Over a century of high school hockey tradition

The Birth of High School Hockey in Minneapolis

Around the turn of the century, Minneapolis schools were among the first high schools in the state to form a varsity team. By 1914, the Minneapolis High School conference formed.

> In 1948, Minneapolis West's Arnie Oss was All-City basketball, baseball, and football. Because hockey was not played by the Minneapolis schools during the war, Oss settled for basketball in the winter. Post high school, he became an All-American hockey player at Dartmouth and went on to lead the USA to a Silver Medal in the 1952 Olympics.

1950 - 1960, The Alm Family (Gary, Larry, Rick, Mike, Tim & Tony) led Minneapolis South for a decade where each earned All-City honors for their play and appeared in the 1954, 1955 and 1957 State Tournaments.

In 1950 - 1955. The Westby's (Dick, Jim & Jerry) led Minneapolis South to three State Tourney's ('50,'54,'55). Jim later plays for the 1964 Olympic team.

In 1980, Minneapolis Roosevelt alum Mike Ramsey wins the "Miracle on Ice" gold medal at the Lake Placid Olympics.

In 1968, Minneapolis Southwest's Jeff Rotsch becomes the first Minneapolis High School player to be drafted by the NHL. Rotsch would star for the Wisconsin Badgers and captain In 1995, after Minnesota becomes the first state in the country to sanction girls hockey as a varsity sport, Minneapolis forms its first girls high school varsity team. Original member. 3x captain. 2x All-State Hockey, Minneapolis South's Gretchen Anderson Hansen goes on to play D1 hockey on the first womens' University of Wisconsin Badaers Hockey Team.

In 1990, Minneapolis Edison's Joe Dziedzic is named "Mr. Hockey." Dziedzic goes on to star for the Gophers and play for the NHL (Penguins). Since 2012, Dziedzic has led the Minneapolis Boys High School hockey team as head coach.

In 2020, Minneapolis hosts the 14th Annual Hockey Day Minnesota. Minneapolis Boys play against Warroad and Minneapolis Girls take on Academy of Holy Angels.

In 1936, Minneapolis West's Phil Labatte becomes the first Minneapolis High School hockey alum to play on a USA Olympic team (Bronze Medal).

> In 1938, Minneapolis South's Cully Dahlstrom and Minneapolis North's Virgil Johnson are the first Minneapolis High School alums to win the Stanley Cup (Chicago Blackhawks).

1950

In 1949 and 1950. Minneapolis South's Gene Campbell led the Tigers to two State Tourney appearances. He would later go on to captain the 1956 Silver Medal USA Olympic Team.

In 1954, Minneapolis Central's

Southwest alum Dick Meredith wins the Silver Medal (1956) skatina for the USA.

In 1960, Minneapolis and Gold Medal(1960)

the 1975 USA

Olympic Team.

Minneapolis wins the State Tournament against Edina in overtime with **Brad Shelstad** making one of the most meaninaful

saves in Minnesota

hockey history.

In 1970,

In 1985, Minneapolis Southwest's Tom Chorske becomes Minnesota's first "Mr. Hockey." He later goes on to star for the Gophers and wins the Stanley Cup (1995)

In 2005 - 2010.

of Minneapolis.

Minneapolis consolidated its seven

high schools to form cooperatives

between the schools, first establishing

two "East" & "West" teams and then

one city-wide team to represent all

Joe Dziedzic's leadership, Minneapolis returns to the State Tournament after a 28 year hiatus.

In 2022, under head coach

There is more hockey history to be made in Minneapolis

Dick Burg is All-City for three years. He later goes on to be an All-American at the U of MN and played on several USA National Teams. New Jersey Devils).

From 1946 – 2022 Minneapolis has made 38 State Tournament Appearances



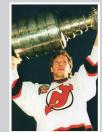














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