

Doug Simunic Named 2008 Manager of the Year

RedHawks Skipper Honored for Sixth Time in Career

The Northern League announced that Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks Manager Doug Simunic was named Northern League Manager of the Year as voted on by the league's managers, pitching coaches, general managers, radio announcers, and local media (2).

Simunic, who led the RedHawks to a league-best 62-34 (.646) record in 2008, is taking home the N.L. Manager of the Year honors for the sixth time in his career. He is the all-time winningest manager in Northern League history posting an impressive 865-543 (.614) managerial record with three different NL franchises (Rochester Aces/1993, Winnipeg Goldeyes/1994-95, Fargo-Moorhead/1996-present). With the RedHawks, he has averaged 57 wins per season and has qualified his clubs for the post-season in 12 of 13 years.



Simunic has won four Northern League Titles, three with Fargo-Moorhead (1998, 2003, and 2006). Under Simunic's helm, the RedHawks have now posted the league's best regular season record seven times (1996, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, and 2008). He earned his 800th Northern League victory in 2007 and has now recorded 16 winning seasons in 16 years as a Northern League manager. He has only missed making the playoffs in one season (2002).

In 2003, Simunic was a Team USA Coach in the 2003 World Baseball Cup. That team of independent league players finished in fifth place.



Northern League Managers of the Year

Year	Player	Team
2008	Doug Simunic	Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks
2007	Greg Tagert	Gary SouthShore RailCats
2006	Doug Simunic	Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks
2005	Doug Simunic	Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks
2004	Andy McCauley	Schaumburg Flyers
2003	Doug Simunic	Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks
2002	Joe Calfapietra	Gary SouthShore RailCats
2001	Doc Edwards	Sioux Falls Canaries
2000	Benny Castillo	Duluth-Superior Dukes
1999	Ed Nottle	Sioux City Explorers
1998	Doug Simunic	Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks
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