

The image shows the Xcel Energy Center at night, illuminated from within. A large red banner with the Xcel Energy Center logo is overlaid on the left side of the image. The building's name is also visible on the top right corner of the facade.

Xcel Energy Center™

STATE OF HOCKEY TRIBUTE

In the years leading up to the completion of Xcel Energy Center, Vice Chairman Jac Sperling envisioned a museum of exhibits in the arena dedicated to Minnesota's contributions to the sport of hockey. Below are some highlights on display inside at Xcel Energy Center:

High School Jerseys

The jerseys of 181 high school hockey teams encircle the arena on the Club Cambria Executive Suite Level. These represent 146 boys and 35 girl's programs in the state of Minnesota and are a welcome site each year to the fans that return year after year for the state high school tournaments.

U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Exhibit

Just outside the Iron Range Grill at Gate 4 on the main concourse are six exhibit cases featuring artifacts from the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, Minn. Three particular inductees are featured: Frank Brimsek, John Mariucci, and John Mayasich, along with general information on the museum and its exhibits. In addition, the walls feature photomurals of past Iron Range teams from Eveleth, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, and Virginia.

Amateur Hockey Awards

Next to the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame exhibit is the amateur hockey awards display. This area features the Hobey Baker, Patty Kazmaier, and the Mr. and Ms. Hockey awards, given to the top-voted male and female high school hockey player each year. The Hobey Baker and Patty Kazmaier awards honor the best male and female college hockey players.

WCHA Jerseys

As the host of the WCHA's Red Baron™ Final Five Tournament since 2001, Xcel Energy Center displays the jerseys of the association's 10 member schools just inside Gate 2.

Minnesota State High School Tournaments

As a complement to the high school hockey jersey exhibit, St. Paul Pioneer Press' headlines from 24 selected tournaments are displayed on eight support pillars around the main concourse. The exhibit begins with the very first event in 1945 and includes representations from the Class A boys' tournament as well as the girl's competition, which began in 1995.

Saint Paul Hockey Champions

The Treasure Island Resort & Casino Club Level honors Saint Paul minor league (plus one major league) champions representing the seasons of 1915-16, 1939-40, 1948-49, 1959-60, and 1964-65. The exhibits include a replica jersey, St. Paul Pioneer Press' headlines and photographs, and appear on six support pillars that surround the club level.

Minnesota Hockey History

Exhibits featuring the Minnesota North Stars and Minnesota's contributions to past Olympic teams can be found at Gate 3, while the upper concourse features historic arenas around the state on photo murals and a jersey display highlighting local Division III collegiate hockey teams. The original Zamboni from the St. Paul Auditorium, now The Legendary Roy Wilkins Auditorium, has been restored and is positioned above the entrance to Gate 2.