

Minnesota State Boys' Hockey Tournament Facts for 2024

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Jottings:

Both the Edina boys and girls won state hockey titles this year. It was the fifth time schools had recorded dual state titles in the same year: 2005 with Academy of Holy Angels, 2019 and 2023 with Edina, and Andover won both in 2022.

Orono, in the first period of their consolation game with Alexandria, tallied two goals six seconds apart, tying the record held by two other teams: Thief River Falls (vs. Eveleth in 1954) and Bloomington Kennedy (against Johnson in 1984).

The Grand Rapids game winning goal scored with 1.6 seconds near the end of their game with White Bear Lake was not the latest scoring ever to win a game (or maybe it was!). Since time is rounded up, the official time of that goal was 16:58. In 1999, Hastings scored with only one tick of the clock to defeat Blaine. But tenths of a seconds were not indicated on the clocks back then so it might have been anywhere from 1.0-1.9 remaining. For my records, the 1999 goal is the latest scored to win a game. In a twist of irony, Jim Carroll, the public address announcer for the Grand Rapids vs. White Bear Lake game, was a referee for the 1999 Hastings game!

When Mahtomedi battled back from a four goal deficit against Hermantown, they were trying to become the third team to erase a four-goal lead and win. Unfortunately for the Zephyrs, they lost the game. The two teams that battled back when trailing by four goals and eventually winning the game: Roseau in 1984 (they trailed Burnsville 7-3 and won 9-8) and again Roseau in 2010 (overcoming a Blaine 5-1 lead to win 7-5).

Centennial tied a state record when they scored three short-handed goals in their game against Rochester Century/John Marshall. They now share the record with three other schools, most recent by Benilde-St. Margaret's against Hill-Murray in 2012.

Centennial (3) and Rochester Century/John Marshall (1) established the record for most combined short-handed goals in a game with four. The previous record of three occurred in six other games, most recently by Benilde-St. Margaret's and Hill-Murray in 2012.

The leading scorers in both Class A and AA this year had four goals and five assists (Centennial's Harper Searles and Murray Marvin-Cordes from Warroad).

13 officials worked their first state tournament games. Veteran official Tony Lancette worked his sixteenth boys' tournament. He now shares the record with Hank Frantzen, Mike Tok and John Boche. His 42 games worked ties the record held by Tok and Ron Storey.