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Icemen's Tim Mattila Receives Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Coach of the Year Award

ROCKFORD IL – Rockford Icemen hockey team coach Tim Mattila was honored with the Billy Reay Coach of the Year Award from the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association on March 8, 2010 during the Keith Magnuson Scholarship Luncheon held in Oakbrook Ill.

Named for the famous longtime former Chicago Blackhawks hockey coach, the award is given to a high school hockey coach who has distinguished themselves in the previous season as a coach, mentor, and as an individual representing and giving back to high school hockey in Illinois and to the game in general. Attendees of the event were all the current Blackhawks players, coaches, and management, as well as former players, past scholarship recipients, and many Chicago business leaders.

Coach Mattila was invited to attend the Blackhawk Alumni media day on March 5 at Chicago's United Center, where he watched the Blackhawks pre-game skate, watch the Canucks practice, and had the opportunity to tour the Blackhawks locker room complex, meet players and coaches, and have lunch with former Blackhawk players and management.

Mattila has coached the Icemen to 14 state championships, and has been associated with Rockford Park District's hockey program for seven years holding hockey development and skills clinics for youth and adult players; he is currently the Director of Coaching Development for the Park District's ice facilities.

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