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# HEROES!

## **RIT men's hockey—the biggest story**

**in college hockey.** With their first-ever appearance at the 2009-2010 NCAA Division I Frozen Four tournament in Detroit, the RIT Tigers have captured the imagination of hockey fans across the country and inspired the “underdog” in all of us. RIT’s “dream team” has created a frenzy on campus and ignited school spirit among those who call RIT their home away from home. This is an amazing story of perseverance, dedication and talent—it’s about the belief in a team, the strengthening of a campus community and the pride that comes with being an RIT Tiger.



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# The Road to Detroit





TIGERS

# 2010 MEN'S FROZEN DETROIT



► **Team Spotlight**

## 2009–2010 RIT ‘Frozen Four’ Tigers

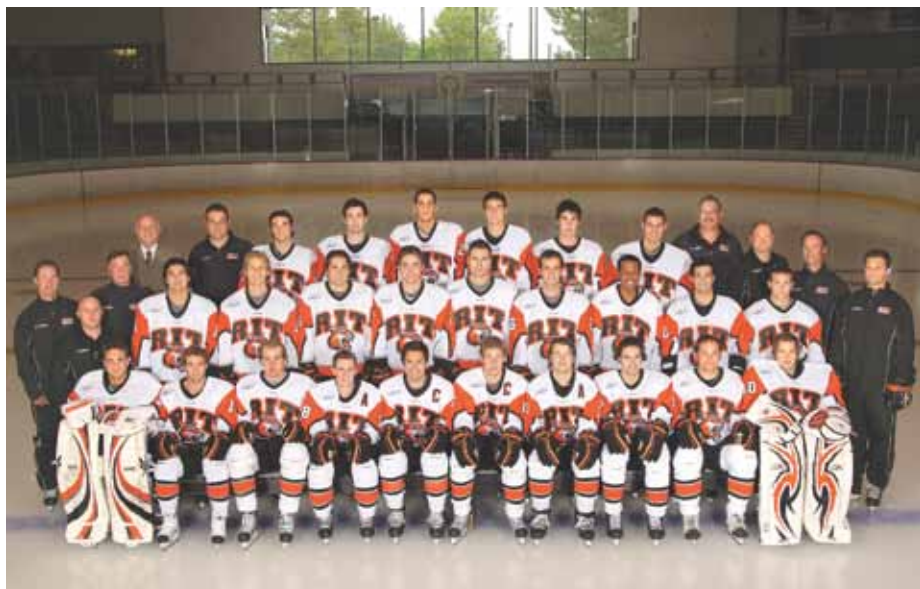


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**Bottom Row (left to right):** Jared DeMichiel, Tyler Mazzei, Alan Mazur, Andrew Favot (assistant captain), Stevan Matic (captain), Dan Ringwald (captain), Sean Murphy (assistant captain), Brent Alexin, Mike Janda, Jan Ropponen.

**Middle Row:** Associate Head Coach Brian Hills, Strength and Conditioning Coach/Athletic Trainer Tim Insko, Head Coach Wayne Wilson, Taylor McReynolds, Daniel Spivak, Riley Clark, Chris Haltigin, Tyler Brenner, Trevor Eckenswiller, Cameron Burt, Mark Cornacchia, Scott Knowles, Assistant Coach Dave Insalaco.

**Top Row:** Senior Associate Director for Athletics Greg Moss, Director of Hockey Operations Jeff Siegel, Chris Saracino, Jeff Smith, Adam Hartley, Chris Tanev, Bryan Potts, Shane Madolora, Rink Manager Stuart Hughes, Video Coordinator Mark Lessard, Volunteer Assistant Coach Mike Germain.

► **On Campus and In the Community**

## Igniting RIT spiRIT

The RIT community rallied around a group of young men who, for the first time in university history, made a name for themselves by reaching the NCAA Division I Frozen Four hockey tournament. With their dedicated fans displaying as a “sea of orange” at Detroit’s Ford Field, the team “earned its stripes” and introduced the nation to a campus community of students, faculty, staff and alumni more than 120,000 members strong. As a result, this team has enhanced a university—and a city—of die-hard Tiger fans. Viewing parties took place on campus and across Rochester, victory celebrations lasted into the wee hours of the morning, and social networking sites buzzed with commentary from energized fans. What the Tigers have accomplished within merely five seasons of Division I hockey is amazing, and a legitimate source of pride for RIT. We offer this publication as a tribute to the hard work, determination and spiRIT of Tiger hockey.

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► **In Retrospect**

## Building A Winning Tradition



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Coach Brian Mason hoists the NCAA Division II men's hockey championship trophy following the RIT team's triumphant victory for the 1982-1983 season.



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Members of the 1984-1985 RIT men's hockey squad display the team trophy and individual awards after winning the Division III NCAA title.