

MHSA ATHLETES' HALL OF FAME

Mat Seidensticker Shelby High School (1995)

Inducted 2022

Mat participated in basketball and track all four years of high school. He attended Kremlin Gildford (now North Star) his freshman and sophomore years before finishing high school at Shelby. Mat earned Class B all-state basketball honors his junior and senior years (1994 & 1995). He was selected to the Great Falls Tribune's All-State boys' basketball team, the Montana-Wyoming All-Star game, and was a McDonald's All American nominee his senior year. Mat averaged over 23 points per game, logging more than 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds during his prep basketball career, and his 64 consecutive free throws made over 18 games in 1995 is an MHSA record. In 2016, MTN Sports included him in their #mttOP50 prep boys' basketball players. Mat excelled in multiple track events, including hurdles, jumps, and relays. He was a member of back-to-back Class B track-and-field state championship teams at Shelby (1994 & 1995), winning individual championships in the 110m high hurdles and high jump while scoring 38.5 points at the state meet in 1995. After high school, Mat received a scholarship to continue playing basketball at the University of Montana in Missoula. He was a steady contributor in 109 games as a Grizzly, including a 1997 NCAA Tournament appearance. Mat was twice named the team's Outstanding Defensive Player, sharing the award in 1998 (J.R. Camel) and the sole recipient in 1999. He shared the Most Inspirational Player award in 1999 (Mike Warhank). Mat resides in Lolo, Montana, with his partner, Peggy Persico, and his son, Chip.

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