Minnesota State Boys' Hockey Tournament Facts for 2021

Jottings:

This year's Class AA championship game went double overtime, the 15th time a title game needed extra time. Of those previous 14 games, four went double overtime with the 2011AA Eden Prairie vs. Duluth East game needing three overtimes. In actual playing time, this year's Eden Prairie vs. Lakeville South game was the fourth longest, taking 60:06. In 2005, the Class A title game went 70:37, the 2017A game took 75:40 and the longest ever was the 2011AA game lasting 80:43.

When Gentry Academy beat Dodge County 8-1 in the Class A championship game, the seven goal differential tied four other title contests with a similar difference in the final score: in 1965, International Falls beat Bloomington 7-0; Warroad defeated Red Wing 10-3 in the 1996A finals; the 2001AA championship game had Elk River beating Moorhead 8-1 and, the most recent, was in 2006 when Cretin-Derham Hall beat Grand Rapids 7-0 in the AA finals.

Lakeville South's loss to Eden Prairie in the championship game was their first loss of the season. There have been eight other times when a team lost their first game of the season in the final game of the tournament. Most recently in 2012 when Hermantown ended their season losing to St. Thomas Academy.

Dodge County's junior scoring wiz Brody Lamb tallied six goals in his team's win over Hermantown. Only twice has a player equaled or exceeded that number of goals in one game. And they were both performed by the same player: Eveleth's John Mayasich scored six times in his team's win over St. Cloud Tech in 1950. The next year, he established the all-time record when he lit the goal light seven times in a 1951 semifinal win over Minneapolis Southwest.

Brody finished the tournament with a total of ten goals and one assist. Only two other individuals have scored more tournament goals in the same year. Once again it was John Mayasich with 11 goals in 1950 and his record 15 in 1951. Brody's eleven points tied Eden Prairie's Jackson Blake (three goals, eight assists) for most tournament points this year.

One of the casualties of this year's tournament was the lack of an All-Tournament Team. It was the first time in the 77 years of the tournament that such a team was not chosen.