

Mike Eruzione

Olympic Legend

Mike Eruzione served as the captain that led the 1980 United States Olympic Hockey Team to its Gold Medal victory at Lake Placid. The highlight of the games for Mike was his winning goal against the Soviet Union in the game that stunned the world. A native of Massachusetts, Mike Eruzione was well-known as a local sports talent, being on all-scholastic teams in baseball, football and hockey. At Boston University, Mike captained the hockey team his senior year and finished as the third leading scorer in B.U. history. For all four years that Mike played at B.U., his team won the Eastern Collegiate Championships. He was also cited as Best Defensive Forward in the East all four years and was inducted into the Boston University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mike has played on two U.S. National Teams and for two years with the Toledo Goaldiggers of the International Hockey League, maintaining his amateur status. In the IHL he was voted the McKenzie Award, which is annually presented to the most outstanding American-born hockey player in the League. The following season Mike was chosen to join the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team. He was honored by being elected captain by his teammates. Mike and his team received many honors nation wide including induction into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame. After the spectacular Olympic victory, Mike spent several years in New York and New Jersey as a commentator for the Madison Square Garden Communications Network.

In 1984, Mike Eruzione was seen broadcasting for ABC Sports for both the Winter and Summer Olympics from Sarajevo and Los Angeles, and also for Calgary for the 1988 Winter Olympics. In 1992, Mike went to Albertville, France for the Winter Olympics with CBS as a hockey commentator and did the same in Lillehammer, Norway during the 1994 Winter Olympic Games. On December 2, 1999 the 1980 Olympic Hockey Team was given the ultimate compliment when *Sports Illustrated* Magazine named them the #1 sports moment of the century. For the past several years, Mike has traveled throughout the United States for major corporations and organizations as a motivational speaker and spokesperson. He is the Director of Development for Athletics and Assistant Hockey Coach at Boston University.

Mike has recently been named Vice President of Business Development by Gymamerica.com, which is a health and fitness website. Mike still remains in his hometown of Winthrop, MA, with his wife Donna and their three children. He remains actively involved in fund raising events for the U.S. Olympic Committee as well as several other charitable and youth organizations.