

Mark Parrish—Olympic and professional athlete *Bloomington Jefferson High School class of 1994*

Played over 700 games in the NHL

Mark Parrish played 11 seasons and over 700 games in the National Hockey League (NHL) with the Florida Panthers, New York Islanders, Los Angeles Kings, Minnesota wild, Dallas Stars, Tampa Bay Lightning and Buffalo Sabers.

A native of Bloomington, Mark attended Jefferson high school and won two high school State Championships with the Jaguars in 1993 and 1994. He then attended St. Cloud State and played for the Huskies. After recording 30 points in 39 games as a freshman, he was drafted in the third round, 79th overall, by the Colorado Avalanche in the 1996 NHL Entry Draft.

He played two seasons with the Panthers, and was then sent to the New York Islanders where he emerged with a career-high 30 goals, 30 assists and 60 points in the 2001-02 season. His career also included an appearance in the 2002 NHL All-Star Game. At the 2005-06 trade deadline, he was dealt to the Los Angeles Kings. He signed with his home-state team, the Minnesota Wild to a five-year contract. He played two seasons with the Wild, and was captain three times.

Mark played for Team USA at the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy in February 2006. The team was led by Peter Laviolette, Mark's former Islanders coach. The team finished fourth, just out of medal range.

Mark made an immediate impact in his Dallas Stars debut on November 7, 2008, recording a hat trick in a 5-2 win against the Anaheim Ducks. He was signed by the Binghamton Senators for the 2011-12 season. In his last professional campaign he scored 15 goals and 30 points in 51 games, while also serving as team captain. Following that season, he ended his playing career and served as a color analyst for his alma mater, St. Cloud State, on television with Fox-9's Jim Rich.