

2021



11th Annual Induction Ceremony

Class of 2020 Inductees

Janel Birrenkott: Lemmon '82
Jerry Even: Dell Rapids St. Mary's '64
Jayne (Even) Gust: O'Gorman '96
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Sarah Mannes Homstad: Yankton '88
Arlo Mogck: Parkston '55

Sam Perrin*: Huron '27
Bob Pidde: Freeman '75
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Howie Bich, Yale '58: 2018
Scott Bosanko, Aberdeen '77: 2013
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G.E. Buenning, Parkston '66: 2014
Jerry Buri, Hazel '60: 2017
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D: Katie Dailey, Jefferson '81: 2015
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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
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Jim Schmidt, Dell Rapids St. Mary '41: 2017
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Gene Smith, Watertown '47: 2010
Rudy Soderquist, Rapid City '37: 2016
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Lolly Steele, Pine Ridge '84: 2016
Karla Stevenson, Hamlin '83: 2012
Bob Stewart, Aberdeen '49: 2012
Wayne Stone, Mitchell '41: 2013
Jason Sutherland, Watertown '93: 2012
Jim Sutton, Onida '53: 2011
Bob Swanhorst, Cresbard '57: 2010
Wendy Swanhorst, Cresbard '78: 2013
Rex Swett, Huron '58: 2010
Shannon Schlagel-Huber, Clark '01: 2019
Cregg Skarin, Hitchcock '70: 2019

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Welcome to the 11th annual South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame banquet at the Ramkota Hotel and our home at the Sanford Pentagon.

The rich history of high school basketball in South Dakota was established in 1912 with the first state champion, the Redfield Pheasants. It continues today with hometown basketball that has kept South Dakota winters warm and alive with outstanding boys and girls athletes participating throughout the state.

From the inception of our organization the mission has been to preserve the history, create a museum of treasures, and honor those who have made the game of basketball the centerpiece of each community in South Dakota throughout the season.

The number of schools that have helped inspire young student/athletes to strive for excellence has been greatly reduced through the passing of the years. But the relentless enthusiasm associated with prep basketball has provided a wonderful opportunity to continue the rich tradition established for over a century.

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Executive Director

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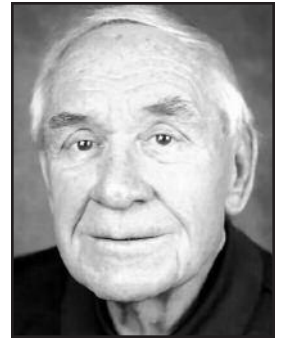
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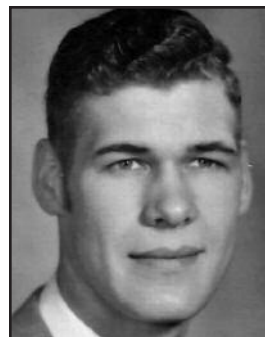
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Janel Birrenkott

Lemmon 'Cowgirls' - 1982

Experience gained at Lemmon High School and Northern State University helped Janel Birrenkott become one of the country's premier players in women's deaf basketball.

Birrenkott represented the United States as a four-time Deaf Olympian. But before she stepped onto the world stage she was a standout at Lemmon and Northern.

While starring for the Cowgirls, the 5-foot-8 guard/forward averaged 25 points per game as a senior. Lemmon finished 19-4 that season. Birrenkott was named to the Class B all-state team twice playing for Coach David Kelley.

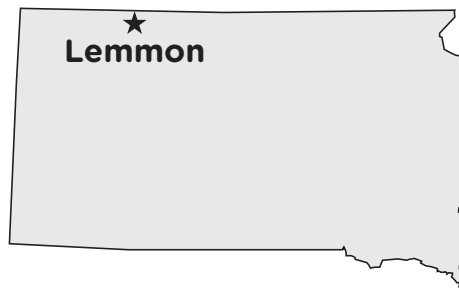
Birrenkott's next stop was Northern. The Wolves achieved a record of 80-21 from 1983-86 with Birrenkott scoring 1,352 career points.

Northern joined the Northern Sun Conference when Birrenkott was a senior in 1986. That season she led the league in scoring with 21 points per game as Coach Curt Fredrickson guided the Wolves to a 20-8 overall record.

Birrenkott then played professionally for a team called The Pride of Iowa in the National Women's



Janel Birrenkott



Basketball Association. Soon after that she became a force in deaf basketball. She earned gold medals in the Deaf Olympics in 1993, 1997, 2001 and 2005.

Among her many honors, Birrenkott was Most Valuable Player in the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf Tournament in 1990 and 1991 while playing for Sioux Falls. She was MVP again in 1993 playing for Wichita, Kan.

MAAD membership included South Dakota, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wyoming.

Birrenkott then helped a team called the Arizona Black Widows become a power in the Farwest Athletic Association of the Deaf and win several national championships.

The South Dakota Sports Writers Association lauded her achievements both in the state and on the national level when it recognized Birrenkott by naming her the state's Independent Women's Athlete of the Year in 1993.

Birrenkott is a member of the Northern State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

She has also been inducted into the South Dakota Association of the Deaf Hall of Fame, the MAAD Hall of Fame, the FAAD Hall of Fame and the USA Deaf Basketball Hall of Fame.

Birrenkott lives at Frederick, Md., and is a teacher aide and coach at the Maryland School for the Deaf.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Janel Birrenkott as a member of its Class of 2020.

Jerry Even

Dell Rapids St. Mary's 'Cardinals' - 1964

For nearly 30 years, beginning in 1937 and continuing through 1964, the State Catholic Tournament was an important part of the basketball landscape in South Dakota.

Among the brightest stars who lit up the tourney was Jerry Even.

A four-year starter, Even scored a total of 2,032 points during his career at Dell Rapids St. Mary's High School.

Even averaged 23 points and 17 rebounds per game as a junior in 1963 and then the following season produced 26 points and 14 rebounds per game as a senior.

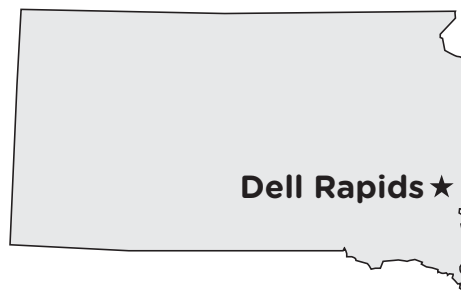
The Cardinals participated in the Catholic tournament during each of Even's four seasons. He averaged 21 points per game in the 13 tourney games in which he played.

St. Mary's was involved in a tournament play-in game when Even was a junior. That gave the Cardinals four games in the 1963 tourney which was held at the Corn Palace in Mitchell. Even notched 108 points in the event, averaging 27 per game.

Even was 6-foot-3½ and



Jerry Even



spent time at both forward and center. Jim Schmidt, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame posthumously in 2017, coached St. Mary's in 1961. Dennis Sudbeck then guided the Cardinals during Even's final three seasons.

Even was named to the Class B all-state team as both a junior and senior. It was rare for a player from a parochial school to be

honored with inclusion on the all-state team.

During those two seasons Even also received the recognition of being chosen to the Catholic all-tourney team.

After his final prep season in 1964, Even was nominated for the Catholic All-America Team. He was the first South Dakota player to receive that distinction.

In addition to basketball Even participated in track and field for the Cardinals where he specialized in the discus, shot put and high jump. At that time St. Mary's did not have a football team. Even also played baseball as a pitcher and catcher.

When his career at St. Mary's ended Even was recruited by Coach Dwane Clodfelter and spent time in the basketball program at the University of South Dakota.

Even is retired. He and his wife Judy live at Sioux Falls. Children are Jennifer, Jason and Jayne. Jayne joins her father in this year's induction class.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Jerry Even as a member of its Class of 2020.

Jayne (Even) Gust

O'Gorman 'Knights' - 1996

As the Class AA girls basketball season moved toward its conclusion in 1995, and the discussion centered on teams with the potential to win the state championship, the Sioux Falls O'Gorman Knights were not mentioned.

They should have been.

O'Gorman sported a misleading 7-11 record in the regular season. But the Knights had a dynamic player who was poised to go on one of the most impressive tournament runs ever witnessed in South Dakota.

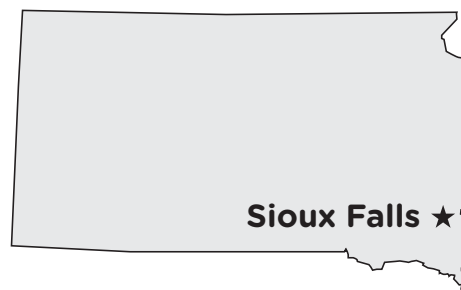
Jayne (Even) Gust was a 6-foot senior forward. She scored 27 and 33 points in sectional games to get O'Gorman into the state tournament. There the Knights entered as the No. 8 seed.

Yankton was undefeated and seeded No. 1. But with Gust going for 24 points, O'Gorman shocked the Gazelles and the entire state by winning 50-34. Next the Knights edged Watertown 37-36 in the semifinals.

In the championship game, with Gust delivering 27 points and 16 rebounds, O'Gorman completed its improbable journey by defeating Mitchell 44-41 in overtime. The Knights finished 12-12.



Jayne (Even) Gust



Gust averaged 21 points, 11 rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks per game for Coach Gregg Talcott. The two time all-stater, also an excellent volleyball player for O'Gorman, shot 50 percent on 2-point attempts, 47 percent on 3-pointers and 79 percent on free throws. Her single-game high was 35 points.

At the time of her

graduation Gust held 21 of the total 27 school records for the Knights including career points (1,228), rebounds (786), assists (181), steals (179) and blocks (111).

Similar success followed at North Dakota State University. Gust was named to the all-North Central Conference team two years and scored 1,490 career points.

As a senior in 2000 she averaged 21 points per game, was NCC Player of the Year and led the Bison to a runner-up finish in the NCAA Division II National Tournament. NDSU fell in overtime in the finals to Northern Kentucky 71-62.

Included on several different Division II All-America first teams during her final season at NDSU, Gust was inducted into the Bison Athletic Hall of Fame.

Gust is Director of Community Relations for Sanford Health in Fargo, N.D. She and her husband Mike live at Fargo. Children are Addyson, Elyn, Graham and Jude. Gust joins her father, Jerry Even, in this year's induction class.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Jayne (Even) Gust as a member of its Class of 2020.

Austin Hansen

Brandon Valley 'Lynx' - 1998

Throughout his stellar career as a do-everything point guard, the moment was never too big for Austin Hansen.

Brandon Valley High School was pursuing its first state basketball championship when the Lynx trailed Mitchell late in the semifinals of the State Class AA Tournament in 1998.

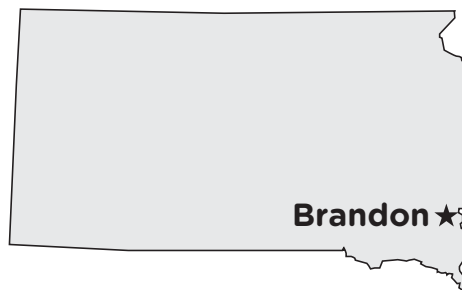
Hansen had already scored 28 points against the Kernels. With time expiring he delivered the game-winning assist to give the Lynx a 54-52 victory. The next night Hansen led Brandon Valley past Sioux Falls O'Gorman 63-58 to clinch the title.

Then at South Dakota State University he became the first player in school history to lead the Jackrabbits in scoring four years. Hansen netted 14 points per game during his freshman season and then followed with averages of 14, 15 and 18.

Brandon Valley was 21-2 under Coach Brad Thorson during Hansen's senior year when he produced 18 points and six assists per game. Hansen was chosen to the all-state team for a second time. He was co-Mr. Basketball and was named Player of the Year by the South Dakota



Austin Hansen



Basketball Coaches Association.

The season before as a junior Hansen averaged 16 points and four assists as the Lynx finished third in the state tourney and went 18-5. He also was a football standout who helped Brandon Valley to runner-up finishes in the Class 11AA playoffs in 1995 and 1997.

While at SDSU, playing for Coach Scott Nagy, the 6-foot

Hansen was named to the all-North Central Conference team three years.

The Jackrabbits had an overall record of 91-29 during Hansen's four seasons. He played in 119 games, all starts, missing only one game.

SDSU had a 24-6 record and won the NCC championship during Hansen's junior season in 2002. The Jackrabbits then were 24-7 when he was a senior in 2003. Hansen was a two-year captain.

Hansen totaled 1,815 points during his SDSU career and also had 280 assists and 225 steals. His high game of 37 points came against Morningside.

A career 38 percent shooter from 3-point range, Hansen shot 42 percent from the field and 82 percent on free throws.

Hansen has been assistant coach at Minnesota State, SDSU, Northern Colorado, South Dakota and Utah State. He and wife Andrea live at River Heights, Utah. Children are Hannah, Hadlee and Harper.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Austin Hansen as a member of its Class of 2020.

Joe Krabbenhoft

Roosevelt 'Rough Riders' - 2005

As a sophomore Joe Krabbenhoft's versatility and poise had already made him an elite prospect who was prominently on the radar of college basketball coaches across the country.

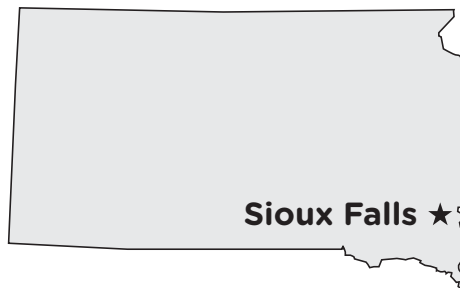
That season Krabbenhoft led Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School in scoring, rebounding and assists. And he was recognized as a defender with lock-down capabilities. Krabbenhoft sparked the Rough Riders to fourth place in the State Class AA Tournament and made his first appearance on the all-state team.

Krabbenhoft was again all-state as a junior. Then in 2005 he concluded his prep career by becoming a rare three-time member of the all-state team and being named Gatorade Player of the Year in South Dakota. As a senior Krabbenhoft averaged 17 points and 10 rebounds per game for Coach Bob Wilber. He paced Roosevelt to third in the state tourney.

The 6-foot-7 Krabbenhoft missed several games during his career as a Rough Rider due to a serious foot injury. But he still totaled 911 points, 544 rebounds and 222 assists. His single-game high was 37 points.



Joe Krabbenhoft



A four-star recruit, Krabbenhoft chose the University of Wisconsin. There he was a four-year mainstay forward for Coach Bo Ryan. Krabbenhoft was named to the Big Ten Conference all-freshman team in 2006 and went on to appear in 136 games for the Badgers.

Wisconsin won the Big Ten championship in 2008. The Badgers reached the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament before falling to Davidson as

Wildcats star Steph Curry netted 33 points. That season Krabbenhoft was named to the Big Ten all-defensive team.

During his career Krabbenhoft helped the Badgers to an overall record of 100-36 and four trips to the NCAA Tournament. His career totals were 827 points, 756 rebounds and 273 assists.

After his senior season in 2009, when he served as a Wisconsin captain, Krabbenhoft was a recipient of the Big Ten Medal of Honor, a prestigious award based on excellence in athletics and scholastics.

As a professional player Krabbenhoft spent time on teams in South Korea, Spain and Greece. He also was a member of the Portland Trailblazers in the NBA Summer League and played with the Sioux Falls Skyforce in the NBA Development League.

Krabbenhoft is an assistant basketball coach at Wisconsin. He and his wife Sara live at Waunakee, Wis. Children are Joe, Tristan, Aneta and Elizabeth.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Joe Krabbenhoft as a member of its Class of 2020.

Sarah Mannes Homstad

Yankton 'Gazelles' - 1988

During her outstanding basketball career, Sarah Mannes Homstad became very accustomed to playing in games of great consequence.

Homstad helped Yankton High School to victory in the championship games of the State Class AA Tournament in both 1986 and 1987.

While at Vanderbilt University the 6-foot forward/center was a four-year performer and a member of Commodore teams that made three deep runs in the NCAA Women's Tournament.

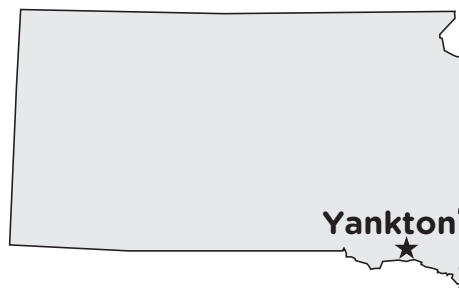
Brookings defeated Yankton in the state title game when Homstad was a sophomore in 1985 as the Gazelles finished 18-5. The following season Yankton topped Sioux Falls Lincoln 47-42 to win the championship and go a perfect 23-0. Homstad averaged 15 points and seven rebounds per game.

Then when Homstad was a senior Yankton downed Sturgis 44-32 in the 1987 finals. The Gazelles had a 22-1 record to settle their three-year mark at 63-6.

As a senior Homstad averaged 18 points and seven rebounds per game. She set



Sarah Mannes Homstad



a school record for field goal accuracy in a season when she shot 59 percent. She also established Yankton's career record of 55 percent.

Homstad was named to the all-state team her final two years. Playing for Coach Bob Winter, she totaled 913 career points with 424 rebounds.

Vanderbilt, a member of the Southeastern Conference, went 85-40 during Homstad's career. The Commodores

were 22-9 under Coach Jim Foster when Homstad was a senior captain in 1992.

That season they advanced to the Elite Eight. Vanderbilt beat the Miami Hurricanes 77-67 in the NCAA East Regional before falling to Virginia 70-58 with a berth in the Final Four on the line.

During her sophomore and junior seasons Homstad and the Commodores also made an impact in the NCAA Tournament, reaching the Sweet 16 in both 1990 and 1991.

In one of her top efforts Homstad led Vanderbilt past Northern Illinois 87-83 by going 9-for-9 from the field and 3 of 3 on free throws for 21 points.

Homstad spent two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Maine. The Black Bears went 24-6 in 1995 and 27-5 in 1996. Homstad was on the staff of Joanne McCallie, later head coach at Duke.

Homstad is an architect. She and her husband Gregg live at Yankton. Children are Henry and Ellia.

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Arlo Mogck

Parkston 'Trojans' - 1955

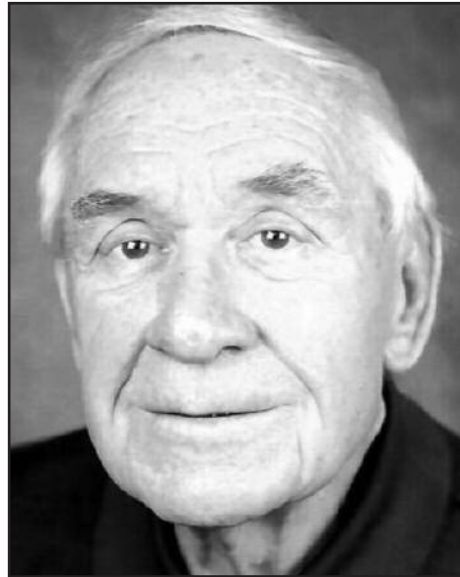
Parkston High School was small by Class A standards in the mid-1950s. But the Trojans performed in a very big way on the basketball court behind the play of guard Arlo Mogck.

The Trojans reached the championship game of the big-school state tournament when Mogck was a junior in 1954. Deadwood topped Parkston 52-38 in the finals at the Huron Arena.

The next year Mogck led the Trojans to a 28-0 regular-season record and a return trip to the state tourney. This time Parkston defeated Huron 66-65 in the third-place game and Mogck repeated on the all-tourney team.

Mogck was a three-year starter and totaled 1,259 career points for the Trojans. He was named all-state as a senior in 1955, the first year that South Dakota named an all-state team.

The 5-foot-10 Mogck then attended USD-Springfield, which at that time was called Southern State Teachers College. As a Pointer he played for Floyd Mitchell, who had also been his coach at Parkston. Mogck's impressive performance at Southern earned him all-South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference



Arlo Mogck



honors each of his four seasons.

After graduation Mogck accepted a position at Harrisburg. As a 22-year-old rookie coach he promptly guided the Tigers to Class B glory.

Harrisburg had not been to a state tournament since 1936 when Mogck and his Tigers arrived at the Huron Arena for the 1960 event. And they weren't satisfied just to be there.

In the quarterfinals Harrisburg downed Chamberlain 65-59. The Tigers edged Selby 47-46 in the semifinals to snap the Lions' 29-game win streak. Then in the finals Harrisburg won its first state championship by using 23 points from 6-6 center Vern Buus to outlast Willow Lake 59-55. The Tigers finished 24-3.

Mogck later also coached Canton to the state tournament before taking over the program at Minnesota West Community College, then called Worthington State Junior College.

He coached the Bluejays for 16 seasons from 1968 through 1983. Mogck's tenure included a three-year run from 1970-72 when Worthington had consecutive records of 23-2, 19-6 and 21-4. The Bluejays won the state junior college championship each of those seasons.

Mogck is a member of the SDIC Hall of Fame and the Pointer Athletic Hall of Fame. Now retired, he and his wife Judy live at Worthington. Children are Tim and Scott.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Arlo Mogck as a member of its Class of 2020.

Sam Perrin

Huron 'Tigers' - 1927

During late winter in 1927, Sam Perrin and his Huron High School teammates spent a week in Chicago proving to the nation that South Dakota basketball should be respected and admired.

At that time, in the manner of the era, Huron's team was called the Coffeymen in tribute to Coach Frank Coffey.

Huron beat Aberdeen 18-17 in the finals of the single-class state tournament at the Corn Palace in Mitchell. That earned the Coffeymen an invitation to participate in the National Interscholastic Tournament on the campus of the University of Chicago.

Drawing South Carolina champion Greenville in the first round, Huron won 22-20. Following were victories over opponents from Nebraska and Kentucky. Next was a matchup against Pocatello, Idaho, which Huron won 33-16 behind 24 points from its 6-foot-1 senior captain Perrin.

Arkansas champion Batesville then topped Huron 25-16 in the semifinals. In the third-place game, the Coffeymen were edged 19-16 by Florence, Miss. Huron finished fourth in the 43-team tourney.

Perrin's sparkling play caused several schools to recruit him. He chose to



Sam Perrin



attend Carleton College (Minn.) where he became a three-year starter in two sports as a forward in basketball and an end in football.

Carleton teams were the Carls, before later becoming the Knights. They won four consecutive Midwest Conference basketball titles from 1928-31. Perrin was named to the all-league team as a junior and again as a senior when he was

conference scoring champion with 18 points per game.

Ozzie Cowles coached the Carls. He later guided Big Ten Conference programs at Michigan and Minnesota. Cowles was once asked about the best players he had coached.

"I still haven't seen the fellow I'd place above Sam Perrin of Carleton for all-around work and ball handling," said Cowles. "He was one of the greatest college basketball players of his time."

After his graduation Perrin coached the Carleton freshmen teams. He also spent time at the Shattuck School in Faribault, Minn., before moving on to Minneapolis North.

After serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he returned to teach and coach at North until his retirement in 1972.

Perrin was inducted into the Carleton 'C' Club Athletic Hall of Fame. He lived in Minneapolis at the time of his death in 1996. His wife was Helen. They had one son, David.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Sam Perrin posthumously as a member of its Class of 2020.

Bob Pidde

Freeman 'Flyers' - 1975

With eight minutes left in the Class B basketball season of 1975, and Freeman High School's perfect record in jeopardy, the Flyers remained calm and confident behind the leadership of senior forward Bob Pidde.

Dell Rapids St. Mary's led Freeman by eight points entering the fourth quarter of the championship game of the state tournament. That's when Pidde seized the moment at the Sioux Falls Arena.

Scoring 11 of his 23 points in that decisive final quarter, the 6-foot-3 Pidde patiently rallied the Flyers.

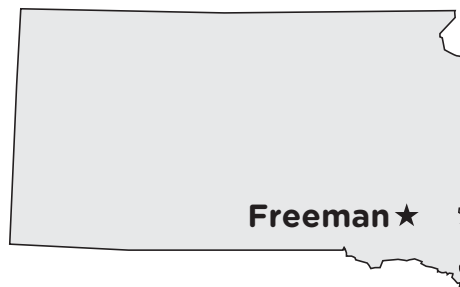
Freeman finally took the lead with just over a minute left on the clock and went on to claim the championship with a 61-55 victory. Pidde also grabbed 12 rebounds.

The game marked the first time in the history of the Class B tournament that two undefeated teams had faced off in the finals.

Freeman finished with a 27-0 record under Coach Ron Bennett. The Cardinals ended 26-1. In the final poll of the regular season the



Bob Pidde



Flyers had been ranked No. 1 and St. Mary's was No. 2.

Pidde was a versatile player who excelled defensively as well as being a productive scorer and rebounder. He averaged 17 points and 16 rebounds per game as a senior for the Flyers and was chosen as a member of the all-state team for a second year.

An outstanding all-around athlete, Pidde was also

accorded all-state football honors at Freeman. He helped the Flyers win a state championship in track and field in 1975 and was a standout in baseball.

South Dakota State University was Pidde's collegiate choice. There he played for the Jackrabbits under Coach Gene Zulk.

Pidde saw action in 75 games in his career at SDSU. During his junior season the Jackrabbits advanced to the North Central Regional and finished with a 17-12 record.

As a senior Pidde averaged eight points, five rebounds and five assists per game in 1979. For his career he totaled 466 points, 303 rebounds and 236 assists while shooting 48 percent from the field.

Also a member of the SDSU baseball team, Pidde played for Erv Huether, who coached the Jackrabbits to 352 wins from 1950-83.

Pidde is a grocery store owner. He and his wife Karen live at Freeman. Children are Nikki and Brett.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Bob Pidde as a member of its Class of 2020.

Dave Thomas

Onida 'Warriors' - 1969

With his transfer to Onida High School for his sophomore year, Dave Thomas helped the already talented Warriors become a power in Class B basketball.

Thomas was all-state as a junior in 1968 when Onida lost only one game. The lone setback was to eventual champion Arlington 75-71 in the semifinals of the state tournament.

The next season the Warriors put the finishing touch on a perfect 28-0 record by downing De Smet 93-90 in the finals at the Sioux Falls Arena. Thomas was named tourney MVP.

Thomas averaged 22 points per game during that 1969 season and was again named to the all-state team. Onida's title settled the Warriors' four-year record under Coach Jerry Kassin at 96-9.

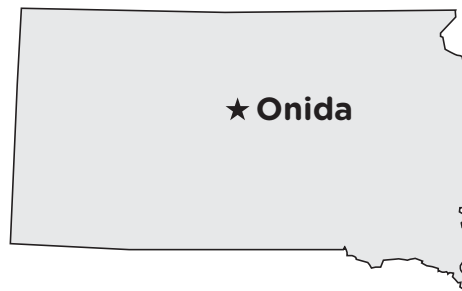
Also a standout on outstanding Warriors football and track teams, Thomas, who moved to Onida from Alexandria, chose to continue his basketball career at South Dakota State University.

As a 6-foot-5 forward he was instrumental in the Jackrabbits of Coach Jim Marking achieving a four-year record of 72-27.

SDSU was champion of the



Dave Thomas



North Central Conference when Thomas was a freshman in 1970 and again when he was a senior in 1973.

Thomas was chosen to the all-NCC team as both a junior and senior. He put up 19 points and 11 rebounds per game as a junior. As a senior Thomas, who was named conference MVP that season, boosted his averages to 22 points and 12 rebounds.

His career totals as a

Jackrabbit were 1,355 points, an average of 16 per game, and 810 rebounds. From the field he shot 53 percent.

In probably the greatest individual performance in SDSU history Thomas exploded for a school record 44 points and also grabbed 26 rebounds against Coe College (Iowa) in 1973. That game decided the championship of the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional. Coe won 107-104 but Thomas was named MVP of the tourney.

Thomas spent the following preseason with the Portland Trailblazers of the NBA. He then played professionally in Europe before entering medical school.

A member of the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame, he also was inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame.

Thomas is a retired physician. He and his wife Nancy live at Sioux Falls. Children are Christopher, Aaron and Rachael.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Dave Thomas as a member of its Class of 2020.

Loren Thornton

Harrisburg 'Tigers' - 1936

Loren Thornton was known as "Dutch" and in the 1930s he was recognized as one of the premier basketball players in South Dakota.

A single-class state tournament was held from 1912 through 1935. Then in 1936 a bold new concept was introduced: a two-class system that would crown champions in both Class A and Class B.

Harrisburg High School, led by its talented center, Thornton, was among the eight teams that qualified for the inaugural "B" classic in Huron.

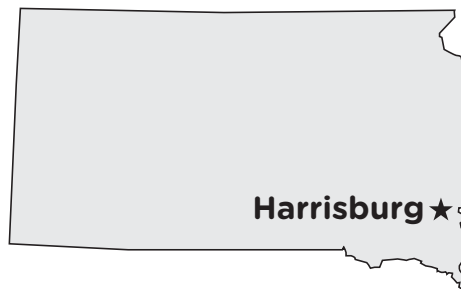
In the quarterfinal round the Tigers defeated New Effington 40-33. That set up a semifinal matchup against highly regarded Oglala.

The Indians outlasted Harrisburg 36-33 and then defeated Bridgewater 24-22 in the championship game. Oglala's only two losses that season had come against Rapid City and St. Francis.

A blizzard which had struck central South Dakota negatively influenced attendance at the tournament. But the switch to two classes was deemed a success and before long the Class B tournament settled in as a popular March tradition



Loren Thornton



in the state.

Thornton was named Most Valuable Player in the tourney, becoming the first in an impressive line of stalwarts to be accorded that honor through the years.

After his career with the Tigers was over, Thornton moved on to South Dakota State University where he was a three-year mainstay playing for Coach James Baker.

College basketball in that

era featured a limited number of games. The Jackrabbits had an overall record of 12-5 in Thornton's freshman season. After that they went 10-9, 10-5 and 9-8.

Thornton was part of the North Central Conference championship team in 1940. That season the Jackrabbits had a league record of 6-2.

Baseball was another sport in which Thornton excelled as a pitcher and second baseman. After playing for the Sioux Falls Canaries he signed with the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League. He also played for the Twin Falls (Idaho) Cowboys in the Pioneer League.

Thornton, who was a U.S. Air Force veteran, was a successful coach at Flandreau. He guided the Fliers to several undefeated football seasons and in basketball to State Class B Tournament appearances.

At the time of his death in 1965, Thornton lived at Sheboygan, Wis. His wife was Audrey. Children are Teresa, Peggy and Sally.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Loren "Dutch" Thornton posthumously as a member of its Class of 2020.

Stanton Uhler

Kadoka 'Kougars' - 1951

College basketball coaches who were present to evaluate talent at the State Class B Tournament in 1951 had to share space at the Corn Palace in Mitchell with a host of college football coaches.

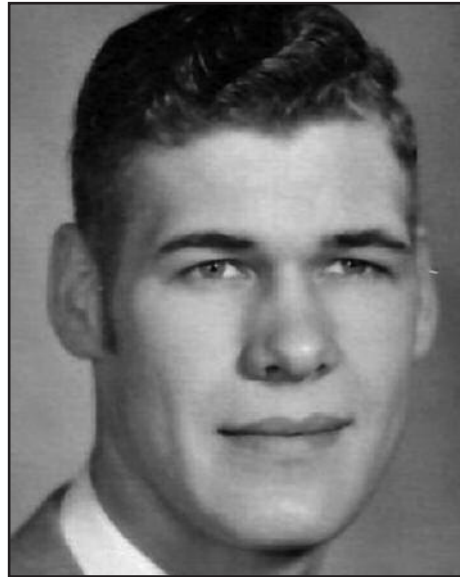
The reason was Stanton Uhler. Coaches in both sports were intrigued by the strength and potential of the 6-foot-6 senior who weighed 225 pounds. They envisioned Uhler as a difference-maker at the collegiate level.

Uhler responded by putting on a dominant scoring display that shattered existing tournament records.

Kadoka fell to Mobridge in the quarterfinals despite 27 points from Uhler. Then in the consolation round Uhler powered in 50 points to lead the Kougars past Centerville 84-63. Flandreau topped Kadoka in the fifth-place game as Uhler finished the tourney with a three-game total of 92 points.

A year earlier Kadoka had also qualified for the state tournament. That season the Kougars finished seventh as Uhler put together games of 18, 20 and 34 to lead all-scorers with 72 points.

The Kougars of Coach Burdette Clifford compiled an



Stanton Uhler



overall record of 79-14 during Uhler's final three seasons, going 19-6, 35-2 and 25-6.

Amassing a total of 2,023 career points, Uhler was among the first players in South Dakota prep history to surpass the 2,000-point plateau.

Kadoka played six-man football at that time and was the class of the Badlands Conference. Uhler anchored the Kougars' line. He earned

four letters in football and three each in basketball and track and field.

Uhler participated in both basketball, playing for Coach R.B. "Jack" Frost, for whom Frost Arena is named, and football at South Dakota State University.

As a standout two-way end Uhler lettered in football three years and drew interest from the Green Bay Packers, Baltimore Colts and Philadelphia Eagles of the NFL.

Ralph Ginn was coach of the Jackrabbits. Uhler helped SDSU claim the North Central Conference championship in 1953, when the Jackrabbits were 5-3-1 overall, and again in 1954 when they finished 7-2.

During his senior season Uhler sustained serious ligament and cartilage damage to a knee which ended his promising football career.

Uhler lived at Kadoka at the time of his death in 1990. His wife was Jeanne. Children are Barton and Beth.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Stanton Uhler posthumously as a member of its Class of 2020.

Dennis Womeldorf

Wessington Springs 'Spartans' - 1966

Dennis Womeldorf was at the forefront of teams that achieved one of the greatest three-year runs in the history of collegiate basketball in South Dakota.

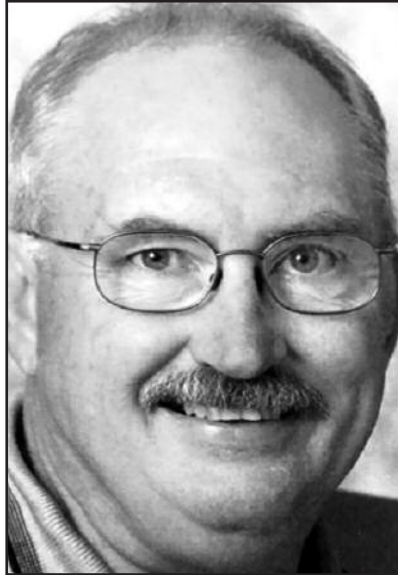
Before that he distinguished himself as a multi-faceted guard who made Wessington Springs High School one of the most respected programs in Class B.

Womeldorf was all-state as a junior and senior. He averaged 23 points per game for Coach Chuck Kirchmeier and led the Spartans to the No. 1 ranking in the statewide poll in 1966.

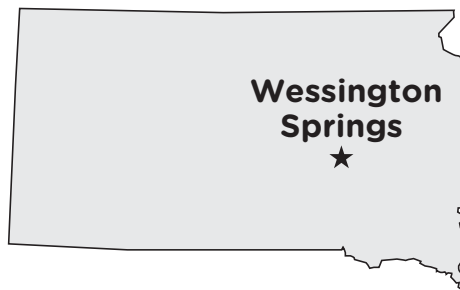
A talented offensive player who scored 1,521 points in his final three seasons at Wessington Springs, the 6-foot-2 Womeldorf was equally known for his defensive tenacity.

An all-state quarterback, Womeldorf and the Spartans lost only one football game during his senior season. That setback came against Huron, a much larger school. Womeldorf also made a mark in track and field in the long jump, high jump and middle-distance events.

Womeldorf moved into the South Dakota State University starting lineup as a sophomore in 1968.



Dennis Womeldorf



a senior he averaged 19 points per game and shot 57 percent from the field. In a victory over Augustana he went a school record 13-for-13 from the field en route to 29 points.

SDSU won the Midwest Regional by beating Southwest Missouri 82-71 and Central Missouri 92-73. The Jackrabbits then were edged 92-89 by Tennessee State in the NCAA College Division National Tournament in Evansville, Ind. Womeldorf capped his career by being named to the All-America team.

Womeldorf was a favorite of SDSU fans, who referred to him by his nickname "The Worm." His career totals playing for Coach Jim Marking were 1,006 points and 245 rebounds with shooting accuracy of 53 percent.

After graduation Womeldorf served in the U.S. Army. He is a member of the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame.

Womeldorf is a retired pharmacist. He and his wife Florence live at Rapid City. Children are Brett, Tera and stepsons Austin and Adam.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Dennis Womeldorf as a member of its Class of 2020.

The Jackrabbits went 20-7 overall, won the North Central Conference and played in the Great Lakes Regional.

The following year SDSU had an 18-6 record, repeated as NCC champion and advanced to the Midwest Regional.

Then in 1970 the Jackrabbits were 22-4 and won the NCC yet again with Womeldorf being named league MVP. That season as

Big-game pressure was nothing new for the Sioux Falls Washington High School girls basketball team as it entered the State Class A Tournament in December of 1980.

The Warriors had spent the regular season repelling challenges from opponents who were all trying to dislodge them from their No. 1 ranking in the statewide poll.

In a marquee matchup that had the entire state's attention, Washington faced Jefferson in what was probably the most highly publicized and anticipated game in the history of girls basketball in South Dakota.

The Warriors were top-rated in Class A and the Hawkettes were ranked No. 1 in Class B. Jefferson had won two consecutive state championships and was on what was then a record 67-game winning streak. The two powers met in the gymnasium of the old Washington High on Nov. 7, 1980.

A capacity crowd witnessed an epic performance by 5-foot-11 junior center JoElle Byre of the Warriors. She produced 40 points and 18 rebounds. When the final horn sounded Washington had won 88-78 and Jefferson's streak was over.

Washington was coached by the late Joe Lockwood, a native of Doland and graduate of Huron College. A month after defeating Jefferson his Warriors opened the state tournament by downing Lead



The 23-0 Warriors of 1980. Washington's varsity, standing, from left, Chris Ensberg, Coach Joe Lockwood, Kari Soyland, Ann Pancoast, Lisa Sorenson, JoElle Byre, Lori Tweedt, Patti Clausen, Karla Modica, Toni Engelson, Assistant Coach Curt Ericson and Lori Burkman. Not pictured are Ann Waag and manager Lisa Hippen. Members of the junior varsity squad, kneeling, from left, Carol Swenson, Michelle Miller, Cathy Cunningham, Shelly Fauth, Vicky Elliott, Michelle Grotjohn, Ronita Neels and Susan Orr. (Submitted Photo)

in the quarterfinals and Pierre in the semifinals.

A 52-45 victory over Canton in the championship game at the Watertown Civic Arena completed Washington's perfect 23-0 season. In recognition of their impressive accomplishments the 1980 Warriors are being honored by the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame as this year's Team of Excellence.

Washington had defeated Canton by 21 points during the regular season. But in the title game there was some drama as the C-Hawks led 38-37 early in the fourth quarter.

Byre then hit two field goals and Lisa Sorenson also scored. That flurry boosted Washington 43-38. Later two free throws by Ann Pancoast with 25 seconds left sealed the victory.

Pancoast, a 5-10 senior guard, had 18 points against the C-Hawks. Byre scored 17

points and grabbed 14 rebounds. Karla Modica added 11 rebounds. Pancoast, Byre and Sorenson represented the Warriors on the all-tourney team.

For the season Pancoast, who was co-Miss Basketball in South Dakota, netted 20 points per game and recorded 101 steals. Byre averaged 17 points and totaled 301 rebounds and 50 blocked shots. Both were chosen first team all-state while Sorenson, a 5-10 senior, was named to the third team.

After graduation Pancoast went on to an outstanding career at the University of South Dakota. Byre led Washington to another 23-0 record in 1981 and was that season's Miss Basketball. She then starred at South Dakota State University.

Pancoast and Byre are both members of the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Sisseton '63

2011: The first Team of Excellence, recognized in 2011, was Sisseton '63. The Redmen of Coach Jack Theeler, Sr., won the Class A state title and finished 25-0. All five starters went on to play college basketball – Jack Theeler, Jr.; Myron Moen; Simon Schloe; Bob Hull; and Bob Brewster.

Webster '46-47-48

2012: A three-peat in Class B would not have been possible without a half-court shot by Lefty Engebretson in the first round of the 1946 tournament. That basket lifted Coach George Houk's Bearcats past Platte 45-44 and set a path to three straight titles.

Howard '64

2013: The Tigers went 28-0 under Coach Jim Cordts. Howard was led by Dennis Carlson, Glen Rasmussen and Roger Truman. Each was named to the all-tournament team as the Tigers won the Class B championship after being ranked No. 1 all season.

Mitchell '85

2014: Coach Gary Munsen guided the Kernels to a 23-0 record. Mitchell boasted three Class A first team all-state players in Bart Friedrich, Chad Andersen and Tim Byrd. Friedrich then went on to a stellar career playing at Drake.

Wakonda '90

2015: The 26-0 Warriorettes won their third consecutive Class B girls championship. Ron Flynn was coach and the team featured Becky Flynn, later a Creighton standout, and Nicky Johnsen. Wakonda ended the season with a 78-game winning streak.

Salem '26 & Huron '58

2016: Salem, coached by George Edmonds, won the single-class state tournament, went 40-1 and took third in the National Tournament in Chicago. Class A champion Huron, which achieved a 22-0 record under Coach Carol Heier, was led by future Nebraska ace Rex Swett.

Pine Ridge '87

2017: The Thorpes marched through a 26-0 season and claimed the Class A championship. Jesse Mendoza was the Pine Ridge coach. The Thorpes were built around the play of stalwarts Willie White, George Bettelyoun and Bryan Brewer.

Tripp '67

2018: A 28-0 season was achieved by Coach Jim Flevares and his Wildcats. Mike Freier, who netted a Class B state tournament record 103 points, was joined by his Tripp teammates Dick Prien and Bill Fischer on the all-tournament team.

Watertown '59

2019: The Arrows of Coach Jim Marking were paced by Tom McGrann, who went on to star at Minnesota. Tom Jensen and Doug Peterson also were major contributors for the Arrows. Watertown was Class A champion and wound up 20-2.

Washington '80

2020: A pair of first team all-state standouts, Ann Pancoast and JoElle Byre, were the catalysts on a 23-0 team that won the Class A state girls tournament. Joe Lockwood was coach of the Warriors. Washington went on to repeat as champion again in 1981.

The recently completed 2020 basketball season marked the 75th anniversary of the last South Dakota state high school tournaments which were contested amidst the horrific specter of World War II.

United States forces fighting in 1945 alongside the Allies in Europe and the Pacific included South Dakota soldiers from virtually every community across the state. Many had been high school players before their military service. With continual prayers for their safety, and for peace, prep sports did its part in the crucial effort to sustain morale on the home front.

State championships were won in March of 1945 by Huron and Madison. Huron defeated Aberdeen Central in the Class A finals behind standouts Bob Groves and John Jacobson. Madison got outstanding performances from Cal Mathison and Bob Aga while edging Webster for the Class B title.

At that time South Dakota also had a Catholic state tournament. Sioux Falls Cathedral, led by all-tourney selections Lowell Bell and Bob Modde, won the 1945 championship over Madison St. Thomas 41-36.

Within the next six months, after the surrender of Germany and then of Japan, the war was finally over.

Daily newspapers were dominated during 1945 by headlines depicting the war and its aftermath. South Dakotans were constantly



The 1945 Class B champion Madison Bulldogs were, standing, from left, Coach William Hauge, Frank Doyel, Merle Struwe, Bill Wenk, Vince Wadden and Boyen Beckel. Sitting, Jerry Thomas, Bob Aga, Cal Mathison, Bud Gulstine and Dean Deragisch. (Submitted Photo)

“B” in ‘45

Quarterfinals

Webster 52, Chester 39
Platte 44, Mt. Vernon 27
Madison 41, Miller 26
Hot Springs 32, Leola 25

Semifinals

Webster 56, Platte 37
Madison 42, Hot Springs 30

Championship

Madison 30, Webster 28

reminded of the cataclysmic events unfolding on the world stage. Prep basketball provided much-needed temporary respite.

Madison entered the State Class B Tournament at the Corn Palace in Mitchell with confidence after a challenging regular season schedule in which the Bulldogs routinely faced larger Class A schools. Madison was a member of the Eastern South Dakota Conference along with Aberdeen, Brookings, Huron, Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Watertown and Yankton.

Mathison, a senior center,

scored 16 points to lead Madison past Hot Springs 42-30 in the semifinals. Aga was a senior guard who controlled the tempo of games with his ball-handling skills. Senior forward Jerry Thomas was the team’s defensive stalwart.

The championship game matched the Bulldogs against highly regarded Webster and its star forward Lefty Engebritson. The Bearcats had used Engebritson’s 22 points to post a 56-37 semifinal victory over Platte. Freshman guard Jim Iverson, who would later become a standout at Kansas State University, paced Platte with 13 points.

Madison’s defensive game plan in the finals was designed by Coach William Hauge with the goal of slowing Engebritson. That strategy worked as the Bulldogs held the usually high-scoring Bearcats well below their offensive average. The result was a 30-28 victory for Madison.

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Not long after celebrating the championship and taking off his Bulldogs uniform for the final time, Mathison, in what was typical during the war era, was inducted into the Army.

One week after Madison won its title, Huron reached the championship game of the State Class A Tournament at the Aberdeen Civic Arena. In the semifinals Huron got a game-winning basket from its junior center Jacobson to get past Lead 32-30 while Aberdeen downed Pierre 36-32.

The Golden Eagles were favored in the finals as they had beaten Huron twice in the regular season. But the Tigers of Coach Orval Shanholtz took control and went on to win 36-29.

Groves, a senior forward, averaged 11 points per game to lead the Tigers as they finished with a 23-2 record. Huron played the season without two holdovers from the previous year's team who had been expected to make important contributions. Bob Bushong and Russ Maxey had both left school to serve in the Navy.

Soon after the state tournaments ended, South Dakota joined the rest of the nation in mourning the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 12, 1945.

Harry Truman ascended to the presidency and less than a month later Germany surrendered on May 7. The surrender of Japan was announced in mid-August with the official Instrument of Surrender document signed on Sept. 2.



The 1945 Class A champion Huron Tigers were, standing, from left, manager Charles Raymond, Don Johnson, Don Liem, John Jacobson, George Hoaglund, Norman Buck, Bob Groves and Coach Orval Shanholtz. Kneeling, Duane Swift, Frank Stewart, Eugene Sibley, James Martin, Jerald Young and Darrell Kirby. Huron was 23-2. (Submitted Photo)

“A” in ‘45

Quarterfinals

Aberdeen 35, Rapid City 32
Pierre 32, Sioux Falls 31
Huron 35, Yankton 29
Lead 36, Brookings 28

Semifinals

Aberdeen 36, Pierre 32
Huron 32, Lead 30

Championship

Huron 36, Aberdeen 29

The uncertainty and sacrifice that had enveloped the country during the war finally gave way to hope for a new prosperity and lasting peace.

Merrell Sharpe was serving South Dakota as its governor. The state's U.S. Senators were Harlan Bushfield and Chan Gurney. Census figures listed our largest cities as Sioux Falls with a population of 42,343 followed by Aberdeen at 18,103 and Rapid City at 17,262.

Theaters in 1945 featured such movies as “National Velvet” starring Mickey Rooney and a young actress named Elizabeth Taylor. Among the

songs to reach No. 1 on the charts that year was a patriotic ballad by Bob Wills titled “Stars and Stripes on Iwo Jima.”

Joe Louis was entrenched as boxing's heavyweight champion. The Detroit Tigers outlasted the Chicago Cubs in Game 7 to win the World Series. Cleveland was the toast of professional football and Oklahoma A&M claimed the NCAA basketball championship. But the war had an understandably adverse impact on sports in 1945 as such significant events as racing's Indianapolis 500 and golf's Masters Tournament were not held.

Auto makers had suspended the production of new cars in order to utilize all their resources in producing material for the military. By late 1945 vehicles were again rolling off assembly lines and a Chevrolet Sport Coupe could be purchased for \$1,212.

A new age was dawning and as time passed 1945 came to be remembered as a year that changed the world forever.

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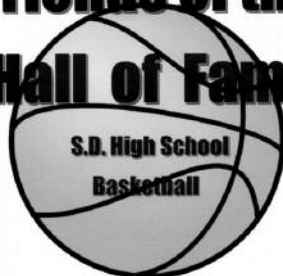
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Inside the Hall of Fame Things to Know

Our Story: The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame was chartered as a 501(c)(3) in 2009. Our mission is to identify, record and preserve the state's rich basketball history for current and future generations to experience and enjoy. The inaugural class of inductees was honored on March 27, 2010. After the induction of today's Class of 2020, membership in the Hall of Fame will consist of 171 former greats whose names are among the most recognizable in the annals of South Dakota basketball.

Visit Us: Home to the Hall of Fame is the Sanford Pentagon, centerpiece of the Sanford Sports Complex in northwest Sioux Falls. The Pentagon is one-half mile east of Interstate 29 and Benson Road. The Hall of Fame is located on the first floor near the main entrance. Additional exhibits are displayed on the second floor. Normal operating hours at the Pentagon is from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Website: Stay updated on Hall of Fame news and events by becoming a regular visitor to our website at www.sdbbhof.com. Readers can review biographies of all Hall of Fame inductees as well as learn more about the evolution and history of basketball in our state. The website has something of interest for everyone who follows and loves the game. Visit often and see for yourself.

Newsletter: Two free Hall of Fame newsletters are published yearly. Our last edition featured several interesting stories, including a look back at an accomplished family and a rare gym. There are over 1,300 on our mailing list. To be included email your name and home address to Executive Director Dave Wagner at dlwagner@tnics.com or call him at 605-467-3010.

Nominations: Is there a former standout you would like the Hall of Fame board of directors to consider for induction? To nominate your favorite worthy player go to our website, click on Nomination Form, and follow the instructions to download the form. Remember that a player must be out of high school at least 15 years in order to be eligible for Hall of Fame consideration.

To Help: The Hall of Fame is a non-profit and its continued success depends on the generosity of businesses, institutions and individuals. Gifts support the operation of the Hall of Fame and make projects possible such as our endeavor to archive team pictures of all state champions since 1912 and display them at the Pentagon. To help send a tax-deductible gift to: SDBBHOF, 2210 W. Pentagon Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57107. A list of donors appears in this booklet, on our website and in our newsletters.