

Mike Eruzione

- **Captain, 1980 United States Olympic Hockey Team**

Mike Eruzione served as the captain that led the 1980 United States Olympic Hockey Team to its Gold Medal victory in Lake Placid, NY. The highlight of the games for Mike was scoring the game-winning goal against the Soviet Union. That victory against the Soviets advanced the U.S Hockey Team to the Gold Medal Game where they beat Finland to win the gold medal.

A native of Massachusetts, Mike was a well-known sports talent; he excelled in all-scholastic baseball, football and hockey. While attending Boston University, Mike captained the hockey team his senior year and finished his college career as the third leading scorer in B.U. history. The years Mike played at B.U., his team won four Eastern Collegiate Championships. Mike was regarded as the Best Defensive Forward in the Hockey East Conference and eventually was inducted into the Boston University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mike played on two U.S National Teams and played two years with the Toledo Goaldiggers of the International Hockey League. The IHL rewarded Mike with the McKenzie Award, which is annually presented to the most outstanding American born player in the IHL. The following year Mike was chosen to join the 1980 Olympic Team. He was honored by being elected captain by his Olympic teammates.

After the victory in Lake Placid, Mike spent several years in New York and New Jersey as a sports commentator for Madison Square Garden. In 1984 Mike joined ABC and did broadcasting for the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. In 1992 Mike did broadcasting for CBS in Albertville, France and in Lillehammer, Norway during the 1994 Olympic Games.

The 1980 Olympic Team received many accolades after winning the gold medal, including being inducted into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame. On December 2, 1999, the 1980 Olympic Hockey Team was given the ultimate compliment when *Sports Illustrated* Magazine voted their moment the #1 sports moment of the century. On February 8, 2002, Mike and his teammates had the honor of lighting the Olympic Flame at the Opening Ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the past several years Mike has traveled throughout the country representing major corporations as their spokesperson and / or motivational speaker. Presently he is employed by Boston University as the Director of Development for Athletics. Mike remains in his hometown of Winthrop with his wife and their three children. Mike is actively involved in fund raising events for the Olympic Committee as well as several Charitable and Youth Organizations. In December of 2001, Mike appeared on *Who wants to be a Millionaire* where he won over \$100,000.00 for local charities. In September of 2003 Mike began commentating for CSTV. On October 14, 2003, the World Hockey Association 2 appointed Mike to their Board of Governors as Co-Chairman & Senior Advisor

