

2019



10th Annual Induction Ceremony

Class of 2019 Inductees

Jodi (Pipes) Altenburg: Armour '88
Scott Beckstrand: Lincoln '89
Mike Begeman: Parker '75
LeRoy Engebretson*: Webster '46
David Fischer: Wall '61
Rolland Furois*: Deadwood '40
Shannon (Schlagel) Huber: Clark '01
Freddie Knife*: Cheyenne Agency '59

Megan Mahoney: Sturgis Brown '01
Alan Nissen: Miller '68
Henry Park Jr.: Chester '45
Doug Peterson: Watertown '60
Cregg Skarin: Hitchcock '70
Lindsay Thomas: Roosevelt '02
Russell Walseth*: Pierre '44

**Inducted Posthumously*

Team of Excellence

The 20-2 Watertown High School 'Arrows' of 1959

Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel
Saturday, March 23, 2019

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A: Amy Allard-Carmody, Jefferson '82: 2016
Carla Allard-Watson, Bennett County '87: 2015
Rich Andrzejewski, Arlington '69: 2014
Robin Anderson-Thormodsgaard, Clear Lake '80: 2010
Joe Ashley, Pierre '79: 2017
Dick Authier, Woonsocket '67: 2014

B: Bruce Bad Moccasin, Pierre '67: 2010
Dick Baun, Mobridge '44: 2018
JoElle Byre-Benson, Washington '82: 2011
Ron Bertsch, St. Lawrence '61: 2017
John Bertolero, Lead '56: 2018
SuAnne Big Crow, Pine Ridge '92: 2017
Howie Bich, Yale '58: 2018
Scott Bosanko, Aberdeen '77: 2013
Frank Brost, Murdo '55: 2018
Steve Brown, Hamlin '74: 2010
G.E. Buenning, Parkston '66: 2014
Jerry Buri, Hazel '60: 2017
Amy Burnett, Huron '91: 2015
Elton Byre, Reliance '56: 2016

C: Harry Carleton, Washington '43: 2011
Lee Colburn, Brookings '69: 2015
Conrad Collin, Huron '30: 2016
Cathy Coyle-Grubb, Belle Fourche '79: 2011

D: Katie Dailey, Jefferson '81: 2015
John Diefendorf, Irene '46: 2018
Chris Divich, Doland '52: 2013
Terry DuPris, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte '76: 2011
Jim Dyer, Willow Lake '60: 2015

E: Kriss Edwards, Watertown '77: 2017
John Eidsness, Canton '66: 2015
Gary Evjen, Washington '68: 2017

F: Roger Faber, Canistota '58: 2016
Randy Fletcher, Reliance '65: 2012
Becky Flynn-Jensen, Wakonda '92: 2010
Gordon Fosness, Presho '53: 2011
Bart Friedrich, Mitchell '85: 2014
Mike Freier, Tripp '67: 2015
Carol Freeman-Galbraith, Canova '79: 2013

G: Barry Glanzer, Armour '78: 2012
Max Gonzenbach, Milbank '54: 2010
DuWayne Groos, Sisseton '62: 2014
Chad Greenwood, Mt. Vernon '01: 2018

H: Clyde Hagen, Webster '66: 2013
Dale Hall, Ravinia '54: 2016
Ray Hamann, Yankton '31: 2015
Steve Hammer, Pierpont '69: 2014
Becky Hammon, Stevens '95: 2010
Greg Hansen, Hurley '70: 2012
Maury Haugland, Murdo '54: 2016
Julie Harmacek-Bridge, Avon '83: 2014

H: Fred Hecker, Washington '57: 2016
Garney Henley, Hayti '55: 2013
Diane Hiemstra-Gabriel, Yankton '80: 2011
Luther Hippe, Washington '83: 2014
Kris Holwerda-Woerner, Brookings '81: 2014
Cary Hornaman, Roncalli '75: 2018
Kent Hyde, Onida '54: 2013

I: Jim Iverson, Platte '48: 2010
Chuck Iverson, Vermillion '69: 2015

J: Don Jacobsen, Lake Norden '57: 2010
Steve Jansa, O'Gorman '64: 2016
Randy Jencks, De Smet '71: 2012
Julie Jensen-Rozell, Langford '91: 2015
Matt Jones, Alpena '01: 2016
Terry Jordre, Corona '57: 2017

K: Eric Kline, Aberdeen '91: 2012
Mandy Koupal, Wagner '99: 2014
Lisa Kurtenbach-Glanzer, Brookings '85: 2018
Mandy Kappel, Roosevelt '00: 2018

L: John Lillibridge, Burke '58: 2017
Jimmy Lovley, Elkton '20: 2015
Lance Luitjens, Custer '92: 2010
Jerry Lund, Belle Fourche '57: 2013

M: Guy Mackner, Sisseton '65: 2017
Tom Malchow, Aberdeen '61: 2011
Bob Marske, Andover '44: 2016
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Tom McGrann, Watertown '59: 2010
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Phil Miedema, Hitchcock '58: 2014
Amy Mickelson, Brookings '86: 2013
Alan Miller, Stickney '81: 2011
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Jim Mitchell, S.D. Deaf '54: 2015
Myron Moen, Sisseton '63: 2012
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P: Ann Pancoast, Washington '81: 2017
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R: Marv Rasmussen, Claremont '55: 2015
Wayne Rasmussen, Howard '60: 2016
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Jared Reiner, Tripp-Delmont '00: 2018
Renee Ruesink, Castlewood '84: 2013

S: Renae Sallquist, Brookings '86: 2011
Jim Schlekeway, Britton '64: 2013
Jim Schmidt, Dell Rapids St. Mary '41: 2017
Harvey Schaefer, Hayti '54: 2018
Mike Sisk, Miller '57: 2017
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Holly Sivesind-Borchers, Roosevelt '93: 2016
Terry Slattery, Salem St. Mary's '56: 2011
Gene Smith, Watertown '47: 2010
Rudy Soderquist, Rapid City '37: 2016
Taran Stapp, Newell '96: 2012
Courtney Stapp-Pool, Newell '94: 2012
Lolly Steele, Pine Ridge '84: 2016
Karla Stevenson, Hamlin '83: 2012
Bob Stewart, Aberdeen '49: 2012
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Jim Sutton, Onida '53: 2011
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Rex Swett, Huron '58: 2010

T: Jim Tays, Gettysburg '50: 2015
Kim Templeton, Miller '72: 2011
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John Thomas, Alexandria '65: 2010
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Louis Tyon, Pine Ridge '63: 2018

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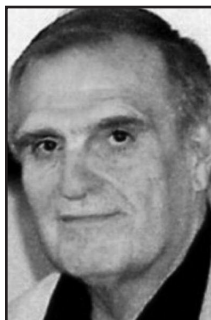
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We gather at the Ramkota Hotel today to celebrate the excellence of 15 of the finest players ever to perform on the basketball courts of our state. We are delighted to place the names of the Class of 2019 alongside the 143 former greats recognized during previous banquets. All have demonstrated outstanding ability as well as dedication to the game, their communities and the fans who have supported them.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame extends a warm welcome to family members and friends of our inductees. We hope you will enjoy our milestone 10th annual banquet and will come to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Hall of Fame.

In our mission to preserve the rich history of South Dakota basketball, we strive to tell the stories that we believe are important to all who love the game. Our bi-annual newsletters provide a glimpse into bygone days that should never be forgotten. We mail to over 1,100 followers in 34 states. Sign up at the desk for free copies to be sent to your home.

Please take time to visit us at the Sanford Pentagon. Our primary exhibit area is on the ground floor near the main entrance. Additional



Dave Wagner

items are along the second floor corridors and in the Hall of Fame Room 2110.
Our website at www.sdbbhof.com provides information regarding how you can nominate a player you consider worthy of induction. The Hall of Fame is supported by the generous donations of our friends from across the United States who have a love of South Dakota and its basketball heritage. Please see a list of our donors on page 20. We are hopeful you too will consider supporting our truly unique organization. Our address is located below and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes for safe travel and thank you again for sharing this special day with our honored inductees.

Sincerely,

Dave Wagner

Executive Director
South Dakota High School
Basketball Hall of Fame

BANQUET PROGRAM

Invocation	Mitch Begeman
National Anthem	Silver Creek
Video Presentation	Silver Creek
Welcome/Opening Remarks	Bob Swanhorst
Master of Ceremonies Introduction	Bob Swanhorst
Recognition of Board Members	Dave Wagner
Honoring Past Inductees	Dave Wagner
Salute to Team of Excellence	Dave Wagner
Team of Excellence Response	1959 Arrows
Hall of Fame Class of 2019	Dave Wagner
Plaque Presentations by Board Members	
Closing Remarks	Dave Wagner

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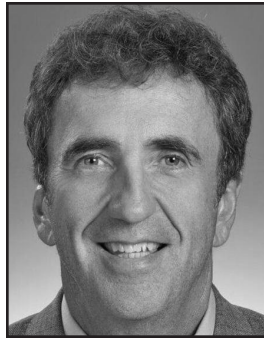
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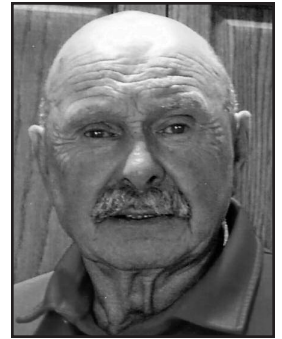
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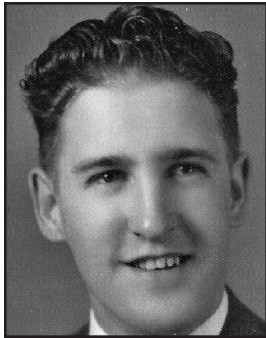
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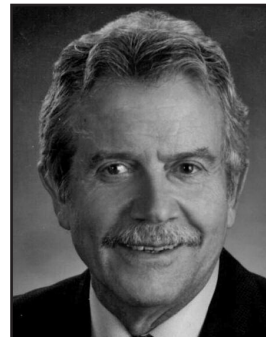
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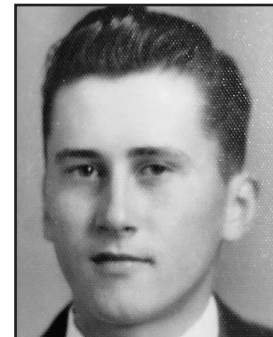
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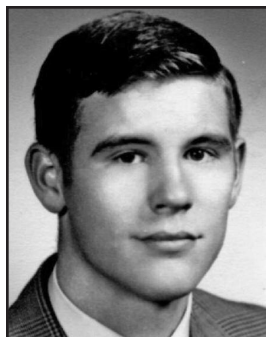
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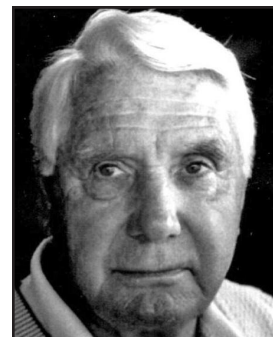
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Jodi (Pipes) Altenburg

Armour 'Packers' - 1988

South Dakota basketball had never produced a five-time state champion until the Armour High School girls accomplished the feat from 1983 through 1987.

Playing an integral role in the dynasty was Jodi (Pipes) Altenburg, a polished point guard whose expert ball-handling and passing was a lethal weapon for the Packers.

After starting at Andes Central during her freshman season, Altenburg transferred to Armour. The Packers had already won Class B titles in 1983 and 1984. The presence of Altenburg helped ensure more championships would follow.

As a sophomore Altenburg and the Packers claimed the 1985 title with a 24-2 record. In the finals Armour defeated Wakonda 63-45.

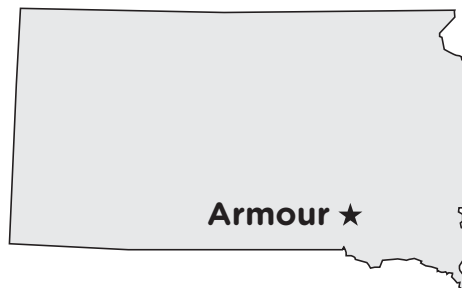
Next came a 24-1 season and another championship. This time the Packers beat McIntosh 61-38 in the title game.

Altenburg averaged 21 points, five assists and five steals per game during her 1987 senior season. She shot a remarkable 67 percent from the field and converted 73 percent of her free throws.

Armour downed Wakonda



Jodi Altenburg



62-44 to finish 25-0 under Coach Ron Weber and put the finishing touch on its historic five-peat.

In one of her finest performances Altenburg had 24 points, going 11-for-16 from the field, against Andes Central in addition to 10 rebounds, 11 steals and five assists.

For her career the 5-foot-7 Altenburg scored 1,333 points with 315 assists and 338 steals. She was chosen to the

all-state team two times. During her three seasons at Armour the Packers were 73-3.

The University of South Dakota was the next stop for Altenburg. While there she played two seasons for Fred Tibbetts and two for Gary Larson.

During that four-year span the Coyotes had an overall record of 71-41 with their best season coming in 1989 when they went 22-7.

Altenburg led USD in assists all four seasons with consecutive per-game averages of 3.8, 4.6, 4.1 and 5.7. She ended her career with 507 assists and 249 steals.

A member of the Coyote Sports Hall of Fame, she scored 888 total points during her time at USD and was a member of the all-North Central Conference team in 1991.

Altenburg is a wellness teacher at Harrisburg North Middle School. She and her husband Jim live at Harrisburg. Children are Chase and Sydney.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Jodi (Pipes) Altenburg as a member of its Class of 2019.

Scott Beckstrand

Lincoln 'Patriots' - 1989

During his illustrious career, Scott Beckstrand made an indelible mark on basketball in Sioux Falls.

First at Lincoln High School, then at Augustana University, he was a blue-chip talent who maintained a consistent level of excellence.

Beckstrand moved into Lincoln's starting lineup as a sophomore and made an immediate impact. He led Coach Lyle Pearson's Patriots to three championships in the competitive Sioux Interstate Conference and three appearances in the State Class AA Tournament. Beckstrand was Lincoln's scoring leader during each of those seasons.

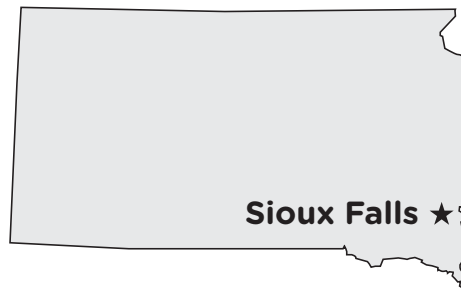
The 6-foot-6 center was named to the all-SIC team three years and was voted the Most Valuable Player in the league as both a junior and senior. He was also chosen to the all-state team three times and received a Gatorade Player of the Year Award.

Beckstrand sparked Lincoln to a three-year overall record of 57-12. During that time the Patriots were 33-3 in the SIC.

Lincoln took fifth place in the state tourney when Beckstrand was a sophomore in 1987, then followed with



Scott Beckstrand



finishes of seventh in 1988 and third in 1989.

With an average of 19 points per game, Beckstrand set the Lincoln career scoring record with 1,289 points. He also averaged nine rebounds per game and shot an impressive 58 percent from the field.

Beckstrand went on to become a four-year starter at Augustana, seeing action in 107 games for the Vikings. He

was coached by Bill Gross during his first two seasons and then by Gary Thomas.

During his collegiate career Beckstrand scored 1,681 points for an average of 16 per game while shooting 47 percent from the field and making 79 percent of his free throws.

Beckstrand recorded his single-game high when he notched 42 points against St. Cloud State. He also had career totals of 684 rebounds and 144 steals for the Vikings.

An all-North Central Conference player in 1992, Beckstrand established a school record when he converted 196 free throws that season. His career total of 529 ranks second all-time at Augustana. Beckstrand's top performance from the foul line was a 16-for-16 effort in a game against Minnesota State.

A member of the Augustana Athletic Hall of Fame, Beckstrand is an internal medicine physician at Avera. He and his wife Haley live in Sioux Falls. Children are Conner and Carlie.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Scott Beckstrand as a member of its Class of 2019.

Mike Begeman

Parker 'Pheasants' - 1975

Mike Begeman distinguished himself at Parker High School as an elite shooter with uncommon range and accuracy.

His outstanding play as a do-everything guard helped the Pheasants become a force in Class B basketball.

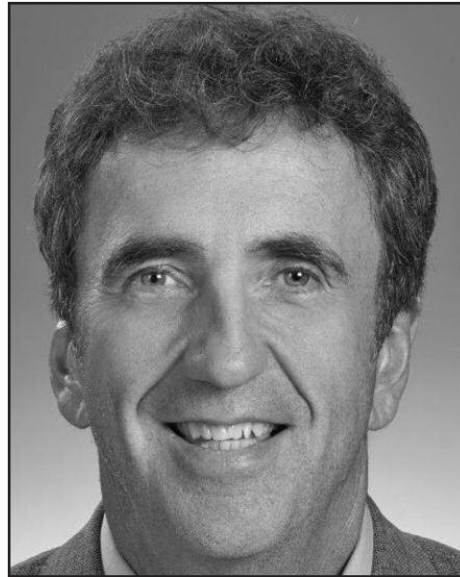
Parker had a combined record of 70-10 during Begeman's final three seasons. The Pheasants advanced to the championship game of the state tournament twice.

Begeman's breakout season came when he was a sophomore in 1973. Parker wound up 24-5 after falling to Emery 55-42 in the state title game. Begeman made his first of three appearances on the all-state team.

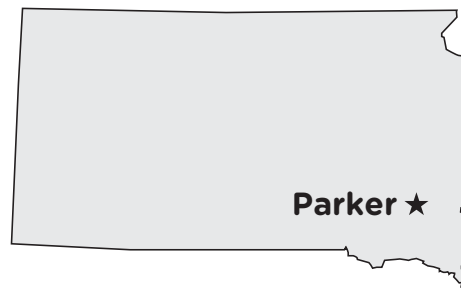
The Pheasants reached the championship game again the following season. Hamlin prevailed 36-33 and Parker finished 26-2. Begeman averaged 19 points per game.

During the 1975 season Parker participated in the Abbott House Benefit, a popular long-running doubleheader which annually drew some of the state's top teams to the Corn Palace in Mitchell. Then a senior, Begeman notched 44 points against Avon to set the benefit scoring record.

Parker was rated No. 5 in



Mike Begeman



the season's final poll. The Pheasants resided in District 21, also the home of No. 1 Freeman. The Flyers beat Parker and went on to win the state title. The Pheasants closed at 20-3.

The 6-foot Begeman, also a standout baseball player, averaged 24 points per game as a senior. He capped his career with a total of 1,477 points while playing for the legendary Gayle Hoover, who coached Parker for 34 years

and won 577 games.

Begeman then became a valuable four-year letterman on Augustana University teams that won a North Central Conference championship and participated in two North Central Regionals.

Coach Mel Klein's Vikings were 16-12 in 1977. They lost to North Dakota 71-64 in opening regional play. Augustana then claimed the NCC title during Begeman's junior season in 1978. The Vikings were 11-3 in the league and 18-11 overall. They beat Chapman University (Calif.) 78-66 in regional play before falling in the finals to Wisconsin-Green Bay 72-60.

After his Augustana graduation Begeman spent time as a teacher and coach. He guided the O'Gorman Knights for several seasons and won a then school-record 217 games.

Begeman is Vice President of Public Affairs for Sanford Health. He and his wife Gale live in Sioux Falls. Children are Matt and Mitch, both former all-state players at O'Gorman.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Mike Begeman as a member of its Class of 2019.

LeRoy Engebritson

Webster 'Bearcats' - 1946

To gauge the widespread respect bestowed upon LeRoy "Lefty"

Engebritson you need only read a story that appeared in the Argus Leader in March of 1959.

Basketball coaches across South Dakota were asked about the finest player they had ever seen in the state. Engebritson, who had graduated 13 years earlier from Webster High School, was mentioned often.

Among those who tabbed Engebritson was Centerville coach Bernie Stocking. He described Engebritson as, "An outstanding shooter, terrific ball-handler, and great team man."

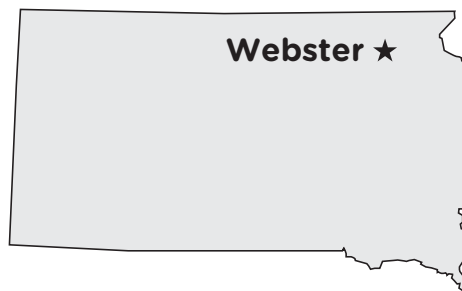
Webster won Class B state championships in 1946, 1947 and 1948. The three-peat would not have been possible without Engebritson's heroics in the opening round of the 1946 tournament.

The Bearcats trailed Platte by one point with time expiring. Engebritson, a 6-foot-1 senior forward, then made a last-second shot from near mid-court to give Webster a 45-44 victory at the Sioux Falls Coliseum.

In the semifinals Thomas fell to the Bearcats 45-36. Webster then crushed Hurley 47-27 in the championship game to finish with a record of 29-1. Engebritson was named to the



LeRoy Engebritson



all-tourney team for the second straight year in an era when no all-state team was chosen.

The Bearcats then won two more titles under Coach George Houk, whose career record at Webster was 180-20. And the streak had nearly been four consecutive titles as Webster had been edged 30-28 by Madison Central in the finals of the 1945 tourney when Engebritson was a junior.

A supremely gifted athlete,

Engebritson was also dominant in football and baseball at Webster. He was recruited to play both Big Ten Conference football and basketball at the University of Minnesota.

Engebritson was a 205-pound fullback. Among his Gophers teammates were Bud Grant, later coach of the Minnesota Vikings, and NCAA wrestling champion Vern Gagne, who would later gain fame in professional wrestling.

Engebritson's career was hampered by a knee injury he suffered as a sophomore during a 29-0 victory over the University of Pittsburgh.

After college Engebritson became a successful coach in South Dakota. Among his stops were Bowdle, Ipswich and Mobridge. He guided Ipswich to the Class B state championship in 1952. He later worked as an addiction counselor.

Engebritson lived at Minneapolis, Kan., at the time of his death in 1996. His wife was Elaine. Children are Scott, Monte and Barbara. Monte was the Nebraska starting tight end in 1982 and 1983 when the Cornhuskers posted back-to-back records of 12-1.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct LeRoy "Lefty" Engebritson posthumously as a member of its Class of 2019.

David Fischer

Wall 'Eagles' - 1961

By the time David Fischer began his freshman basketball season at Quinn High School, he was already an experienced veteran.

Fischer made his first varsity appearance as a sixth-grader en route to becoming a rare seven-year performer. He moved into the starting lineup full-time as a freshman.

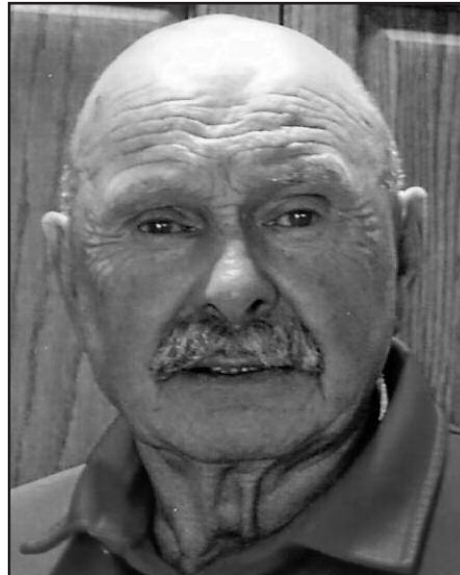
After leading Quinn in scoring for three seasons, Fischer transferred to Wall before his senior year. With the Eagles he averaged 24 points per game and was chosen to the Class B all-state team for a second time.

Fischer led Wall to the District 30 title in 1961. The Eagles of Coach Jim Parke reached the championship game of the Region 8 Tournament where they fell to Pine Ridge to finish 19-4.

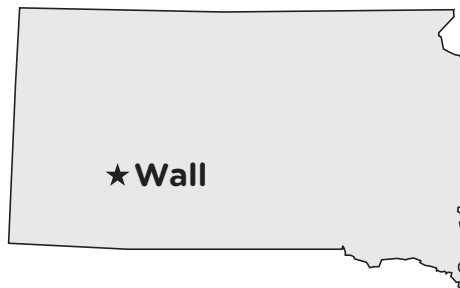
In his final four seasons Fischer totaled 2,049 points. At the time of his graduation the 6-foot-5 forward/center ranked sixth in career scoring in South Dakota prep history.

Fischer also excelled during the spring in track. As a senior at the State Class B Meet he won the discus and high jump for Wall while taking third in the long jump.

His personal bests were 152-11 in the discus, 6-0½ in the high jump and 20-3 in the



David Fischer



long jump. Fischer was also a sprinter for the Eagles with best times of 10.4 seconds in the 100-yard dash and 22.8 in the 220.

In the only season in which he played high school football, Fischer made a significant impression. He scored 17 touchdowns, spending time at quarterback, halfback and receiver. He also handled punting and kicking duties in addition to returning punts

and kickoffs.

Fischer enrolled at South Dakota State University after graduating from Wall. While playing on the Jackrabbits freshman football team he sustained an injury to his left knee which required surgery and hampered him throughout the rest of his time at SDSU.

After rehab Fischer returned to the basketball court and helped the Jackrabbits win the North Central Conference and then claim the NCAA College Division national championship in 1963. SDSU went 11-1 in the NCC and had an overall record of 22-5.

Fischer earned three letters playing for Jim Iverson and then Jim Marking. He was an SDSU captain as a senior in 1965. Fischer also lettered in track as a senior when he cleared 6-5 in the high jump.

After a career in education as a teacher, coach and administrator, Fischer retired as superintendent at West Central. He and his wife Pamela live at Hartford. Children are Susan, Sara and Jon.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct David Fischer as a member of its Class of 2019.

Rolland Furois

Deadwood 'Bears' - 1940

Back-to-back championships in Class B basketball. It had never been accomplished. Until the talented Rolland "Rollie" Furois led Deadwood High School to titles in 1939 and 1940.

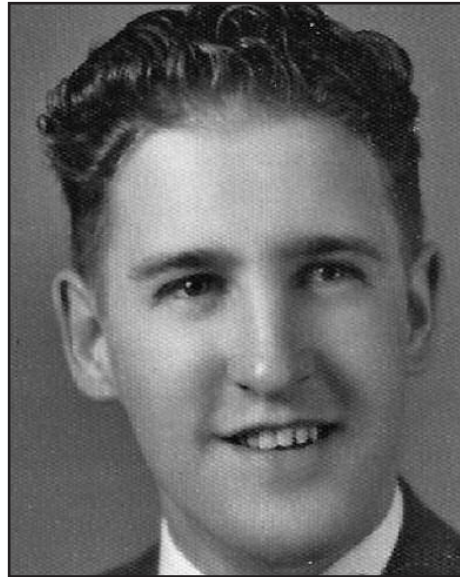
Furois was an all-around athlete of distinction. His presence in the Bears basketball lineup helped Deadwood become the dominant team in South Dakota.

The Bears defeated Armour 29-27 to win the state championship in 1939. To reach the finals Deadwood got past Langford 29-16 and Arlington 32-20. Furois was a junior and was named to the all-tourney team in an era when no all-state team was chosen.

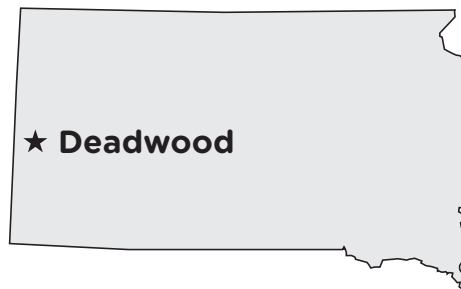
As a senior in 1940 the 5-foot-10 forward again was selected as a member of the all-tourney team. Deadwood beat Flandreau 46-29 in the quarterfinals and edged Mount Vernon 33-32 in the semifinals.

The Bears then downed Gregory 38-33 in the finals at the Brookings Armory behind 14 points from Furois.

In describing the championship game, a newspaper headline, written in the manner of the day, stated that 'Title-Defenders Trail 29-



Rolland Furois



31 With Four Minutes Remaining Before Rollie Furois Stages One-Man Comeback.'

During those decisive final minutes, Furois delivered four crucial baskets, all coming from long range. The newspaper account called his performance "sterling" and "brilliant."

At that time both the semifinal and championship games were played on Saturday. The *Deadwood*

Pioneer-Times reported that an estimated 2,500 calls from fans from Deadwood and neighboring towns came into its newsroom that day seeking tourney updates.

Another important component of Deadwood's pair of championships was the play of Furois' younger brother Dint. The Bears were coached by Frank Kerner.

Furois also was a standout in both football and track. An example of his football ability was displayed during Furois' senior season when the Bears beat Sturgis 26-0. Furois caught touchdown passes of 25 and 40 yards while also starring defensively.

Furois attended the University of Colorado, but left Boulder to serve his country during World War II as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

For many years Furois was manager of the historic Franklin Hotel in Deadwood. He later was an executive with Trailways Bus Company. Furois was living in Deadwood at the time of his death in 1973. His wife was Grace.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Rolland "Rollie" Furois posthumously as a member of its Class of 2019.

Shannon (Schlagel) Huber

Clark 'Comets' - 2001

Clark High School made two determined runs at a Class A state girls basketball championship behind the leadership of versatile forward Shannon (Schlagel) Huber.

The Comets finished second in the state tournament during Huber's sophomore season in 1998. They lost in the title game to Wagner 59-54.

The following year, during her junior season, Huber averaged 17 points and 11 rebounds per game as Clark took third place and finished with a record of 21-3.

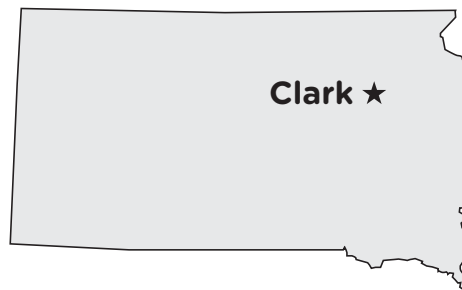
But there was a very important title still in the future for Huber: a national championship at South Dakota State University.

Huber was a 6-foot standout who was named to the all-state team three years. Her coach was Jerome Nesheim. During her career Huber and the Comets went 71-16, including 60-8 in her final three seasons.

Clark did not reach the state tourney when Huber was a senior in 2000, but finished with an outstanding 17-3 record. Huber averaged 19 points, nine rebounds, four assists and four steals per game while shooting an impressive 62 percent from



Shannon Huber



the field.

After scoring 1,518 points and grabbing 903 rebounds as a prep, Huber turned her attention toward the collegiate game.

She was named Freshman of the Year in the North Central Conference in 2002 when the Jackrabbits of Coach Aaron Johnston were 28-9.

SDSU won league titles the

next two seasons and Huber was all-NCC both years. She netted 13 points per game as a sophomore and improved that average to 18 as a junior.

During her sophomore season in 2003, Huber and the Jackrabbits clinched the NCAA Division II national championship by downing Northern Kentucky 65-50 in the Elite Eight title game. That victory settled the SDSU record at 32-3.

Huber was a senior in 2005 when SDSU made the move to NCAA Division I. She averaged 15 points per game that season and the Jackrabbits wound up 21-7.

SDSU achieved a combined 107-26 record in the four years Huber spent as a starter. She set the school career scoring record of 1,887 points and also secured 1,011 rebounds. She totaled 243 assists and 193 steals.

Huber, a former coach of the Presentation College women's team, is a bookkeeper. She and her husband Jay live at Clark. Children are Grady, Easton and Nolan.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Shannon (Schlagel) Huber as a member of its Class of 2019.

Freddie Knife

Cheyenne Agency 'Braves' - 1959

As years have passed, and tales of Freddie Knife have been retold, the Cheyenne Agency legend has become almost mythical.

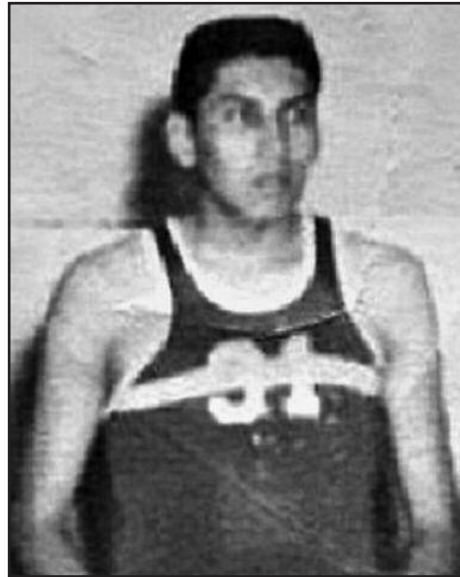
Those who saw him play, including his highly respected coach, Gus Kolb, agreed that Knife did things with a basketball that had never been seen before in South Dakota.

The 6-foot-2 forward was a transitional player, a talent so unique that he did much towards elevating the appreciation of basketball on the reservation into the passion it has become.

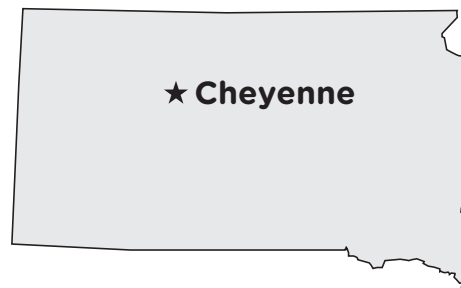
An example of Knife's popularity, of his ability to capture the hearts of fans, surfaced in the semifinals of the State Class B Tournament in 1959.

The Braves were well on their way to victory over Plankinton when Kolb removed his starters. Newspaper reports said that a chant of "We want Freddie" cascaded throughout the Huron Arena for several minutes. Kolb finally gave the fans what they wanted and sent Knife back onto the floor.

A year earlier Cheyenne entered the 1958 state tourney undefeated. The Braves lost to Corona 56-53 in the semifinals despite Knife's 19 points. Cheyenne won the third-place game over Fairfax to finish 33-1. Knife was a sophomore and was named all-state.



Freddie Knife



Knife suffered a broken blood vessel in his right knee the following football season. He was hospitalized and spent several days on crutches. Because of the injury Knife wore a knee brace and was slowed during the early stages of the 1959 basketball season. But, as Kolb said, Knife was soon back to dominating games with his normal flair and creativity.

In the opening game of the state tournament the Braves

faced No. 1 rated Columbia. They trailed 33-17 before halftime but rallied to win 56-46.

After topping Plankinton 61-51 behind Knife's 25 points, the Braves sped past De Smet 63-47 in the championship game. Cheyenne ended 31-3 to extend its two-year record to 64-4.

Knife wasn't best known for his scoring, but rather for his moves - described as "elegant" by one sportswriter of the day - and for his ball-handling wizardry. He averaged 15 points per game as a junior and was again named to the all-state team. It was two months later, in May of 1959, when Knife turned 20. That age made him ineligible to participate in high school sports in South Dakota.

So fans never had the opportunity to see what Knife might have accomplished as a senior.

Knife did some traveling with a touring Native American basketball team and also played a number of years in the amateur circuit. He lived at Red Scaffold at the time of his death in 2005.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Freddie Knife posthumously as a member of its Class of 2019.

Megan Mahoney

Sturgis Brown 'Scoopers' - 2001

From the moment she entered the Sturgis Brown High School starting lineup as an eighth-grader, Megan Mahoney ranked among the top-tier players in South Dakota.

Mahoney was chosen to the Class AA all-state team a record five times. She became the first girl in the large-school division to surpass 2,000 career points.

Second team all-state as an eighth-grader, Mahoney then earned first team honors during each of her four high school years while leading the Scoopers to the state tournament each season.

Sturgis was coached by Mike Friedel. The Scoopers reached the championship game when Mahoney was a sophomore and junior. Both times they fell to Sioux Falls Roosevelt. Sturgis also placed third when Mahoney was a freshman and fourth during her senior season.

The Scoopers had a 20-3 record during Mahoney's junior season when she averaged 19 points per game. As a senior she averaged 20 points, 10 rebounds, five steals and four assists with Sturgis finishing 19-4.

Mahoney was the state's Miss Basketball in 2000 and was named Gatorade Player of the Year and *USA Today*



Megan Mahoney



Player of the Year. She scored 2,066 points for the Scoopers while also grabbing 1,086 rebounds and totaling 513 steals and 497 assists. Mahoney was a career 59 percent shooter from the field and converted 71 percent of her free throws.

An all-around athlete, Mahoney was an all-state volleyball player and also competed in track as well as softball.

Kansas State University was

Mahoney's collegiate choice. She became an all-Big 12 Conference guard for the Wildcats of Coach Deb Patterson and set a school career record in assists with 589.

Mahoney helped Kansas State to a Big 12 championship in 2004 and four appearances in the NCAA Tournament. She notched 1,307 points as a Wildcat and totaled 804 rebounds and 177 steals. Mahoney started in a school-record 129 games. During her career Kansas State had at least 24 wins each season.

After being selected in the 2005 WNBA Draft by Connecticut, the 6-foot Mahoney saw action for the Sun and has had a productive career playing professionally in Europe.

Mahoney has spent time on teams in Iceland, Italy and France. She has been a Euroleague all-star and played on the EuroCup champion ESBVA team in France in 2015 when she was named Most Valuable Player in the finals.

Mahoney lives at Black Hawk.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Megan Mahoney as a member of its Class of 2019.

Alan Nissen

Miller 'Rustlers' - 1968

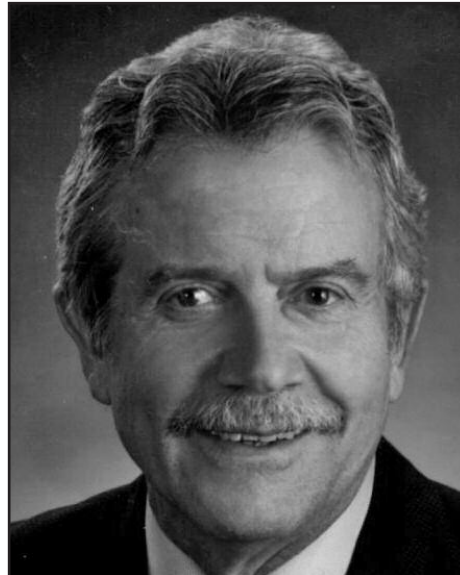
By the time the State Class A Tournament tipped off at the Sioux Falls Arena in 1968, basketball fans across South Dakota already recognized the exceptional talent and collegiate potential of Miller High School senior Alan Nissen.

One year earlier Miller, a small school by Class A standards, had reached a state tournament for the first time since winning the Class B championship in 1949. Nissen earned all-tourney honors and was also named to the all-state team.

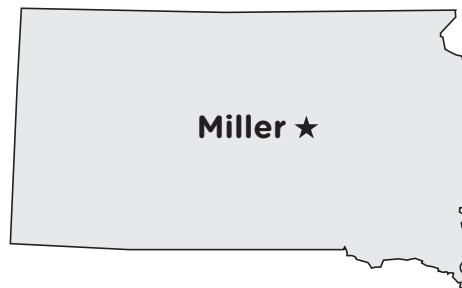
The Rustlers faced Rapid City in the first round in 1968. Nissen scored 34 points as Miller defeated the Cobblers 59-51.

In the semifinals Sioux Falls Lincoln downed the Rustlers. Miller then took third place by beating Watertown 77-62. Nissen led the tournament in scoring with 70 total points.

After averaging 20 points per game for the season, Nissen was chosen all-state for the second time. He totaled 935 points during his final two years as a Rustler and as a senior shot an impressive 60 percent from the field and 77 percent on



Alan Nissen



free throws.

Miller was coached by Taunce Mathiason. The Rustlers had a record of 15-8 when Nissen was a junior and they finished 21-3 during his senior season.

Nissen earned 11 varsity letters at Miller. He was an all-state quarterback as the Rustlers went 9-0 in football when he was a senior. Nissen also participated in track and golf.

The University of Nebraska was Nissen's college destination and he was a three-year starter for Joe Cipriano, who coached the Cornhuskers from 1964-80.

As a 6-foot-4 guard/forward, Nissen appeared in 77 games. He averaged 13 points per game as a senior. For his career he shot 47 percent from the field and 73 percent on free throws.

Nebraska was a member of the Big Eight Conference at that time and had an overall record of 48-29 while Nissen was a Cornhusker. He was a team captain as a junior and senior.

Following his graduation Nissen spent time with the Seattle SuperSonics and Kansas City Kings of the NBA. He also played professionally in Europe.

Nissen has had a career in medicine as a neurologic surgeon. He and his wife Roxanne live at Lincoln, Neb. Children are Connor and Paige.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Alan Nissen as a member of its Class of 2019.

Henry Park Jr.

Chester 'Maroons' - 1945

Fans who followed basketball in South Dakota during the 1940s were accustomed to low-scoring games in which the normal pattern was patient, deliberate offense and hard-nosed defense.

In the championship game of the State Class B Tournament in 1945, for example, a total of only 58 combined points were scored as Madison Central outlasted Webster 30-28.

So it caused quite a stir when Chester High School star Henry Park Jr. notched 31 points against Mount Vernon in that tourney.

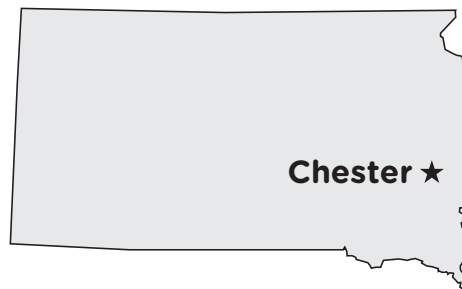
Chester's teams at that time were called the Maroons before later becoming the Flyers. Park was a 6-foot senior forward who was known by the nickname of Junior.

Park's all-around ability, and in particular his scoring knack, was among the most discussed topics of the tournament, during which he scored a record 59 points. His standout play was recognized when Park was chosen to the all-tourney team. It was an era in which no all-state team was named.

Webster defeated Chester 52-41 in the quarterfinals at the Corn Palace in Mitchell. The high-scoring Maroons,



Henry Park Jr.



making their first-ever appearance in a state tournament, bounced back to down Mount Vernon 61-41 and Miller 43-26 to earn fifth place.

Bill Hass coached Chester to a 25-3 overall record. The Maroons were champions of the Sioux Valley Conference. Losses during the regular season came only to the Madison St. Thomas Shamrocks and Madison Central.

The Maroons topped Dell Rapids 39-33 in the title game of the District 12 Tournament by producing the decisive six points in the final 1½ minutes.

Chester opened the Region 3 Tournament in Brookings by using Park's 23 points to down Oldham 59-35. The Maroons then defeated the Thomas Tigers 43-33 in the finals behind 14 points from Park.

After graduation Park enlisted in the U.S. Army during the final stage of World War II. While playing military basketball he enhanced his already considerable skills.

Park's coach during that time was Clarence Frier, a member of the Ohio State University board of directors. Frier was impressed by Park and recommended him to the Buckeyes coaching staff.

After weighing an offer to play in the Big Ten Conference for Ohio State against his love for the family farm, Park made the decision to return to his roots in South Dakota.

Park will turn 92 on April 6. He lives at Chester. His late wife was Kathryn. Children are Randy, Rodney, Tom, Lori and Monica.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Henry Park Jr. as a member of its Class of 2019.

Doug Peterson

Watertown 'Arrows' - 1960

Exceptional leadership ability was one of the qualities that made Doug Peterson an all-around athlete of rare distinction.

Peterson was a standout in three sports at South Dakota State University. He was so respected and trusted by coaches and teammates alike that as a senior he was elected a captain on each of the Jackrabbits football, basketball and baseball teams.

While at Watertown High School the 6-foot guard helped the Arrows reach the championship game of the State Class A Tournament in both 1959 and 1960. Watertown won the title when Peterson was a junior and was runner-up when he was a senior.

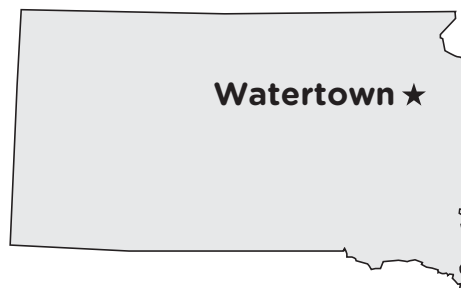
In the 1959 tourney, after getting past defending champion Huron in the semifinals, the Arrows faced Lead in the title game. Watertown prevailed 65-38 and finished with a record of 20-2 under Coach Jim Marking.

The Arrows fell to Rapid City in the championship game of 1960. Peterson, chosen all-state in both basketball and football, led Watertown to a 16-4 record. He averaged 13 points per game and was known for his defense, ball-handling and passing.

Peterson went on to earn



Doug Peterson



nine varsity letters at SDSU. As a junior in 1963 he played all 40 minutes of the championship game in the NCAA College Division national tournament as the Jackrabbits won the title over Wittenberg University (Ohio) 44-42. SDSU, coached by Jim Iverson, wound up 22-5 overall and won the North Central Conference at 11-1.

Peterson was a cornerback and quarterback in football. He also spent time at running

back during an era when the best players often went both ways. With him in the lineup SDSU won three consecutive conference titles and posted overall records of 8-2, 7-2-1 and 9-1. During that span the Jackrabbits were 16-1-1 in the NCC. The only team to beat SDSU during Peterson's senior season was the University of Nebraska.

Baseball was another sport in which Peterson demonstrated his versatility. He was an all-NCC outfielder and also spent time on the mound, leading SDSU in earned-run average with a 2.61 mark as a sophomore.

In recognition of his multi-sport contributions, Peterson was inducted into the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame.

Returning to Watertown after his SDSU graduation, Peterson coached the Arrows in basketball from 1965-68. He then had a successful career in banking.

Peterson and his wife Lori live at Rapid City. Children are Shari, David and Jodi. David was also a football standout at SDSU, earning all-NCC honors as a cornerback.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Doug Peterson as a member of its Class of 2019.

Cregg Skarin

Hitchcock 'Bluejays' - 1970

State tournaments in South Dakota are traditionally when the basketball spotlight is brightest, the pressure is greatest, and the drama is most intense.

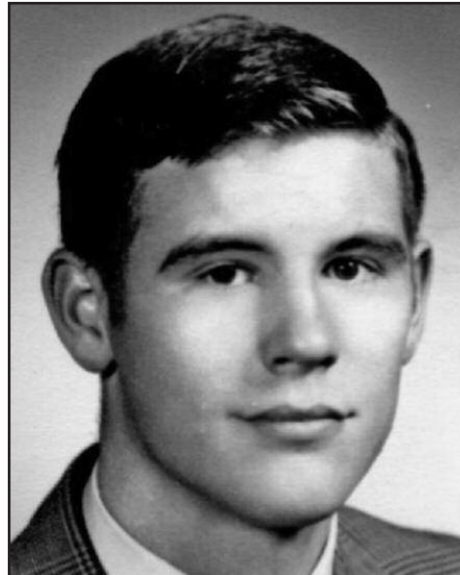
Hitchcock High School sharp-shooter Cregg Skarin responded to those circumstances with characteristic production in 1970.

Skarin led the State Class B Tournament in scoring with 88 points. He opened with games of 36 and 20. Then he netted 32 during a 70-53 victory over Gettysburg in the fifth-place game.

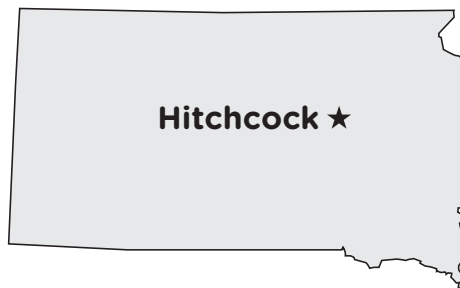
The Bluejays were rated No. 2 in the final poll of the regular season. They reached the state tourney by earning Region 4 Tournament wins over Wessington Springs, as Skarin had 23 points, and the Agar Hi-Pointers, with Skarin scoring 24.

Hitchcock was coached by Dale Schneider. The Bluejays concluded the season with a sparkling record of 27-2.

Skarin was a 6-foot guard who was accorded all-state honors two years. As a senior he averaged 21 points per game. He shot 52 percent from the field, with much of his shooting done



Cregg Skarin



Hitchcock ★

from long range, and converted 74 percent of his free throws.

The Bluejays also achieved an outstanding season when Skarin was a junior. Behind his 19-point average, they had a record of 20-6.

Hitchcock's football team was also highly ranked with Skarin filling a leading role for the Bluejays as an all-state end. He also participated in track.

Skarin continued his basketball career at nearby Huron College. With the Tribe he played for Coach Bob Swanhorst.

Huron had successful seasons with Skarin in the lineup. The Tribe was co-champion of the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference during his junior year when Skarin was named to the all-SDIC team. He averaged 13 points per game that season.

Then as a senior Skarin, who surpassed 1,000 career points, helped Huron to the District 12 championship in 1974 and a berth in the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City.

That ended a 22-year drought for Huron, marking the Tribe's first appearance in the national tourney since 1952. Huron fell in the first round to West Georgia and wound up 21-8.

Skarin is retired. He and his wife Jolynn live at Redfield. Children are Sara, Jared and Keri.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Cregg Skarin as a member of its Class of 2019.

Lindsay Thomas

Roosevelt 'Rough Riders' - 2002

The Roosevelt High School Rough Riders created a masterpiece of basketball perfection during the high school years of Lindsay Thomas.

Class AA state championships in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 were attained by Roosevelt without the loss of a single game.

Thomas was also a member of the varsity as an eighth-grader in 1997 when the Rough Riders won the first of their five consecutive state titles and finished 22-1. In five seasons Thomas only experienced losing one game.

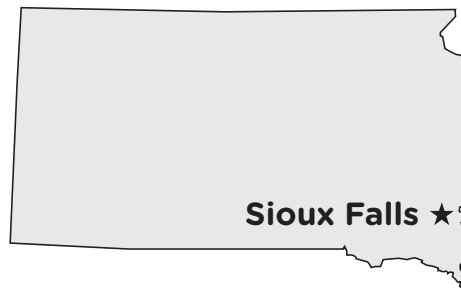
The championship streak began when Roosevelt beat Pierre 49-45 in the 1997 finals. Then came title-game victories over Sturgis 86-31 in 1998, over Sturgis again 57-40 in 1999 and over Mitchell 75-49 in 2000.

Thomas was chosen as the state's Miss Basketball in 2001 when the Rough Riders of Coach Fred Tibbetts completed their five-peat by downing O'Gorman 36-29 in the championship game. She also was named Gatorade Player of the Year.

During her senior season the all-state Thomas converted an amazing 69 percent of her field-goal attempts. She averaged 19



Lindsay Thomas



points, nine rebounds and three blocks per game while setting a Roosevelt career record by totaling 593 rebounds.

A highlight for Roosevelt during Thomas' career was when the Rough Riders participated in the Northwest Holiday Hoopfest in Beaverton, Ore., following their 1999 state title.

The Rough Riders won the prestigious 16-team tournament that featured

squads from several states. Roosevelt took the championship game 55-52 over Buena High of Ventura, Calif.

Colorado State University was Thomas' college choice and the 6-foot-2 forward/center starred for the Rams while playing for two coaches, first Chris Denker and then Jen Warden.

The best finish by Colorado State with Thomas in the lineup came in 2003 when the Rams had a record of 21-13.

A two-time member of the all-Mountain West Conference team, Thomas played in 120 games for the Rams with 91 starts. She totaled 1,187 points with a scoring average of 10 points per game as a senior.

Thomas ended her career ranked in the Top 10 of several Colorado State career categories including rebounds (732), blocks (83), field goals made (492) and field-goal accuracy (51 percent).

Thomas is an assistant professor of English at the University of Miami (Fla.). She lives in Miami.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Lindsay Thomas as a member of its Class of 2019.

Russell Walseth

Pierre 'Governors' - 1944

From central South Dakota to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, the basketball journey of Russell "Sox" Walseth was characterized by triumphs.

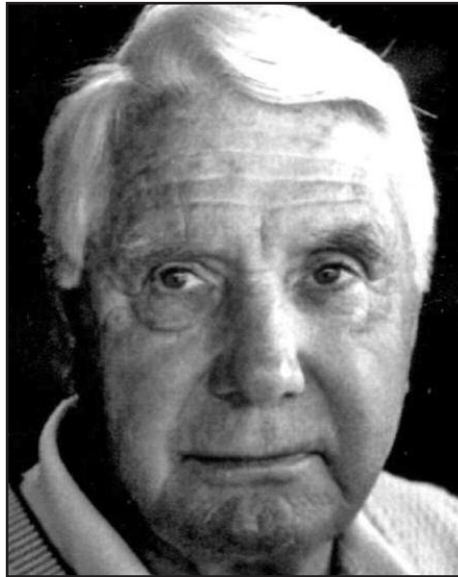
While a student at Pierre High School, his accomplishments were not limited to basketball. Walseth also was exceptional in football, track and baseball, where he helped his American Legion team to the 1941 state title.

Walseth was a four-year starter in basketball and as a senior in 1944 he captained the Governors to the Class A state championship. Pierre was coached by Paul Marschalk and beat Huron 29-28 in the title game.

When Walseth arrived in Boulder and enrolled at the University of Colorado, it marked the beginning of a 38-year association. The Buffaloes were in the Mountain States Conference at the time Walseth began his career playing for Coach Forrest Cox.

Walseth was a 6-foot guard whose savvy court sense caused Cox to refer to him as a coach on the floor. In one of his finest outings, Walseth scored 20 points against New York University at Madison Square Garden.

Walseth was also a starting shortstop for the Colorado baseball team and played in the New York Yankees farm system.



Russell Walseth



While he pursued a master's degree at Colorado he was an assistant coach. Walseth also coached at the high school level in Bakersfield, Calif. He then returned briefly to the Midwest where he coached South Dakota State University for two years, winning a North Central Conference title in 1956.

Walseth was only 30 when he became head coach at Colorado. In 20 seasons his Buffaloes won 261 games. Colorado earned three Big

Eight Conference championships during that 1957-76 span and Walseth was the conference's Coach of the Year five times.

Two of Walseth's best years were 1962 and 1963. Colorado went 19-7 overall both seasons. Helping the Buffaloes to league titles those two years was 6-4 forward Terry Woodward, a former all-stater at Pierre.

After time away from coaching, Walseth returned to the sideline and took over the women's program. His three years leading the Lady Buffs, 1981 through 83, produced a record of 77-21. Among his standouts were former South Dakota prep stalwarts Lisa VanGoor and Diane Hiemstra, both from Yankton, and Kris Holwerda of Brookings.

Walseth, a U.S. Navy veteran, was inducted into the University of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame, the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame and the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. He lived in Boulder at the time of his death in 2004. He was preceded by first wife Eleanor and survived by second wife Joan. Children are Joe, Nick and Cindy.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Russell "Sox" Walseth posthumously as a member of its Class of 2019.

The 1959 basketball season began with great promise for Watertown High School. It ended with the Arrows winning the first state championship in school history.

A year earlier, at Williams Arena in Minneapolis, Watertown provided a preview of its potential during a highly anticipated matchup scheduled as a prelim to a game between the University of Minnesota and Northwestern.

Watertown dominated the Austin Packers, winning 72-53 as juniors Tom McGrann and Tom Jensen combined for 35 points. Austin went on to win the Minnesota one-class state championship.

The Arrows fell just short in their quest for a South Dakota title. Huron topped Watertown 54-45 in the final game of the State Class A Tournament. That loss motivated Coach Jim Marking's team entering the 1959 season. Today those Arrows are being honored as this year's Team of Excellence by the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

McGrann was a 6-foot-8 center. He was joined in the Watertown lineup by forwards Jensen and Doug Kluck and guards Doug Peterson and Norm Hellbusch. John Deblon led several players who helped off the bench.

During the regular season the Arrows won the Eastern South Dakota Conference for



The 20-2 Arrows of 1959. From left, front, Coach Jim Marking, Dave Linngren, Pat McGraw, Bob Michaels, Assistant Coach Bud Belk. Standing, Denny Magner, Norm Hellbusch, Carter Reese, Jerry Alexander, Tom Jensen, John Deblon, Tom McGrann, Jerry Heinze, Doug Kluck, Jerry Miller, Doug Peterson and Roger Fox. (Submitted Photo)

the first time since 1933. McGrann repeated as ESD scoring champion with 22 points per game.

The Arrows opened the state tourney in Aberdeen by downing Beresford 78-43. That set up a semifinal between the teams that had met in the previous year's finals. This time Watertown prevailed, halting Huron 64-55 behind McGrann's 24 points, Jensen's 16 and Peterson's 12.

Lead then stood between the Arrows and the title. Watertown emerged 65-38 to finish 20-2 as McGrann notched 32 points. Were the Arrows' fans excited about the championship? A story in the Public Opinion stated that a caravan of 524 cars followed the team bus into Watertown.

Dozens of colleges pursued McGrann before he chose Minnesota. He became a

three-year starter for the Gophers. Several other Arrows spent time in college basketball programs, including Peterson who helped South Dakota State University win the 1963 NCAA College Division national title.

Marking and his assistant, Bud Belk, both later became successful on the collegiate level. Marking coached SDSU to North Central Conference titles in 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1973. Belk won an NCC championship as North Dakota State University coach in 1971.

Watertown's championship in 1959 made Marking the first coach in South Dakota to guide teams to both Class B and Class A state titles. His Hayti Redbirds had reigned in Class B in 1954.

2011**Sisseton '63**

Honored as the initial Team of Excellence was 1963 Sisseton. The Redmen won the Class A state title and finished 25-0. All five starters went on to play college basketball – Jack Theeler, Myron Moen, Simon Schloe, Bob Hull and Bob Brewster. Sisseton was coached by Theeler's father, Jack Theeler Sr., and defeated Brookings 58-42 in the final game of the state tournament.

2012**Webster '46-47-48**

Webster was recognized for its march to Class B state titles in 1946, 1947 and 1948. The three-peat would not have been possible without a half-court shot by Lefty Engebretson in the first round of the 1946 tournament. That basket lifted the Bearcats past Platte 45-44. Coach George Houk's team went on to win that tourney and then added two more championships.

2013**Howard '64**

The honor went to 1964 Howard. The Tigers were rated No. 1 in the first Class B poll of the season and remained there throughout. Howard concluded a 28-0 record by downing Scotland 60-51 in the state tournament championship game. The Tigers of Coach Jim Cordts were sparked by all-tourney selections Dennis Carlson, Glen Rasmussen and Roger Truman.

2014**Mitchell '85**

Mitchell 1985 was selected from a Kernels' run of consecutive state championship teams in 1984, 1985 and 1986. Coach Gary Munsen guided the 1985 Kernels to a 23-0 record. Mitchell boasted three Class A first team all-state players in Bart Friedrich, Chad Andersen and Tim Byrd. The Kernels defeated Sioux Falls Washington 62-59 in the championship game.

2015**Wakonda '90**

A team that finished the season with a 78-game win streak, 1990 Wakonda, was recognized. The Warriorettes compiled a 26-0 record and won their third consecutive Class B state championship. Ron Flynn was coach of the Warriorettes and the team featured his daughter, Becky (Flynn) Jensen, and Nicky (Johnsen) Gilbertson. Both were first team all-state that season.

2016**Salem '26 & Huron '58**

Co-teams were honored – 1926 Salem and 1958 Huron. Salem was coached by George Edmonds, won the single-class state tournament, and took third place in the National Tournament in Chicago. The Cubs finished 40-1. Huron wound up with a 22-0 record under Coach Carol Heier and was Class A state champion. The Tigers were led by two-time all-stater Rex Swett.

2017**Pine Ridge '87**

Pine Ridge 1987 was selected. The Thorpes marched through a 26-0 season and claimed the Class A state championship. Jesse Mendoza was the Pine Ridge coach. The Thorpes featured Willie White, an all-state player who scored 34 points to power Pine Ridge past Lennox 60-53 in the championship game, as well as George Bettelyoun and Bryan Brewer.

2018**Tripp '67**

A perfect 28-0 season by 1967 Tripp earned the Wildcats the honor of being named the Team of Excellence for 2018. Tripp beat Herreid 72-46 in the State Class B Tournament championship game as Mike Freier scored 35 points and Dick Prien grabbed 14 rebounds. Freier, Prien and Bill Fischer were named to the all-tournament team for Coach Jim Flevares.



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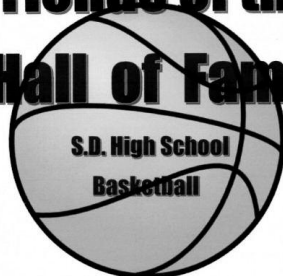
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