

## BEIJING OLYMPICS

## A local tradition of medals

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Minnesotans have competed at the Winter Olympics since the Games began in France in 1924 when Anthony Conroy, John Edward Fitzgerald, Frank Goheen and Cyril Weidenborner represented the state in men's hockey. The four players helped the U.S. win the silver medal. Nearly 100 years later, according to research conducted by the Star Tribune, athletes born in the state have earned 97 medals at the Winter Games. There have been medal winners who played on college and professional teams in the state, but this list features only Minnesota-born Olympians. Here's a look at who won each medal and the contributions toward those accolades.

## THE HONOR ROLL • THREE OR MORE MEDALS



Jen Potter

4 MEDALS • HOCKEY  
1998 • 2002 • 2006 • 2010

Natalie Darwitz

3 MEDALS • HOCKEY  
2002 • 2006 • 2010

Gigi Marvin

3 MEDALS • HOCKEY  
2010 • 2014 • 2018

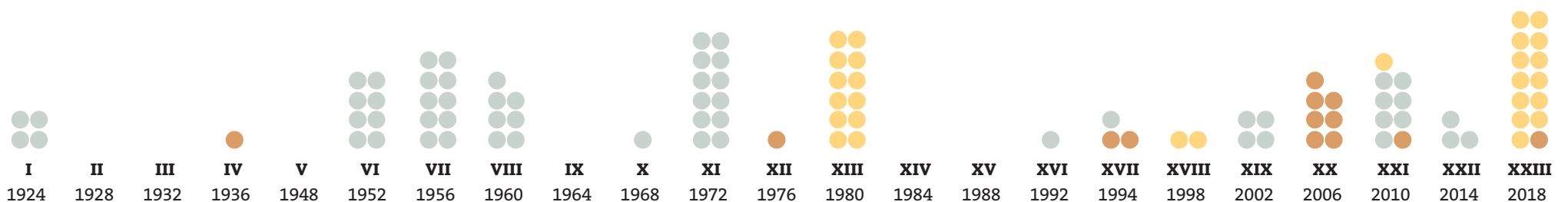
Amy Peterson

3 MEDALS • SPEEDSKATING  
1992 • 1994

Lindsey Vonn

3 MEDALS • SKIING  
2010 • 2018

## MEDALS EARNED BY OLYMPIC GAMES



**1924 CHAMONIX:** Anthony Conroy, St. Paul, silver, hockey, holds Olympic record for goals scored in a single game (10) in a 29-0 win over Switzerland, led U.S. in scoring with 14 goals. • John Edward Fitzgerald, St. Paul, silver, hockey, recorded a goal and an assist in three games for the U.S. • Frank "Moose" Goheen, White Bear Lake, silver, hockey, scored seven goals in four games as U.S. went 3-1 in Olympic play. • Cyril Weidenborner, St. Paul, silver, hockey, went 2-0 in goal for Team USA and did not allow a goal in wins over Czechoslovakia and Sweden. **1936 GARMISCH:** Phil LaBatte, St. Paul, bronze, hockey, was the first Gopher to play in Olympics, defenseman recorded two assists in a 2-0 opening win over Czechoslovakia. **1952 OSLO:** Reuben Bjorkman, Roseau, silver, hockey, tallied three goals in eight games to help U.S. secure the silver medal. • Andre Gambucci, Eveleth, silver, hockey, forward finished with four goals and two assists for U.S. • John Noah, Crookston, silver, hockey, defenseman played in eight games and had one assist as the U.S. went 6-1-1 in Olympic play. • Arnie Oss, Jr., Minneapolis, silver, hockey, played defenseman and still led U.S. scoring with seven goals and four assists. • Rob Rompre, International Falls, silver, hockey, bolstered offense with eight points (5 goals, 3 assists). • Jim Sedin, St. Paul, silver, hockey, defenseman added two goals and an assist for Team USA. • Al Van, Newport, silver, hockey, served as captain, contributed an assist, played in six games for U.S., was oldest Olympian to medal in hockey (36). • Ken Yackel, St. Paul, silver, hockey, scored nine points (6 goals, 3 assists), scored a hat trick in an 8-2 win over Germany. **1956 CORTINA D'AMPEZZO:** Wendell Anderson, St. Paul, silver, hockey, notched an assist against Germany in pool play for medal-winning team • Gene Campbell, Minneapolis, silver, hockey, team captain who recorded one goal and one assist for Team USA • Gordy Christian, Warroad, silver, hockey, oldest member of Christian brothers, had six points (5 goals, 1 assist) in six games. • Dick Dougherty, International Falls, silver, hockey, forward contributed five goals, including four in a 9-4 win over Czechoslovakia. • Willard Ikola, Eveleth, silver, hockey, goaltender had a .930 save percentage and went 1-2 in three games for U.S. • John Mayasich, Eveleth, silver, hockey, led U.S. with seven goals and three assists en route to winning silver. • John Matchefts, Eveleth, silver, hockey, contributed two goals and two assists for U.S. • Dan McKinnon, Williams, silver, hockey, added two points (1 goal, 1 assist) in six games. • John Petroske, Hibbing, silver, hockey: added to team as injury replacement, played in seven games. • Ed Sampson, International Falls, silver, hockey, participated in all seven games, notched an assist for U.S. **1960 SQUAW VALLEY:** Billy Christian, Warroad, gold, hockey, forward lead team with 11 assists, added two goals in seven games as U.S. won gold for the first time. • Roger Christian, Warroad, gold, hockey, led U.S. with eight goals and added three assists in six games. • Paul Johnson, West St. Paul, gold, hockey, recorded five goals and three assists, scored eventual game-winning goal in 2-1 win over Canada. • Jack McCartan, St. Paul, gold, hockey, recorded a .917 save percentage and stopped 189 shots in seven games. • John Mayasich, Eveleth, gold, hockey, logged 12 points (7 goals, 5 assists) as U.S. went undefeated in Olympic competition. • Bob Owen, St. Louis Park, gold, hockey, defenseman contributed three points (1 goal, 2 assists) for U.S. • Tom Williams, Duluth, gold, hockey, finished Games with 10 points (4 goals, 6 assists); scored twice in a 7-5 win over Czechoslovakia in Olympic opener. **1968 GRENOBLE:** Mary Meyers, St. Paul, silver, speed skating, tied for second place in the 500 meters, part of a three-way tie by the U.S. in the event. **1972 SAPPORO:** Larry Bader, Minnetonka, silver, hockey, winger was final member selected to the U.S. team, did not play but helped U.S. reach the podium. • Henry Boucha, Warroad, silver, hockey, forward contributed two goals and four assists. • Charles Brown, Minneapolis, hockey, defenseman helped U.S. secure its seventh medal in men's hockey, played in five games. • Keith Christiansen, International Falls, silver, hockey, forward added three points (1 goal, 2 assists) as U.S. went 4-2 in Olympic play. • Mike Curran, International Falls, silver, hockey, made 194 saves and a .928 save percentage in five games in goal for U.S. • Jim McElmury, St. Paul, silver, hockey, defenseman contributed an assist, played in five games. • Bruce McIntosh, Edina, silver, hockey, member of U.S. team that won silver, did not play in Sapporo. • Ron Naslund, Minneapolis, silver, hockey, forward had two points (1 goal, 1 assist) for Team USA. • Wally Olds, Warroad, silver, hockey, defenseman helped hold Finland and Poland to 1 goal in final two games of the Games. • Frank Sanders, St. Paul, silver, hockey, scored goals from the blue line in three consecutive games, finished with three goals and one assist. • Craig Sarner, St. Paul, silver, hockey, led U.S. in scoring with four goals and six assists; had two goals in 6-1 over Poland. • Tim Sheehy, International Falls, silver, hockey, forward served as captain, scored four goals including two against Poland that helped secure silver. **1976 INNSBRUCK:** Cindy Nelson, Lutzen, bronze, alpine skiing, won medal in downhill, went on to become the first American to be named to four Olympic teams: 1972, 1976, 1980 and 1984. **1980 LAKE PLACID:** Bill Baker, Grand Rapids, gold, hockey, defenseman, scored game-tying goal for U.S. in Olympics opener against Sweden. • Neal Broten, Roseau, gold, hockey, forward recorded two goals and an assist for the gold-medal winning U.S. • Dave Christian, Warroad, gold, hockey, son of Hall of Fame player Bill Christian; did not score but finished with eight assists. • John Harrington, Virginia, gold, hockey, contributed five assists as Team USA went 6-0-1 in Lake Placid, N.Y. • Steve Janaszak, St. Paul, gold, hockey, member of U.S. team, but did not play due to injury. • Mark Johnson, Minneapolis, gold, hockey, forward had two goals in the "Miracle on Ice" game against the Soviet Union, led U.S. in scoring with 11 points (5 goals, 6 assists). • Rob McClanahan, St. Paul, gold, hockey, tallied eight points (5 goals, 3 assists) for the Americans; scored two goals in a 4-2 over West Germany. • Mark Pavelich, Eveleth, gold, hockey, amassed seven points (1 goal, 6 assists) and assisted on Mike Eruzione's game-winning goal over the Soviet Union in the semifinals. • Mike Ramsey, Minneapolis, gold, hockey, defenseman recorded two assists, played in all seven games for U.S. • Bill "Buzz" Schneider, Babbitt, gold, hockey, shared team-lead with five goals and added three assists for U.S., scored team's first goal in historic 4-3 win over Soviet Union. • Eric Strobel, Rochester, gold, hockey: Forward had one goal and two assists for the U.S. • Phil Verchota, Duluth, gold, hockey, scored game-tying goal against Finland in gold-medal game; had three goals, two assists in seven games. **1992 ALBERTVILLE:** Amy Peterson, Maplewood, silver, short track speed skating, took second in the 3,000-meter relay, skated second leg of the relay. **1994 LILLEHAMMER:** Amy Peterson, Maplewood, bronze, short-track speed skating, finished third in the 500 and 3,000 relay. • Randy Bartz, Roseville, silver, short-track speed skating, took second in the 5,000 relay, skated first leg of the race for the U.S. **1998 NAGANO:** Jen Potter (Schmidgall), Edina, gold, hockey, first of four appearances in Olympics, had 2 goals, 3 assists as U.S. won in first medal awarded in women's hockey. • Alana Blahoski, St. Paul, gold, hockey, forward recorded two assists as U.S. went 6-0. **2002 SALT LAKE CITY:** Natalie Darwitz, Eagan, silver, hockey, scored seven goals, added 1 assist as U.S. settle for second place after a 3-2 loss to Canada in the final. • Phil Housley, South St. Paul, silver, hockey, accumulated five points (1 goal, 4 assists) en route to a runner-up finish. • Jen Potter, Edina, silver, hockey, had 1 goal, 6 assists for U.S. in Salt Lake City. • Krissy Wendell, Brooklyn Park, silver, hockey, member of squad that went 4-1, contributed six points (1 goal, 5 assists). **2006 TURIN:** John Shuster, Duluth, bronze, curling, member of first medal-winning team from U.S. in sport. • Natalie Darwitz, Eagan, bronze, hockey, recorded six points (3 goals, 3 assists) as U.S. took home third place. • Pete Fenson, Bemidji, bronze, curling, served as skip of the U.S. men's team. • Joseph Polo, Bemidji, bronze, curling, served as vice-skip as U.S. secured the bronze medal. • Jen Potter, Edina, bronze, hockey, turned in a two-goal, seven-assist performance in Turin. • Shawn Rojeski, Virginia, bronze, curling, shot 82 percent as U.S. took third place. • Krissy Wendell, Brooklyn Park, bronze, hockey, helped U.S. push its medal streak at the Games to three. **2010 VANCOUVER:** David Backes, Blaine, silver, hockey, recorded a goal and two assists for the U.S.. • Natalie Darwitz, Eagan, silver, hockey, had her most product Games with 11 points (4 goals, 7 assists). • Erik Johnson, Bloomington, silver, hockey, defenseman netted one goal in six games for the U.S. • Jamie Langenbrunner, Cloquet, silver, hockey, team captain had four points (1 goal, 3 assists), helped U.S. reach gold-medal game. • Gigi Marvin, Warroad, silver, hockey, tallied three assists in first of three Olympic appearances. • Zach Parise, Prior Lake, silver, hockey, had eight points (4 goals, 4 assists) to help U.S. leave Vancouver with silver; scored last-minute goal to send gold-medal game against Canada to overtime. The U.S. lost 3-2. • Jen Potter, Edina, hockey, recorded six goals and 5 assists to push her Olympic totals to 11 goals and 21 assists. • Lindsey Vonn, St. Paul, gold and bronze, alpine skiing, won medals in the downhill (gold) and Super G (bronze) to become the first multi-medal winning Minnesotan at a single Winter Games. **2014 SOCHI:** Gigi Marvin, Warroad, silver, hockey, forward for U.S. team that took second and lost twice to Canada by 3-2 margins and overtime in the final. • Anne Schleper, St. Cloud, silver, hockey, defenseman collected three points (1 goal, 2 assists) for U.S. • Lee Stecklein, Roseville, silver, hockey, contributed an assist, played on defense that took Canada to a gold-medal overtime. **2018 PYEONGCHANG:** Hannah Brandt, Vadnais Heights, gold, hockey, forward had a goal and assist in Americans' medal-winning run. • Dani Cameranesi, Plymouth, gold, hockey, tallied five points (3 goals, 2 assists) for U.S. • Jessie Diggins, Afton, gold, cross-country skiing, teamed up with Kikkan Randall to win the gold medal in the team sprint, only the second U.S. medal in cross country and first gold. • Tyler George, Duluth, gold, curling, was the vice-skip of team USA's gold-medal winning team in Pyeongchang. • John Landsteiner, Mankato, gold, curling, served as the lead member of the U.S. men's team. • Gigi Marvin, Warroad, gold, hockey, member of U.S. team that defeated Canada for gold medal. • Sidney Morin, Minnetonka, hockey, gold, hockey, defenseman contributed two assists. • Kelly Pannek, Plymouth, gold, hockey, forward delivered two assists for the U.S. • Joseph Polo, Bemidji, gold, curling, filled in as an alternative for gold-medal winning team. • Maddie Rooney, Andover, gold, hockey, posted a .945 save percentage and 1 shutout to earn gold. • John Shuster, Duluth, gold, curling, served as skip and led U.S. back from elimination to win first-ever gold in the sport. • Lee Stecklein, Roseville, gold, hockey, played on defense that took Canada to a gold-medal overtime.