

Michigan Tech Team Awards

Gitzen-Loutit Memorial Award (Outstanding Defenseman)

The award is named after two Michigan Tech students, one a hockey player, Bob Gitzen, and Richard Loutit. Both were killed on Jan. 14, 1950, in a bus accident involving the varsity hockey team.

WINNER: John Schwarz

Gary Crosby Memorial Award (Leading Scorer)

Named after an outstanding varsity hockey player who led Michigan Tech in scoring his sophomore season. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Kings after his sophomore campaign and signed a pro contract. Unfortunately he was killed in a car accident soon after.

WINNER: Jordan Baker

Merv Young Award (Most Valuable Player)

This award is named in honor of a man who put his heart and soul into promoting hockey. The fact that hockey played such an important part in the life of the Copper Country is a tribute to his promotion. John W. Rice, publisher and editor of the Daily Mining Gazette, donated the trophy to the college and presented it to the first winner, Bob McManus, in 1955.

WINNER: Jordan Baker

George McCarthy Performance Award (Athletic & Academic Achievement)

Named after the late George McCarthy, a former hockey player at Michigan Tech and member of the school's Sports Hall of Fame.

WINNER: Bennett Royer