

2016 Fall Newsletter

The Decision that Changed the Game in S.D.

Basketball Legend Q.C. Miles has Lived a Life of Service

By Bob Swanhorst

The high school tournaments in South Dakota have had a grand influence on many a young girl and boy. It became a dream for many aspiring young players to participate in that tournament. For some, just going as a fan was a lifetime thrill. The slow and many times controversial evolution of the tourney is a reflection of various ideas, opinions, disputes, and lingering disagreements. This story will dwell on one decision and one man and how his love of basketball and the tourney took a unexpected twist.

To evolve from one class to two, to have the association deny sanctioning a girls tourney until forced by Title IX, to have the ESD boycott the tourney for a year because they wanted ten players rather than just eight on the team, and to permit the parochial schools to compete in the tourney were just a few of the steps in the century long evolution of the tourney. One step that was made, however, lingers on and was never completely accepted by the general public. That step was the switch from two classes to three. Although the school districts have readily accepted the concept, the old fan base that was so vital to the success and popularity of the two class system has never seen it that way.

It all goes back to the High School Activities Association and the roll call vote of the Board of Control at a meeting in 1985. There was a seven member board at that



Bill Tredway Photo

Overflow crowds were the norm at state tournaments in the two class era. That was the case at the Huron Arena as Cresbard (in white) beat Corona 62-57 in the 1957 Class B finals.

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time and few people across the state realize that the vote was only for the staff of the association to have the authority to implement a three class system; it was not to establish a three class system. It was implemented and has continued up to the present time. Still, the nostalgia and yearning for the old format seemed to be discarded for something much less exciting and meaningful, and to some of the faithful it smacks of entitlement. In other words, the chances for appearing in a state

tourney should be much broader.

Marlyn Goldhammer was the Executive Secretary and his staff included Bernie Stocking, Ruth Rehn and Ralph Wilkinson. Surely they felt the criticism from the public, but that contempt seemed to crystalize toward the board members and particularly to what appeared to be the final vote in a four to three decision giving authority to the staff. Who was that final and seventh vote? It could not have been made by a more honest and true lifelong supporter and fan of South Dakota high school basketball. That vote was by Q.C. Miles.

Every so often a standout personality emerges across the country. In South Dakota one such personality is Q.C. Miles. Miles was born and raised in Turton. That in

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itself was quite a distinction since the school's mascot was the Frogs. For sure it was their French ancestry or was it the croaking frogs in the swamp west of the town? Born in 1921, Miles loved and lived basketball. As a youthful sophomore he had worked to be a player. He took the bottom out of a five gallon bucket and got a small ball and shot and shot in the barn. His coach, Gus Boldos, recognized his work ethic and desire and rewarded him by selecting him to start as a sophomore against powerful Frankfort. Unfortunately there was still a center jump rule after every basket and Frankfort had a big center named Clarence Schulte. Frankfort was strong enough to make the State "B" tournament in 1936.

Miles had not expected to start and for sure he never dreamed he was to lead his team in scoring. Nor did he expect to get pounded by a score of 53-3. His basket came on a missed free throw when there was still a home inside slot and visitor slot on either side of a six foot lane. When the ball rolled off on his side it was almost impossible to miss the put back, and yes, that made him high point man for the Frogs. Miles never started again that year. His love of the game, however, did not diminish.

On a side light, Coach Boldos



Q.C. Miles is now 95 and lives in Watertown. He earned these medals for distinguished valor as a World War II combat pilot.

must not have been exactly enamored with the mascot name. After the St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series in 1934, they were popular in every corner of the United States. The coach decided to try a new nickname and suddenly there was the Turton Cardinals. It only lasted one year and they went back to the Frogs. Just exactly why is probably lost in the wind and fog of history.

Miles went on to graduate in 1938, and attended Northern for a year earning a one year teaching certificate. After teaching in a country school Miles was in the

service by April of 1942. He became a liaison pilot flying the L-5 doing reconnaissance and observation in the Far East. He flew 173 combat missions in China and Burma from 1944-45. After his discharge he graduated from Northern, married Lela Remily in 1947 and had his first coaching-teaching stint at Stratford in 1948-49. Miles taught a year in Nebraska, and was temporarily recalled during the Korean Conflict. Miles returned to South Dakota for good in 1951.

He coached and was superintendent at Gann Valley from 1951 until 1955. He cumulated his coaching there with a State "B" appearance in 1955. Getting bumped in the first round the Buffaloes went on to win the Consolation Championship. Marvin Speck made first team All-Tourney, but the tourney favorites had to be Ray DeLoria and Alfred St. John, both of whom, without possession time limitations, appeared to be able to play keep-away forever with their dribbling act. The crowds loved them and the consolation rounds featured unusual large attendance.

Miles was at Forestburg from 1955 until 1964. There he took two teams to the "B" tourney behind players like LaMoine Torgerson and Dick Baysinger. Next stop was McIntosh where he ended his

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coaching career in 1967. From 1967 to 1985 he was superintendent at Northwestern in Mellette, and finished as superintendent at Clark. It was at Clark that he was elected to the Board of Control. Clark was a definite two class community, but Miles let it be known he was representing the entire state and not just the local sentiment. Other board members included Supt. Dale Schneider (Hitchcock), Supt. Dave Gellerman (Gregory), Principal Robert Brooks (Mitchell), Mary Olson (Box Elder), Jackie Jarrett (Britton and a school board member) and Supt. Dr. Iro Mogen (Mobridge).

A reasonable observation might conclude that the members voted for what was in the best interest for their schools. Hitchcock, Box Elder and Mobridge voted affirmative for possible change, but Gregory, Mitchell and Britton votes approved the status quo. The final vote seemed narrowly slanted for the two class system to remain intact. It did not happen however and the vote, four to

three for potential change, gave the staff and the association the power to implement three classes. Miles, in his mind, voted in the interest of all students. Miles would retire from education the same year. He said he felt it best while he "still had a few friends left."

The life of Q.C. Miles is one to be examined. There is a quality that is difficult to put into words, but you can surely sense it during a conversation. Is it old school? He has no secret playbooks or slogan collections. One can find that at any clinic. What produces success in coaching (and life)? Miles says know your players. Know their temperament, look into their potential, treat each as an individual, and lay out the challenges. And above all come to the realization that everyone needs a stroke or two of good luck. When Miles took Gann Valley to the state in '55 he knew Murdo was the better team, but they were upset by Vivian. When Forestburg made their championship run he knew teams like Cheyenne

and Alexandria were probably better, but unexpected circumstances may often come into play.

The finality of the three class system is probably here to stay. But there are always two sides to a controversy. What has happened to attendance? Are there any sold out venues today? Are motel rooms almost impossible unless reserved years in advance? Is the David versus Goliath factor gone forever? Has entitlement replaced the 'impossible dream' and the Cinderella Slipper? Does an upset play any role today when one class (AA) has double elimination? Is the dedication by a player to his/her high school team's success diminished because the state tournament venue is no longer a showcase for collegiate coaches? Times change and it is not possible to turn back the clock, but memories of what once was will not go away for many of the old South Dakota players and fans. Memories aren't so bad because they belong to the beholder and that will never change.

In Remembrance and Tribute

Leo Hammrich, 83, of Seattle died May 6, 2016. He made all-tourney as Ipswich won the 1952 Class B state title. He was an SDSU graduate and Army veteran.

Gil Peterson, 86, of Zephyrhills, Fla., died June 17, 2016. He was longtime AD at Huron University. He graduated from Plattsmouth (Neb.) and UN-Omaha.

Paul Parker, 64, of Indian Land, S.C., died June 18, 2016. He helped Arlington to the 1968 Class B title and was all-state in 1970. He was an SDSU grad.

Jerry Carey, 74, of Mitchell died July 7, 2016. The St. John's (Minn.) grad was Class B all-state at Mitchell Notre Dame in both the 1959 and 1960 seasons.

Lien Marso, 84, of Watertown died Aug. 3, 2016. He led Harold to the 1951 Class B championship. He was an Army veteran and a SDBBHOF member.

Nyal Brings, 78, of Chamberlain died Aug. 11, 2016. The USD grad was a basketball star at Todd County and a champion collegiate distance runner for the Coyotes. He coached at Lower Brule and Crow Creek.

Doug Groth, 72, of Rochester, Minn., died Aug. 12, 2016. The grad of Enderlin, N.D., and UND-Ellendale coached in North Dakota and at Selby. He won 500 boys games and 468 girls games in his career.

Melvin Bagola, 77, of Eagle Butte died Oct. 15, 2016. The Marine veteran averaged 18 points per game to lead Cheyenne as the Braves won the 1959 "B".

Bob Laskowski, 73, of Sioux Falls died Oct. 29, 2016. The popular sportscaster graduated from Turtle Lake, Wis., and Brown Institute. He spent much of his professional broadcasting career in Rapid City.

Armour Girls Proved Five-Peat is Possible

By Greg Hansen

No team in South Dakota basketball history had ever won five consecutive state championships.

That changed because of two outstanding coaches and a group of talented, dedicated girls at Armour High School.

The Packers ruled Class B from 1983 through 1987. Jerry Altenburg coached Armour to its first title. Ron Weber was the guiding force behind the next four. During those five seasons the Packers were 123-4.

A major role in each championship was filled by Dana Nielsen. In her career she scored 2,310 points and secured 965 rebounds. The three time all-stater never experienced defeat in a district, region or state tournament.

Armour had finished third in the "B" in both 1981 and 1982. The streak began in 1983 when Bennett County fell 39-24 in the finals. The Packers went 26-0 behind two all-state players: Nielsen's sister Candi, a 5-foot-11 senior who averaged 19 points per game, and junior Letha Leonard.

Altenburg then stepped down with a 220-74 record in 13 seasons. At that time Weber, a graduate of Salem High School, was completing his degree at the University of South Dakota. He was 22 that spring when hired as Armour's new coach.

"I was too young and naïve to be nervous," says Weber, who fully understood the high expectations awaiting him and his team.

"Candi was the only senior the year before so we had four starters back plus Dana. We lost to Platte early in the season. I think that helped in a way. It made the girls realize last year was in the past."

The 5-7 Leonard was then an



Coach Ron Weber displays the trophy after Armour won consecutive title No. 5. See team picture at www.sdbbhof.com

all-state senior. Other returning starters were Barb Whetham, Sarah Horn and Wanda Hornstra. And as a freshman Dana Nielsen made a significant impact.

The championship game of that 1984 season matched the Packers against No. 1-rated Jefferson, coached by the late Fred Tibbetts. Armour won 39-38 to finish 24-1. It was a pivotal game in the five-peat.

"Jefferson was a clear favorite," says Weber. "They led by three at the half (19-16). We were still in the game. Being so close gave us confidence we could play with them."

That they did. Leonard's two

free throws with :08 left provided the final margin and settled her career scoring total at 1,276 points.

The third title came in 1985 as the Packers capped a 24-2 season by downing Wakonda 63-45. Nielsen, then a sophomore, notched 32 points to set a scoring record for the championship game.

A year later Nielsen and classmate Jodi Pipes were all-state as Armour went 24-1 and beat McIntosh 61-38 in the 1986 finals. It was title No. 4.

"I believe the girls were very aware," says Weber about the Packers' pursuit of history.

Armour completed the five-peat by marching past Wakonda 62-44 in 1987 at the Huron Arena to go 25-0. Nielsen, a 5-11 center who averaged 26 points per game, and the 5-8 Pipes, who added 21, were again all-state.

The Nielsen sisters went on to star at Augustana University. Candi totaled 1,476 points and 882 rebounds for the Vikings. Dana followed and had 1,978 points and 894 rebounds while twice being named Most Valuable Player of the North Central Conference.

Pipes had transferred to Armour from Andes Central as a sophomore and scored 1,333 career points. She became a standout at USD and ranks among the Coyotes' all-time leaders in assists with 507 and steals with 249.

Weber spent 10 seasons as coach with a 176-51 record. He is now 55 and serves Armour as athletic director. He also heads the track program.

"I'm very proud of what our girls accomplished," says Weber. "Their work ethic was unbelievable. It was a very special group."

Five in a row. It had never been done. Until the Armour Packers.

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HOF Overview: The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is located at the Sanford Pentagon pictured at right. We are a non-profit organization and chartered as a 501(c)(3) in 2009. To learn more about the Hall of Fame visit our website at www.sdbbhof.com.

Gator Glory: The University of Florida Hall of Fame inducted Mike Miller in its Class of 2016. The Mitchell graduate plays for Denver in his 17th NBA season. He was inducted into the SDBBHOF in 2013.

'25' Retired: Becky Hammon had her WNBA jersey No. 25 retired by the San Antonio Stars on June 25. The Rapid City Stevens product was a 2010 SDBBHOF



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inductee. She is a San Antonio Spurs assistant.

National Honor: During a banquet in Louisville on June 28, the National High School Athletic Coaches Association inducted Dan Moran into its Hall of Fame. He had a 458-198 boys record in South Dakota.

Saluting Beau: The TeamMakers Classic at the Corn Palace on

Nov. 11-12 was renamed the Beau Keeter Memorial Classic. The former Miller star was a Dakota Wesleyan freshman when he died Sept. 23, 2015.

Stepping Down: One of South Dakota's winningest coaches, Burnell Glanzer, retired as Armour superintendent June 30. He left coaching in 2012. Glanzer was 617-209 in 37 years with the Packer boys.

Michigan Man: Alpena product Randy Baruth is Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) men's coach. Last year his Cardinals reached the NCAA Division II Elite Eight. Baruth was Class B all-state in 1996. He is a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan. Last season Saginaw Valley State went 25-8. Baruth is in his fifth season guiding the Cardinals.

Small Town Players Made Big Marks in NCC

For more than 85 years, until it ceased operations in 2008, the North Central Conference offered area fans the opportunity to watch some of the finest basketball in NCAA Division II.

The conference was formed in 1921 and among nine charter members were South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota. Augustana University joined in 1941.

During two periods of time, each spanning four seasons, the NCC scoring championship was the exclusive domain of players from Class B high schools in South Dakota.

The first run was because of "Sunny" Jim Schmidt of Dell Rapids. St. Mary and John Diefendorf of Irene.



Don Jacobsen

averaging 17.0 in 1949 and 22.6 in 1950.

The second run began in 1961 when 6-2 Don Jacobsen of Lake Norden set the NCC pace at 23.6 points per game. He led SDSU to a 21-6 record. The Jackrabbits won the NCC and Jacobsen was conference Most Valuable Player. Syracuse selected him in the fifth round of the NBA draft.

Schmidt was 6-foot-2 and won the scoring title at 18.8 points per game for SDSU in 1947. He repeated in 1948 at 18.4. The 5-11 Diefendorf then went back-to-back for USD,

Canistota product Roger Faber was the next scoring champion. He was 6-5 and averaged 23.1 points per game for USD in 1962.

Dave McCracken, 6-7 from Flandreau, won the title in 1963 when his 20.8 points per game for Augustana helped him become league MVP.

USD boasted another scoring champion in 1964. Jim Dyer, 6-2 from Willow Lake, led the NCC by netting 23.1 points per game.

Jacobsen (1,488), Faber (1,160) and Dyer (1,034) all surpassed 1,000 career points. McCracken, Schmidt and Diefendorf were near that threshold. They developed their talents in small high schools in South Dakota and then performed in a big way in the NCC.

Argonne Ace's 72 Withstands Test of Time

By Greg Hansen

Playing against the Canova Eagles brought out the best in Argonne High School star Delbert Gillam.

During a victory over Canova in 1952, Gillam scored 42 points for the Arrows. An impressive total. But merely a preview of what was to come a year later.

The following season the teams met in Argonne on Feb. 10, 1953. Gillam, who was then a senior, exploded for 72 points. That performance set South Dakota's all-time scoring record for a single game.

Gillam made 31 field goals that night and also converted 10 free throws. The Arrows of Coach Louis Cullen won 126-81. Canova was led by Don Wingen with 29 points.

It was an era before the 3-point goal, of course, or Gillam's total may have been even greater.

Gillam was joined in the starting lineup by his freshman brother Bruce. In an earlier game that season Bruce and the Arrows faced the Fedora Tigers without Delbert, who had been suspended due to a rules violation.

Missing its leader, Argonne fell behind after two quarters. During the halftime break some school board members in attendance had a brief discussion. They made the decision to immediately rescind the suspension.

Gillam was summoned to the locker room and quickly suited up. His presence in the second half rallied Argonne and spurred the Arrows to a comeback victory.

Argonne was a small farming town in Miner County about six miles northwest of Howard. It is now extinct.

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The official scorebook from the game played in Argonne on Feb. 10, 1953.

In the early 1950s the Arrows, playing in the old Little Hickory Conference, were a strong team. They spent time in the Top 20 of the statewide Class B poll. But the school never managed to reach a state tournament.

During his junior year, Gillam was part of a threesome that led Argonne to a 10-1 start and the No. 10 spot in the poll. The all-conference team at the conclusion of that 1952 season included three Arrows: Gillam, Kenneth Buthe and John Austreim.

Other players who made all-Little Hickory that year were Glen Ross of Artesian, Duane Clites of Carthage, Richard Peterson of Fedora, Thomas Lawler of Howard, Jerry Manthey of Ramona and Floyd Beck of Winfred.

Gillam was also a standout baseball player and a four-year performer in track. He was an excellent leaper who could dunk despite being only 6-foot-1.

As a senior he averaged 25.9 points per game. But the Arrows lost to the Orland Eagles in the

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District 12 tournament.

Several colleges noted his ability and recruited Gillam, who is now 83 and lives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. But he chose instead to enter the U.S. Army. His 14 years of service included time in Vietnam where he was wounded three times.

Gillam's brother transferred to Howard after the Argonne school closed in 1954. Bruce started for the Tigers when they won the Class B state tournament in 1956. Howard downed Cresbard 67-60 in the championship game.

The Tigers finished 31-4 and placed Ron Truman, another Argonne transfer, and Dave Bruce, who now lives at Mitchell, earned honorable mention status.

It was a special time in Howard as one week earlier Howard St. Agatha won the Catholic state tournament by beating Salem St. Mary's 78-63 in the finals. Bill Wolf scored 20 points and Denny Miller 19 for St. Agatha to overcome 35 from St. Mary's center Terry Slattery.

South Dakota's record book has long listed two players as sharing the single-game scoring record: Gillam and Bob Wolff of Frederick.

But the headline and accompanying story in the Aberdeen American News in its edition of Feb. 24, 1952, stated that Wolff totaled 70 points, not 72, against Stratford the night before. The Vikings won 74-19 in the consolation round of the District 4 tournament.

Whether it was a planned strategy, or a consequence of the manner in which the game flowed, Frederick's offense went almost entirely through the 5-10 Wolff. The



The 1953 Arrows were, from left, back, Coach Louis Cullen, Raymond Buthe, Bill McDonald, Donald Ommen, LeWayne Erickson, Raymond Selken and Ron Truman. Front, manager James Mentele, LeRoy Green, Bruce Gillam, Delbert Gillam, Eugene Thibodeau, Daryle Kuhle and manager Russel Fredericks.

Vikings totaled 34 field goals and Wolff had 33 of them, according to the American News story. He added four free throws.

Some prolific scorers have emerged and flourished in the state since Gillam and Wolff. Many of

them have been aided significantly by the advent of the 3-point goal. Yet in South Dakota basketball lore, the number 72 remains iconic.

(Research by LaMoine Torgerson and John Papendick contributed to this story).

Coming in our 2017 Spring Newsletter

Some interesting stories await readers in our upcoming 2017 Spring Newsletter that will be published in May. Among them:

- A game in Kingsbury County in the 1960s that was so unique it was unlike any other ever played before in South Dakota.
- How a small-town team battled the big schools on even terms in a thrilling one-class state tourney during the 1930s.

- A look at a proud program that showed that South Dakota's best could compete and shine on a national level.

These stories and others will focus on some of the memorable events that have helped make South Dakota basketball so special to so many.

Our newsletters are mailed to about 1,000 readers in 30 different states. They are free and are produced twice yearly.

Recognizing the Best of the Two-Class Era

Jim Quinn was a widely respected and admired sports historian from Rapid City. He commissioned a statewide 61-person panel in December of 1983 to vote on the greatest players of the two-class era.

The panel consisted of coaches, officials, media and others with intricate knowledge of South Dakota high school basketball.

Their votes were tabulated by Rapid City Journal sportswriter Roger Toland to determine the top players, the single best team and the finest coach of each decade from the 1930s through 1970s.

Jack Theeler received the most votes of any player in Class A. The 6-foot-4 guard/forward led Sisseton to the state title as a senior in 1963. He then played a season at the University of Minnesota before transferring to the University of South Dakota and becoming an all-time great for the Coyotes.

Second in the overall Class A voting was Chad Nelson. Yankton won the state championship in 1974 behind the 6-11 senior center. Nelson also spent his freshman season at Minnesota before moving on to star for Drake University.

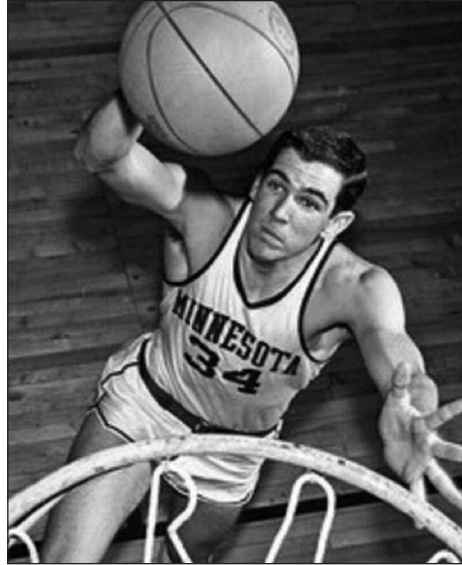
The team that received the most overall support from the panel was Miller of 1972. The Rustlers won the state tournament and finished 24-0 despite having the smallest enrollment in Class A.

Top vote getters in Class B were not announced.

Following are the results of the voting. South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame members are indicated with an asterisk:

DECADE OF THE 1930s

Class A - Don Barnes, Mitchell;



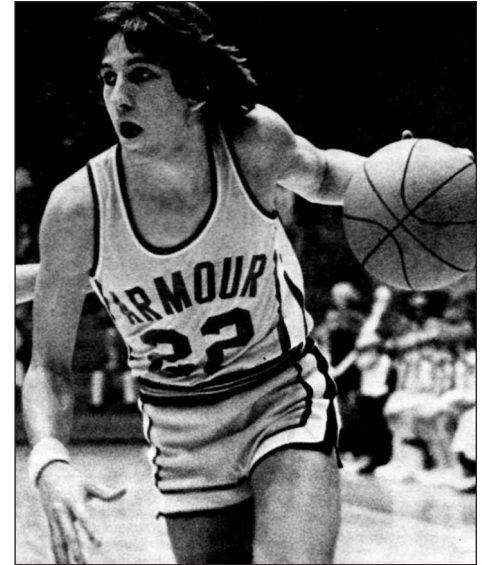
Tom McGrann

Emil Bendush, Sioux Falls; Fred DeMarrias, Flandreau Indian School; Norm Engebretson, Huron; Jim Fitzgerald, Yankton; Gene Haldeman, Aberdeen Central; Don Haskins, Rapid City; O.F. Jacobson, Huron; Art Kilness, Sioux Falls; Sig Kulawich, Huron; Whitey Maxwell, Sioux Falls; Otis Shearer, Mitchell; *Rudy Soderquist, Rapid City; Elmo Solberg, Aberdeen Central; Ray Stanicek, Yankton; Don Timmerman, Sioux Falls. TEAM: Huron '37. COACH: George Deklotz, Huron.

Class B - Max Becker, Armour; John Billington, Arlington; Dave Brewer, Oglala; Ron Coats, Doland; Don Ellison, Deadwood; Rollie Furois, Deadwood; Clint Hanson, New Effington; Dave Johnson, Arlington; Elroy Lemaster, Belle Fourche; Don Smith, Doland; Loren Thornton, Harrisburg; *Harold Thune, Murdo. TEAM: Arlington '38. COACH: D.E. Errett, Arlington.

DECADE OF THE 1940s

Class A - Herb Bartling, Brookings; Henry Bonneman, Huron; Ross Conklin, Sturgis; Bill



Barry Glanzer

Donkin, Rapid City; Don Masker, Sioux Falls; Lee Rensberger, Sioux Falls; Gene Sagen, Rapid City; Sox Walseth, Pierre; *Gene Smith, Watertown; *Bob Stewart, Aberdeen Central; *Wayne Stone, Mitchell; Ron Wiblemo Sr., Mitchell; Forrest Zimmerman, Aberdeen Central. TEAM: Aberdeen Central '49. COACH: Joe Quintal, Mitchell.

Class B - Richard Baun, Mobridge; Lloyd Dobratz, Redfield; Lefty Engebretson, Webster; Harv Hanson, Webster; Carol Heier, McLaughlin; *Jim Iverson, Platte; Joe Lutz, Tripp; Ed Manydeeds, McLaughlin; *Bob Marske, Andover; Willis Mehlhaff, Eureka; *Gene Smith, Thomas; Antoine Zephier, Flandreau; Terry Zimmerman, Miller. TEAM: Miller '49. COACH: George Houk, Webster.

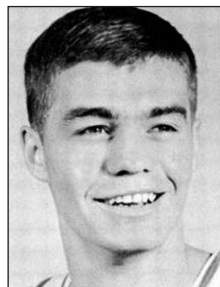
DECADE OF THE 1950s

Class A - Ordell Braase, Mitchell; Nick Brod, Huron; Denny Busch, Huron; Wayne Fix, Aberdeen Central; Carroll Hardy, Sturgis; *Fred Hecker, Sioux Falls; Carl Johnson, Milbank; Nig Johnson, Brookings; *Tom McGrann,

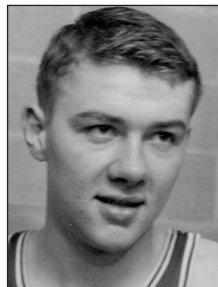
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Watertown; Arlo Mogck, Parkston; *Rex Swett, Huron; *Vince Whipple, Rapid City. TEAM: Huron '58. COACH: Carolde Heier, Huron.

Class B - *Roger Faber, Canistota; *Garney Henley, Hayti; *Kent Hyde, Onida; *Don Jacobsen, Lake Norden; Freddie Knife, Cheyenne; *Phil Miedema, Hitchcock; *Harley Peterson, Hayti; *Marv Rasmussen, Claremont; *Jim Sutton, Onida; *Bob Swanhorst, Cresbard; *Jim Tays, Gettysburg; Stan Uhler, Kadoka; *Harley Zephier Sr., Dupree. TEAM: Hayti '54. COACH: Jim Marking, Hayti.



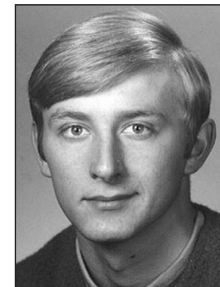
Jack Theeler



Bob Swanhorst



Jim Iverson



Lee Colburn

DECADE OF THE 1960s

Class A - *Lee Colburn, Brookings; John Dutton, Rapid City Central; *John Eidsness, Canton; Gary Evjen, Sioux Falls; *DuWayne Groos, Sisseton; *Clyde Hagen, Webster; Guy Mackner, Sisseton; *Myron Moen, Sisseton; Dale Nickelson, Belle Fourche; Al Nissen, Miller; Stan Payton, Rapid City; *Jack Theeler Jr., Sisseton; *Marty Waukazoo, Rapid City. TEAM: Sisseton '63. COACH: Dave Strain, Rapid City.

Class B - *Rich Andrzejewski, Arlington; Ron Bertsch, St. Lawrence; *Gerhardt "G.E." Buenning, Parkston; John Dutton, Rapid City Cathedral; *Randy Fletcher, Reliance; *Mike Freier, Tripp; Jay Hennies, Wagner; *Jim Schlekeway, Britton; Dave Thomas, Onida; *John Thomas, Alexandria; Lee Wilson, Frederick; Denny Womeldorf, Wessington Springs; Gene Zulk, Spencer. TEAM: (tie) Howard '64 & Tripp '67. COACH: Jim Flevares, Tripp.

DECADE OF THE 1970s

Class A - Joe Ashley, Pierre; *Scott Bosanko, Aberdeen Central; *Terry DuPris, Cheyenne-Eagle

The Voting Panel in 1983

Here are the 61 members of the statewide panel assembled by Jim Quinn in 1983 to vote on the best players, teams and coaches of the two-class era in South Dakota basketball. Ballots were tabulated and those receiving the most votes were named to the Best of the Decades:

Ray Antonen, Bill Ausmann, Larry Borgum, Dave Brewer, Joe Case, Chuck Cuny, Larry Desautels, Dick Divich, Rowan Doorn, Tom Duffy, John Egan, Dave Evans, Gordon Fosness, Louis Graslie, Ken Guenthner, Dick Hansen, Greg Hansen, Norm Hilson, Babe Hoellworth, George Houk.

Don Howe, Bob Hunt, Larry Ingalls, Dave Johnson, Gunder Kampen, Jim Kampen, Colin Kapitan, Bill Kohn, Wayne Kothe, Jim Kuehn, Allan Laird, Don Lindner, Fred Littau, Mel Logterman, Sid Lundquist, Jeff Mammenga, Jim Marking, Mel Maxon, Q.C. Miles, Mel Minton, Pat Morrison, Hod Nielsen.

Danny Olson, Glenn Phillips, Dave Prohl, Jim Quinn, Duane Roehrick, Moe Shevlin, Dave Strain, Howard Taplett, Jack Theeler Sr., Harold Thune, Leon Tobin, Bill Tredway, Lloyd Turnwall, Lou Tyon, Vern Uhler, Melford Voorhees, Milo Wepking, Charles Wilber, Ron Wood.

Butte; Randy Gross, Yankton; Cary Hornaman, Aberdeen Roncalli; Steve Krier, Yankton; *Rod Merriam, Huron; *Chad Nelson, Yankton; Larry Nickelson, Belle Fourche; *Rick Nissen, Miller; Brian Shanks, Huron; *Kim Templeton, Miller; Ron Wiblemo Jr., Mitchell. TEAM: Miller '72. COACH: Bob Docktor, Miller.

Class B - *Steve Brown, Hamlin; Forrest DeHaven, Wessington; Dan Duffy, Stanley County; *Terry

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Arlington '69 – 2014
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Holly (Sivesind) Borchers,
Roosevelt '93 – 2016
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Parkston '66 – 2014
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Lincoln '83 – 2016
- H:** Dana (Nielsen) Honner,
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Kent Hyde, Onida '54 – 2013
- I:** Jim Iverson, Platte '48 – 2010
Chuck Iverson, Vermillion '69 – 2015
- J:** Don Jacobsen,
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Steve Jansa, O'Gorman '64 – 2016
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Becky (Flynn) Jensen,
Wakonda '92 – 2010
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- K:** Eric Kline, Aberdeen '91 – 2012
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Class of 2017 to be Inducted on March 25



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The eighth annual South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame banquet will be at 1 p.m. on March 25 at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls. The Class of 2017 will be announced soon. Ticket information will follow on the Hall of Fame website. An annual banquet highlight is recognition of a Team of Excellence. Pictured above is the display at the banquet last year which honored the Salem Cubs of 1926 and their 40-1 record. An informal reception for inductees will be held from 4-6 p.m. on March 24 at the Ramkota. The reception is free and family, friends and fans are encouraged to attend. Hall of Fame Weekend is a memorable occasion. Please make plans to join us.