

SWEDISH ICE HOCKEY YEAR BY YEAR

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1920

Sweden's first national team in ice hockey participates in The World Championship and The Olympic Games (ice hockey was an exhibition sport in the OG 1920) in Antwerp, Belgium and reaches fourth place.

1921

The first ice hockey game in Sweden is played when Uppsalakamraterna defeats German club Berliner Schlittschuhclub with 4-1, attendance: 2 022, January 30 at the Stockholm Stadium.

The European Championship is played in Sweden. Sweden and Czechoslovakia are the only two participating teams. Sweden defeats Czechoslovakia with 7-4 at the Stockholm Stadium February 23.

1922

The Swedish Ice Hockey Association is established by seven clubs at November 17. Isaac Westergren became the first chairman.

IK Göta wins the first Swedish Championship by defeating Hammarby IF with 6-0 in the final.

1924

Team Sweden reaches fourth place in The Olympic Games in Chamonix, France.

1927

Sweden got Canadian ice hockey visitors for the first time. Victoria HC from Montreal defeats a Swedish national team combination with 17-1 before 6 000 spectators at the Stockholm Stadium.

1928

Team Sweden wins the Silver Medal in The Olympic Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

1931

The Swedish King Gustaf V inaugurates the first indoor ice hockey arena, Lindarängen in Stockholm, December 5 1931.

1932

As reported in "Total Hockey" (The Official Encyclopedia of the National Hockey League) Gustav "Gus" Forslund is the first Swedish player to play in the NHL when he played for Ottawa Senators season 1932/33.

1936

Vic Lindqvist becomes the first Canadian coach working in Sweden.

1938

The new jersey with symbol "Tre Kronor" is used by Team Sweden's National Ice Hockey Team the first time February 12 in The World Championship in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The first jersey is blue with yellow crowns on the chest.

1949

Sweden is organising The World Championship in Ice Hockey for the first time. It was a very big interest for the sport and riots started when Team Sweden and Team Canada were going to play at the Stockholm Stadium. The gates were broken down and it is assumed that some 25 000 spectators saw the game.

1952

Team Sweden wins the Bronze Medal in The Olympic Games in Oslo, Norway.

1953

Team Sweden wins the World Championship Gold Medal for the first time. The WC tournament was played in Zürich and Basel, Switzerland.

1957

Team Sweden wins the World Championship Gold Medal for the second time. Team Sweden won the trophy in Moscow, Soviet Union after defeating Czechoslovakia 2-0 and tied the game 4-4 against the Soviet Union.

1958

The first modern indoor ice hockey arena, Rosenlundshallen in Jönköping, is inaugurated December 11 1958.

1962

Team Sweden wins the World Championship Gold Medal for the third time. In Colorado Springs, USA, the trophy is won after defeating USA 2-1 and Canada 5-3. Sven Tumba then became the first Swedish player ever to win the World Championship Gold Medal three times.

1964

Team Sweden wins the Silver Medal in The Olympic Games/World Championship in Innsbruck, Austria.

Ulf Sterner from Västra Frölunda IF is the first Swedish ice hockey player from the Swedish top league to join the National Hockey League, NHL. He plays four games for New York Rangers in the autumn 1964.

1981

Team Sweden wins the Gold Medal in Juniors World Championship for the first, and so far only, time in the tournament in Germany.

1987

Team Sweden wins the World Championship Gold Medal for the fourth time. The tournament is played in Vienna, Austria and Team Sweden reaches the Gold Medal after an exiting playoff with the following results: Czechoslovakia 3-3, The Soviet Union 2-2 and Canada 9-0.

1989

Team Sweden's womens team wins the Silver Medal in the first IIHF European Women's Championship. In the Gold Medal game Finland won against Sweden with 7-1.

1990

Team Sweden's womens team end up at fourth place in the first IIHF World Women's Championship. In the Bronze Medal game Finland won against Sweden with 6-3.

1991

Team Sweden wins the World Championship Gold Medal for the fifth time as the tournament was played in Turku, Finland. In the final game we defeated The Soviet Union 2-1. Mats Sundin, who is best in points among all players in the tournament, makes the Gold Medal winning goal when he shoots 2-1.

Team Sweden's womens team wins the Silver Medal in the second IIHF European Women's Championship. In the Gold Medal game Finland won against Sweden with 2-1.

1992

Team Sweden wins the World Championship Gold Medal for the sixth time. In the final game we defeated Finland 5-2.

Team Sweden's womens team end up at fourth place in the second IIHF World Women's Championship. In the Bronze Medal game Finland won against Sweden with 5-4 after penalty shots.

1993

Team Sweden's womens team wins the Silver Medal in the third IIHF European Women's Championship. In the Gold Medal game Finland won against Sweden with 8-2.

1994

Team Sweden wins the Olympic Games Gold Medal for the first time in the tournament in Lillehammer, Norway. Team Sweden wins an extremely exiting final game against Canada 3-2. The game is tied 2-2 after ordinary time and tied after maximum ten minutes sudden death. Even the ordinary penalty shooting is tied. In the sudden death penalty shooting Team Sweden win 1-0. Peter Forsberg scores a famous goal at Canadian goalkeeper Corey Hirsch. It is a goal that later got printed on a Swedish stamp. After Peter Forsberg's fabulous goal Swedish goalkeeper Tommy Salo saves the last Canadian penalty shot by Paul Kariya. Later all these four players became NHL players.

Team Sweden's womens team end up at fifth place in the third IIHF World Women's Championship. In the game for place 5-6 Sweden won against Germany with 7-1.

1995

Team Sweden's womens team wins the Silver Medal in the fourth IIHF European Women's Championship. In the Gold Medal game Finland won against Sweden with 9-0.

1996

Team Sweden's womens team wins the Gold Medal in the fifth IIHF European Women's Championship in Yaroslavl, Russia. Sweden won against the Silver Medallist Russia with 4-2 and won against Bronze Medallist Finland with 2-1. Sweden went undefeated through the whole tournament. Åsa Elfving were named forward in Medias All Star Team and Pernilla Burholm were named beset defensive player in the tournament by the official tournament directorate. Sweden won the tournaments Fair Play Cup.

1997

Team Sweden's womens team end up at fifth place in the fourth IIHF World Women's Championship. In the game for place 5-6 Sweden won against Switzerland with 7-1.

1998

Team Sweden wins their seventh World Championship Gold Medal in Zürich, Switzerland. Sweden is undefeated during the whole tournament and don't even loose any of the 30 periods the team played.

Mats Sundin and Jonas Bergqvist both win their third World Championship Gold Medals.

In Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, both mens and womens team ends up at fifth place. It was the first Olympic Games ice hockey tournament for women.

1999

Team Sweden wins the Bronze Medal in World Championship in Lillehammer, Norway, 1999. In the Bronze Medal game Sweden won against Canada with 3-2.

Team Sweden's womens team end up at fourth place in the fifth IIHF World Women's Championship. In the Bronze Medal game Finland won against Sweden with 8-2.

2000

Team Sweden's womens team end up at fourth place in the Sixth IIHF World Women's Championship. In the Bronze Medal game Finland won against Sweden with 7-1.

2001

Team Sweden wins the Bronze Medal in Hannover, Germany, 2001. Sweden dominate most of the Semi Final game against Czech Republic. Czech Republic could anyway tie the game in the third period and then winning with 3-2 after first overtime and then game winning penalty shots.

Team Sweden's womens team end up at seventh place in the Seventh IIHF World Women's Championship. In the relegation game Sweden won against Kazakhstan with 3-1.

2002

National women's team wins the Bronze Medal in Olympic Games in Provo, USA, 2002.

The women's team was beaten often earlier during the season and few dared to hope for any medal in Olympic Games. But the players and leaders believed in themselves. Forward Evelina Samuelsson scored both goals when Sweden won against Finland with 2-1 in the Bronze Medal game.

Team Sweden wins the Bronze Medal in World Championship in Gothenburg, Sweden, 2002. In the Semi Final Slovakia won against Sweden with 3-2 after first overtime and then game winning penalty shots.

Sweden wins against Finland with 5-3 in the Bronze Medal game.

2003

Team Sweden wins the Silver Medal in World Championship in Helsinki, Finland, 2003. In Quarter Final home nation Finland took a 5-1 lead after half game was played. But Sweden managed to turn the game and finally won with 6-5. In Semi Final Sweden won against Slovakia with 4-1. In the WC Final Game Canada won against Sweden with 3-2 after an overtime goal.

The IIHF World Women's Championship in Beijing, China, were cancelled due to the risk of SARS.

2004

Team Sweden wins the Silver Medal in World Championship in Prague, Czech Republic, 2004. In Quarter Final Sweden won over Latvia with 4-1. In Semi Final Sweden won against USA with 3-2. In the WC Final Game Sweden had a lead with 3-1 against Canada but fell. Canada scored four straight goals and won finally with 5-3.

Team Sweden finally ends at Fifth Place in the World Cup of Hockey 2004. In first round Sweden end at second place after winning against Germany, 5-2, and Czech Republic, 4-3, and had a tied game with Finland, 4-4. In Quarter Final Czech Republic knocked out Sweden with a 6-1 victory.

Team Sweden's womens team end up at fourth place in the Eight IIHF World Women's Championship. In the Bronze Medal game Finland won against Sweden with 3-2.

2005

The 2005 IIHF World Women's Championship were played in Sweden, Linköping and Norrköping, for the first time. Team Sweden's womens team won the Bronze Medal in the Ninth IIHF World Women's Championship. In the Bronze Medal game Sweden won against Finland with 5-2 in Cloetta Center, Linköping, at Saturday April 9. This was the first Swedish medal ever in the Women World Championship history. Maria Rooth were named forward in medias All Star Team.

Team Sweden Tre Kronor ends at fourth Place in World Championship in Austria 2005. The Bronze Medal game result: Russia-Sweden 6-3.

2006

Sweden won two ice hockey medals in 2006 Olympic Games in Torino, Italy.

In women's tournament Sweden won the Olympic Games Silver medal.

Results: Russia 3-1, Italy 1-0, Kanada 1-8, USA 3-2, Canada 1-4.

Highlights of the tournament: The dramatic semi final game against USA which went to both Overtime and penalty shots. USA took a lead with 2-0 but two goals by Maria Rooth tied the game. After Overtime the penalty shooting started. Kim Martin was outstanding and six shots was treated brilliant by her. Sweden's 15 year old Pernilla Winberg scored the game winning penalty shot. Maria Rooth also scored and confirmed the Swedish victory. It was the first time ever Sweden won against USA and for the first time it resulted in a final game in World Championship or Olympic Games without USA. In the final Canada won against Sweden with 4-1.

The Olympic Games directorate named Kim Martin best goalkeeper in the tournament.

Media named Kim Martin goalkeeper and Maria Rooth forward in All Star Team.

In men's tournament Sweden won the Olympic Games Gold Medal.

Results: Kazakhstan 7-2, Russia, 0-5, Latvia, 6-1, USA 2-1, Slovakia 0-3, Switzerland 6-2, Czech Republic 7-3, Finland 3-2.

Highlights of the tournament: Winning the Gold Medal game with 3-2 against Finland. The Gold Medal winning goal was very nice to see, especially since three of Sweden's best players ever were involved in the operation. Mats Sundin was handling the face off in neutral zone and puck went away from him and then Peter Forsberg took it and went into Finland's zone and dropped the puck back to Sundin. He dropped it back to Nicklas Lidström who immediately took a magnificent shot which went into the net in the upper left corner of the Finnish goal. This precision in the shot was extremely good and Nicklas Lidström really deserved this success.

The Olympic Games directorate named Kenny Jönsson best defencemen in the tournament.

Media named Nicklas Lidström defenceman in All Star Team.

2006

Team Sweden won it's eight World Championship Gold Medal in Riga, Latvia, 2006.

Results: Ukraine 4-2, Italy 4-0, Switzerland 4-4, Belarus 4-1, Slovakia 2-5, Russia 3-3, USA 6-0, Canada 5-4, Czech Republic 4-0.

Highlight of the tournament: Goalkeeper Johan Holmqvist have two shutout in the play off: He stopped all 18 shots from USA in the Quarter Final and all 22 shots from Czech Republic in the Gold Medal Game. It was a pleasure each time to see defenceman Niklas Kronwall on the ice. He played so well and became the top scorer in Team Sweden with 10 points after 2 goals and 8 assist. Other top player in Team Sweden were Kenny Jönsson, Michael Nylander, Henrik Zetterberg, Mikael Samuelsson and Andreas Karlsson.

The World Championship Directorate named Johan Holmqvist the best goalkeeper in the tournament and Niklas Kronwall the best defencemen in the tournament and the most valuable player, MVP, in the tournament.

Media Named Niklas Kronwall defenceman in All Star Team.

2007

Team Sweden won the Bronze Medal in women's World Championship in Winnipeg, Canada. It is the third straight medal in the last three big tournaments: World Championship Bronze Medal 2005, Olympic Games Silver Medal 2006, World Championship Bronze Medal 2007.

Highlight of the tournament: Sweden won the Bronze Medal Game against Finland with 1-0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0). Bronze Medal winning goal was scored by Maria Rooth assisted by Erika Holst after 02:37 in the third period.

Team Sweden ended at Fourth place in World Championship Gold Medal in Moscow, Russia, 2007.

Results: Italy 7-1, Latvia 8-2, Switzerland 6-0, Denmark 5-2, Finland 1-0, Russia 2-4, Slovakia 7-4, Canada 1-4, Russia 1-3.

Facts from the tournament: Forward Johan Davidsson, HV 71, became the World Championship scoring leader overall. He was recorded for 14 points after 7 goals and 7 assist in nine games. Defenceman Dick Tärnström, HC Lugano, became the defenceman scoring leader overall in World Championship. He was recorded for 9 points after 1 goal and 8 assist in nine games. Sweden won six of totally nine games and lost twice to home nation Russia and once against Canada.

2008

Team Sweden ended at fifth place in women's World Championship in Harbin, China. Team Sweden missed a world championship medal game for the first time since 2004.

Facts from the tournament: Sweden won against Japan 5-0 and Russia 3-1. Tina Enström was scoring leader in Team Sweden with five points (1 goal and 4 assist).

Team Sweden ended at Fourth place in World Championship Gold Medal in Quebec City, Canada, 2008.

Results: Belarus 6-5, France 9-0, Switzerland 2-4, Denmark 8-1, Russia 2-3, Czech Republic 5-3, Czech Republic 3-2 after Overtime, Canada 4-5, Finland 0-4.

Facts from the tournament: Forward Mattias Weinhandl, Linköpings HC, was fifth best scoring leader in world championship with 13 points (5 goals and 8 assist).

2009

Team Sweden ended at fourth place in women's World Championship in Hämeenlinna, Finland, 2009.

Maria Rooth scored her 100th goal in career when she lying on the ice scored 5-0 against Kazakhstan at April 8. Nine women in the world have scored 100 goals or more.

Facts from the tournament: Sweden won against China 6-1, Kazakhstan 9-0 and Russia 8-0. Erika Holst was scoring leader in Team Sweden with nine points (for goal and five assist).

Team Sweden won the World Championship Bronze Medal in Bern, Switzerland, 2009. Sweden won against USA with 4-2 in the Bronze Medal Game.

Results: Austria 7-1, Latvia 2-3 after Overtime and Game Winning Shots, USA 6-5 after 01.59 in Overtime, Russia 5-6 after 04.04 in Overtime, Switzerland 4-1, France 6-3, Czech Republic 3-1, Canada 1-3, USA 4-2.

Facts from the tournament: Forward Mattias Weinhandl, Dynamo Moscow, was fifth best scoring leader in world championship with twelve points (five goals and seven assist).

2010

Women

Team Sweden ended at fourth place in Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada, 2010. Finland won against Sweden in the Bronze Medal game with 3-2 after 02.33 in Overtime.

Team Sweden's games: Switzerland 3-0, Slovakia 6-2, Canada 1-3, USA 1-9, Finland 2-3.

Highlight of the tournament: Forward Pernilla Winberg scored four goals in the 6-2 game against Slovakia.

Men

Team Sweden ended at fifth place in Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada, 2010. Slovakia won against Sweden in the Quarter Final game with 4-3.

Team Sweden's games: Germany 2-0, Belarus 4-2, Finland 3-0, Slovakia 3-4.

Highlight of the tournament: Goalkeeper Henrik Lundqvist had a shutout when Sweden won against Finland with 3-0.

Team Sweden won the World Championship Bronze Medal in Cologne, Germany, 2010. Sweden won against Germany with 3-1 in the Bronze Medal Game.

Results: Norway 5-2, France 3-1, Czech Republic 1-2, Latvia 4-2, Canada 3-1, Switzerland 5-0, Denmark 4-2, Czech Republic 2-3 after Overtime and Game Winning Shots, Germany 3-1.

Highlight from the tournament: The way World Championship rookie Forward Magnus Pääjärvi Svensson, Timrå IK, played. He played well, he skated so well and so quick and his performance gave him a place as forward in medias All Star Team. He was also named one of Sweden's three best players in world Championship. He was the best scoring leader in Sweden world championship with nine points (five goals and four assist).

2011

Women

Team Sweden ended at fifth place in World Championship in Switzerland. Sweden won against home nation Switzerland in the fifth place game with 3-2 (2-2, 0-0, 0-0, 0-0, 0-0, 1-0) after Overtime and Game Winning Shots. Forwarden and team captain Erika Holst were the scoring leader in Team Sweden with eight points after two goals and six assists in five games. Team Sweden's games: Russia 7-1, Slovakia 3-0, USA 1-9, Finland 1-5, Switzerland 3-2.

2011

Men

Goalkeeper Viktor Fasth played in his first World Championship tournament like an high international experienced man. He was one of the biggest reasons why Sweden could reach the Silver Medal. He got awards in a way that really exemplified how good he was.

WC Directorate pick of tournaments best players

Best goalkeeper: Viktor Fasth, Sweden

Best defenceman: Alex Pietrangelo, Canada

Best forward: Jaromir Jagr, Czech Republic

Medias WC All Star Team

Goalkeeper: Viktor Fasth, Sweden

Defenceman: David Petrasek, Sweden

Defenceman: Marek Zidlicky, Czech Republic

Forward: Patrik Berglund, Sweden

Forward: Jarkko Immonen, Finland

Forward: Jaromir Jagr, Czech Republic

Most Valuable Player, MVP: Viktor Fasth, Sverige

The Team Swedens Team Management pick of the three best players in the WC tournament

Goalkeeper Viktor Fasth, and forwards Patrik Berglund and Loui Eriksson Sweden lost to Finland in the WC Gold Medal Game with 1-6 (0-0, 1-1, 0-5).

Forward Patrik Berglund were the scoring leader in Team Sweden with ten points after eight goals and two assists in nine games.

Team Sweden's games: Norway 4-5, Austria 3-0, USA 6-2, France 4-0, Switzerland 2-0, Canada 2-3, Germany 5-2, Czech Republic 5-2, Finland 1-6.

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