

2016 Spring Newsletter

Lakota Classic Embodies Culture, Tradition

Thirty-nine years of competitive basketball, and of enduring fellowship and goodwill, has characterized the Lakota Nation Invitational.

What began as an eight-team tournament at Pine Ridge has evolved into a 32-team event of wide-ranging cultural significance.

While basketball remains a focal point, LNI week also includes such other meaningful activities as a powwow, educational workshops, cheerleading competitions, a knowledge bowl, an art show and a Lakota language bowl.

The tournament began in 1977 with the Red Cloud Crusaders winning the first championship. Two years later the LNI was moved to Rapid City. Since then it has been held at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and each year draws thousands of people who make an important contribution to Rapid City's economy.

The 39th annual tournament, coordinated by founder and director Bryan Brewer, was played Dec. 16-19, 2015. A highlight, as it is each year, was the solemn Grand Entry ceremony.

Little Wound emerged as the girls champion. The boys title was claimed by Winnebago, Neb.

Cammi Bear Killer scored 19 points to lead Little Wound past Todd County 62-50 in the girls finals. It was the first LNI championship for the Lady Mustangs since 1984. Stevie Lone Dog paced the Lady Falcons with 17 points. Pine Ridge took third place and White River was fourth.

In the boys finals Winnebago, the Nebraska Class C1 state



Roman Hawran Lacho Photo

The majesty of the 2015 Grand Entry during the 39th annual LNI. Game photo Page 12.

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champion in 2015, defeated White River 74-41. Leading the way was 6-foot-7 David Wingett with 26 points. White River was paced by Dru Espinoza with 12. Little Wound won the third-place game over Pine Ridge.

Many standouts have earned Most Valuable Player awards in the LNI. Among them was former White River star Louie Krogman, who totaled 3,521 career points for the Tigers to rank as the state's all-time record holder.

Some of the other boys MVP

selections have been Zach Finley of St. Thomas More, T.J. McCauley of Little Wound and Lower Brule, Ted Standing Soldier of Little Wound and brothers Derek and Paige Paulsen of Custer.

A girls division was added in 1983. Pine Ridge stalwart Lolly Steele led the Thorpes to the inaugural championship and was named MVP.

Among the other girls MVPs have been SuAnne Big Crow of Pine Ridge, Sunni Busch of Todd County, Doni DeCory of Pine Ridge, Ruth Dreamer of Pine Ridge and Dana Richards of Red Cloud.

The upcoming LNI on Dec. 14-17, 2016, will mark the milestone 40th anniversary of a tournament that has grown from a modest beginning into an event whose importance is embraced by thousands and admired by an entire state.

Sturgis Star Continues to Shine in Europe

By Greg Hansen

Basketball success arrived early for Megan Mahoney. It has been her loyal companion ever since.

Mahoney was a rarity among players in South Dakota. Her talent was so unique she was named all-state five times in the state's big-school class.

Through a stellar career at Sturgis Brown High School, four seasons at Kansas State University, and 12 years as a professional player, Mahoney has exemplified the qualities of a team-first athlete who places winning above personal glory.

During the past season Mahoney starred for ESBVA Metropole Lille, a team in France that was runner-up in the 2016 EuroCup.

Mahoney scored 2,066 points at Sturgis before graduating in 2001 as the state's Miss Basketball. She was Class AA second team all-state as an eighth-grader and then made first team all-state the next four seasons. She led the Scoopers to the title game of the state tournaments in both 1998 and 1999 where they fell to Roosevelt.

Kansas State went 104-27 with Mahoney and reached the NCAA Tournament each year. She started every game. Mahoney was a 6-foot guard/forward who made all-Big 12 Conference and totaled 1,307 points. She graduated as the Wildcats all-time assists leader with 589.

Connecticut selected Mahoney in the 2005 WNBA Draft. She spent two seasons with the Sun and has played 10 years in Europe. The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame asked her about her career.

Hall Of Fame: It is incredibly rare for an eighth-grader to make all-state. What are your memories of



KSU Photo
Sturgis product Megan Mahoney was a stalwart on Kansas State University teams that went 26-8, 29-5, 25-6 and 24-8.

that 1996 season and how were you able to compete at such a high level at such a young age?

Mahoney: "Well, at first, I was a little worried because I heard talk about how the upper-classmen wouldn't be happy about a little eighth-grader taking a spot. I was and am a competitor, and I just wanted to win and do what I could to help the team. I think once they saw I could hold my own, my age wasn't much of an issue.

"One memory that stays with me was playing Stevens. They had Erin Erickson, a very good 6-3 senior. Coach (Mike) Friedel told me to stick with her. But another girl drove, and I rotated to help, and she passed to Erin for a layup. Fry

screamed at me and I shot back, 'What? You want me to just watch the other girl score a layup?' He subbed me so fast and chewed my butt. He put me in my place. We laugh about it now."

HOF: What do you recall about Sturgis' two state title games?

Mahoney: "Roosevelt Roosevelt. We just never could get them. Every game was a battle and they had great teams. I'm over it now, but for a few years that was a major disappointment: Never beating Roosevelt."

HOF: How did playing at Sturgis, and against South Dakota competition, prepare you for major college and professional basketball?

Mahoney: "I had a great coach in Mike Friedel. I had raw talent, but he helped shape me into the player I am. He helped instill a sense of team and hard work. I think basketball in South Dakota was about that blue-collar attitude of working hard and being tough."

HOF: How did you choose Kansas State?

Mahoney: "Since I was probably a freshman, I thought I had my mind made up to play at Colorado State. I had been there for camps and I loved the team, coach, city, school ... everything. And I wanted to follow in the footsteps of my idol, Becky Hammon. So, I was honored by offers from other schools, but I didn't give them much consideration. But, Kansas State stayed with me. Assistant coach Kamie Ethridge finally said, 'Megan, is the door closed all the way on us? Or is it open even a crack? Because if it's open even a crack, we're coming to get you and have you come for a visit.'

"I went on a visit and loved the place and team. Nicole Ohlde (my

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roommate for three years at K-State and still a good friend) was my host during my visit. I felt at home and that I would fit in great. After that trip, I changed my mind and never looked back.”

HOF: You started on four 20-win teams at KSU. Which do you consider the best?

Mahoney: “We made it the farthest in the NCAA Tournament my freshman year. But I think our best team was my junior year (2004). We were Big 12 co-champs and spent most of the year in the Top 10. But we underachieved in the tourney and got knocked out by Notre Dame in the second round. Very disappointing. But I had the opportunity to play with two All-Americans (Ohlde and Kendra Wecker) and two others who played in the WNBA (Laurie Koehn and Claire Coggins.) It was special being part of that.”

HOF: How did you feel when you were chosen in the WNBA Draft?

Mahoney: “I was over the moon! It wasn’t certain I’d get drafted because in the Big 12 Tournament I tore my Achilles. But the Sun still drafted me. I was ecstatic. I remember seeing my name on the draft board, pick number 34, which was my jersey number since the eighth grade.”

HOF: How would you describe the experience of playing in the WNBA?

Mahoney: “It was an honor and blessing. Apart from the Olympics, it’s the highest level you can reach, and I was fortunate to be a part of it. Although I am so grateful for the opportunity, for me it wasn’t the best experience. I found it to be quite political and very much about individuals. I came from K-State which was a family environment and all about team. Things in the WNBA seemed selfish and cliquey, each man out for himself. I’m thankful for the opportunity, and I’m sure everyone who has played in the league wouldn’t say the same, but that was my experience.”

HOF: Which cities have you lived in during your career in Europe?

Mahoney: “Reykjavic, Iceland; Parma, Italy; Taranto, Italy; Lucca, Italy; Lille, France.”

HOF: Which of those cities has been your favorite and why?

Mahoney: “I spent five years in Taranto, so I became fond of the area. It’s in the south, in the ‘arch’ of the boot on the sea. Lucca is in the middle of Tuscany and is beautiful with nearby mountains, beaches, Florence, Pisa. Lille is in northeastern France. I liked it there as well.”

HOF: What are some highlights of your career in Europe?

Mahoney: “In Taranto we won three championships. Also, last year with ESBVA we won the 2015 EuroCup against a team from Belgium. It’s a two-game series and we lost the first at home by four points. The second game was in Belgium in front of 6,000 of their fans. It was loud and raucous. But we beat them by 20 to take the championship.”

HOF: What has it meant to come home during summers and help young players in camps in the Black Hills?

Mahoney: “It feels great to come back to my roots and try to give something back. I get excited when I come to the gym and see all these girls who want to learn and have fun and get better.”

HOF: What are your plans for 2016-17 and for the future?

Mahoney: “I plan on playing next season, but I don’t know where. My last contract was only for one year. I will see where there is an opportunity. For the future, I would like to get into coaching, maybe back in my home state. I’m also interested in massage therapy, possibly opening a coffee shop, or moving abroad to do humanitarian work somewhere.”

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Class of 2016



Members of the Class of 2016 were inducted into the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame during an April 2 banquet at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls. Included were, from left, in front, Scott Morgan, Mitchell '89; Chris Miller, Stickney '71; Dale Hall, Ravinia '54; Holly (Sivesind) Borchers, Roosevelt '93; Lolly Steele, Pine Ridge '84; and Roger Faber, Canistota '58. In back, Mason Hecker representing his late father Fred Hecker, Washington '57; Dodie Bemis, representing her late father Bob Marske, Andover '44; Matt Jones, Alpena

'01; Vince Gauer representing his late grandfather Bob Marske; Josh Mueller, West Central '01; Steve Jansa, O'Gorman '64; Harley Zephier Sr., Dupree '55; Elton Byre, Reliance '56; Maury Haugland, Murdo '54; Amy (Allard) Carmody, Jefferson '82; and Melissa (Olson) Guebert, Lincoln '83. Also inducted was Wayne Rasmussen, Howard '60. Posthumous inductees included Conrad Collin, Huron '30; and Rudy Soderquist, Rapid City '37. The Class of 2016 expands Hall of Fame membership to 117.

No College, No Problem: Philly chose Marske

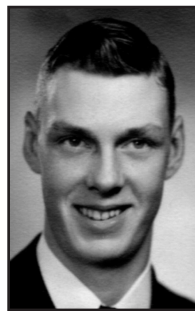
The National Basketball Association had George Mikan. South Dakota basketball had Bob Marske.

Mikan was 6-foot-10 and the first dominant big man. His strength and agility made him virtually unstoppable at DePaul University from 1944-46 and during his spectacular professional career with the Minneapolis Lakers.

Marske displayed the same talents in South Dakota that Mikan did nationally. Marske was tall at 6-7 and demonstrated such a level of skill that, despite never playing collegiately, he was selected by the Philadelphia Warriors in the NBA Draft.

In 1944, for the only time in its history, Andover High School reached the Class B state tournament. The Gorillas were coached by Jim Pappas and were powered by the play of their senior star Marske. In the first round of the tourney Andover suffered a narrow 39-37 defeat against Lake Norden.

Scoring 71 points in the tournament,



Bob Marske

for an average of 23.7 per game, Marske led Andover to fifth place. After their opening loss the Gorillas bounced back to defeat Bridgewater 41-39 and Agar 57-49. Marske was named to the all-tourney team in an era when there were no all-state teams.

Marske did not attend college despite recruiting efforts from many schools from across the region, including the University of Minnesota of the Big Ten Conference. Instead he built his life on the farm near Andover.

South Dakota formed its amateur basketball association in 1948. Andover was the undisputed class of the independent ranks. Marske was such a force, once scoring 75 points in

a game, that Andover won the state amateur tournament five consecutive years and once stretched its winning streak to 79 games.

Edward Gottlieb was the Warriors coach in 1953. His star player, 6-8 center Neil Johnston, had won the NBA scoring championship when he averaged 22.3 points per game.

Philadelphia drafted Marske in the seventh round that season based on his outstanding play in South Dakota amateur basketball. Marske was 28 and one of the few players ever to be chosen in the draft without collegiate experience. The Warriors envisioned another talented big man to step into their lineup alongside Johnston.

But again Marske remained on the farm. His basketball brilliance continued ... but only on the local landscape. He died in 2001 and was inducted into the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame posthumously in 2016.

Region II Champ Ipswich Won it all in '52

By Bob Swanhorst

Region II, whether it was good coaches or lots of good players, had always had plenty of good teams to talk about in the 1940s and 50s, but one team in '52 was not only good but surprised the AP polls and ratings in general.

First off there were plenty of good coaches in Region II whose reputations were either well established or soon would be added to a list of the many good coaches across South Dakota High Schools. Anyone who read the local sports pages had heard of Jack Theeler at McLaughlin, Bill Pape at Agar, Bob Koenig at Onida, G.W. Wright at Mobridge, Lewis Papendick at Eureka, Marv McPhee at Bowdle (the only ordained priest coaching at a public school in the state), Ed Obenauer at Gettysburg, Dale Vance of Cresbard and Faulkton, The Lefties, Turnwall at Leola and Engebritson at Ipswich, and finally Gus Kolb who had so much success while at Cheyenne-Eagle Butte.

And secondly there were lots of great athletes coming out of Region II as well. In 1937 there were 315 schools holding membership in the South Dakota Athletic Association (as it was known then) and by 1947 there were still 284. Most of those schools were small, rural, and due to the long winters, heavily involved with having a good basketball team. The rural schools always had the "town kids" and the "rural kids". Human nature is fickle and regardless of "why" there seemed to be an underlying suspicion between town kids and farm kids. Did this invisible



Spurring the Ipswich Tigers to the Class B state championship in 1952 were, from left, Gerald Sanborn, LeRoy Tuscher, Dayle Fredrickson, Leo Hammrich, Roger Mohr, Dave Germain, Dell Nelson, Delanus Mitzel, Harvey Hammrich and LeRoy Wolf. Tigers cheerleaders were Betty Crompton, Charlotte Tuscher, Carol Stevens, Erla Jones and Shirley Hettick.

competition make for better teams at the small, rural schools?

A footnote to 1952 has to be told. It was one of the worst winters ever in South Dakota. Snow plows and snow removal were not what they are today. Hoven even had to forfeit a game to Agar in their district due to impassable roads. Everyone seemed to be snowbound at one time or another. When a district had under gone consolidation and ran numerous busses, well ... school was mostly called off. Also, district tourneys were two day affairs with the semifinals and finals on the same day. A quirky rule in 1952 had as an option by the fouled team to shoot the free throw or take the ball out of bounds. If it was a two shot foul you could shoot the first free throw and take the second one out of bounds.

When we follow Ipswich's run through the district and region

tournaments many names emerge that in time became very well known in athletic circles across the state. Ipswich's starting five included Leo and Harvey Hammrich, Roger Mohr, Dave Germain and Dayle Fredrickson. First off the bench for the Tigers was generally LeRoy Tuscher or Gerald Sanborn.

In District V, held at Ipswich, their first victim was Cresbard (who hadn't practiced all week due to the weather) 74-34. Gary Osborne, an excellent baseball catcher, led Cresbard with 12 points and Harvey Hammrich had 16 for Ipswich. Two promising juniors for Cresbard were Marv White and John Swanhorst. (Nine months later Cresbard turned the tables in the '52-'53 season and beat Ipswich 62-51.) In the second round game Ipswich beat Hosmer 59-44. Hosmer was led by Melvin Imberry and A. Sonnenfeld. Mohr (6-5) led

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Ipswich with 28. In the championship it was all Ipswich as they overwhelmed Leola, 48-32. Gary Hepperle, a future star at NSU, scored 15 and Harvey Hammrich and Mohr led Ipswich with 14 and 13 respectively.

Other names to emerge from the consolation round were Mel Voegele who scored 38 points for Roscoe in a win over Northville. Jim Kretchman led Faulkton with 13 but they lost to Leola in a semifinal game. Kretchman went on to play football at NSU and established every rushing yardage record ever established by the Wolves. He also made first team in the old SDIC and every NAIA first team that existed.

In District VI, held at Mobridge, Blaine Bucklin led Selby to the title with 27 points. They beat Bowdle 59-38. Bowdle was led by Delbert Aldinger, Gary Shipley and Dale Huber. Shipley and Huber went on to play at NSU. The most exciting game in the district was Bowdle's two overtime win over Eureka 49-47. Darrold Stoebner and Milo Opp had 17 apiece for Eureka. Aldinger had 15 points for Bowdle, but the winning basket was scored by a young sophomore by the name of Bert Leidholt. Leidholt went on to become one of NSU's greatest athletes in football and track. Selby had three young players, Lyle Mudge, Darwin Sulzle and LaRue "Pepper" Martin on the bench. They later led Selby to regional championships in 1954 and 1955.

District VII was held at Gettysburg, and the Gettysburg Battlers had what looked like an impossible task. Because of the tourney format they had to play two games in one day. So did the

other teams but looming in Gettysburg's road were Onida and Agar. Agar was the number one rated team in the state for most of the season and Onida was close behind at number eight. The Battlers prevailed over Onida 56-53. The dominance of Kent Hyde, Jim Sutton, Quentin Youngberg, et al. was still a year away. Jenson led Gettysburg with 14. In the finals, strongman Marion Schreiber scored 27 as Agar got by Gettysburg 63-60. Agar had advanced to the finals without having to play Hoven. Road conditions forced Hoven to forfeit. Lebanon dropped the consolation tilt to Cheyenne 69-47. Although Agar and Onida did not meet in the district that year, their perennial struggle was locked in for decades.

In District VIII, held at McLaughlin, the host team won over Eagle Butte 64-28 in the championship game. Mel Maxon had 17 points for McLaughlin and Ralph Vrooman had seven for the Eagles. The Midgets from McLaughlin had the Maxons, Mel and Frank, while Eagle Butte had brothers Clarence and Francis Zacher. McLaughlin had little trouble in the final game after beating McIntosh 40-31 in the semifinals, but struggled with Bison in an overtime open round victory, 41-37.

That set up the 1952 Region II tournament. McLaughlin had a new auditorium that seated 2,000 fans, and had become a traditional hotbed of high school basketball with Theeler at the helm. It was Ipswich vs. Selby and Agar vs. McLaughlin. Agar was the number one rated team in the state, McLaughlin was number 18, Selby

was not rated and Ipswich finished at number 19. Agar, at 24-1, had lost to Bowdle in January 39-37. Bowdle and Selby appeared to be very much underrated, and Ipswich was considered a dark horse at best.

Agar met McLaughlin as 2,000 fans packed the auditorium. But Coach Pape's Hi-Pointers came through with a 61-40 verdict. The game was a huge disappointment for the host team. Agar shot an amazing 62% from the field and hit on nine of twelve free throws. An account of the game said Agar's 6-2, 200-pound Schreiber put on one of the finest scoring exhibitions Region II fans have seen in many a year. He had 35 points on 14 field goals and seven free throws. Darrell Smith, Agar's center, controlled the rebounding and added eight points. Manydeeds and Weitzel, both guards, led McLaughlin with nine and twelve points, respectively.

In the second game of the night, Selby's Lions appeared in control all the way. They led at all quarter stops and went into the fourth quarter with a 49-44 lead. Ipswich was down 51-49 with less than six minutes to play when things really tightened up. Selby lost its center, Charles Birkholt, and things began to change. Leo Hammrich scored and brother Harvey hit two free throws. Ipswich never trailed from that point on and won 57-52. Mohr led the scoring for Ipswich with 22 points and Bucklin had 23 for the Lions.

In the third place game McLaughlin handled Selby 62-40. Mel Maxon had 20 points for McLaughlin and Bucklin again led Selby with 22. The championship affair was a nail

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biter as the lead changed hands fourteen times. Ipswich packed in a zone defense all night as they obviously wanted to clog up Schreiber and Smith. An Aberdeen American News account said:

“With six and a half minutes left to go in the game, it looked like a lost cause for the eventual winners. For it was at this point that the Hi-Pointers enjoyed their largest lead of the fracas, 35-29.”

When you lose, second guessing becomes the norm. The question was that with a zone defense why didn't the Hi-Pointers hold the ball and bring Ipswich out of their defense. It will forever remain an enigma. There were also three needless fouls committed by Agar and the game turned for Ipswich. Ipswich eventually got the score down to four points. At that point Leo Hammrich scored and Germain was fouled while scoring, made the free throw, and Ipswich was up for good. Mohr made an insurance bucket and the score stood at 39-38 when Leo Hammrich was fouled

at the buzzer and made the free throw for a final score of 40-38. Fredrickson and Germain led the scoring with nine each, and Leo Hammrich, who the paper said played brilliant all evening, added eight. Venner had twelve and Schreiber ten for the Hi-Pointers. Ipswich had battled uphill for two nights and their grit was very much evident. It is what makes a champion. One can rate a team on paper by its won/lost record, but you can't measure the heart of the players in the clutch.

The following week at the State “B” tournament Ipswich beat Fairfax 46-37, DeSmet 43-39 and Hayti 37-32. Leo and Harvey Hammrich and Mohr all made the all-tournament team. It was the first time since 1941 that Ipswich had been in the B tournament. Ipswich was runner-up that year losing to Alcester 44-38. Their star player, Harold Walz, had set a championship round scoring record at 61 points.

Leo Hammrich went on to become a star middle and long distance runner at SDSU. Tuscher, under six feet tall, played center for

Ipswich the following year and went on to play at NSU as a guard. Harvey Hammrich followed Leo to SDSU and was a punter in football and the North Central Conference MVP in baseball. Fredrickson attended NSU and not only participated, but dominated some of the Senior Olympic events for many years. Mohr played at SDSU and NSU. Germain moved to North Dakota after graduation and there was no indication that he ever played college basketball.

Years later the Hammrich brothers' mother, Mary, was asked how she raised 11 children (nine boys and two girls) alone after her husband had died at a young age. “Oh, I just worked and kept a going.” Her last quote regarding the tournament was, “When Ipswich won the state class B basketball championship in 1952 and two of my boys were chosen on the all-tournament team, I was so happy I cried” and that is why high school basketball has always been so special.

(Research by John Simko contributed to this story).

State Championship Teams in 2016

Here are the teams that won South Dakota state high school championships when the recent basketball season concluded in March:

GIRLS

Class AA - Aberdeen 'Eagles' (24-1)

Class A - St. Thomas More 'Cavaliers' (23-2)

Class B - Sully Buttes 'Chargers' (26-0)

BOYS

Class AA - Lincoln 'Patriots' (13-13)

Class A - SF Christian 'Chargers' (22-3)

Class B - Warner 'Monarchs' (26-0)

HOF Salutes our State's National Champions

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame wishes to extend its congratulations to the University of South Dakota women's team and the Augustana University men's team for their national titles.

"The NCAA Division II championship won by Augustana and the WNIT championship won by the University of South Dakota have continued the tradition of excellence established by South Dakota colleges and universities over several decades," said Executive Director Dave Wagner.

"On behalf of our Board of Directors, I extend sincere congratulations to the players, coaches and fans of the Vikings and the Coyotes who represented the Great State of South Dakota in outstanding fashion both on and off the court this past season."

The Coyotes (32-6) were coached by Amy Williams. USD guard Nicole Seekamp, a 5-foot-10 senior from Renmark, South Australia, was named Player of the Year in the Summit League.

USD won six games in the WNIT, capped by a 71-65 victory over Florida Gulf Coast in the finals before 7,415 fans at the

DakotaDome.

Tom Billeter of Augustana (34-2) was named NABC Coach of the Year for Division II. Vikings senior Dan Jansen, a 6-9 forward from Orange City, Iowa, was selected as National Player of the Year.

Alex Richter of the Vikings was chosen Most Outstanding Player in the Elite Eight and teammate Casey Schilling earned a similar honor in the Central Regional.

Augustana's six victories in the NCAA tournament included a 90-81 title-game triumph over Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.) before 1,765 fans in Frisco, Texas.

Tigers Roar Loudest Among Mascots in S.D.

South Dakota's 157 high school basketball teams last season took the court under the banner of 92 different mascots.

Most common was the Tigers. Eleven teams competed sporting that mascot: Dupree, Groton Area, Harrisburg, Howard, Huron, Ipswich, McIntosh, Mobridge-Pollock, New Underwood, Oelrichs and White River.

Next was the Raiders with six teams: Edmunds Central, Gayville-Volin, Lyman, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, Rapid City Stevens and Rosholt.

With the closing of schools through the years, and an increase in consolidations and co-ops, some classic mascots have been retired.

No longer in action are such memorable mascots as the Beetdiggers of Vale, the Bombers of Bradley, the Gaels of Rapid City Cathedral, the Honkers of Claremont, the Wheelers of Doland, the Woodchucks of Waverly and the

Wooden Shoe Canaries of Monroe.

Filling the void are some other mascots. Especially popular are the Hawks in various forms. South Dakota has the Canistota Hawks and Colman-Egan Hawks. And the Sanborn Central/Woonsocket Blackhawks; Canton C-Hawks; Tripp-Delmont/Armour Nighthawks; Takini Skyhawks; and Tiospaye Topa Thunderhawks.

Trailing only the Tigers and Raiders were the Warriors with five teams: Bennett County, Castlewood, Sioux Falls Washington, St. Francis Indian School and Winner.

South Dakota Mascots

- * (11 teams) - Tigers.
- * (6) - Raiders.
- * (5) - Warriors.
- * (4) - Bulldogs; Cardinals; Mustangs; Patriots.
- * (3) - Braves; Cavaliers; Chargers; Panthers; Titans; Trojans.
- * (2) - Bobcats; Chiefs; Cougars; Cowboys; Coyotes; Crusaders;

Cubs; Eagles; Falcons; Flyers; Golden Eagles; Hawks; Huskies; Knights; Pheasants; Pirates; Redmen; Rustlers; Sioux; Spartans; Wildcats; Wolves.

- * (1) - Arrows; Battlers; Bearcats; Beavers; Bison; Blackhawks; Black Panthers; Blue Dragons; Broncs; Bucks; Buffaloes; C-Hawks; Chieftains; Cobblers; Comets; Cossacks; Cyclones; Divers; Dolphins; Elks; Fighting Cougars; Fliers; Goldiggers; Gorillas; Governors; Highlanders; Indians; Irrigators; Jaguars; Kernels; Kougars; Lions; Longhorns; Lynx; Monarchs; Moguls; Nighthawks; Orioles; Quarriers; Ranchers; Rangers; Red Raiders; Rough Riders; Scoopers; Scotties; Skyhawks; Tanagers; Thorpes; Thunder; Thunderhawks; Tornadoes; Vikings; Wambdi; Warbirds; Watchdogs; Wildkats; Wolverines.

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HOF Mission: The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is located at the Sanford Pentagon pictured at right. Our primary mission is to identify, record and preserve the expansive basketball history of our state for current and future generations to experience and enjoy.

Our Start: In 2009 the Hall of Fame was chartered as a non-profit 501(c)(3). The inaugural class was inducted on March 27, 2010. The move to our current Pentagon home occurred in 2013. From its inception the Hall of Fame has been guided by an evolving Board of Directors.

Take a Look: Visit us at the Pentagon from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Our primary display is near the main entrance. And don't miss the exhibits on the second floor. The Pentagon is one-half mile east of



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Interstate 29 and Benson Road in northwest Sioux Falls.

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Website: www.sdbbhof.com.

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newsletter reside in 30 different states ranging from California to Massachusetts. We publish the newsletter twice each year with spring and fall issues. Previous editions of the newsletter can be downloaded on our website.

In the Hall: The Class of 2016 was inducted during a banquet April 2 and joined six previous classes to expand the number of Hall of Fame members to 117. Work is now underway by the Board of Directors to determine which former greats will be selected to comprise the Class of 2017.

To Nominate: To nominate a deserving former player for Hall of Fame consideration, download the nomination form on our website. Complete the form and mail it to the address listed on the form. Remember that a player must have graduated at least 15 years ago to be eligible.

In Remembrance

Vern Ashley of Pierre died at age 99 on Nov. 10, 2015. He was a strong advocate for Native people who stressed the importance of education. He was a standout basketball player at Flandreau Indian School. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and then graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University. He was a longtime supporter of basketball in the state.

Harry Prendergast of Milbank died Dec. 24, 2015. He was 90. He graduated from Milbank High School and Huron College. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving during WWII, who coached basketball for many years during a career in education from 1953-87. He coached at Geddes; Sioux Valley; Newman Grove, Neb.; and Wilmot.

Jim Calhoon of Winner died Jan. 6, 2016, at age 77. He was a graduate of Winner High School and Northern State University. He was an assistant coach at Northern and also served at Clark; McLaughlin; New England,

N.D.; Aberdeen Central; South Shore; and White River. His combined career record coaching boys and girls basketball was 513-196.

Gary Munsen of Mitchell died Jan. 12, 2016. The graduate of White Lake High School and Dakota State University was 72. He won more games than any other coach in the history of South Dakota basketball: 902. He was 672-254 as a boys coach and 230-71 with the girls. He spent three years at Marion and the rest of his career at Mitchell. He won 12 state titles.

Roger Nelson of Brookings died Feb. 26, 2016. He was 80. He was a member of the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame and a former member of its board of directors. A standout player at Brookings High School and the University of South Dakota, he coached at Fort Pierre, Colman, Onida, West Central, Flandreau, Canova and Deubrook.

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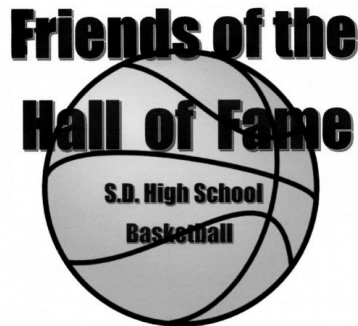
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Our ambitious State Champions Project is nearing completion. Visitors to the Sanford Pentagon will soon

be able to re-visit each state champion since 1912 via photographs on attractive 40 x 70-inch panels.

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Action from the 39th LNI



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Chris Comes Flying drives against White River defender Justice Morrison in the 39th Lakota Nation Invitational last December in Rapid City. The freshman guard had a game-high 21 points but Lower Brule fell to White River 54-53 in the quarterfinals. In the finals Winnebago, Neb., topped White River 74-41. **Story on Cover.**