

## 2019 Fall Newsletter

# Heart of the SDIC was South Dakota Talent

**F**or more than eight decades there was an NAIA conference that was always welcoming to basketball players coming from high schools in South Dakota.

In many ways it was a league of opportunity.

The best players in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference were capable of competing at a higher level. That was proven each year when league schools faced NCAA Division II opponents in pre-conference games.

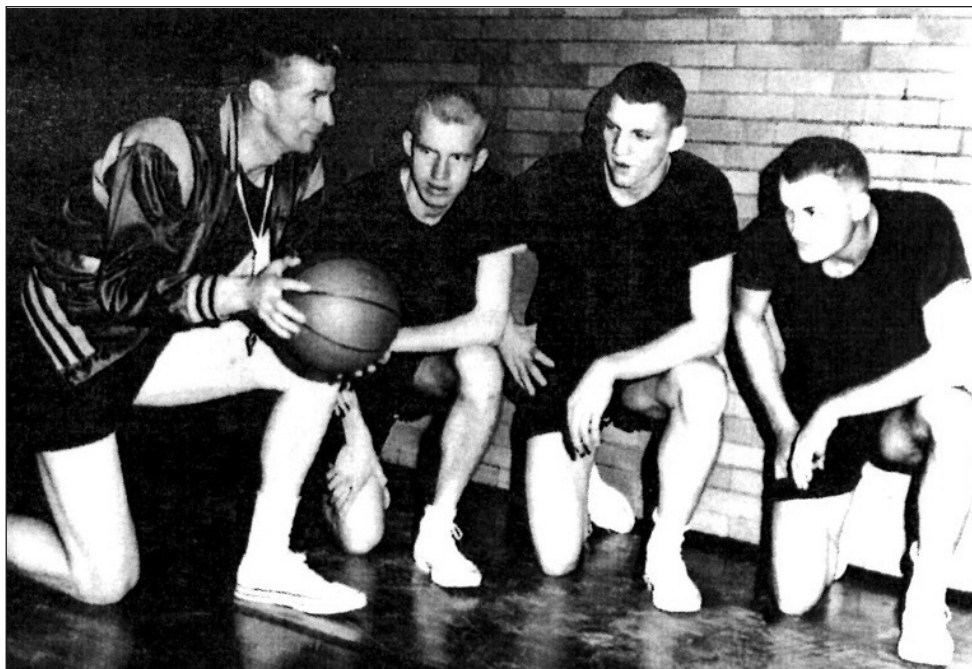
But the SDIC rosters also had spots available for players who lacked ideal size or strength, but nonetheless wanted to be a part of a college basketball program.

Those players were able to participate in practices, take part in strategy and game-planning sessions, and occasionally get some court time. In so doing they learned the nuances of the sport and often later went on to careers in coaching.

There were indeed some exceptional SDIC players who came from outside the state. Among all-time conference greats were Mike Savoy (Washington, D.C.) of Black Hills State University, Lloyd Piggee (Chicago) of Dakota Wesleyan University, Jim Heard (McHenry, Ill.) of Huron College and CerCi Mahone (Kenosha, Wis.) of USD-Springfield.

But most often the top-level talent in the SDIC was home grown. A prime example was the all-conference team of 1960. All 10 players were South Dakotans.

Members of that all-SDIC team came from communities as far



*Submitted Photo*

*Northern State coach Bob Wachs (with ball) built a winning SDIC program relying on in-state players like, from left, Terry Jordre (Corona), Mel Klein (Aberdeen) and Gerald Saylor (Aberdeen).*

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west as Belle Fourche, as far north as Aberdeen and as far east as Hayti.

Probably the premier player in the conference at that time was from the small Miner County town of Canova.

Jerry Wingen was a 6-foot-4 senior at USD-S, then called Southern State Teachers College. He won the SDIC scoring championship by averaging 26 points per game. In the Pointers'

final outing Wingen went for 39 against Wesleyan.

Others on the all-conference first team were Kenny Geis (Belle Fourche) of Black Hills, Elton Byre (Reliance) of Wesleyan, Garney Henley (Hayti) of Huron and Mel Klein (Aberdeen) of Northern State University, then called Northern State Teachers College. Geis averaged 18.9 points per game, Byre 18.3, future Canadian Football League star Henley 15.7 and Klein 14.7.

On the all-SDIC second team were Gerald Saylor (Aberdeen) of Northern; Gene Applewick (Madison) of Dakota State University, then called General Beadle State Teachers College; Jerry Lund (Belle Fourche) of

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Black Hills; Terry Pexa (Eagle Butte) of Northern; and Harvey Schaefer (Hayti) of Wesleyan. Applewick was runner-up behind Wingen in the conference scoring race with 20.3 points per game.

Competition for the scoring championship was often intense and the title was usually won by a player who had prepped in South Dakota. For example, Byre was the kingpin in 1959 at 19.6 points per game, Wingen won in 1960, and Sayler was tops in 1961 at 23.7.

The conference title in 1960 was claimed by Northern for the fifth consecutive season. The Wolves were 13-3 in league play and 18-6 overall.



**Jerry Wingen**

The SDIC was chartered in 1917. Its final season was 2000. Then the remaining schools split into the Dakota Athletic Conference and the Great Plains Athletic Conference. There were periods in the 1940s and 1990s during the 83-year odyssey of the SDIC when the league expanded and was known as the South Dakota-Iowa Conference.

Today the schools which had membership at some stages of the SDIC have taken different

paths. Augustana University, Black Hills, Northern, South Dakota Mines and the University of Sioux Falls are NCAA Division II with Augustana looking towards Division I. Dakota State, Mount Marty College and Wesleyan remain in NAIA. And schools such as Huron, USD-S and Yankton College no longer exist.

But the memories endure for those who played or coached in the SDIC as well as for the countless fans who loyally followed the fortunes of their favorite teams within the league.

The brotherhood of the SDIC was eventually disbanded. While it lasted, the conference offered priceless opportunity to many.

# Kernels have been Golden in 3-Class Era

It was in 1985 when South Dakota left the two-class system behind and switched to three classes for boys and girls basketball.

Which program has had the most success in the three-class era, based on appearances in state tournament championship games?

Mitchell has reached the Class AA boys title game 12 times. The Kernels won seven championships, reigning in 1986, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1996, 1997 and 2005.

Using a point system of two for a championship and one for a runner-up finish, Mitchell totaled 19 points.

The highest point total among girls has been achieved by two Class AA programs, Mitchell and Sioux Falls Roosevelt, both with 16 points.

Some schools have spent time in more than one class during the three-class era. Points were assigned in each class, not collectively. The same applies to schools that reached a championship game then later consolidated with a neighboring school or became part of a co-op.

Here are the top five point leaders in each class. In some cases ties exist:

## BOYS

**Class AA** – Mitchell 19, Sioux Falls O’Gorman 17, Sioux Falls Lincoln 12, Aberdeen Central 8, Sioux Falls Washington 7, Watertown 7.

**Class A** – Custer 13, Madison 12, Lennox 11, St. Thomas More 10, Tea 6, West Central 6.

**Class B** – White River 10, Warner 8, Castlewood 6, De Smet 5, Northwestern 5.

## GIRLS

**Class AA** – Mitchell 16, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 16, Yankton 11, Sioux Falls Washington 10, Sioux Falls O’Gorman 8.

**Class A** – Sisseton 12, St. Thomas More 12, Pine Ridge 6, West Central 6, Lennox 5, Miller 5, Tri-Valley 5, Wagner 5, Winner 5.

**Class B** – Baltic 10, Sully Buttes 10, Wakonda 10, Summit 7, Willow Lake 7.

Many repeat champions have emerged in the three-class era. Noteworthy is the five-year run of the St. Thomas More girls in Class A from 2014-18.

Roosevelt’s girls won four consecutive Class AA championships beginning in 1997.

Among the boys O’Gorman claimed three Class AA titles in a row from 2010-2012.

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# Ordell Braase and Dick Wold Basketball: The Tie That Binds

By Bob Swanhorst

**D**ick Wold is a well-known retired banker of 45 years, and former standout high school basketball and football player for Sioux Falls Washington. He graduated in 1953. Ordell Braase was a well-known NFL player for 12 years, and former standout high school basketball and football player for Mitchell. He graduated in 1950. Braase married Janice Rademacher and Wold married her sister Jeanne. Janice and Jeanne graduated from Garretson High School.

As a young Washington High athlete, Wold first saw and later met Braase at the 1950 State A Basketball Tournament. Braase was a senior and led the Mitchell Kernels to the championship crown with a 51-42 win over Vermillion. Braase was named to the all-tournament team along with Dutch Erickson from Vermillion. Erickson later became a well-known coach at Sioux Falls College. Because of his stellar play on the basketball court, Braase earned an athletic scholarship to the University of South Dakota.

Wold was a major player, along with Jack Neuroth, for two years on Washington High football and basketball teams. An injury and a case of the mumps gave him huge challenges. In 1952, during a Bob Burns practice session, Wold had a collision with the legendary John Peckham. A deep thigh bruise resulted. It was serious enough to bring him medical attention from Rochester Mayo and the University of Minnesota Hospital. The Warriors finished



*Wold Family Photo*

*Ordell Braase was a basketball and football star at Mitchell High School and the University of South Dakota. He went on to play 12 seasons as a Baltimore Colts defensive end in the National Football League. Braase (on left) is shown in this 1994 photo with Jeanne Wold, Janice Braase holding nephew Eric Mathis, and Dick Wold. Janice and Jeanne were sisters.*

the football season 10-0-1 in 1953 with the only blemish a 14-14 tie with a great Brookings team led by Nig Johnson. The basketball team finished 21-5 and was ESD champion. In late February Wold was diagnosed with a case of the mumps. Wold spent 10 days in bed but was able to play in the tourney. Although the Warriors were favored to win the crown, Milbank upset them, being led by two great athletes in Carl Johnson and the center on that team 6-7 Max Gonzenbach.

Basketball had opened the door to college for Braase, Johnson, and Wold at the University of South Dakota and at Michigan State for Gonzenbach.

Few sports figures in South Dakota sports history are better known and have achieved more in the sports world and in life than Mitchell's Ordell Braase. Since that basketball crown in 1950,

Braase's career, like that of Wold's, became something of the epitome of a life well lived.

Braase made the all-North Central Conference football team two years running while at Vermillion. The 1954 *COYOTE* wrote that two Coyotes, Ordell Braase and Ralph Polenz, were selected for the NCC football team. The article went on:

"'Brace' did a whale of a job on defense and offense for the Coyotes this year at the left tackle position. Not only did the big boy from Mitchell make the Conference team, but he was also honorable mention Little All-American. To top these honors he has been drafted by the Baltimore Colts professional football team as their 14th choice of football players in the nation."

Also in 1953-54 Braase became an all-North Central Conference

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selection on the hardcourt. The Coyote basketball team was coached by the legendary gentleman Carl “Rube” Hoy. Braase averaged double figures in scoring and rebounding during that year. Over the course of his career he had played basketball with many USD greats including Don Jongewaard (Hurley), Don Bruce (Oregon), Jim Tays (Gettysburg), Jim Rath (Leola), Matt Alexander (Centerville), Dick Padrnos (Lake Andes), and Bob Middleton (Watertown).

After being drafted by the Colts in 1954 Braase served in the military for three years. Upon returning from the service, he finished his final semester and went back to the Colts. Rather than 215 pounds he now weighed 245 and was generally listed at 6-4 or 6-5. He spent his NFL career with the Colts from 1958-68.

His NFL teammates included names like Johnny Unitas, Raymond Berry, Lenny Moore, Gino Marchetti, Art Donovan, and Jim Parker. They all became NFL Hall of Famers. And, like his playing days at the University of South Dakota, Braase never lived or acted like a star, but he always seemed to be in the middle of the action.

One of the greatest moments and events in all of sports history occurred on Dec. 28, 1958, at Yankee Stadium when the Colts played the New York Giants for the NFL Championship Game. There were 64,185 fans in the stands and another 50 million viewing the game on television. And, yes, in the middle of the action was Ordell Braase. He had



*USD Photo*  
*In Ordell Braase's top performance as a Coyote basketball player he had a 20-22 game when he scored 20 points and also pulled down 22 rebounds against Iowa Teachers College.*

replaced Marchetti, who had suffered a broken ankle, and played a key role in the game as a defensive end. The game had gone into overtime on a Steve Myhre, another former North Central Conference player, field goal. The Colts won in overtime on a one-yard plunge by Alan “The Horse” Ameche. That game propelled football to become the nation’s favorite sport and *Sports*

*Illustrated* called it “The Greatest Game Ever Played.”

When Braase’s NFL playing days came to a close in 1969, he had played on three NFL championship teams and made the Pro Bowl twice. His career included 122 starts in 157 NFL games. Braase was also the NFL Players Association president for three years, ran a restaurant in Maryland, and along with Donovan had a game-day radio show. Braase is a member of numerous Halls of Fame. He passed away in Bradenton, Fla., on March 25, 2019, at age 87. His wife, Janice, died in 1997. Janice and Ordell had raised four children. Mitchell and all of South Dakota will forever be proud of Ordell Braase.

A *Baltimore Sun* reporter wrote the following homage by Marchetti when he learned of Braase’s death:

“Braase had a lot of ability and, as soon as I left the Colts, he took over. I was awfully proud of him,” said Marchetti, 93. “Years ago, over a couple beers, I told him, ‘I feel bad that I got the publicity when you should have – but then you became the man, and you were damn good at it, so feel proud.’”

Braase’s reply? “He looked at me, smiled and said, ‘I love to hear things like that,’” Marchetti said.

*(Dick and Jeanne Wold and many others contributed to this story.)*

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**– NFL Hall of Fame defensive end Gino Marchetti**

# History of Basketball in South Dakota St. Francis Indian Boarding School

**By Terry Slattery**

In April of 1877, less than a year after "Custer's Last Stand," President Rutherford B. Hayes hosted a meeting of Indian chiefs in Washington. Sioux chiefs Spotted Tail and Red Cloud were both quoted as asking, "We want those men who wear black dresses to come teach us to read and write English." The men they were referring to were Catholic priests, who were referred to as Black Robes after that meeting.

It took some time but in 1886 two Jesuit teachers, Father Jutz and Brother Nunlist, began to build St. Francis Indian Boarding School. It was a slow process, mainly because all supplies had to be brought in by horse drawn wagons, and partially due to the ill feelings between the settlers and the Indians. The "Massacre at Wounded Knee," just 70 miles west of St. Francis, happened in December 1890, and while being a horrible tragedy it seemed to be a turning point in Indian/white relations. Soon more money arrived, from governments and donations, that helped build two new dormitories and a large addition to the class room.

In 1893 there was a need for a third teacher. A young Jesuit priest from Springfield, Mass., came to fill that spot and brought along two soccer balls and Dr. James Naismith's rules for the game of basketball. He hung one "basket" on the side of a barn and another from a tree, making what probably was the first basketball "court" in South Dakota. The game was an immediate hit with the boys and girls at St. Francis and many teens and adults living in the area.

There is very little information



from that area for the next decade. We know the game of basketball was gaining in popularity everywhere. Regular schedules, conferences, and tournaments were becoming the norm all over South Dakota, but at a much slower pace on the reservations due to lack of transportation. While railroads were laying a network of tracks for passenger trains in eastern South Dakota, that was not true for West River. The first passenger train to cross the river on the Chicago Northwestern's bridge at Pierre was in 1907. A statewide 1920 map of railroads show none at all in Todd, Bennett, Jackson and Shannon counties, all reservation land.

If St. Francis had earned any advantage by being first, it did not last. The first state tournaments were sponsored by Huron College from 1912 thru 1915 and open to any school that sent in a roster and a \$50 entry fee. In 1916 the State Athletic office had set up 16 district tournaments, with the winner of each qualifying for State, also held at Huron College. There was no mention of parochial schools, and there may not have been any other than the four Indian boarding schools. Those four were all on reservation land, so transportation problems may have been part of the reason.

There's an old saying that goes something like "when one door

slams in your face, another one will soon open," or something like that.

With that in mind, my story moves to the University of Chicago and their athletic director, Amos Alonzo Stagg. His name is synonymous with football, and rightly so. His teams won the Big 10 Conference seven times, and his career record of 314 wins puts him among the leaders yet today. He also coached a number of other sports, including basketball. This left little time for recruiting, so he looked for a way to bring some of the better athletes to him, and started what would become the National Interscholastic Basketball Tournament. The first was held in 1917 with 16 teams, mostly from the area in and around Chicago. Due to the USA's participation in World War One the tourney was not held in 1918 and '19, but began again in 1920. By 1923 there were 40 teams from 24 states competing for the championship. There were a number of South Dakota teams invited to play, and they fared well throughout the 20's.

It wasn't long before Joseph Thorning, athletic director at Loyola University, could see the success of the tournament in funding and recruiting, and decided to copy the idea. He started his own tournament, and even used the same name, just adding "Catholic" between National and Interscholastic. Loyola was and still is a Jesuit college. The Jesuits are a branch of the Catholic priesthood dedicated to missionary and educational work, so Loyola had a direct line to a number of high schools and missions run by Jesuit priests. Saint Francis Indian Boarding

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# History of Basketball in South Dakota St. Francis Indian Boarding School

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School was high on their list.

Thorning had seen how Chicago had recently welcomed Wild Bill Cody and his Wild West Show and was certain they would respond in the same manner to an Indian basketball team. The first Catholic tournament was in 1924 and St. Francis was one of the first teams invited, but a spring blizzard made the trip impossible. 1925 was much better. Imagine nine Indian boys who had probably never seen a passenger train, ready for a long ride to Chicago. "With eyes glued to the windows they sat for hours watching the fields and houses and telephone poles whiz past in a dizzy procession. Just before arriving at Union Station the boys donned their traditional Lakota outfits. It was hard to tell who were the more surprised, the Indian lads at the greatness of Chicago or the bystanders at the sight of real Indians."

A reception committee met the team at the train and drove them to Mayor William E. Dever's office. Passing through The Loop in downtown Chicago they stopped traffic while pedestrians gazed in open-eyed astonishment at the young warriors. "The next few days passed as a dream. They were carried all over the city and everywhere the lads drew large crowds of spectators who watched them until the last feather disappeared in traffic."

The team did not live up to their off-court hype. They were competitive but lost to St. Xavier of Louisville, Ky., and were eliminated in the first round. The boys early loss did not end the public support. Responding to the cry of "We want the Indians," the players took the floor at halftime of the championship game. The announcer introduced each boy by name, and asked them to do a war dance. The

crowd loved it, and it was the start of a tradition of St. Francis School entertaining the crowd at half time of each championship for the next twelve years. Girls in white buckskin dresses with colorful adornments and boys in dark leather with all types of feathered headdresses dancing to the beat of a drum. Played to a sellout crowd every year.

The Warriors never did win the tournament, but improved a little each year and made the semifinals three times. They were back by invitation the next eight years and then by winning the South Dakota State Catholic Tournament in each of the first four years of its existence. Proving they belonged in competition at the national level. That made 13 straight years they went to Chicago, and may have added more, but the bombing of Pearl Harbor and WWII ended the streak, and Loyola did not host the tournament again.



*U of Utah Photo*

*Dru Gylten is a Utes sophomore.*

## South Dakota style felt in Pac-12

A product of South Dakota high school girls basketball has emerged as one of the rising stars of the Pac-12 Conference.

Dru Gylten of the University of Utah is one of 20 players nationally to be named to the watch list for the Nancy Lieberman Award for 2020. The award goes to the top point guard in NCAA Division I.

As a prep Gylten helped St. Thomas More to four consecutive Class A state championships from 2014-17. She scored 1,250 career points.

Last season the 5-foot-11 guard averaged 8.8 points and 5.5 assists per game for Utah and was selected to the Pac-12 all-freshman team.

The Utes were 20-10. Gylten scored a career-high 24 points against Southern California while going 7-for-9 from the field and 8-for-8 on free throws.

Oregon won the Pac-12 with a 16-2 conference record. Utah and Cal shared sixth place at 9-9.

Gylten ranked fourth in the Pac-12 in assists. Her single-game high was 11 against non-conference opponent Seattle.

Utah plays at the 15,000-seat Huntsman Center. In 1979 it was the site of the famous NCAA men's national title game in which Magic Johnson led Michigan State past Larry Bird and Indiana State 75-64.

## ≡ 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](http://www.sdbbhof.com).

**Elite Club:** South Dakota high schools have produced 15 boys and nine girls who went on to score at least 2,000 points in college. The first was 1954 Sioux Falls Washington graduate Gayle Hoover with 2,169 at Sioux Falls College. Aberdeen Central's Eric Kline leads the men (3,062 at Augustana and Northern State) while Rapid City Stevens' Becky Hammon is tops among the women (2,740 at Colorado State).

**Helping Hand:** Oglala Lakota College has established the new Marty Waukazoo Scholarship to help provide financial assistance to its students. Waukazoo is a former Rapid City and Black Hills State star who is a member of the SDBBHOF. He lives in San Leandro, Calif., and is founder of the California Urban Health Consortium.

**Turning 100:** The 100th birthday of SDBBHOF member Harold Thune is Dec. 28. He was a standout at Murdo, graduating in 1937 after leading the Coyotes to their first Class B state tourney. Thune then had an outstanding career at the University of Minnesota.



*Sanford Photo*

**Streak Continues:** Last season, for the 12th consecutive year, Northern State's men and women both led NCAA Division II in basketball attendance. The Wolves averaged 3,680 per men's game at the Barnett Center while the women drew 2,609. NSU's varsity rosters included 16 former South Dakota preps (seven men and nine women).

**Popular Voice:** Curt Byrum has been an analyst for The Golf Channel since 2001. The former PGA Tour player was an all-state basketball player for the Sully Buttes Chargers in 1976 and 1977.

**Back Home:** Clear Lake product Robin Anderson Thormodsgaard, a member of the SDBBHOF, has returned to South Dakota in the role of Augustana director of athletic development. She previously served as the director of development at California-Santa Barbara.

**Palace Challenge:** A new Sacred Hoops Classic will be introduced this winter and will feature a full day of games at the Corn Palace in Mitchell on Jan. 4. Native American boys and girls teams will be matched against opponents from outside the reservation.

**Heading Programs:** Randy Baruth of Alpena and Craig Doty of Alcester are preparing their teams for the new season. Baruth enters his eighth year as coach at Saginaw Valley State (Mich.). Doty is in his second season guiding Emporia State (Kan.). Baruth was Class B all-state in 1995 and 1996 while Doty earned Class A honors in 2004.

**Serving Country:** Brett Theeler, a former Mitchell standout player, has been deputy chief of the Department of Neurology at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.



## 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, Prescho '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  
Lien Marso, Harrold '51: 2014  
Tom McGrann, Watertown '59: 2010  
Jesse Mendoza, Cheyenne-EB '71: 2012  
Rod Merriam, Huron '80: 2010  
Phil Miedema, Hitchcock '58: 2014  
Amy Mickelson, Brookings '86: 2013  
Alan Miller, Stickney '81: 2011  
Chris Miller, Stickney '71: 2016  
Mike Miller, Mitchell '98: 2013  
Jim Mitchell, S.D. Deaf '54: 2015  
Myron Moen, Sisseton '63: 2012  
Colleen Moran, Stickney '79: 2014  
Scott Morgan, Mitchell '89: 2016  
Josh Mueller, West Central '01: 2016  
Donna Muir, Cheyenne-EB '78: 2017  
Megan Mahoney, Sturgis '01: 2019

**N:** Chad Nelson, Yankton '74: 2013  
Roger Nelson, Brookings '54: 2011

**N:** Dana Nielsen-Honner, Armour '88: 2012  
Rick Nissen, Miller '72: 2011  
Alan Nissen, Miller '68: 2019

**O:** Tom Orton, Madison '65: 2012  
Melissa Olson-Guebert, Lincoln '83: 2016

**P:** Ann Pancoast, Washington '81: 2017  
Harley Petersen, Hayti '54: 2011  
Henry Park, Chester '45: 2019  
Doug Peterson, Watertown '60: 2019  
Jodi Pipes-Altenburg, Armour '88: 2019

**R:** Marv Rasmussen, Claremont '55: 2015  
Wayne Rasmussen, Howard '60: 2016  
Dona Ray-Reed, Yankton '78: 2018  
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  
John Sivesind, Roosevelt '96: 2015  
Holly Sivesind-Borchers, Roosevelt '93: 2016  
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Denver TenBroek, McIntosh '99: 2014  
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John Thomas, Alexandria '65: 2010  
Harold Thune, Murdo '37: 2010  
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Louis Tyon, Pine Ridge '63: 2018  
Lindsay Thomas, Roosevelt '02: 2019

**V:** Lisa Van Goor, Yankton '80: 2010

**W:** Marty Waukazoo, Rapid City '67: 2013  
Chuck Welke, Warner '94: 2013  
Vince Whipple, Rapid City '56: 2015  
Willie White, Pine Ridge '87: 2014  
Jerry Wingen, Canova '56: 2011  
Lori Wohlbeber-O'Farrell, Summit '86: 2014  
Sox Walseth, Pierre '44: 2019

**Z:** Harley Zephier, Dupree '55: 2016

# In Solemn Remembrance and Tribute

**Willus McGee**, 92, of Sioux Falls died May 2, 2019. He was a standout at Lyons and once scored 38 points in a game before graduating in 1944. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

**Harlan Bushfield Jr.**, 97, of Sun City, Ariz., died May 4, 2019. A U.S. Army Air Corps pilot during World War II, he was a graduate of Miller, where he was captain of the basketball team, and Rutgers (N.J.) University. His father served South Dakota as governor and U.S. Senator.

**Virgil Newman**, 80, of Volga died May 7, 2019. The graduate of Carthage, where he was a fine player, went on to earn a degree from South Dakota State. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He coached at Wilmot, Webster, Waubay and Sioux Valley.

**Noel Olson**, 87, of St. Cloud, Minn., died May 10, 2019. Basketball coach at St. Cloud State before becoming commissioner of the North Central Conference, he was a native of Fergus Falls, Minn., a graduate of St. Olaf and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

**Roger Fox**, 77, of Watertown died June 1, 2019. A key member of Watertown's state Class A title team in 1959, he went on to graduate from Huron College. He practiced law in Watertown.

**Elwood Dietrich**, 80, of Sturgis died June 2, 2019. After graduating from McLaughlin and Northern State, he spent 41 years in education. He served at Vivian, Canton, Wall and Sturgis. He coached teams at Canton and Sturgis to state basketball tournaments.

**Julie (Heinz) Johnson**, 53, of Ripon, Wis., died June 13, 2019. An all-state player at Ipswich, she was all-South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference at Dakota State in 1985, 1986 and 1987. She was athletic director, and former women's basketball coach, at Ripon College.

**Ron Graves**, 73, of Cresbard died July 4, 2019. He played at Barnard, graduated from Northern and coached at Little Eagle, Roscoe, Corsica and Cresbard. When the Cresbard school closed in 2004 the U.S. Army veteran taught at Aberdeen Central.

**John Swanhorst**, 85, of Aberdeen died Aug. 24, 2019. A fine basketball player during his prep career at Cresbard, from where he graduated in 1953, he went on to serve in the U.S. Army.

**Dick Voss**, 94, of Andover died Sept. 3, 2019. He played for Andover and later helped the town's amateur team win five state titles from 1950-54.

**Terry Seeman**, 63, of Watertown died Sept. 4, 2019. The longtime Watertown surgeon was a standout player at Mound Westonka, Minn., and Mankato State.

**Duane Greenfield**, 101, of Sioux Falls died Sept. 17, 2019. A former Sioux Falls College player, he was a graduate of Lennox and a longtime doctor.

**Rollie Larson**, 77, of Rapid City died Oct. 26, 2019. He was a Rapid City and Augustana basketball player who taught at Rapid City Central for 33 years.

**Loren Niederbaumer**, 80, of Wecota died Oct. 28, 2019. He helped Cresbard go 70-5 (38-1 in the 1957 "B" title season). He played at Ellendale (N.D.) College.

**Ron Flynn**, 69, of Sioux Falls died Nov. 5, 2019. A Parker all-state player, he graduated from Dakota State and coached the champion Wakonda girls to a 101-game win streak. He was a former member of the SDBBHOF Board of Directors.

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## State Tourney Venues



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The month of March, as it does nationally, produces basketball madness in South Dakota. It has been that way since 1912. That's when the first state tournament was held at the old Daum Opera House in Huron. In the memorabilia-filled Hall of Fame room 2110 on the second floor of the Sanford Pentagon is a display pictured above which has historical photographs of the different venues where the South Dakota state tournaments have been contested through the decades.