

John M. Rolli, Jr.

1969 - Distinguished Alumni



John Rolli, a 1969 Stoneham High graduate, had a passion for hockey that began while skating outside at Rec Park in Stoneham. He carried this love of hockey from those early days to a successful coaching career at UMass Dartmouth. During 24 seasons as head ice hockey coach at UMass Dartmouth, John Rolli's teams have put together an unprecedented record of accomplishment in New England collegiate ice hockey. Rolli's career record at UMass Dartmouth through the 2008 season was 484-128-21 (.783), which ranks as the highest winning percentage of any college hockey coach in the country for all NCAA divisions.

In March of 2009, Rolli won his 500th career game when the Corsairs beat Johnson & Wales in the final game of the regular season.

Beginning the 2008-09 season, Rolli is first among all active college hockey coaches in terms of winning percentage. He is ranked eighth among all active coaches (18th overall) and third in NCAA Division III with his 484 career wins. UMass Dartmouth's post-season record of success continued with its 27th tournament invitation in the last 27 seasons, dating back to the 1980-81 season. UMass Dartmouth has made the NCAA Division III Championships in each of the last three seasons.

A six-time New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year (1989, 1993, 1996, 2005, 2006 and 2007), Rolli was selected as ECAC Co-Coach of the Year for the third straight year following the 2007-2008 season.

John resides with his wife in Marion, Mass