



Tom Watson

(1949-)

Amateur Champion and Major Winner

Before he became a fixture on weekend TV, **Tom Watson** had established himself as an outstanding amateur in Kansas City and the state of Missouri.

He was the KC Match Play Champion in 1964 and 1967; won the Missouri State High School Championship in 1967 and '68 and was a four-time Missouri Amateur Champion in 1967, '68, '70 and 1971.



Inducted into numerous Halls of Fame for his exceptional record as a professional golfer, his eight major championships, 39 PGA TOUR titles, 13 Champions' Tour victories (including six majors), four-time Ryder Cup Team member (twice Captain) and six-time PGA Player of the Year, set him apart from his peers.

Few will forget either his iconic chip-in on the 17th hole at Pebble Beach in the 1982 US Open or his heartbreaking loss in the play-off for the 2009 Open Championship. However, a career of nearly fifty years cannot be summed up in a few brief memories.

But Kansas Citians know Tom Watson as much for his humanitarian works as his outstanding performance on the course. His efforts on behalf of Children's Mercy Hospital, The First Tee of Greater Kansas City, Wounded Warriors and ALS Research among other worthy causes, in addition to his record as a course designer and player, made Watson an easy choice for voters selecting the inaugural class of the Kansas City Golf Hall of Fame.