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MARK JOHNSON of WISCONSIN IS AHCA WOMEN'S DIVISION I COACH of the YEAR

For his efforts in leading the University of Wisconsin to its fourth NCAA title in six years, Mark Johnson has been named by his peers as the AHCA Women's Division I Coach of the Year for 2010-11. The Badgers compiled a record of 37-2-2 this year, winning both the WCHA regular season and tournament titles as well as the NCAA National Collegiate Championship. For Johnson, it is his fourth Coach of the Year Award, having been similarly honored in 2006, 2007 and 2009.

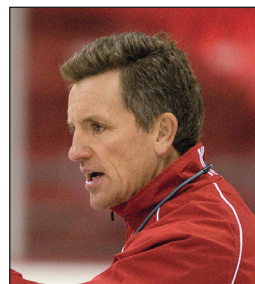
Wisconsin entered the NCAA tournament on a 24-game unbeaten streak, having last tasted defeat on November 28. The Badgers ended the year as they began. Unbeaten in its final 27 games (25-0-2), Wisconsin started the season 8-0. In the NCAA Championship, Wisconsin downed #5 Minnesota-Duluth, 2-1, #3 Boston College, 3-2, and #2 Boston University, 4-1.

Johnson has a career record of 247-41-24 (.830) in eight seasons as head coach of the Badgers. (He was away for 2009-10 with the U.S. Olympic Team.) His winning percentage ranks him first among active NCAA Division I women's head coaches.

However, Johnson's fame in Madison began years before assuming his current role. A two-time All American and the school's all-time goal-scoring leader (125 goals in 125 games), Johnson led his Badgers to an NCAA title in 1977 and was WCHA MVP in 1979, before embarking on an impressive post-college career. A star on the 1980 "Miracle On Ice" U.S. Olympic Team, Johnson enjoyed a 11-year NHL career before retiring as a player and getting into coaching. He is the son of the late coaching icon, Bob Johnson, who coached at Colorado College and the University of Wisconsin, before winning two Stanley Cups with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Johnson was assisted this season by Tracy DeKeyser, Jackie Friesen, and Mark Greenhalgh. The runner-up for this year's AHCA Women's Division I Coach of the Year award was Brian Durocher of Boston University, whose Terriers lost to Wisconsin in the 2011 NCAA championship game, 4-1.

The Coach of the Year Award winners are chosen by members of the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA). Winners will receive their awards at the annual AHCA "Celebration of Women's Hockey" Banquet, held in conjunction with the AHCA Convention in Naples, FL. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, April 29.



Winners of the AHCA Women's Division I Coach of the Year Award

1998	Laura Halldorson, Minnesota
1999	Katey Stone, Harvard University
2000	Judy Oberting, Dartmouth College
2001	Paul Flanagan, St. Lawrence
2002	Laura Halldorson, Minnesota
2003	Shannon Miller, Minnesota-Duluth
2004	Laura Halldorson, Minnesota
2005	Mike Sisti, Mercyhurst College
2006	Mark Johnson, Wisconsin
2007	Mark Johnson, Wisconsin
2008	Jim Fetter, Wayne State University
2009	Mark Johnson, Wisconsin
2010	Doug Derraugh, Cornell
2011	Mark Johnson, Wisconsin

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