



# MSHSLconnect

## SNAPSHOTS: Girls Sports in MN



**Editor's Note:** On June 23, 2022, Title IX, the landmark federal civil rights law that brought equality and athletic opportunities for girls and women, will celebrate its 50th year. Throughout the 2021-22 school year, the Minnesota State High School League will celebrate the trailblazers and share their stories.

## Weller Johnson, thanks for the Inspiration!



Lisa Lissimore,  
Associate Director

**As we celebrate the 50th year of the passage** of Title IX legislation, I can't help but think of all the remarkable men and women who've influenced my life and helped me fulfill my dream of becoming an athlete. I'm particularly reminded of the story of Weller Johnson, a gifted and talented athlete, whose determination to play and compete inspired me. She was my peer role model. I wanted to emulate her success.

It started in 1970 when my family moved from one side of St. Paul's Rondo Neighborhood to the other. I was 10 years old and a student at J.J. Hill Elementary School. Recess was my favorite class. It was at J.J. Hill where I met Weller, who was an athletically-gifted girl who loved recess more than I did. Everything she did, whether it was running, jumping,

throwing or playing kickball, I tried to do as well. After playing on the playground together for several weeks, Weller asked if I wanted to join the girls flag football team at the Oxford Recreation Center.

"What is football and where is Oxford?" I asked. I didn't know much about the game and had no idea where Oxford was.

The Oxford Recreation Center was a two-story brick building that included a gym, activity rooms, and football and baseball fields. It was located on the corner of Iglehart Avenue and Lexington Parkway across the street from St. Paul Central High School. Bill Peterson was the Oxford Center director. With permission from my mom, I ventured down to Oxford where I played wide receiver and caught many passes from Weller. Our team played other St. Paul recreation centers that fielded girls teams and had a good season under the leadership of Steve Winfield. This was my first taste of organized sports and it was two years prior to the passage of Title IX.



**St. Paul PeeWee Baseball City Champions 1974**  
(L to R front) Kevin Bivens, Benny Christian, Denny Christian, Tony Lee, Weller Johnson, Royal Gooden, Henry Simmons, Rickie Lewis. (L to R back) Scott Peterson, Chris McWatt, Jeffrey Tillman, John Withers, Coach Steve Winfield, Drafford Crowe, Alex Jackson, Assistant Coach John Scott. Not pictured, Coach Bill Peterson

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Tasha Feigh, a 2014 graduate of Osseo High School, competed in 17 adapted athletics state tournaments during her six seasons as a participant. During that span, her soccer, floor hockey and softball teams had a cumulative 195-56-3 record with two state championships and seven appearances in title games.

Her dominance paved the way to being selected the school's Athena Award winner, an honor given to the top senior female student-athlete.

Four years later, Feigh continued to dominate, this time in gymnastics at the Special Olympics USA Games. During the competition in early July of 2018 in Seattle, she won the gold medal on the vault and then earned silver medals on the balance beam, bars, floor exercise and the all-around.

Feigh was selected one of 11 honorees in the Land O' Lakes Title IX Championship Tour that is a lead-up to the 2022 NCAA Women's Final Four that will be played April 1 and 3 at Target Center in downtown Minneapolis.

### On this date:

- 1974 --- St. Cloud Cathedral's Mary Prebil wins the first singles championship at the girls tennis state tournament.
- 1975 --- Girls soccer is sanctioned.
- 1980 --- Bloomington Jefferson wins the first girls soccer state tournament.
- 1988 --- Columbia Heights wins its state-record 85th consecutive match.
- 1994 --- Carrie Tollefson of Dawson-Boyd/Lac qui Parle Valley wins a state record fifth consecutive cross country championship.
- 2019 --- Edina wins its state-best 19th state championship in girls swimming.



# Weller Johnson proved to be an inspirational role model

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Weller Johnson

And, I loved it!

Being the new kid in the neighborhood, involvement in sports really helped me adapt to my new surroundings. I really felt a strong sense of belonging. So, when the flag football season ended, I played basketball on Oxford's girls team. Bill Peterson coached us, and his military coaching style was different than anything I had ever experienced. He was as tough on us as he was on the boys he coached.

While running and catching a football came easy for me, basketball did not. I could dribble with my head down and play pretty good defense, but I couldn't shoot nor make a layup. We played 6-on-6 and I was assigned to the defensive end of the court where I watched Weller shoot jumpers and dribble past defenders with ease in making layups from both sides of the basket. I was awestruck. I told myself that I had to get better so I could play on the offensive end of the court with Weller. I began playing basketball every chance I could with anyone who wanted to compete including my sister, Roxanne, and my cousin, Linda Roberts.

When the basketball season ended, my teammates and I played softball and ran track. Thanks to Bill and many others, including Steve Winfield, Debbie Montgomery, Frank White and Jim Robinson, we had a year-round program of sports equal to that of the boys, and in many instances, we were coached by women. They were Cordelia Mazique, Phyllis Vonn, Lynn Foster and Betrice Williams. This is not a theme that's heard in stories of female athletes who are my age. The leaders at Oxford were ahead of the times. I am grateful for their guidance and for the countless opportunities to test my athletic abilities.

By the next season, Weller was a star performer on Oxford's boys football team. She was their starting quarterback and I was the quarterback for the girls flag football team. Also that year, girls were allowed to play 5-on-5 basketball. I proudly ran the court with Weller, Rita Burch, Candace Robinson, Rosie Burch, Anita Lewis, Linda Roberts and a host of others. We all fell in love with the game of basketball and went on to play together at Ramsey Junior High School and Central High School where we won the Class AA Basketball State Championship in 1976.

Another moment of glory for Weller came in 1974 when she played, at the age of 12 years old, on Oxford's Peewee Baseball team that won the St. Paul City championship. She is the only girl to ever play on an Oxford baseball team. The team's photo was a part of an exhibit "They Played for the Love of the Game" at the Ramsey County Historical Society.

Sadly, Weller died two years ago at the age of 59. For me and many others who attended her homegoing, which was held at Oxford, her life story of grit and courage remain an inspiration.



Weller Johnson, center, is included in a collage created as the St. Paul Saints baseball team honored the baseball community.

## Editor's Note: Lisa Lissimore



From the Oxford playground in St. Paul to the University of Minnesota, and for the past 32 years with the Minnesota State High School League, Lisa Lissimore has made an impact on and off the playing fields. As a youth in St. Paul's Rondo Neighborhood and then a student-athlete at St. Paul Central, she turned heads with athletic prowess and leadership characteristics. Shortly after completing her collegiate basketball career with the Gophers, she began a journey of leadership and service to the more than 500 member schools as an Associate Director of the Minnesota State High School League.

Among the many roles she holds with the League is overseeing girls and boys cross country, girls and boys swimming, girls basketball, synchronized swimming, badminton and softball. Lissimore also coordinates corporate sponsorships and oversees the League's recognition programs. Lissimore is recognized nationally as a pioneer in leadership and a champion in promoting accessibility and opportunities for all through co-curricular activities.

The National Federation of State High School Associations recognized Lissimore with a Section 5 Citation Award this past July. Section 5 is comprised of educational leaders in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

"All of my mentors and coaches were servant leaders," Lissimore said. "Their leadership philosophy was a combination of servant leadership and transformational leadership. It is from their examples that I learned to lead in the way I do. I am deeply indebted to them all.

"I came into this work because I believe high school activity programs make a difference in the lives of young people; providing them with opportunities to lead, learn, and grow. To be part of this type of learning that takes place in schools throughout the country is truly a blessing. I am grateful for the opportunity and happy to share my talents with others."



## Eastview educator/coach Tom Sharp runs to spotlight inclusion, opportunities



Eastview educator and coach Tom Sharp, and his rider, Ryan Costley, navigate the Mississippi River Road during the 2019 Twin Cities Marathon.

**Running competitively fueled Tom Sharp** for more than four decades, a span that included years at Minneapolis Roosevelt High School and the University of Wisconsin. While the dream career goal was service in medicine, instead, he answered a loud calling to teach. Though post-graduate work superseded his running, his commitment was re-engaged when he was hired at Eastview High School to teach honors-level science curriculum.

Through teaching and coaching cross country and track and field at the Apple Valley-based school, the competitive juices morphed into Sharp looking inward, and through self-exploration, his purpose became his daily drive.

“To enjoy life, to be truly successful, which is not tied to wealth and possessions, you need to have a purpose that is based on your basic values,” Sharp shared recently with Connect. “For me, that purpose, the why, is to serve others, to model service to others, to uplift my section of the world and help people overcome their challenges, adversity and fears.”

He did so by combining his lifelong zest for running with acts of service.

In 2019, motivated by the national Marathons with Meaning program, Sharp approached Eastview student Ryan Costley, then a junior, to gauge his interest in competing with him in the Twin Cities Marathon. Puzzled at first, Costley asked “why, me?” The always-upbeat Sharp responded, “why not?” Costley, a participant in the district’s adapted athletics programming, has ataxia telangiectasia, a neurological disorder commonly known as Louis-Bar Syndrome. He has used a wheelchair since the fourth grade.

Sharp wanted to give Costley an opportunity to experience firsthand the euphoria and pageantry of the Twin Cities Marathon. To do so, Sharp would supply the power and grit in pushing Costley the 26.2 miles in a specially-designed sport wheelchair. Costley agreed and Sharp re-energized his training with a renewed purpose. Costley did not participate in Sharp’s training. Instead, Sharp loaded a chair with sandbags to assimilate Costley’s weight.

The experience was so impactful that both Sharp and Costley participated in a virtual running of the TCM in 2020 and were at the starting line again last month. Sharp had been training for the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., that was to be held the weekend of Oct. 29-31. That event was cancelled, but Sharp traveled to the nation’s capital anyway, and did a virtual run with a graduate student from George Mason University.

Connect caught up with Sharp to reflect on these recent running experiences.

**Connect:** What was it about this idea that really inspired you?

**Sharp:** That is a difficult question, with multiple answers. What inspires any of us? Is it a cumulative effect of our life experiences; is it a singular life changing event? Is it looking for new challenges as you go through life? I grew up with a physician for a father and an RN for a mother. We were taught that you think of others before you think of yourself. When I volunteered in the early days of hospice care, I felt the impact of giving over receiving. Many years ago, when I started consistently running again, I looked for races with a good course and a good cause; the Moustache Run supporting prostate cancer research, the Frozen 5K and Polar Plunge in Minneapolis supporting Special Olympics MN are examples. Working in education, I am exposed daily to young people with and without disabilities who do amazing things – those with disabilities often had to create their own opportunities. The teams I coach have community service opportunities every season. We work with the Senior Center of Apple Valley, have performed service for a women’s shelter, annually do road cleaning, volunteered for local church communities, provided services for individuals in the community, host a 5K for Special Olympics MN and Unified Programs. If there is an opportunity to help, we will do our best to be involved. Personally, I try and model this behavior for our athletes. In the past, I have performed work with Loaves & Fishes cooking meals; Twin Cities Food Justice performing food rescues. When I read an article on Peter Kline and Marathons with Meaning, it was another opportunity to use a talent I had to give back. I cold-called Peter and asked him how to get started. Through the local running community, we were able to get registered in the 2019 Twin Cities Marathon, and also connected with Ben Delkoski of My Team Triumph of MN. Ben has been organizing duo runners for races in MN from 5K to marathons for many years. Once you run your first duo race, you are hooked for life! The short answer is the inspiration is the culmination of experiences, the need to pursue new physical and mental challenges, and the satisfaction of helping others.



With the Twin Cities Marathon cancelled because of COVID, Tom Sharp and Ryan Costley make their way through Eagan and Apple Valley on a 26.2-mile virtual course.

### do you know?

- 1 Who was the 1958 Minnesota State High School League Official Handbook dedicated to?
- 2 What is another reason that makes 1958 significant?
- 3 How many undefeated teams were there in eight-man football in 1957? Was your school one of them?
- 4 Who is considered the “Father of the State League?”
- 5 From 1997-2006, what two teams reigned in Girls Tennis in winning 10 consecutive team titles?

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Tom Sharp's wife, Joy, celebrates with Tom and Ryan on completing the 2021 Twin Cities Marathon.

**Connect:** What kind of reaction did you get from others on your vision of inclusion?

**Sharp:** Full and complete support, mixed with questions (you are doing what?), some disbelief – not negative. Even in the running community, folks are not aware of the opportunity to run as a duo. It isn't a negative thing, it's a lack of experience. Whether it is road races, unified sports, or other opportunities for inclusion, most people are unaware that the opportunities exist. To have full inclusion, these opportunities need to be as common and available as they are for people without a disability. There should be more than just a handful of athletes who use a wheelchair, or participate as a duo in our road races. You can get 24- hour free coverage of the Olympics on network and cable television, but, try and get even half that coverage for the Paralympic games. We are, unfortunately, still in a society that will talk about inclusion, broadcast inspiring stories of successful people with disabilities, but still do not embrace people with disabilities as valuable, productive members of society that can do anything if given the possibility.

**Connect:** You trained alone, what kept you going?

**Sharp:** Running on a daily basis is essentially a part of my DNA, it is something I have to do, even if it is just a short shake out run. During intense training sessions, I just think about my rider and how important it is to get them across the finish line.

**Connect:** At any point during your training, did you re-consider or think about telling Ryan that this just wasn't going to happen?

**Sharp:** I never considered quitting, as our high school track coach, Freeman McInroy, used to say "A quitter never wins and a winner never quits." Before the first duo marathon, I did have questions in the back of my head about what it would truly feel like physically to run 26 miles pushing a stroller and running without the ability to use my arms.

**Connect:** Take us back to the first race with you and Ryan. What was that like?

**Sharp:** While I had run five solo marathons, this was my first to do so with a race stroller. I believe I experienced every emotion possible – excitement, fear, nervousness, gratitude, fear again. I was confident in the training and the tips I had received from Peter. I was also mentally prepared knowing that it was not me racing, so all I had to do was cross the line and not compete for a position. But, having never completed a marathon pushing another human, how would I feel at the half, at 20 miles, during the long climb up Summit Avenue? If someone is going to choose a marathon to run their first duo, it should be the TCM with the incredible fan support. Peter commented that it was the most support in any race he had ever run as a duo. I don't believe Ryan was aware that we had signs attached to the side of the race stroller with his name. He kept asking how all the people knew him, or did they know me? Another example of how opportunities for inclusion are not well known, those who did not know us thought I was Ryan's father. It doesn't connect with people that someone outside of a family member would do this for a person with disabilities. The whole race was 4 1/2 hours of affirmation that we were doing a wonderful thing. Our school's multimedia program was able to obtain full press access to cover our run. When we crossed the finish line, and I put the finisher medal around Ryan's neck, it was very emotional. I struggled to answer the interview questions; I was so overwhelmed. There are very few times in life that I have felt such a sense of satisfaction for a goal accomplished. Ryan was a marathon finisher! I sent my children a copy of the interview, my daughter commented that she started crying because she could tell I was so emotional. In addition, we had raised more than \$2,000 for Special Olympics MN and Unified programs



Just strides away from completing the 2019 Twin Cities Marathon, Tom Sharp and Ryan Costley begin to feel the euphoria of finishing. (Photo courtesy of Eastview High School).

**Connect:** As you neared the St. Paul Cathedral and saw the finish line below, was there a surge of excitement for you and Ryan?

**Sharp:** The first concern was to use the brake on the stroller. My legs were tired and gravity was stronger than my turnover. The TCM is so well-supported, that excitement was prevalent throughout. Also, there were so many supporters from the Eastview community throughout the race, it kept the excitement level at a higher level. Yes, I felt an extra sense of satisfaction as we saw the finish line, only because I knew we had completed the first one and that there were many more ahead. I believe I asked Ryan right after we finished if he was ready for next year.

**Connect:** How special was it to cross the finish line and each of you earn a medal?

**Sharp:** There are no words that would adequately express the emotion of the moment

**Connect:** Upon deeper reflection, how did that first racing experience impact you?

**Sharp:** I immediately knew that I would rarely ever run a solo marathon again. If the pandemic had not hit, I would have done more races of all lengths for MY Team Triumph MN

**Connect:** You haven't stopped at just one race. What continues to inspire you in this way?

**Sharp:** Google My Team Triumph MN or Ainsley's Angels of America, just two organizations working hard for inclusion. Look at the smile on Ryan's face. Look at the smile on any rider in a duo at the finish of a race. No inspiration is needed to make someone feel equal, feel that they matter, feel like they are capable of anything!





Bozo Wincek



Bob Brink

## Two League Hall of Famers pass away

Officiating icon Darrell “Bozo” Wincek and legendary Rocori boys basketball coach Bob Brink, both members of the League’s Class of 2015 Hall of Fame, recently passed away.

Wincek, 82, passed away on Sept. 28, and Brink, 84, on Oct. 9.

Wincek was one of six founding members of Gopher State Officials which was formed in 1963. He was a registered official with the League for 59 years and served in numerous leadership capacities as he passionately engaged in the development of officiating and mentorships for decades. Dedicated to service, he gave back by fully investing in serving member schools, coaches and administrators. He is a member of numerous halls of fame.

Brink has the second most victories in Minnesota boys basketball history with 936 over a 51-year career. He coached Rocori for 43 seasons before retiring in 2012 after the Spartans had reached the state tournament for the 13th time during his tenure. Rocori won the Class AA championship in 1988 and was the Class AAA runner-up in 1999. The Spartans also finished third at the state tournament three times.

## in the mail



### ***This email was sent to the League last month by on officiating crew:***

We hear so much about officials being treated poorly, but here’s a positive from working the New London-Spicer at Dassel-Cokato football game on a cold, wet and windy night. Our crew thanks Dassel-Cokate for their efforts!

Dassel-Cokato activities director Perry Thinesen notified us prior to the event that Dassel-Cokato wished to recognize the officials working the football game. He noted that Dassel-Cokato offers an officiating class and the students would be helping take care of us during the game. Prior to the game the public address announcer read a short biography about each of the five officials working. We had emailed the information ahead of time. At halftime, students greeted us with a gift bag that included a personal thank you card and a Subway gift card. It is clear the Dassel-Cokato schools

value officials and demonstrates this not only with words of thanks but getting students interested in officiating while still in high school. We have no doubt that there are future officials in the Dassel-Cokato schools thanks to the leadership of Perry Thinesen and others.

Well done, Dassel-Cokato schools!

- Casey Pack**
- Lukas Pohlmeier**
- Craig Ehrlichman**
- Jake Anderson**
- Craig Grams**

## quiz answers

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1. Rochester Principal T.R. Ehrhorn. He completed a six-year term on the League’s Board of Control on June 1, 1958.
2. It was the 100th year of Minnesota’s statehood.
3. Nine. (Bigfork, Brookston, Cook, Hallock, Herman, McIntosh, Mapleton, Minnesota, Upsala)
4. Harry C. Bell, the chairman of the committee that formed the League and served as the first president in 1916.
5. Edina in Class AA; Rochester Lourdes in Class A.

## Save the Date

## November 3

Ever thought about becoming an official?

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# 2019-2020 Officials Service Award Recipients

**THE FOLLOWING MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE OFFICIALS ARE BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MEMBER SCHOOLS. SERVICE TIME COMPLETED FOLLOWING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR.**

## 60 YEARS

- John C. Linn, Woodbur

## 50 YEARS

- Charles A. Clausen, St. Cloud
- Dennis H. Roisum, Glencoe

## 40 YEARS

- Darwin Bachmann, Frazee
- Lee Backhaus, Alexandria
- Bradley Beckman, Hudson
- Jeb Blais, Austin
- Norm Brown, Medford
- Glen Caron, Estherville
- Warren Lee Cook, Sleepy Eye
- Michael Gager, Coleraine
- Art Hennington, Elk River
- William P. Lammer, St. Cloud
- Timothy A. Litfin, Waconia
- David L. Malley, Brooklyn Park
- Lee D. Meyer, Kasson
- Greg B. Rathbun, Byron
- Rick R. Rud, Lakeville
- Patrick Schneider, St. Joseph
- Dale J. Seavert, Becker
- Robert J. Smekta, Brooklyn Park

## 30 YEARS

- Steve W. Ammermann, Willmar
- Todd Boock, Slayton
- Kevin E. Brandt, Eagan
- Steve Burns, Clarissa
- Jim Carroll, Apple Valle;
- Mark F. Decker, Monticello
- Steve Dittrich, New Ulm
- Mitchell ElDorado, Andover
- Ken Freeman, Eagan
- Alan Fuerstenberg, St. Cloud
- William L. Furth, New Ulm
- Michael L. Gearman, Chaska
- John L. Hardgrove, North St. Paul
- Steven A. Hasse, Mankato
- Nepal C. Howlader, Woodbury
- Randy Jensen, Lakeville
- Brett D. Klosowski, Duluth
- Dean W. Kockelman, Eagan
- Rick J. Larsen, Burnsville
- David F. Larson, Edina
- Timothy E. Leighton, Blaine
- Mike Lhotka, Cokato
- Mark R. Lodge, Coon Rapids
- Lowell R. Mathiowetz, Sleepy Eye
- Paul D. McDonald, Ely
- Darrell W. Monson, Winona
- Travis W. Mueller, Rochester
- Jeffrey A. Newton, Oronoco
- Thomas R. O'Neill, Esko
- Martin J. Pekarna, Jordan
- Robert A. Petersen, Blaine
- Harold W. Peterson, Brainerd
- Steve Peterson, Winona
- Terry P. Peterson, Coon Rapids
- Mark W. Rohja, Maple Grove
- Paul J. Raj, Duluth
- Lyle C. Rambow, Morris
- Roger W. Schaffer, Moorhead
- Debbie DW. Smith, Bloomington
- Marilyn Strate, Garvin
- Mark D. Wolhart, Baxter
- Michael J. Walters, Farmington
- Nicole M. Wood, Rogers
- Ward F. Woodrich III, White Bear Lake

## 20 YEARS

- Mike Acosta, Waconia
- Eric C. Anderson, St. Paul
- Kevan Anderson, Saint Paul
- Tom L. Anderson, Minneapolis
- Viva Anderson, Princeton
- Marc Angell, Andover
- Chad Gary Backlund, Bloomington
- Char Becker, Royalton
- Marshall Behrens, Rochester
- Jason Bergeron, Maple Grove
- Philip Bernards, Brooklyn Park
- Patricia Besser, Chanhausen
- Gary L. Binns, Saint Paul
- Don Bowman, Little Canada
- Kevin Capocasa, White Bear Lake
- Pat Castagneri, Hibbing
- Pamela S. Cesnik, St. Cloud
- Deborah Clapp, Minneapolis
- Roland H. Cleveland, North Branch
- Heather Coleman-Kes, Belle Plaine
- Kerry Colyer, Stillwater
- Chad Crosby, Maple Grove
- David J. Darr, Redwood Falls
- Ryan Dykstra, Waconia
- Rodney Erickson, Cass Lake
- John Faison, Saint Paul
- William T. Forbrook, Hudson
- Jim Fullerton, Lake George
- Chuck Geris, Alexandria
- Robby Geving, Deer River
- Stephanie Gordon-Shover, Jackson
- Jennifer Graf-Smith, Oakdale
- Scott Grams, New Brighton
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- Mike Hall, Lake Park
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- Elizabeth A Hepola, Hutchinson
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- Jon Hodgson, Bemidji
- Paul W. Hoernemann, Granite Falls
- Michelle Holt, Farmington
- Gregg Iverson, Roseau
- Douglas Jakacki, South St Paul
- Bruce G. Johnson, New Germany
- Craig Johnson, Nerstrand
- David Brian Johnson, Bemidji
- David W. Keller, Lakeville
- Jason Kelly, Brooklyn Park
- Paul Kirchberg, St. Paul
- Douglas Kleist, Richfield
- Todd Klingsporn, Oakdale
- Steve Kneeland, Duluth
- Scott Anthony Kopp, Vermillion
- Allen Krueger, Dilworth
- Maggie J. Kukar, Shakopee
- Bob Latterell, Cold Spring
- Mike Lawrow, Minneapolis
- Scott Lorenz, Bricelyn
- Mike Lovas, Maple Grove
- Matt Lowers, Saint Cloud
- Tony Loyd, Woodbury
- Dwayne Lundhvedt, Decorah
- Michael V. Maddio, St. Paul
- Kevin Mann, Cottage Grove
- Troy Marschel, Hanover
- Allen Mensinger, Hermantown
- Stephen A. Mikkelsen, Brainerd;
- Joseph P. Morgan, Lake City
- Jeff Mosca, Shoreview
- Mark D. Nolen, Crystal
- Dan Novak, Mendota Heights
- Bryan Wayne Olson, Sauk Centre
- Randall L. Olson, West Fargo
- Darren D. Overton, Mantorville
- Laurie Palesotti, North Mankato
- Fred Parnow, Crookston
- Jeffrey V. Passeri, Hibbing\*
- Gregory Peltier, Nevis
- James Perrone, Chaska
- Joe Perske, Sartell
- Joe Perzel, Minneapolis
- Tyler Peterson, Roseville
- John Priester, Roseville
- Paul J. Ringo, Rollingstone
- Rita A. Rislund, Detroit Lakes
- Patrick Rock, Minneapolis
- Diane E. Samuelson, Cleveland
- Derek Schmeck, Brainerd
- Melanie M. Schmidt, Faribault
- Jim Schneider, Walker
- Lee Schumann, Kiester
- Artem Sher, Eden Prairie
- Kristin Skime, Rochester
- David Sladek, Medina
- Timothy Slough, Bemidji
- Greg Snow, Brainerd
- Carla Steffen, Edina
- Chris Studer, Truman
- Melissa Sundboom, Bloomington
- Steven L. Thielen, Eagan
- Rob Thompson, Kasson
- Leo James Tomperi, Crystal
- Rollie Tust, Winona
- Viktor G. Voznyuk, Anoka
- John Welsh, Mendota Heights
- Kimberly Wendland, Waseca
- Bryce D. Wendlandt, Litchfield
- Phillip O. Westby, New London
- Eric Whisler, Oakdale
- Randy W. Wiener, Sauk Centre
- Tom Wollan Sr., Eagan
- David Wroge, Lester Prairie
- Daniel B. Young, Hamburg





# Mark your Calendars:



**Wednesday, Nov. 3**

- Semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium

**Thursday, Nov. 4**

- Semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium
- Third-place games at West St. Paul Athletics Center

**Friday, Nov. 5**

- Third-place games at West St. Paul Athletics Center

**Saturday, Nov. 6**

- Championships at U.S. Bank Stadium



**Saturday, Nov. 6**

- Championships at St. Olaf College, Northfield



**Nov. 10-13**

- Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul



**Nov. 18-20**

- Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center, University of Minnesota



**Nov. 19-20**

- Stillwater Area High School



**Nov. 11-13**

- Quarterfinals, various Minnesota sites

**Nov. 18-20**

- Semifinals, U.S. Bank Stadium

**Nov. 26-27**

- Prep Bowl Championships, U.S. Bank Stadium





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# CLASS OF 2022

Induction Ceremony: April 24, 2022  
Venue, TBA



**Ron Ackerman**  
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**Brian Luke**  
COACH  
Stillwater



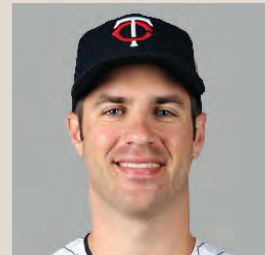
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## MEDIA PARTNERS

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- Minnesota Broadcasters Association
- School Space Media

## OFFICIAL BALLS/ EQUIPMENT FOR MSHSL STATE TOURNAMENTS

- Baseball - Wilson (A1010HS1)
- Basketball - Spalding Top-Flite Legacy (wide channel)
- Softball - Dudley SB 12L (Yellow)
- Tennis - Wilson (US Open Extra Duty)
- Volleyball - Baden (VX5EC-220 Perfection Blue/White/Grey)
- Hockey - Bauer
- Football - Spalding (Alpha)
- Soccer - Select Sport America