

MARY ANN MELTZER, PLAYER AND COACH

Mary Ann Meltzer has been a major influence in Michigan lacrosse, primarily as a coach and mentor—

- Leading the Birmingham Combined Girls' team to three-straight State Championships
- Directing the University of Michigan Women's Collegiate Club program to its most successful seasons
- Starting Michigan's first NCAA Division I women's program at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Mary Ann has been a “Lax Junky” from her youngest years in Worthington, Ohio, following her three older brothers in the sport. She became a high school All-American and played at the University of Maryland, where she was a two-time All-American and the National Offensive College Player of the Year in 1990. She was a member of the U.S. Lacrosse Squad from 1988-93. In 2002, she was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference 50th Anniversary Women's Lacrosse Team.

Mary Ann returned to the Midwest in 1995, and has helped Michigan women to develop their games and compete at the highest levels of lacrosse.

She was the head coach of the Birmingham High School women's team from 1998-2002, leading the Maples to three State titles (1998, 1999 & 2001). Four of her players garnered high school All-America honors, and each went on to play college lacrosse – at a time when few Michigan high school women were offered college opportunities.

"M.A." became head coach of the University of Michigan women's varsity club program in 2003. Michigan advanced to the Intercollegiate Associates National Tournament in each of her five years at UM, reaching the National Championship Game in 2006 and the semifinals in 2003 & 2004. In Meltzer's five years as Head Coach, Michigan was 93-22. She was named the IA National Coach of the Year in 2006 & 2007.

In 2007, Meltzer became the first Head Coach of the University of Detroit Mercy women, Michigan's first NCAA Division I women's team. Mary Ann worked from scratch, tirelessly recruiting throughout the U.S. and Canada, creating a team that competed at the highest levels of the National Lacrosse Conference. In her three years at UDM, went 15-37.

Fundamentally, Meltzer has been committed to advancing the opportunities for young women in lacrosse. With that in mind, she worked with the Detroit Lacrosse Club, taking high school girls to tournaments throughout the U.S., exposing them to a high level of competition, and passing on her knowledge to them.

Her induction in the Michigan Lacrosse Hall of Fame is her second such induction. She was inducted to the Ohio Chapter's Hall of Fame in 2002.