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Unknown photographer

**Bruce Smith about to Tackle Tom Harmon
(Michigan), 1940**

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

Bruce Smith is the only University of Minnesota football player to win the prestigious Heisman Trophy (1941). Born in Fairbault, Minnesota, he played halfback and quarterback on U of M national championship teams in 1940 and '41. Here he tackles Tom Harmon, the 1940 Heisman Trophy winner and All-American from the University of Michigan.

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Unknown photographer

Untitled (Bernie Bierman, football coach, with some of the players), c. 1930–39

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

Bernie Bierman is considered by many to be the greatest coach in Minnesota football history. Bierman's leadership is evident in this photograph. He stands smartly dressed with a confident and determined gaze looking out at the viewer; behind him are his charges, seeming to wait for guidance. He led the Golden Gophers to five undefeated seasons, seven Big Ten championships and five national championships (1934, '35, '36, '40, and '41). Bierman was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1955.

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Kyle Krohn

American, born 1962

The Catch, 2009

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of Kyle H. Krohn

This picture of reserve wide receiver Greg Lewis catching quarterback Brett Favre's 32-yard touchdown pass against the San Francisco 49ers may look commonplace to the average viewer. But if you are a Vikings fan, you know that Lewis's catch with two seconds left in the game kept the Vikings undefeated during the 2009 season. The Vikings made it to the NFC championship game, where they lost against the New Orleans Saints.

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Unknown photographer

Clayton Tonnemaker, 1947

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

Minnesota-born Clayton Tonnemaker was an All-American center and captain of the University of Minnesota Gophers in his senior year in 1949. He went on to play for the Green Bay Packers in 1950, '53, and '54. In 1949 the *Minneapolis Star* named him the greatest center in Minnesota football history.

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Unknown photographer

Bobby Bell, 1962

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

While playing for the University of Minnesota, Bobby Bell changed the way defensive linemen played the game. Bell's size and speed were unusual for the time—standing 6'4" and weighing 230 pounds, with the ability to run a 4.5-minute 40-yard dash. A two-time All-American, he won the Outland Trophy in 1962 as the outstanding interior lineman. Bell went on to play for the Kansas City Chiefs and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1983.

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Dennis “Buzz” Magnuson

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Minnesota Fans after Third Touchdown, 1960

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

St. Paul Pioneer Press photographer Dennis “Buzz” Magnuson snapped this picture of energized Gopher fans in 1960, the last year the team won the national championship.

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Unknown photographer

Untitled (Stan Mayslack, on bottom, wrestling unidentified man), c. 1950

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

Stan Mayslack was a renowned professional wrestler from Northeast Minneapolis. After retiring from wrestling he opened Mayslack's Bar and Restaurant in his beloved neighborhood. He would personally carve and serve the restaurant's trademark roast-beef sandwiches. The restaurant's motto was: "No body beats Mayslack's meats."

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Sussman Studio

Stan Mayslack, c. 1935

Gelatin silver print

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Tom Arndt

American, born 1944

The “Claw Master,” Baron Von Raschke, Wilmar, Minnesota, 1983

Gelatin silver print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of Tom Arndt

“The Baron” Von Raschke was a fan favorite, gaining fame with his tag-team partner, “Mad Dog” Vachon. They were both loved and hated and filled arenas wherever they wrestled. The Baron continued his solo career, wrestling all over the world, including in small-town high-school gyms.

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Unknown photographer

George Mikan, 1947–56

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the Hennepin Historical Society

George Mikan led the Minneapolis Lakers to five championships between 1949 and 1954. He was the first dominant “big man” in professional basketball and used his size to block shots, rebound, and score with sweeping hook shots from either hand. He was so powerful that the NBA instituted the “Mikan rule,” which widened the foul lane and introduced the shot clock. Among his great achievements were three scoring titles and a league MVP. After retiring he was instrumental in the formation of the Minnesota Timberwolves. A statue of Mikan stands at the entrance to Target Center.

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Unknown photographer

Minneapolis Lakers Team, c. 1947–56

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the Hennepin Historical Society

The Minneapolis Lakers had a great lineup, including George Mikan and Clyde Lovelette. They added Vern Mikkelsen, from St. Paul, guards Slater Martin and Whitey Skoog, and forward Art Pollard. Coached by John Kundla, the Lakers won NBA championships in 1949, '50, '51, '53, and '54. The team moved to Los Angeles in 1960.

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Unknown photographer for *St. Paul Dispatch & Pioneer Press*

St. Paul Saints' Roy Campanella, 1948

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

Widely considered one of the greatest catchers in baseball history, Roy Campanella played for the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940s and '50s. His career ended in 1958, when he was paralyzed in a car accident.

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Tom Arndt

American, born 1944

Waterskiing Demonstration, Roy Wilkins Auditorium, 1987

Gelatin silver print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of Tom Arndt

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George E. Luxton

American (born Canada), 1881–1962

Patty Berg with Boys Playing Football, c. 1933

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

Patty Berg (1918–2006) is considered one of the greatest golfers of all time. She was born in Minneapolis and took up golf at age 13, winning her first title—the Minneapolis City Championship—just three years later. After winning 29 amateur titles, Berg turned pro in 1940 and helped establish the LPGA in 1948. She won the inaugural U.S. Women’s Open in 1946 and went on to amass 15 major titles and holds the all-time record for most major wins by a female golfer. In addition to golf, Berg played quarterback for her neighborhood team, the “50th Street Tigers,” with Bud Wilkinson (head football coach at the University of Oklahoma from 1947 to 1963) serving as her right tackle.

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Unknown photographer

Paul Giel, 1953

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

Paul Giel (1932–2002) was a football and baseball All-American for the Minnesota Gophers. After college he entered the major leagues as a pitcher for the New York Giants and later served as athletic director for the U of M. Giel was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1975.

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Unknown photographer

Tony Dungy, c. 1975

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

Tony Dungy was the quarterback for the Minnesota Gophers in the mid 1970s, when African American players seldom were assigned such a leadership position. He spent three years in the NFL playing safety for the Pittsburgh Steelers and San Francisco 49ers, after which he was named an assistant coach at his alma mater. Dungy returned to Minnesota as defensive coordinator for the Vikings (1992–95), later becoming head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Dungy is best known for winning the Super Bowl in 2007 as head coach of the Indianapolis Colts.

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Brian Peterson

American, born 1959

Lindsey Vonn Celebrating Her Olympic Gold Medal Run, 2010

Archival inkjet print

Courtesy of the *StarTribune* and Brian Peterson

Lindsey Kildow Vonn is one of the most dominant alpine ski racers of her generation. Born in St. Paul, she began skiing at age two at Buck Hill. She made her Olympic debut at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City at age 17. Vonn returned to the Olympic games in 2006 and 2010, when she became the first American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in downhill skiing. Vonn is also the first woman to win three consecutive overall World Cup and downhill championships (2008, 2009, 2010).

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John Doman

American, born 1945

Dino Ciccarelli, 1981

Gelatin silver print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and John Doman

The Minnesota North Stars played at Met Center indoor arena in Bloomington (now the site the IKEA store) from the team's inception in 1967 until its move to Dallas in 1993. With the addition of Minnesotan Neal Broten and Canadian Dino Ciccarelli in the early 1980s, the team discovered a winning formula. The North Stars made it to their first Stanley Cup final in 1981 only to lose to the New York Islanders. This photo shows Ciccarelli soaring over New York Islanders' goalie Billy Smith the following season.

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Unknown photographer

Herb Brooks, c. 1972–79

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

Herb Brooks (1937–2003) was born in St. Paul and played hockey for Johnson High School and the University of Minnesota (1955–59). Although he never played professionally, he skated on a record eight U.S. National and Olympic teams between 1960 and 1970. He returned to his alma mater to coach the Golden Gophers to three NCAA championships (1974, '76, and '79), and took many of his former players with him when he coached the U.S. Olympic team in 1980 at Lake Placid, New York. In what has been dubbed the "Miracle on Ice," Brooks led his team to a 4–3 upset over the heavily favored Soviet Union and then on to defeat Finland and win the gold medal.

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Unknown photographer for the *Minneapolis Star-Journal Tribune*

Ice Fishing in an Ice House, 1953

Contact sheet

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

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Brian Peterson

American, born 1959

19th Annual Golden Rainbow Ice Fishing Contest on Forest Lake, 2001

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the *StarTribune* and Brian Peterson

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Renée Lepreau

American, born 1984

Ice Fishing on Mille Lacs, Mark, 2005

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of Renée Lepreau

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Renée Lepreau

American, born 1984

Ice Fishing on Mille Lacs, Jesse, 2005

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of Renée Lepreau

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Unknown photographer for the *StarTribune*

Roller Derby, 1951

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

Roller Derby evolved from endurance races to the contemporary form of the sport in the late 1930s, when promoter Leo Seltzer created a touring company that featured two competing teams of five female skaters with a “jammer” who would shoot through the pack and attempt to lap it for points. The sport’s popularity peaked in the 1950s and 1960s as it developed into a full-contact activity that had loyal live and TV audiences. Interest declined in the 1970s with the advent of staged fights and pre-determined winners, but the sport has since witnessed a resurgence of interest in the state, embodied in the Minnesota RollerGirls.

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Jeff Wheeler

American

Untitled, 2004

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the *StarTribune* and Jeff Wheeler

During technical rehearsals of the passion play, *Son of God–Son of Man* at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, diehard Gopher women’s basketball fans flocked to a room backstage to watch the team upset Duke University to advance to the 2004 Final Four. Here, three costumed actors watch a post-game interview with the Gophers’ Lindsay Whalen and head coach Pam Borton.

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John Doman

American, born 1945

Untitled, 1983

Gelatin silver print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and John Doman

It is not just the winning moments that shape young athletes. Here, Derham Hall High School's star player Stephanie Szczech nurses her twisted ankle before the final quarter of a 1983 Minnesota Girls Basketball Tournament game.

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David Sherman

American, born 1958

Kevin Garnett Tribute to Kirby Puckett, 2006

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of David Sherman/NBAE/Getty Images

This photograph was shot during the Minnesota Timberwolves game against the Houston Rockets at Target Center on March 7, 2006. The Wolves had drafted Kevin Garnett directly out of high school in 1995, bringing new life to the team. He remained with the team for 12 seasons, before being traded to the Boston Celtics in 2007. He admired Minnesota Twins slugger Kirby Puckett, who led the Twins to two World Series championships before his career was cut short by glaucoma. Garnett used his sneakers to pay tribute to Puckett the day after Puckett's death at age 45.

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Unknown photographer for the *StarTribune*

**Minneapolis Miller Willie Mays in Clubhouse,
May 19, 1951**

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

Baseball Hall of Famer Willie Mays (born in 1931) began his professional career while still in high school, playing for the Chattanooga Choo-Choos during his summer break. He continued to play minor-league ball over the next few years, and began the 1951 season with the Minneapolis Millers. Mays had an excellent season in Minneapolis, batting .477 and playing strong defense. He was called up to the New York Giants on May 24, 1951, and appeared in his first major-league game the next day.

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Unknown photographer

Untitled (Kitten Ball played by women's team from Northwestern Bell at St. Clair Playground, St. Paul), 1948

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

In 1895, Lewis Rober, a lieutenant for the Minneapolis Fire Department, invented what is now known as outdoor softball as a way to keep his firemen fit during their off time. Played in the vacant lot adjacent to the firehouse, the game instantly became popular and spread to other local firehouses. Rober called his team the Kittens and the league became known as Kitten Ball.

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Sally Mars

American, born 1964

Kansas City, 2008

Gelatin silver print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of www.sallymars.com

Outfielder Delmon Young played with the Minnesota Twins from 2008 to 2011.

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Unknown photographer

The Building of Metropolitan Stadium, c. 1955

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the *StarTribune*

Metropolitan Stadium opened in the spring of 1956 with the express purpose of luring a major-league baseball team to Minnesota. The minor-league Minneapolis Millers played at Met Stadium until 1961, when the Washington Senators moved to Minnesota and became the Minnesota Twins. In the fall of that year, Met Stadium became the home of Minnesota's new NFL expansion team, the Minnesota Vikings. The Twins and Vikings played at Met Stadium from 1961 until 1981, when the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome became their new home field. The Met sat vacant until it was demolished in 1985. The Mall of America opened on its site in 1992.

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John Doman

American, born 1945

**The Crowd at the Last Game at Met Stadium,
1981**

Gelatin silver print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and John Doman

Forty-one thousand fans were in attendance at Metropolitan Stadium on Sunday, December 20, 1981, when the Minnesota Vikings played the Kansas City Chiefs. It was the final sporting event to be played at the old stadium. The next season the Vikings played at the new Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis.

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Unknown photographer

**Tailgaters, Metropolitan Stadium, Bloomington,
November 1, 1964**

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

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Jerome Liebling

American, 1924–2011

**Hubert H. Humphrey and Eugene McCarthy,
Minneapolis, 1958**

Gelatin silver print

Gift of First Banks 87.35.50

Jerome Liebling was raised and educated in New York, but spent 20 years in Minneapolis as a professor of film and photography at the University of Minnesota (1949–69). He exerted a tremendous influence as a teacher and artist and was known for his interest in the human condition and “the politics of everyday life.” In this photograph he captures Democrats Hubert Humphrey and Eugene McCarthy years before either would run for the presidency of the United States.

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C. J. Hibbard

American

The Minnesota State Fair, 1911

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

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Hannah Foslien

American, born 1984

Untitled, 2009

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the Associated Press

Breck players celebrating after winning the Minnesota Boys Hockey State Tournament Class A championship game against Warroad, 7-3 in St. Paul.

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Tim Gruber

American, born 1979

Hockey Eye, 2011

Archival pigment print

Courtesy of Tim Gruber

Hockey is a vital part of Minnesota culture and daily life, involving male and female participants of all ages. *Hockey Eye* captures the essence of Minnesota hockey—a black-eyed weekend warrior from the Wright Homes Almost 40 hockey team, looking exhausted and proud. His team won the 2010 U.S. Pond Hockey championship and the cherished golden shovel trophy.

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Xavier Tavera

American (born Mexico), 1971

Roller Derby Referee, 2001

Archival inkjet print

Courtesy of the artist

Roller Derby is both sporting event and entertaining theater. It features skilled and athletic roller skaters, who speed around an indoor oval rink, bumping and pushing one another during the competition. They play dramatic roles (heroes and villains) to rile audiences into captive participation. Minneapolis-based photographer Xavier Tavera shot a bold color photograph that captures Roller Derby's performance style. A red-headed referee gives viewers a mock scowl, encouraging them to join the fun.

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Charles Bjorgen

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Untitled (Minnesota vs. Ohio State), 1972

Archival inkjet prints (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the *StarTribune* and Charles Bjorgen

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Charles Bjorgen for the *StarTribune*

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Untitled (Minnesota vs. Ohio State), 1972

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the *StarTribune* and Charles Bjorgen

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Unknown photographer

Babe Ruth at Nicollet Park, Minneapolis, c. 1924

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

This rare photograph documents New York Yankee Hall of Famer Babe Ruth in an exhibition game at Nicollet Park in 1924. According to Minnesota sports historian Joel A. Rippel, Ruth played first base and went 4-for-5 with two home runs and six RBIs in a victory. Ruth returned to the park for another exhibition game in 1935, the final year of his career.

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Powell Krueger

American, 1912–2006

Nicollet Park, c. 1950

Archival inkjet print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of the *StarTribune* and Powell Krueger

Located at 31st Street and Nicollet Avenue, Nicollet Park opened its doors on June 19, 1896, and remained in use until 1955. Built at a cost of \$4,000 and seating 4,000 fans, the park was the home field of the Minneapolis Millers and the site of football games and prizefights. Babe Ruth and Willie Mays were among the baseball greats who played in the Park.

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John Szarkowski

American, 1925–2007

Fishing, Red Lake, c. 2000

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of Pace/MacGill Gallery, New York

John Szarkowski's roots in Minnesota were deep, as a former staff photographer for Walker Art Center and author of the memorable state portrait, *The Face of Minnesota* (1958). Szarkowski abandoned his own photography in 1962 and became chief curator of photography at the Museum of Modern Art and was one of the most influential photography curators of his generation. In this photograph, he put viewers in the bow of a boat, looking at the quiet poetics of two men fishing.

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Unknown photographer

The Last Stroke (interesting photo of Bobby Jones sinking 45-foot putt that won him his 4th U.S. Open golf title in 1930), 1930

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

In July 1930, golfer Bobby Jones arrived at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minnesota, for the U.S. Open, having won the British Open for the third time. He was on the brink of making golf history, seeking a third major championship. Playing in front of 15,000 fans, Jones seemed assured of the title. But he faltered in the final round with three double bogies and a slim one-stroke lead. This set up his historical putt on the par-four 402-yard 18th hole in which he executed a 45-foot putt. Jones would win an unprecedented four straight grand slam tournaments in 1930.

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Unknown photographer

The Prodigal Son Returns, 1930

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Great crowds greeted Bobby Jones as he arrived at City Hall in Atlanta with three new major golf titles on July 14, 1930.

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Bruce Sifford Studio

Untitled (Mrs. Henry Christian and her Labrador retriever in a duck blind waiting for the flight), 1936

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

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David Parker

American, born 1951

Andersen Windows, Bayport, Minnesota, 1999

Gelatin silver print

Gift of Dr. John and Kay Dunne, 2001.283.83

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Unknown photographer

Untitled (The players help Denver goalie find his contact lens during St. Paul-Denver hockey game), 1959

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

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Unknown photographer

St. Thomas College Hockey Team, Outdoor Practice, 1924

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the Minnesota Wild Photo Archive

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Ade Johnson, Eveleth, United States Amateur Hockey Association, c. 1922–23

Bernie McTeigue, Eveleth, United States Amateur Hockey Association, c. 1922–23

Gelatin silver prints

Courtesy of the Minnesota Wild Photo Archive

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Unknown photographer for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*

Hockey Joy, Minnesota Youth Player, 1952

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the Minnesota Wild Photo Archive

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Unknown photographer, United States Hockey League

Untitled (Minneapolis vs. Dallas; Bob Grazinger, Minnesota native, upper center), 1945–46
Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the Minnesota Wild Photo Archive

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Michael Dvorak

American, born 1966

Patrick Henry High School Football, North Minneapolis, 2006

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of Michael Dvorak

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Patrick Henry High School Football, North Minneapolis, 2006

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of Michael Dvorak

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Unknown photographer for the *St. Paul Dispatch & Pioneer Press*

Untitled (Construction of St. Paul Winter Carnival skating rink on West Fifth Street between Wabasha and St. Peter), 1962

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

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Terry Gydesen

American, born 1955

Lake of the Isles, 1994

Gelatin silver print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of Terry Gydesen

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Wing Young Huie

American, born 1955

Basketball, Frogtown, 1994

Gelatin silver print

Gift of funds from David L. Parker and Mary M. D. Parker 98.22.7

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Ramon J. Muxter

American, 1945–2007

Dad, 1969

Chromogenic print

Gift of the artist 92.48.2

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Unknown photographer

Untitled (Young baseball player from Longfellow School yells encouragement to his team), c. 1930

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

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Sid Kaplan

American, born 1933

Old Timers Day at the Metrodome, 1987

Gelatin silver print (printed 2011)

Courtesy of Sid Kaplan

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J. Kitchin**Untitled** (Fisherman displaying 6'3" sturgeon weighing 95 pounds), c. 1900

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

According to a handwritten note on the back of this photo, this spectacular sturgeon "was tangled in a net and seemed likely to get away when the man who is passing the 'bait' jumped astraddle of it and rode it in four feet of water for 15 minutes tiring it out and landing it finally where it was photographed."

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Dick Ott

American

Minneapolis Skateboarder, 2011

Archival laser jet print

Courtesy of Dick Ott, Minneapolis

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Unknown photographer

Auto Races, State Fair, c. 1925

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

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Frank W. Gohlke

American, born 1942

Met Stadium, Bloomington, Minnesota, 1977

Gelatin silver print (printed 1981)

Gift of First Banks 87.35.26

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John Schott

American, born 1944

Untitled (from the series *Northfield Middle School*), 2011

Archival inkjet print

Courtesy of John Schott

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Fox Sports**Inside View of Metrodome Collapse,
December 12, 2010**

Video

Courtesy of Fox Sports

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Tim Piotrowski

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**Young Woman in University of Minnesota
Physical Education Uniform with Prototype
Woman's Bicycle from 1900, 2007**

Toned gelatin silver print

Courtesy of Tim Piotrowski

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Charles Bjorgen

American

Alan Page, c. 1970–71

Digital photograph

Courtesy of the Minneapolis Club

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Mike Zerby

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Bud Grant, c. 1981–83

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Courtesy of the Minneapolis Club

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Unknown photographer

Untitled (John Mayasich on the 1960 Olympic Gold Medal Hockey Team), 1960

Digital photograph

Courtesy of the Minneapolis Club

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John Croft

American, 1931–2001

John Mariucci

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Courtesy of the Minneapolis Club

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John Croft

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Kevin McHale

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Courtesy of the Minneapolis Club

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Sports Illustrated

July 18, 1977

Courtesy of Peter and Martha Eckerline

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Sports Illustrated

August 7, 2006

Courtesy of Peter and Martha Eckerline

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Unknown photographer

Clyde Milan (before lights at Tiger Stadium), 1938

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of Clark Griffith

Known as “Deerfoot” for his speed and ability to steal bases, Clyde Milan spent much of his career with the Washington Senators as a player (1907–22) and then coach (1928–29 and 1938–53). The Senators moved to Minneapolis in 1960, becoming the Minnesota Twins in 1961.

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Unknown photographer

Sandy Stephens All-American Card, 1960

Inkjet print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

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Unknown photographer

Sandy Stephens Intercepting Pass against Wisconsin, 1962

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

Sandy Stephens (1940–2000) was the first African American to play quarterback at the University of Minnesota and was the only quarterback to take the university to the Rose Bowl in 1961 and 1962. Stephens also led the U of M to its last national championship in 1960.

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Unknown photographer

Bronko Nagurski, c. 1929

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

Broneslau “Bronko” Nagurski (1908–90) was born in Ontario to parents of Polish-Ukrainian descent. The family moved to International Falls when Nagurski was young. Recruited to play football at the University of Minnesota, he was an outstanding offensive and defensive player from 1927 until 1929, when he led the nation in rushing. *Sports Illustrated* named him one of the four greatest athletes in Minnesota state history—the others being Dave Winfield, Kevin McHale, and Joe Mauer. After college, Nagurski played for the Chicago Bears from 1930 to '37, and followed this with a successful wrestling career.

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Unknown photographer

Bob McNamara, All-American, 1954

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

Bob McNamara played fullback on the University of Minnesota football team during the 1950s and was named to the Look Magazine All-American Team in 1954. McNamara and his brother, “Pinky,” have been supportive fund-raising alumni for the U of M for over 50 years.

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Dave Winfield, c. 1969–1972

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the University of Minnesota Archives

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Unknown photographer

Buzz Schneider, c. 1974

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of William "Buzz" Schneider

Buzz Schneider played on the 1974 NCAA Championship men's hockey team, and later on the 1980 Olympic team under coach Herb Brooks. He scored the tying goal in the pivotal game against the Soviet Union en route to Olympic gold.

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Unknown photographer

Krissy Wendell Pohl, 2005

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of Larry and Drenda Wendell

While in high school at Park Center, Krissy Wendell Pohl was a member of the 2000 State Championship team and was named Ms. Hockey. Pohl still holds the U.S. high school record for goals in a season (110). She played on the silver-medal winning U.S. Women's Hockey team in the 2002 Winter Olympics, and played for the University of Minnesota from 2002 to 2005. Pohl was a member of two NCAA Championship teams and also the winner of the 2005 Patty Kazmaier Award given to the top collegiate female hockey player. After graduating from the U of M, Pohl was named captain of the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team.

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Katherine Turczan

American, born 1965

Phil Housley and Matt Cullen, 2012

Diptych, archival pigment prints

Courtesy of Katherine Turczan

Phil Housley was drafted by the NHL out of South St. Paul High School in 1982 and went on to play 21 seasons and 1,472 games in the NHL, the second most of any American-born player. He won a silver medal in the 2002 Olympics, was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004, and currently coaches the Stillwater Ponies boys hockey team. Matt Cullen played high-school hockey for his father in Morehead and college for the St. Cloud State Huskies. He was drafted by the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim and won his first Stanley Cup championship in 2006. He is only the seventh Minnesotan to play 1,000 games in the NHL, an achievement he holds along with Housley, Neal Broten, Jamie Langenbrunner, Mike Ramsey, Bret Hedican, and Dave Christian.

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The Minneapolis Institute of Arts commissioned Katherine Turczan, a Guggenheim Fellow and Minneapolis College of Art and Design photography professor, to photograph two players (and one coach) from each of Minnesota's five professional sports team (Lynx, Timberwolves, Twins, Wild, and Vikings) for "The Sports Show: Minnesota." Turczan presents introspective portraits of some of our favorite local sports stars in a diptych format (two images side by side). Each pair of portraits shows the sitters as individuals, yet visually connected to each other. Turczan offers a range of relationships—teammates, coach and player, and players from different generations—all suggesting the rich interconnection of Minnesota teams and history.

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Katherine Turczan

American, born 1965

Rod Carew and Joe Mauer, 2012

Dptych, archival pigment prints

Courtesy of Katherine Turczan

Rod Carew played for the Minnesota Twins from 1967 to 1978. He made the All-Star Team for 18 consecutive years and won the batting title seven times. He was a first-ballot inductee into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991. Joe Mauer, a hometown player who starred at St. Paul's Cretin-Derham Hall High School in both football and baseball, is an All-Star catcher for the Twins. He is the only catcher in major league history to win three batting titles. He also won three consecutive Gold Glove awards for his fielding (2008–10) and was the 2009 American League MVP. Carew and Mauer are holding two of Joe's three title trophies. Carew couldn't bring his trophies to the photography shoot because, as Joe pointed out, "he didn't have enough hands to carry all seven."

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Katherine Turczan

American, born 1965

Kevin Love and Derrick Williams, 2012

Dptych, archival pigment prints

Courtesy of Katherine Turczan

Kevin Love, a first team All-American as a junior at UCLA, was acquired by the Minnesota Timberwolves in the 2008 draft. Love has become one of the dominant rebounders in NBA history, holding the record of consecutive games with double figures in rebounds and points. Wolves forward Derrick Williams was the team's second overall pick in the 2011 NBA draft out of the University of Arizona. An explosive jumper and scorer, he is off to an outstanding rookie year in Minnesota.

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American, born 1965

Taj McWilliams-Franklin and Cheryl Reeve, 2012

Diptych, archival pigment prints

Courtesy of Katherine Turczan

Taj McWilliams-Franklin is currently the WNBA's senior player, and at age 41 she has just signed a contract extension with the Minnesota Lynx. She has exerted a tremendous impact on and off the court with the Lynx, earning her the nickname "Mama Taj" from her teammates. McWilliams-Franklin was targeted by Lynx head coach Cheryl Reeve shortly after the coach's arrival in 2009. Reeve brought about a dramatic change in the team and was awarded the WNBA Coach of the Year in 2011, the same year the Lynx won their first WNBA championship.

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Chuck Foreman and Christian Ponder, 2012

Dptych, archival pigment prints

Courtesy of Katherine Turczan

Chuck Foreman was a star running back with the Minnesota Vikings from 1973 to 1979. He was National Football Conference rookie of the year, two-time player of the year, and participant in five pro bowls. Vikings quarterback Christian Ponder was the team's 12th overall draft pick in 2011 out of Florida State, and had an impressive rookie season. Ponder won the 2010 James Tatum award as the nation's top student-athlete and a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete award. He graduated from Florida State in two and a half years with a bachelor's degree in finance, going on to complete an MBA.

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Unknown photographer for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*

Hockey Joy, Minnesota Youth Player, 1952

Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the Minnesota Wild Photo Archive

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**Bruce Smith, University of Minnesota
Quarterback, Launches a Pass at Memorial
Stadium, 1941**

Gelatin silver print

From the Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society

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**Clark Griffith, Cincinnati Reds Manager,
1909–1911, 1911**

Commercial lithograph

Courtesy of Clark Griffith

Nicknamed "The Old Fox," Clark Griffith was a Major League pitcher, manager, and owner. After spending three years as manager of the Reds, he became manager of the Washington Senators in 1912 and owner in 1920. Clark's nephew and adopted son, Calvin, took over ownership after Clark's death in 1955 and moved the Senators to Minnesota in 1960. The Griffith family sold the Twins to Carl Pohlad in 1984.

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Bruce A. Noyes with Hockey Stick, 1954

Gelatin silver print

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