

HERB BROOKS COACHING THE 1980 US-ICE HOCKEY TEAM TO GOLD

The famous American ice hockey coach died in a car accident on 11 August, 2003. He was 66 year old. He'd fallen asleep at the wheel whilst travelling to Minnesota Airport on Interstate Highway 35 near Forest Lake.

At the time of his death he was a scout for the *Pittsburgh Penguins*.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was coaching the USA team to the gold medal at the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics.

Under his charge a team of college boys sensationally beat



the strong Soviet team 4 :3 and clinched the gold medal with a 4 : 2 win against Finland in the Final. He also guided the USA to the silver medal in Salt Lake City in 2002.

In domestic Ice hockey he was coach of the *New York Rangers* (1981 – 85), the *Minnesota North Stars* (1987 – 88), the *New Jersey Devils* (1987 – 88) and the *Pittsburgh Penguins* (1999 – 2000).

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