewart coached the Flames to the best record in the franchise's five-year history including their first Atlantic Division title and AHL Chrysler Cup. Stewart guided the Flames to a record of 43-24-0-13 for 99 points, a League-best 27 point improvement from last season. Under his direction, the Flames set franchise records for wins (43), points (99) and fewest goals-against (201) breaking the old marks of 37 victories, 85 points and 264 goals-against.

Stewart is in his first year as head coach of Saint John after spending one season behind the bench of the OHL Champion Oshawa Generals, leading them to a Memorial Cup semi-finals appearance.

Stewart played eight seasons in the NHL as a defenseman with Buffalo, St. Louis, Toronto and Minnesota recording 71 points on seven goals and 64 assists with 424 penalty minutes in 261 games. He was named the Sabres' Rookie of the Year in 1978-79 and led the NHL in plus/minus during the 198-81 season. The Toronto, Ontario native played in the 1992 and 1994 Winter Olympics for Italy.

Past winners of the Pieri Award include Frank Mathers (1969); Al MacNiel (1972, 1977); Floyd Smith (1973); Don Cherry (1974); John Muckler (1975); Jacques Demers (1983); Mike Milbury (1988); Jim Roberts (1990); Marc Crawford (1993); Barry Trotz (1994) and Robbie Forek (1995, 1996).



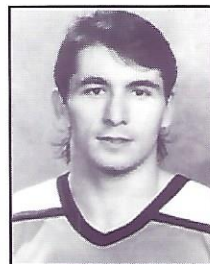
Bill Stewart

## Philadelphias's Peter White Wins AHL Scoring Title For Third Time

Center Peter White of the Philadelphia Phantoms is the recipient of the John B. Sollenberger Trophy for the 1997-98 season as the League's Top Scorer. White scored 27 goals and added a League leading 78 assists for 105 points to win his second consecutive AHL scoring title and third in the last four years. He is just the fourth player to win back-to-back Sollenberger Trophies and first since current Nashville Predators assistant coach Paul Gardner did so in 1985 and 1986.

The 29-year-old native of Montreal, joins Bill Sweeney as the only three time winner of the Sollenberger Trophy. Sweeney won the Trophy three consecutive seasons (1960-62) with Springfield. White's first scoring title came during the 1994-95 season while playing for Edmonton's AHL affiliate in Cape Breton, scoring 105 points (36-69-105). Last season, his first with Philadelphia, White collected 105 points (44-61-105). In six AHL seasons, White has 438 points on 146 goals and 292 assists in 351 AHL games.

White, a member of the Canadian AHL All-Star Team for the second consecutive season, is just the fourth AHL player to record three 100-point seasons. In addition to White and Sweeney, Tim Tookey and Bruce Boudreau reached the 100-point plateau three times. The fourth choice of the Edmonton Oilers in the 1989 NHL Entry Draft, he has been named an AHL Second Team All-Star twice. White has played in 62 NHL games with Toronto and Edmonton, registering 22 points on 10 goals and 12 assists.

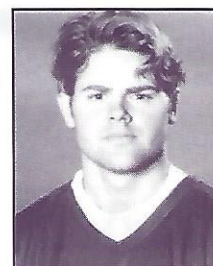


Peter White

## Kentucky's Steve Guolla Named AHL'S Most Valuable Player

The American Hockey League announced April 11 that center Steve Guolla of the Kentucky Thoroughblades is the recipient of the Les Cunningham Award as the League's Most Valuable Player for the 1997-98 season. The Cunningham Award is selected by the AHL players and media in each of the League's 18 cities.

Guolla finished third in the AHL in scoring this past season with 100 points on 37 goals and 63 assists. The 25-year-old



Steve Guolla

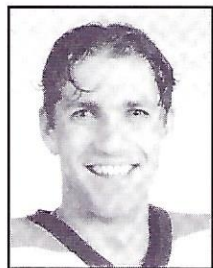
Scarborough, Ontario native led Kentucky in scoring and plus-minus (plus-15). He had an AHL high six shorthanded goals and was named Sher-Wood AHL Player of the Week three times during the season, becoming the first ever player to accomplish the feat.

Guolla was the Ottawa Senators' first choice, third overall, in the 1994 NHL Supplemental Draft. He signed with San Jose as a free agent in August, 1996. He appeared in seven games with the Sharks this season.

Guolla was a starter for the Canadian AHL All-Star Team, his second All-Star appearance in the League, scoring a goal and adding an assist in the game.

## New Haven's Todd MacDonald Named ITECH AHL Goaltender Of The Month

Todd MacDonald of the Beast of New Haven was named the ITECH AHL Goaltender of the Month for April. MacDonald played in six of New Haven's seven games during the month and went 4-1-1 with a 1.48 goals-against average and .950 save percentage.



Todd MacDonald

The highlight of the month for MacDonald were his back-to-back victories over division leaders Springfield (3-2) and Philadelphia (2-1). The seventh choice of the Florida Panthers in the 1993 NHL Entry Draft also had a 32-save shutout over the Providence Bruins. On the season, the 22-year-old MacDonald posted an 8-3-2 record with a 2.28 goals-against average, .929 save percentage and one shutout.

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## Saint John Flames Jean-Sebastien Giguere and Tyler Moss Share Holmes Trophy

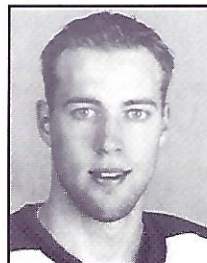
The American Hockey League announced April 15 that Saint John Flames goaltenders Jean-Sebastien Giguere and Tyler Moss have won the Harry "Hap" Holmes Trophy. The Holmes Trophy is presented annually to the team with the lowest goals-against average providing each goaltender has appeared in a minimum of 25 regular season games. The Flames finished the season with a team goals-against average of 2.48 with Giguere and Moss finishing third and fourth, respectively in the League.

Giguere, who was named to the BAUER AHL All-Rookie Team, finished the season third in the AHL with a 2.46 goals-against average. Despite missing eight weeks with a knee injury, the Hartford Whalers first choice, 13th overall, in the 1995 NHL Entry Draft posted a 16-10-3 record in 31 appearances with two shutouts and a League-best .926 save percentage. The 20-year-old native of Montreal was selected to play for the Canadian AHL All-Stars at the 1998 AHL All-Star Classic but was unable to participate due to his injury.

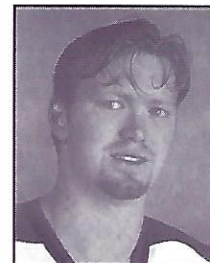
Moss finished the season with a 2.49 goals-against average in 39 games. The second choice, 29th overall, of the Tampa Bay Lightning in the 1993 NHL Entry Draft finished with a 19-10-7 record and a .923 save percentage, second in the League on to

Giguere. Moss played in six games with the Calgary Flames with a 3.27 goals-against average. The 22-year-old native of Ottawa, Ontario was named ITECH AHL Goaltender of the Month for October.

Past winners of the Holmes Trophy include Johnny Bower (1957, 1958); Gerry Cheevers (1965); Jon Casey (1985); Byron Dafoe and Olaf Kolzig (1994) and Mike Dunham and Corey Schwab (1995).



Jean-Sebastien Giguere



Tyler Moss

## Worcester's Michal Handzuz Named Bauer AHL Rookie of the Month For April

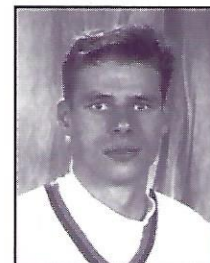
The American Hockey League named Worcester IceCats center Michal Handzuz BAUER AHL Rookie of the Month for April. Handzuz, a native of Banska Bystrica, Slovakia, recorded seven points on three goals and four assists in four games.

The highlight of the month for the 21-year-old was his four-point game (2-2-4) against the Providence Bruins on April 5, to go along with his two-point game (1-1-2) April 1 against the St. John's Maple Leafs.

Handzuz finished the season as Worcester's leading scorer with 63 points on 27 goals and 36 assists, which was fourth among AHL rookies.

His 27 goals is a new IceCats rookie record.

The third choice of the St. Louis Blues in the 1995 NHL Entry Draft was a member of the PlanetUSA AHL All-Star Team and was named Ice Breakers Top Rookie of the Game after tying an AHL All-Star record with three assists. He also won the Sher-Wood Accuracy Shooting in the IcePro AHL All-Star Skills Competition.



Michal Handzuz



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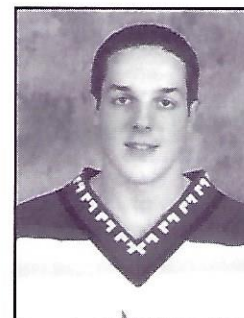
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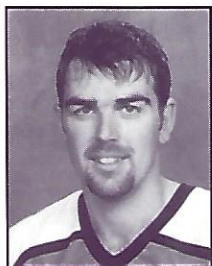
# Philadelphia's Jamie Heward Named AHL's Outstanding Defenseman

The American Hockey League announced April 10 that Jamie Heward of the Philadelphia Phantoms has been named the recipient of the Eddie Shore Award as the League's outstanding defenseman for the 1997-98 season.

The Shore Award is selected by the AHL players and media in each of the League's 18 cities.

Heward led all AHL defenseman in scoring with 65 points in 72 games. He finished second among AHL blueliners in goals (17) and assists (48) and third in plus/minus with a plus-21 rating. The 27-year-old native of Regina, Saskatchewan finished fourth on the Phantoms in scoring. He was also named an AHL First Team All-Star for the second time in his career.

Heward was a member of the Canadian AHL All-Star Team winning the Sher-Wood Hardest Shot Event (97.3 MPH) at the IcePro AHL All-Star Skills Competition as well as



Jamie Heward

scoring two goals in the All-Star Game. He was originally the Pittsburgh Penguins first choice, 16th overall, in the 1989 NHL Entry Draft. Heward was in his first season with the Phantoms after splitting the past two seasons with the St. John's and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Past winners of the Eddie Shore Award include Al Arbour (1964-65); Brian Engblom (1976-77); Terry Murray (1977-78, 1978-79); Eric Weinrich (1989-90); Norm Maciver (1990-91) and Bobby Dollas (1992-93).

## Did You Know?

Two-hundred and thirty-three players spent time in both the American Hockey League and the National Hockey League this season led by the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks

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with 19 players to play in the AHL and NHL, followed by the Hartford Wolf Pack and Hamilton Bulldogs with 18 players each. Following is a breakdown by AHL team of those players:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Adirondack	10
Albany	15
MIGHTY DUCKS	19
Fredericton	12
Hamilton	18
Hartford	18
Hershey	9
Kentucky	15
New Haven	16
Philadelphia	5
Portland	15
Providence	14
Rochester	11
Saint John	17
Springfield	12
St. John's	8
Syracuse	13
Worcester	8

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