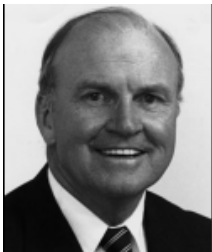




# Cleary & Whitelaw Cups

## William J. Cleary Cup



On March 16, 2001, at the 40th league championship in Lake Placid, N.Y., ECAC Hockey paid tribute to retiring Harvard Director of Athletics William J. "Bill" Cleary Jr. by re-naming its regular-season trophy the William J. Cleary Cup.

Cleary, whose association with Harvard spanned six decades and included experiences as a student-athlete, coach, and administrator, served as director of athletics since February 14, 1990, after 19 seasons as the school's men's ice hockey coach.

Harvard enjoyed a great deal of on-field success during Cleary's tenure. From the winter of 1990 through June 2001, Crimson teams captured 69 Ivy League titles and 28 National championships, including the 1990 NCAA women's lacrosse crown and the 1998-99 women's ice hockey title.

In 1997, Cleary received the Lester Patrick Award for contributions to hockey, was named to the NCAA Ice Hockey 50th Anniversary Team, was chosen the U.S. Hockey Player of the Decade (1956-66), and was inducted into the International Ice Hockey Hall of Fame. In 1996, he was selected one of the "100 Golden Olympians" by the U.S. Olympic Committee. He had previously been inducted in to the United States Olympic Hall of Fame in 1989.

Cleary ranks among the greatest athletes to play for Harvard, and he still holds or shares seven University records in hockey. He was a First Team All-America selection in 1954-55 when he helped the Crimson get a berth in the NCAA Final Four.



On March 9, 1989, the league paid tribute to retiring Commissioner Robert M. "Scotty" Whitelaw by announcing that the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship trophy would be named the Whitelaw Cup.

Whitelaw joined the ECAC in 1960 as Assistant Commissioner, two years before the ECAC Division I Ice Hockey Championship was formalized. He became commissioner of the nation's largest athletic conference in 1972 after the retirement of George L. Shiebler, and served in that capacity until his retirement on June 30, 1989.

During his term as commissioner, Whitelaw was instrumental in helping the ECAC grow and prosper. Nearly 50 colleges and universities joined the ECAC during Whitelaw's tenure as commissioner, and when he retired, the conference sponsored over 90 men's and women's championships in 19 sports. Further, Whitelaw helped implement the ECAC's move in 1973 from the Royal Manhattan Hotel in New York to its current location, the Asa. S. Bushnell Center in Centerville, Massachusetts.

Whitelaw served many roles while with the ECAC. He was on the Executive Board of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame and served as an advisor to the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Association, the sponsor of the National Invitation Tournament. He also served on numerous NCAA committees.

