

2019 Spring Newsletter

1950s in S.D.: Growin' up in a Small Town

By LaMoine Torgerson

Location-Location-Location. These are the key words if you are a realtor. If you are a basketball player the key words are Practice-Practice-Practice.

Growing up in a small town or on a farm in South Dakota during the 1940s and 1950s, the extracurricular activities were quite minimal other than trying to find a place to shoot hoops.

The facilities were also very limited so there was a lot of improvising that took place. The farm kids would find some type of round metal cylinder resembling a basketball hoop and attach it to the side of a barn, granary or other out building.

They would spend hours upon hours, until well after the sun went down, shooting baskets and just practicing-practicing-practicing.

We town kids did about the same except we might find a good pole or a nice backyard tree to attach some type of goal on it. I recall my ideal goal was to take a wooden bushel basket that had a wide metal rim and attach it to a tree.

Eventually the wood slats broke off but the rim still remained. You worked hard on perfecting your shot because when you missed the ball would hit a tree root and roll down the hill and you then would have to chase after it.

If there happened to be an outdoor goal on the school playground the kids would gather there and practice-practice-practice. Wet weather didn't hamper their play as they would broom off the water from the low spots around the hoop and kept on perfecting their shots.

We didn't have a weight or exercise room in the school during



Ty Smith Photo

LaMoine Torgerson was only 10 in 1950 when he nailed a hoop to this cottonwood tree near his home in Forestburg. He and friends spent many hours shooting there. Torgerson, who now lives in Mitchell, shows that nearly 70 years later the tree and hoop are still there.

this era to help us stay in shape, but I guess most of us managed it by working summer jobs on area farms.

These jobs included hauling bales, shocking grain, stacking hay, harvesting and hoeing and picking watermelons.

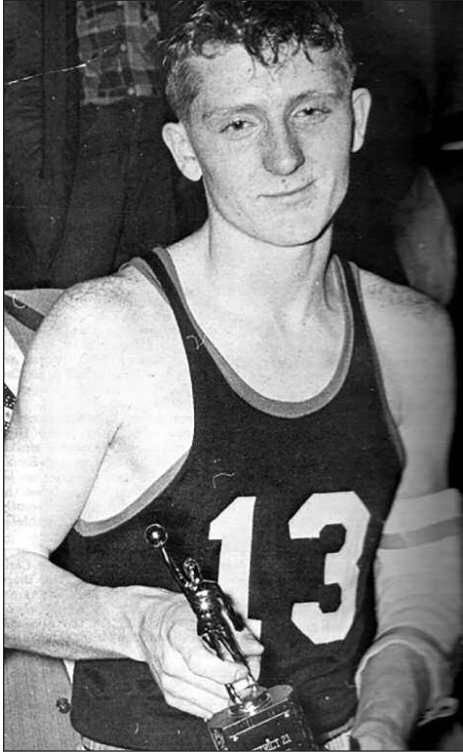
Many of the young kids may eventually together perfect their games into a very excellent and competitive team always striving

and dreaming of one day getting to play in a state tournament.

Some of the best all-time high school basketball players in South Dakota grew up during this era. In the summer of 1955, after leading his Gann Valley Buffaloes to the State B Tournament, Coach Q.C. Miles decided to leave Gann Valley. He had heard of an eighth grader

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FHS Photo
During his Buccs career, LaMoine Torgerson scored 2,381 points. He graduated in 1959 and then played at South Dakota State.

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by the name of Torgerson from Forestburg who had scored all 32 of his team's points in the final game of a county-wide grade school tournament.

That summer Coach Miles, with his fast growing family, made the move to Forestburg in hopes of building another state tournament team like he had done in Gann Valley.

Coach Miles took special interest in me and would even let me out of practice early to shower so I could drive one of my Dad's school buses at the age of 14, which I did for four years.

My Dad paid me \$10 a week, but that also included that I had to help my parents and my sister clean the schoolhouse each night after finishing my bus route as my Dad was also the school custodian. (My Mother had to ride with me until I turned 15 that first year).

In 1958 Coach Miles led the

Forestburg Buccs to their first-ever State B Tournament with the help of Dick Baysinger, probably the most underrated basketball player in the state.



Q.C. Miles

The local fans were so very supportive and followed their favorite team wherever it was playing. An old saying was that whoever was the last one to leave town for an away game to be sure and turn the lights out.

In my opinion high school basketball in the 1950s was still one of the best As was the Music!

(Note: Q.C. Miles coached Forestburg to two of the best seasons in school history. The Buccs were 24-6 in 1958 and 20-7 in 1959. Miles was a native of Turton and a graduate of Northern State)

Hodgson Memorialized at School in N.Y.

Bob Hodgson came from his native New York to South Dakota in 1973 and made an enduring impression on the many young men he coached here.

The former Penn State player was an assistant coach at Dakota Wesleyan before heading the basketball programs at Winner, Lyman, Redfield and Sturgis.

William Floyd High School in Mastic Beach, N.Y., has dedicated its basketball facility as 'Bob Hodgson Gymnasium.' Hodgson was in his 23rd year coaching the Colonials when he died as a result of a heart attack at age 63 in 2012.

Hodgson's son, Rob, a former Rutgers University standout, is

now coach of the Colonials. Hodgson's other sons, Rex and Ryan, played at New York University and West Point, respectively.

At the time Hodgson became coach at William Floyd the Colonials had went 1-51 in their last 52 games. He turned the program around and won six Suffolk County League titles.

Hodgson played high school basketball at West Islip, N.Y.

His final team at William Floyd finished 20-3.

During his Penn State career Hodgson played for John Bach, who later served as head coach of the Golden State Warriors of the NBA.



PSU Photo
Bob Hodgson was a Nittany Lions guard.

The Stars came out to Shine at Oldham

By Greg Hansen

Some segments of the country have well-known outdoor basketball courts where college and professional players congregate to test themselves against each other and the top local talent.

The best go where they can compete against the best. In the process playground legends are made.

South Dakota doesn't have a Rucker Park like New York or a Venice Beach like California. But it has had Oldham.

Beginning in 1954, and continuing for several decades, the Oldham Independent Tournament was South Dakota's closest version of Rucker Park and Venice Beach. The state's best gathered in a small Kingsbury County town to challenge each other. Name any player of reputation from the 1950s through the 1980s and odds are good that he suited up at Oldham.

The eight-team tournament started modestly as a baseball fund raiser. It was held annually on a weekend immediately after the high school and local college seasons had ended. Red Bickett was tourney director and soon the event had grown to the point where it attracted the area's elite.

Before the 1964 tournament, the



Huron Plainsman published a preview story under the headline 'State's Best Cagers Set For Oldham Meet.'

Some of South Dakota's foremost players were listed as participants: Ted Ankle, Nick Brod, Jim Kampen, Mel Klein, the Marske brothers Bob and Harry, Phil Miedema, Gary Nygaard, Terry Slattery, Jim Sutton, Wayne Thue, Jerry Wingen and others. Highmore won the championship by using Wingen's 30 points to top Oldham 105-85 in the finals.

The tourney also drew players who prepped out of state. That 1964 event included Tom Black and Dean Veenhof. Black was a 6-foot-10 native of La Crosse, Wis. He had led South Dakota State to the NCAA College Division title in 1963 and would later play in the NBA for Seattle and Cincinnati. Veenhof had sparked Edgerton to Minnesota's one-class championship in 1960

and then played at Bradley and Augustana.

The 1964 tourney was not an aberration, but rather the norm. Every year rosters were filled with players who had distinguished themselves in high school and at NCAA and NAIA colleges. Some examples:

- **1974:** Houston Rockets draft pick Lee Colburn had 36 points to pace Brookings past Aberdeen 93-87 in the finals. Other standouts included Rich Andrzejewski, Steve Brown, Bill Christensen, Rich Gerry and Clyde Hagen.
- **1985:** Huron won the title over Salem 117-111 as Kevin King notched 32 points. Salem got 36 from former Denver Nuggets center Arvid Kramer. Also among all-tourney selections were Detroit Pistons draft pick Terry DuPris, Steve Krier and Alan Miller.

Most of the players had backgrounds in South Dakota. But the lure of Oldham also attracted others such as Cavin Andersen, the Valley City State (N.D.) star who was drafted by the Chicago Bulls, and Jim Woudstra, whose 2,386 points at Northwestern set Iowa's all-time college record.

Premier players both local and from afar looked forward to competing at Oldham. It was a proving ground.

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The One Class High School Tournaments

Going, Going, Almost Gone

By Bob Swanhorst

Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, what's the fairest and most exciting tournament of all? If you examine the procedure used by states to determine how to play off their high school tournaments, it becomes a fascinating study. Let's take a look at the six states bordering on South Dakota and throw in Indiana, Kentucky, and Delaware. All the aforementioned states began their tournaments pretty much between the years of 1910 to 1920. They also all began with just a one-class champion, there were no class distinctions. That sure has changed. If you include all the states across the United States only two still have a one-class champion; Kentucky and Delaware. Yes, they have been going, going, and almost gone.

For being the only two states left out of 50 they sure don't have much in common. Kentucky has a population of over 4.5 million with 279 high school teams. Meanwhile Delaware has a population of around 946,000 with just 56 teams. They both put out just a one-class state champion for each gender.

Remember we asked the mirror two questions; what's the fairest and what's the most exciting. The first question is impossible to agree upon and the second is totally subjective. OK but let's try anyway.

If you take the question of the "most exciting" high school tournaments of all time in the upper Midwest two immediately come to mind. The entire United States has probably heard of the



EHS Photo

The Flying Dutchmen of Edgerton High School were the toast of all of Minnesota in 1960.

Milan Indians of Indiana that won what would become known as the "Milan Miracle of 1954". A second tournament that has become a legend was Edgerton Minnesota's Flying Dutchmen of 1960. And yes, both states had a one-class tournament at that time.

The "Milan Miracle" became such a popular subject of sports discussion that it was made into a movie. The film *Hoosiers*, although a fictionalized account, became a box office hit in 1986. Milan was a small high school by most standards with an enrollment of 161. The real story had all the elements of a Shakespearean Love Story without the tragedy. A high school coach was fired because he ordered new uniforms without the superintendent's knowledge, a new coach, aged 24, installed a new approach for the team and a last second shot by the team's best player won the Indiana State Championship in 1954. That win was over a much larger Muncie Central High School. Milan finished the season with a 28-2 record. It was a one-class championship which Indiana used until 1997. If

you doubt the game's popularity keep in mind that newspaper reports said 40,000 people turned up at Milan, population 1,150, the next day. There were also 13 miles of a state highway lined with cars waiting for the team. From 1998 to the present Indiana has had a four-class system with a state population of over 6.6 million people.

On March 26, 1960, tiny Edgerton, Minnesota, with 94 students, defeated a much larger Austin 72-61 for the one-class state tournament championship. Minnesota has never forgotten the team or the game. When Minnesota's High School basketball Hall of Fame honored over 100 years of basketball, the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen, with a one-class championship and a 27-0 record, topped the list. As Patrick Reusse recently wrote in the *Strib*: "Every Minnesotan still around who filled out a bracket can tell you the four Dutchmen who made all-tournament were Dean Verdoes, Dean Veenhof, Darrell Kreun and Leroy

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Graphenteen. Well, the fifth starter was Bob Wirarda, and don't you forget it." On March 27, 2010, then Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty signed a proclamation stating that Saturday, March 27, 2010, to be "EDGERTON, MINNESOTA BASKETBALL DAY". It was the 50th anniversary of that state title. Tom Tomashek and Ken Kielty wrote a book in 2008 titled "EDGERTON: A BASKETBALL LEGEND".

The book detailed the story and how Edgerton earned legendary status and still after so many years any mention of Edgerton can evoke discussion about one of Minnesota's great Cinderella stories no matter the sport. A video was produced and Blair Wegener created a commemorative poster. The title of the video is "EDGERTON: THE LITTLE TOWN THAT COULD".

So much for excitement. There has never been an overall poll of all 50 states as to which individual high school tournament championship was the most exciting, but you can bet that Minnesota and Indiana surely have selected their champions of legendary excitement. What about South Dakota? Probably impossible to say and even a consensus is unrealistic. But one favorite is the Miller Rustlers of 1972. They were the smallest of the 32 "A" schools but beat SF Washington, RC Stevens, and Yankton to win the State "A". They were unbeaten and finished 24-0. Not only were they the smallest school by enrollment but their tallest starting player was Dan Gerdes at 6-3. The Cheyenne Indians of 1959 were called the

"Team without a home" but won the "B" championship and finished 31-3. They furnished the game with dazzling passes, quick hands and precision shooting to woo the crowds at a packed Huron Arena. The Oahe Project had flooded their high school gym along the bottom lands of the Missouri River. For several years they did not have a home floor until they moved to Eagle Butte.

We can now turn our attention to fairness. Fairness is elusive and playing off for a state title is no different. Here is a state by state run down on the six states bordering South Dakota.

Montana: The population of Montana is 1,032,949 and they have 179 member schools. Several locations usually bid for the tourneys. This includes Billings, both state university cities, Butte, Great Falls and Belgrade. They started with one class: 1911-1933.

Then two classes: 1934-1949.

Then three classes: 1950-1955.

Then four classes: 1956-present. Classes are AA, A, B, C.

Private schools play with the public schools, but they do have a Christian School Tourney as well. A number of schools co-op which gives them roughly 200 teams. Boys and girls play at the same venue but not at the same time. The tourneys run concurrently.

North Dakota: The population of North Dakota is 756,927 and they have 169 member high schools. State champions were determined in boys basketball in a one-class system from 1914-1933.

Then two classes: 1934-1947.

Then four classes: 1948-1950 includes the old Consolidated League champion (lasted three years).

Then three classes: 1951-1963.

Then back to two classes: 1964-present. Girls have participated regularly in a two-class system since 1974.

(Note: The Consolidated League schools were originally made up of third class classified high schools. They eventually merged with the High School League in 1950). North Dakota adopted a three-point line in 1981-1982 and for girls in 1983. Class A boys adopted the shot clock in 1996-1997. Budget records indicate that the North Dakota High School League spent between \$30 to \$45 per year during the first three years of their existence. Presently the budget is well over a million dollars.

Minnesota: The population of Minnesota is 5,489,594 and they have 435 to 500 member schools. They had a one-class system from 1913-1970.

Then two classes: 1971-1975 (the champions played off for an overall state champ).

Then two classes: 1976-1994.

Then a one class: 1995-1996 (used a sweet sixteen format).

Then four classes: 1997-present.

During the heydays of the one-class system the venerable Williams Arena (the barn) was packed with 19,000 plus fans. Despite Minnesota's reputation as the "State of Hockey", during the 1960s the one-class basketball state tournament ruled the month of March. It took until 1997 before that concept finally faded away. The girls tournaments have followed the boys format.

Iowa: The population of Iowa is 3,123,899 and they have 375 member schools. Iowa is the only

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state that maintains separate governing bodies for boys' and girls' athletics. The boys have an Athletic Association while the girls have an Athletic Union. Iowa boys had a one-class tourney from 1912-1919.

Then two classes: 1920-1922.

Then a one class in 1923 with no state champion listed for 1924.

Then two classes: 1925-1926.

Then a one class: 1927-1955.

Then two classes: 1956-1960.

Then a one class: 1961-1966.

Then two classes: 1967-1974.

Then three classes: 1975-1984.

Then four classes: 1985-present.

The Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union had a much earlier start than surrounding states and played their state tourneys with 3 on offensive and 3 on defensive (6-players per team) from 1920 until 1993. From 1920 until 1984 there were exclusive 6-player teams.

Then two classes: 1985-1993 with a 5-player state champ and a 6-player state champ.

Then four classes: 1994-2012.

Then five classes: 2013-present.

Nebraska: The population of Nebraska is 1,896,190 and they have 282 teams. The association serves both public and private schools. They have gone from a one-class system during 1911-1914 and again in 1931. All other years they have had the most varied tournament procedures of any of the states researched. A definite play-off procedure to qualify for the tournament changed over the years and in some years did not exist. Nebraska has gone from a one-class system to as many as 22 (alphabetically from A to V).

Play-off procedures ran from winning 40% or 50% of your games to being invited. Beginning in 1984 until the present they have settled with having six classes. The "Old Barn" on the Lincoln campus was used for most tournaments, but sites have ranged from Hastings and the Pershing Auditorium to the Omaha Civic Center and the Bob Devaney Sports Center on the Lincoln campus. The girls tournaments began in 1977.

Wyoming: The population of Wyoming is 586,107 and they have 66 school districts (94,717 students and 372 schools). Schools are presently divided based upon enrollment of grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 for the basketball tournaments. The Casper Events Center hosts the 1a/2a schools one weekend and the campus of Casper College hosts the next weekend for 3a/4a schools. They had

A one class: 1918-1939.

Then two classes: 1940-1951.

Then four classes: 1952-present.

Any public or private high school that meets accreditation by the Department of Education may become members of the Association. The Association was formed in 1920. Girls participated in the same format since 1976. Cheyenne Central has appeared in 39 tournaments and won the title 14 times while Rock Springs has appeared 26 times with 13 titles.

South Dakota: The population of South Dakota is 858,469 and there are 181 member schools. They had a one-class system from 1912-1935 (exception 1931). From 1936-1985 a two-class system and from 1986-present a three-class system. The first girls tournament

was in 1975 with Jefferson winning the "B" and Yankton winning the "A". There have been girls tournaments over the early years but they were not administered by the high school association. There was also a separate Catholic Tournament from 1937-1964.

What might we have learned and what can we take away?

With the exception of Iowa, high school girls have been short-changed in the past. Until Title IX came about, and because of federal mandates, state associations made little effort to equalize sports participation for boys and girls. All states, with the exception of Kentucky and Delaware, have allowed the "Cinderella" or "David vs. Goliath" factor to fade away. Most states consider fairness to be linked to an ample opportunity to participate. All states have adopted a basic philosophy of giving more students more opportunities to experience a state tourney. Your chances of experiencing a state tourney is much more likely to occur in Wyoming than it is in Indiana, Minnesota, and Iowa. Of course, there are many other factors that may be read into the past century of high school athletics. Whatever is said of state basketball playoffs, excitement and fairness will always be very, very elusive and subjective. And who can say with definite conviction which system provides the best educational experience over a lifetime?

(Note: The number of schools administered by state associations varies from year to year. State population numbers are based on the 2015 census.)

Hall of Fame Opens Door to Class of 2019

The milestone 10th annual induction banquet of the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame was held March 23 at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls.

Fifteen former stalwarts were welcomed into the Hall of Fame.

Here is a capsule look at the Class of 2019.

• **Jodi (Pipes) Altenburg**, Harrisburg (Armour '88): The Packers went 73-3 and won three Class B titles with Altenburg at guard. She totaled 1,333 career points and then starred at the University of South Dakota.

• **Scott Beckstrand**, Sioux Falls (Lincoln '89): Beckstrand paced the Patriots to three Class AA state tournaments. He scored 1,289 points and then was a four-year starter at Augustana where he had 1,681 points.

• **Mike Begeman**, Sioux Falls (Parker '75): Begeman led the Pheasants to a three-year record of 70-10. He averaged 24 points per game as a senior and had a total of 1,477. Begeman was a four-year player at Augustana.

• **Lefty Engebritson** (Webster '46): The late Engebritson sparked the Bearcats to the Class B title in 1946. He was so talented that he played basketball and football at the University of Minnesota.

• **Dave Fischer**, Hartford (Wall '61): A seven-year varsity player, Fischer averaged 24 points per game as a senior and totaled 2,049 in his final four seasons. He then played at South Dakota State.

• **Rollie Furois** (Deadwood '40): The late Furois was the catalyst behind two Class B championships. The Bears won their second straight title in 1940 as Furois was all-tourney for the second year.

• **Shannon (Schlagel) Huber**,



John Simko Photo

The Class of 2019, from left, front, Alan Nissen, Lindsay Thomas, Megan Mahoney, Henry Park Jr., Scott Beckstrand, Brittany (Knife) Brewer representing the late Freddie Knife, Dave Fischer. Back, Jodi (Pipes) Altenburg, Shannon (Schlagel) Huber, Doug Peterson, Mike Begeman, Kent Furois representing the late Rollie Furois, Cregg Skarin, Joe Walseth representing the late Sox Walseth. Also inducted: the late Lefty Engebritson.

Clark (Clark '01): Huber scored 1,518 career points on Comet teams that went 71-16. She was a four-year starter at SDSU where she netted 1,887 points.

• **Freddie Knife** (Cheyenne Agency '59): The late Knife's ball-handling and passing were major assets for teams with consecutive records of 33-1 and 31-3. Cheyenne won the Class B title in 1959.

• **Megan Mahoney**, Black Hawk (Sturgis '01): Mahoney was Class AA all-state five years and finished with 2,066 career points. She starred at Kansas State and has played in the WNBA and in Europe.

• **Alan Nissen**, Lincoln, Neb. (Miller '68): The Rustlers took third in the Class A tourney in 1968 as Nissen led all scorers with 70 points. He averaged 20 per game and then became a three-year starter at Nebraska.

• **Henry Park Jr.**, Chester (Chester '45): Chester had never reached a state tourney until Park led the way to the Class B event in 1945. He had 31 points in one game and totaled a tourney record 59.

• **Doug Peterson**, Rapid City (Watertown '60): Peterson helped the Arrows claim the Class A championship in 1959. A noted passer and defender, Peterson went on to play at SDSU.

• **Cregg Skarin**, Redfield (Hitchcock '70): The top scorer in the 1970 Class B state tourney, Skarin had 88 points. He averaged 21 per game. Skarin surpassed 1,000 career points for Huron College.

• **Lindsay Thomas**, Miami (Roosevelt '02): During her prep years, Roosevelt won four Class AA titles and was unbeaten each season. While at Colorado State she was all-Mountain West Conference twice.

• **Sox Walseth** (Pierre '44): The late Walseth starred at Pierre and for Colorado. Later he was named Big Eight Conference men's coach of the year five times while guiding the Buffaloes.

(To read complete bios of all Hall of Fame members go to www.sdbbhof.com)

Fast Break of Things to Know

HOF Overview: The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is located at the Sanford Pentagon pictured at right. Exhibits are on display in the main Hall of Fame area on the ground floor with additional items on the second floor. 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.

S.D. Influence: South Dakota State all-time great Mike Daum, a three-time Summit League Player of the Year who averaged 25.3 points and 11.7 rebounds per game this season as a Jackrabbits senior, came to SDSU from Kimball, Neb. His grandfather, Nick Daum, graduated from Murdo in 1953 and was an outstanding football lineman at Huron College.

Pac-12 Honor: Yankton product Lisa Van Goor, a SDBBHOF member, was inducted into the Pac-12 Conference Hall of Honor on March 15. She had 2,067 points and 1,127 rebounds as a 6-3 center for Colorado. Van Goor graduated in 1985 when the Buffaloes were still members of the Big Eight Conference before eventually making a move to the Pac-12.

Revered Trail: A booklet has been published titled '50 Golden Years of the Yellowstone Trail Conference Boys Basketball Tournament.' Covered is the span between 1950 and 2000. The 12 featured schools in the booklet that was authored by Marvin Seyer are Bowdle, Cresbard, Eureka, Glenham, Herreid, Hosmer, Hoven, Java, Leola, Pollock, Roscoe and Selby.



Sanford Photo

600 Victories: Aberdeen Central's veteran coach, Dawn Seiler, won her 600th career game when she guided the Golden Eagles past Brookings 39-21 on Feb. 26. She is the state's all-time wins leader in girls basketball. Seiler's career record is now 600-228 for a winning rate of 72 percent.

Loyal Bulldog: Steve Porter was all-state for Sioux Falls Washington in 1973. He then was all-Big State Conference three years for Texas Lutheran University. He is an assistant coach with the Bulldogs, who won the Southern Collegiate Conference this season and finished 18-10.

Lasting Record: Forty-nine years after his graduation, G.E. Buenning still holds the career scoring record at Wartburg College (Iowa). The SDBBHOF member totaled 1,932 points while starring for the Knights from 1967-70. Buenning paced Parkston to the Class B state championship in 1966.

Devil Dandy: A 6-1 senior forward, Kianna Ibis of Arizona State was named all-conference in the Pac-12 two years. She led the Sun Devils to a 22-11 record this season. Ibis is a graduate of Omaha Benson and the daughter of former Emery and Augustana standout Jennifer Ibis.

Tennessee Talent: Mason Miller is a promising 6-7 sophomore forward at Houston High School in Germantown, Tenn. He is the son of former Mitchell and NBA star Mike Miller, now an assistant coach at Memphis.

Big Game: Red Cloud senior Alejandro Rama became the 14th documented player in state history to score at least 60 points in a game when he netted 60 in an 82-72 win over St. Francis on Feb. 1. The 6-1 guard is a South Dakota Mines recruit. The state record of 72 points was set by Delbert Gillam of Argonne in a 126-81 victory over Canova on Feb. 10, 1953.

Hall of Fame Members



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. Buening, Parkston '66: 2014
Jerry Buri, Hazel '60: 2017
Amy Burnett, Huron '91: 2015
Elton Byre, Reliance '56: 2016
Scott Beckstrand, Lincoln '89: 2019
Mike Begeman, Parker '75: 2019

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-EB '76: 2011
Jim Dyer, Willow Lake '60: 2015

E: Kriss Edwards, Watertown '77: 2017
John Eidsness, Canton '66: 2015
Gary Evjen, Washington '68: 2017
Lefty Engebretson, Webster '46: 2019

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
Dave Fischer, Wall '61: 2019
Rollie Furois, Deadwood '40: 2019

G: Barry Glanzer, Armour '78: 2012
Max Gonzenbach, Milbank '54: 2010
DuWayne Groos, Sisseton '62: 2014
Chad Greenway, 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

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

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
Freddie Knife, Cheyenne '59: 2019

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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In Solemn Remembrance and Tribute

Scotty Evenson, 87, of Salem, Ore., died March 18, 2018. A standout athlete at Sisseton and then later at Huron College, he was a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean War. He coached 14 years at Veblen, Arlington and Rosholt before ending his career in Oregon.

Fred Smith, 72, of Sioux Falls died Nov. 1, 2018. He was an all-state player two years for Mitchell after moving from Louisville, Ky. As a senior in 1964 he led the Kernels to the Class A state championship with a 49-46 overtime victory over Sioux Falls Washington in the tournament finals. He attended the University of South Dakota.

Don Elliott, 84, of Brighton, Colo., died Nov. 19, 2018. During two 20-win seasons he was a standout for Hurley before graduating in 1952. He earned a degree at Colorado State and then became a pilot in the U.S. Navy.

Jack Schuver, 85, of Sioux Falls died Nov. 20, 2018. A former South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference commissioner, he was a U.S. Army veteran, a long-time educator and a graduate of Parkston and Northern State. He coached at Vermillion and Sioux Falls O'Gorman as well as at Waterloo West (Iowa).

Greg Preheim, 73, of Irene died Nov. 20, 2018. Widely known as a talented painter of murals and portraits, he was an Irene graduate who as a senior in 1963 helped the Cardinals to fifth in the State Class B Tourney.

Dick DeNeui, 81, of Hill City died Nov. 28, 2018. The graduate of Chancellor was a successful basketball coach at a number of high schools. His 46 years in education included 11 years at Oglala Lakota College. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Dick Erickson, 85, of Sioux Falls died Nov. 30, 2018. A valuable player on Warrior basketball teams during his time at Sioux Falls Washington, he graduated from USD and served in the U.S. Army.

Don Lockwood, 89, of Brookings died Dec. 21, 2018. The public address announcer for South Dakota State basketball for nearly 40 years, he was an SDSU graduate. He had been a fine prep player at Doland.

Colin Kapitan, 78, of Yankton died Dec. 28, 2018. A former Yankton Press & Dakotan sports editor, he was a longtime referee who officiated in many state tournaments in South Dakota. He served as the supervisor of officials for some college and prep conferences. He was a Yankton graduate.

Gilbert Little Spotted Horse, 68, of Scottsbluff, Neb., died Jan. 3, 2019. He was an all-state basketball player at South Dakota School for the Deaf and also a standout runner for the Pheasants. He had a Top 5 ranking nationally among deaf school milers in 1969 when he clocked 4:39.9.

Comet Haraldson, 69, of Sioux Falls died Jan. 13, 2019. Prominent in the South Dakota and regional music scene, he spent time after college as a professional musician in the Midwest and California. He was an attorney who graduated from USD. He was an all-state basketball player at Pierre.

Chuck Card, 90, of Britton died Jan. 25, 2019. The longtime journalist was the owner and publisher of the Britton Journal. As a senior he helped Webster's Bearcats win the Class B state championship in 1946. He was an SDSU graduate and U.S. Air Force veteran.

Don Jacobsen, 79, of Sioux City, Iowa, died Feb. 11, 2019. A star at Lake Norden, he netted 2,825 points and held the state career scoring record for 51 years. The SDBBHOF member went on to play at SDSU and was all-North Central Conference three years. He was chosen by Syracuse in the 1961 NBA Draft. He coached Northwestern College (Iowa) for nine seasons and had a record of 159-79.

Perry Ford, 62, of Brooklyn Park, Minn., died Feb. 28, 2019. He was Augustana men's basketball coach from 1998-2003. He was also coach at Southwest State (Minn.). A native of Bismarck, N.D., he played collegiately at Jamestown (N.D.) and also was a top-level tennis player.

Zoell Colburn, 72, of Brookings died March 4, 2019. The basketball standout for the Brookings Bobcats was an accomplished archer and a graduate of SDSU. He was a teacher, coach, businessman and agronomist.

Ordell Braase, 87, of Bradenton, Fla., died March 25, 2019. A Mitchell product, he led the Kernels to the Class A state championship in 1950. While at USD he was all-NCC in both basketball and football. The veteran of the U.S. Army was selected by Baltimore in the NFL draft and played 12 seasons as a defensive end. He helped the Colts win three NFL titles.

Dale Schneider, 81, of Winner died March 25, 2019. A graduate of Tripp and the University of Sioux Falls, he was superintendent for 30 years at Hitchcock and also was a successful basketball coach of the Bluejays. He served on the South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Control.

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Trio of Title Trophies



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Memorabilia displays at the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame banquet offer an intimate look at the careers of the former greats being inducted. Jodi (Pipes) Altenburg was among the Class of 2019 inducted March 23 at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls. The display of the former Armour star included the Class B state championship trophies Altenburg helped the Packers win in the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons. **Class of 2019 story on Page 7**