

2022



12th Annual Induction Ceremony

Class of 2022 Inductees

Lisa (Kannegieter) Bahe: Willow Lake '90
Jeff Booher: Brookings '88
Sherri Brende: Baltic '97
Bernard Duffy*: Fort Pierre '47
Delbert Gillam*: Argonne '53
Gordie Groos: Sisseton '66
Laurie (Bruns) Kruse: Lennox '87

Matt Martin: Spearfish '04
Clyde Olsen: Plankinton '56
Tom Rops: Lennox '92
Milton Sorenson*: Wakonda '53
Wayne Thue: Hayti '60
Dawn (Hull) Zahn: Sisseton '92
Harley Zephier Jr.: Roncalli '75

**Inducted Posthumously*

Team of Excellence

The 23-0 Brookings High School 'Bobcats' of 1985

**Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel
Saturday, August 27, 2022**

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2010: Robin Anderson-Thormodsgaard, Clear Lake '80

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Steve Brown, Hamlin '74
Becky Flynn-Jensen, Wakonda '92
Max Gonzenbach, Milbank '54
Becky Hammon, Stevens '95
Jim Iverson, Platte '48
Don Jacobsen, Lake Norden '57
Lance Luitjens, Custer '92
Tom McGrann, Watertown '59
Rod Merriam, Huron '80
Gene Smith, Watertown '47
Bob Swanhorst, Cresbard '57
Rex Swett, Huron '58
John Thomas, Alexandria '65
Harold Thune, Murdo '37
Lisa Van Goor, Yankton '80

2011: JoElle Byre-Benson, Washington '82
Harry Carleton, Washington '43
Cathy Coyle-Grubb, Belle Fourche '79
Terry DuPris, Cheyenne-EB '76
Gordon Fosness, Presho '53
Diane Hiemstra-Gabriel, Yankton '80
Tom Malchow, Aberdeen '61
Alan Miller, Stickney '81
Roger Nelson, Brookings '54
Rick Nissen, Miller '72
Harley Petersen, Hayti '54
Rena Sallquist, Brookings '86
Terry Slattery, Salem St. Mary '56
Jim Sutton, Onida '53
Kim Templeton, Miller '72
Jerry Wingen, Canova '56

2012: Randy Fletcher, Reliance '65
Barry Glanzer, Armour '78
Greg Hansen, Hurley '70
Randy Jencks, De Smet '71
Eric Kline, Aberdeen '91
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Myron Moen, Sisseton '63
Dana Nielsen-Honner, Armour '88
Tom Orton, Madison '65
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Karla Stevenson, Hamlin '83
Bob Stewart, Aberdeen '49
Jason Sutherland, Watertown '93
Jack Theeler, Sisseton '63
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2013: Scott Bosanko, Aberdeen '77
Chris Divich, Doland '52
Carol Freeman-Galbraith, Canova '79
Clyde Hagen, Webster '66
Garney Henley, Hayti '55
Kent Hyde, Onida '54
Jerry Lund, Belle Fourche '57
Amy Mickelson, Brookings '86
Mike Miller, Mitchell '98
Chad Nelson, Yankton '74
Renee Ruesink, Castlewood '84
Jim Schlekeway, Britton '64
Wayne Stone, Mitchell '41
Wendy Swanhorst, Cresbard '78

2014: Marty Waukazoo, Rapid City '67
Chuck Welke Jr., Warner '94
Rich Andrzejewski, Arlington '69
Dick Authier, Woonsocket '67
G.E. Buenning, Parkston '66
Bart Friedrich, Mitchell '85
DuWayne Groos, Sisseton '62
Steve Hammer, Pierpont '69
Julie Harmacek-Bridge, Avon '83
Luther Hippe, Washington '83
Kris Holwerda-Woerner, Brookings '81
Mandy Koupal, Wagner '99
Lien Marso, Harrold '51
Phil Miedema, Hitchcock '58
Colleen Moran, Stickney '79
Denver TenBroek, McIntosh '99
Mark Tetzlaff, Hamlin '81
Willie White, Pine Ridge '87
Lori Wohlleber-O'Farrell, Summit '86

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Amy Burnett, Huron '91
Lee Colburn, Brookings '69
Katie Dailey, Jefferson '81
Jim Dyer, Willow Lake '60
John Eidsness, Canton '66
Mike Freier, Tripp '67
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Julie Jensen-Rozell, Langford '91
Jimmy Lovley, Elkton '20
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John Sivesind, Roosevelt '96
Jim Tays, Gettysburg '50
Vince Whipple, Rapid City '56

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Conrad Collin, Huron '30
Roger Faber, Canistota '58
Dale Hall, Ravinia '54
Maury Haugland, Murdo '54
Fred Hecker, Washington '57
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Bob Marske, Andover '44
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Melissa Olson-Guebert, Lincoln '83
Wayne Rasmussen, Howard '60

Holly Sivesind-Borchers, Roosevelt '93
Rudy Soderquist, Rapid City '37
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Harley Zephier, Dupree '55

2017: Joe Ashley, Pierre '79
Ron Bertsch, St. Lawrence '61
SuAnne Big Crow, Pine Ridge '92
Jerry Buri, Hazel '60
Kriss Edwards, Watertown '77
Gary Evjen, Washington '68
Terry Jordre, Corona '57
John Lillibridge, Burke '58
Guy Mackner, Sisseton '65
Donna Muir, Cheyenne-EB '78
Ann Pancoast, Washington '81
Jim Schmidt, Dell Rapids St. Mary '41
Mike Sisk, Miller '57

2018: Dick Baun, Mobridge '44
John Bertolero, Lead '56
Howie Bich, Yale '58
Frank Brost, Murdo '55
John Diefendorf, Irene '46
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Dona Ray-Reed, Yankton '78
Jared Reiner, Tripp-Delmont '00
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Louis Tyon, Pine Ridge '63

2019: Scott Beckstrand, Lincoln '89
Mike Begeman, Parker '75
Lefty Engebretson, Webster '46
Dave Fischer, Wall '61
Rollie Furois, Deadwood '40
Freddie Knife, Cheyenne '59
Megan Mahoney, Sturgis '01
Alan Nissen, Miller '68
Henry Park, Chester '45
Doug Peterson, Watertown '60
Jodi Pipes-Altenburg, Armour '88
Shannon Schlagel-Huber, Clark '01
Cregg Skarin, Hitchcock '70
Lindsay Thomas, Roosevelt '02
Sox Walseth, Pierre '44

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Jerry Even, Dell Rapids St. Mary '64
Jayne Even-Gust, O'Gorman '96
Austin Hansen, Brandon Valley '98
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Sarah Mannes-Homstad, Yankton '88
Arlo Mogck, Parkston '55
Sam Perrin, Huron '27
Bob Pidde, Freeman '75
Dave Thomas, Onida '69
Loren Thornton, Harrisburg '36
Stanton Uhler, Kadoka '51
Dennis Womeldorf, Wessington Springs '66

2021: No inductees due to pandemic

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Welcome to the 12th 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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Dave Wagner

is free and you can sign up today and enjoy the fall edition to be published soon.

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Tours of the Pentagon are available upon request and are well worth the time spent to view the hundreds of pictures, newspapers and donated items that have made the museum so special.

Please visit our website at www.sdbbhof.com and take a ride back in time that will keep you entertained for hours.

Sincerely,

Dave Wagner

Executive Director

South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame

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Invocation	Taylor Thue
National Anthem	Silver Creek
Video Presentation	Silver Creek
Welcome/Opening Remarks	Bob Swanhorst
Master of Ceremonies Introduction	Bob Swanhorst
Recognition of Board Members	Dave Wagner
Honoring Past Inductees	Dave Wagner
Salute to Team of Excellence	Dave Wagner
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Hall of Fame Class of 2022	Dave Wagner
Plaque Presentations by Board Members	
Closing Remarks	Dave Wagner

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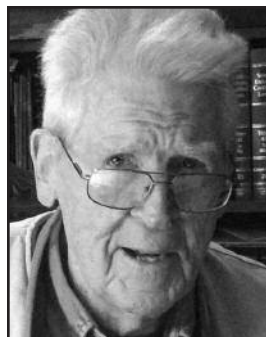
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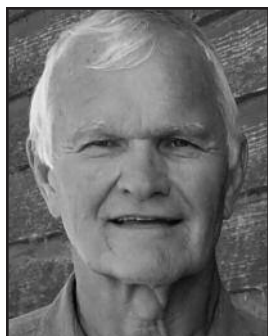
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Lisa (Kannegieter) Bahe

Willow Lake 'Pirates' - 1990

Willow Lake High School was poised in the late 1980s to embark on a prolonged journey of success in girls basketball. Lisa (Kannegieter) Bahe emerged as a model to be emulated by the players who followed her into the Pirates lineup.

Bahe was Miss Basketball and Gatorade Player of the Year in South Dakota as a senior at Willow Lake. That season the 5-foot-10 forward averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game for the Pirates. She shot 60 percent from the field.

Willow Lake reached the State Class B Tournament when Bahe was a junior and senior, finishing fifth in 1988 and third in 1989.

Bahe was named to the all-state team both seasons while playing for Coach Dennis Sumption. She was also a two-time Most Valuable Player in the Eastern Dakota Conference.

Bahe's career totals for the Pirates were 1,303 points and 743 rebounds. After her graduation Willow Lake made seven appearances in the Class B state championship game between 1991 and 2005.

Also a standout in track and field, Bahe established Willow Lake school records



Lisa (Kannegieter) Bahe



Willow Lake ★

at 400 meters and 800 meters while also running on several successful relay teams.

Bahe continued her winning ways while attending South Dakota State University. During her four seasons she helped Coach Nancy Neiber and the Jackrabbits to a combined record of 76-38.

SDSU's best record during that span came when Bahe was a senior in 1994. The

Jackrabbits finished 22-8 with Bahe netting 12 points per game.

That season SDSU participated in the NCAA Division II North Central Regional, beating North Dakota 61-51 before falling to North Dakota State 82-52.

An all-North Central Conference player, Bahe had career totals of 1,130 points and 499 rebounds for SDSU. She also recorded 120 steals and 104 assists while shooting 45 percent from the field and 68 percent on free throws.

Bahe also participated in track for the Jackrabbits, where she specialized in the javelin with a career best throw of 134-0.

After her graduation from SDSU, Bahe remained active in basketball. She has coached and taught at Brookings, Minnesota State, Pierre and Mitchell.

Now a high school science teacher and coach of eighth-grade girls basketball and high school track, Bahe lives at Brookings. Her husband is Alan. Children are Chantal, Sammi and Brodie.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Lisa (Kannegieter) Bahe as a member of its Class of 2022.

Jeff Booher

Brookings 'Bobcats' - 1988

During his exceptional prep and collegiate basketball careers Jeff Booher played an essential role in bringing championships back to his hometown.

Brookings High School made serious bids for Class AA state titles when Booher was a sophomore, junior and senior. The Bobcats of Coach Lynn Frederick finished second in 1986, won the championship in 1987, and took third in 1988.

During that span Brookings achieved consecutive records of 18-5, 14-8 and 21-2 with Booher in the lineup. He was a two-year member of the all-state team.

Booher averaged 17 points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists per game for the Bobcats.

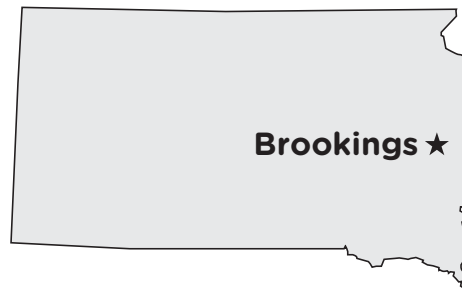
He also competed in track and field as a middle distance runner. And he was an all-state football player as a wide receiver, safety and punter.

Booher was named the Naismith High School Basketball Player of the Year for South Dakota in 1988.

After graduation Booher went across town and enrolled at South Dakota



Jeff Booher



State University. There he became a three-year starter playing for Coach Jim Thorson.

Booher appeared in 117 games for the Jackrabbits. He was a 6-foot-2 guard who had career totals of 1,018 points, 384 rebounds, 223 steals and 193 assists.

During his 1991 junior season Booher helped SDSU to a 24-8 record. Then as a

senior in 1992 he averaged 12 points, four rebounds, three steals and two assists per game. He shot 48 percent from the field, 39 percent on 3-pointers and 66 percent on free throws.

That season SDSU finished with an overall record of 25-8. The Jackrabbits won the North Central Conference championship with a mark of 13-5 in the league.

Booher was chosen to the all-NCC team and was recognized as the league's Defensive Player of the Year.

SDSU won the North Central Regional. The Jackrabbits opened the tournament by downing St. Cloud State 79-74 and in the finals they beat Denver 87-57. That advanced SDSU to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Springfield, Mass. There the Jackrabbits fell to California (Pa.) 84-73.

Booher lives at Lincoln, Neb. He is a physical therapist. His wife is Jeanne. Children are Nick, Tori and Max.

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Sherri Brende

Baltic 'Bulldogs' - 1997

The talent and leadership of Sherri Brende helped elevate Baltic High School to the summit of Class B girls basketball in South Dakota.

Brende was a junior standout when the Bulldogs won the state championship in 1995, the first in school history. Baltic was coached by Bob Sittig and defeated Avon 59-56 in double overtime in the title game to finish with a record of 24-1.

The following season the Bulldogs downed Willow Lake 61-39 in the 1996 finals to claim their second consecutive state championship. Baltic again went 24-1 behind the play of Brende, a 5-foot-7 senior guard.

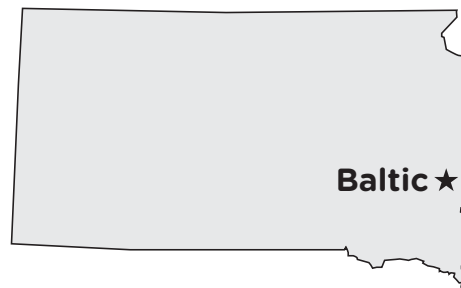
Brende joined the varsity as an eighth grader and earned all-state honors during each of her final three seasons. She averaged 20 points per game as a sophomore, 21 as a junior and 19 as a senior.

Following her senior season Brende garnered a number of postseason honors, including being named Miss Basketball and USA Today Player of the Year in South Dakota.

Setting the Baltic school scoring record with 1,886 career points, Brende also totaled 385 assists and 187



Sherri Brende



steals. She made 118 3-point goals during her career.

Brende also participated in volleyball and softball. She was a state champion in track and field for the Bulldogs, winning titles in both the shot put and discus while setting school records in both events.

While a member of the South Dakota State University basketball team Brende played for two coaches, first Nancy Neiber and then

Aaron Johnston. During her time with the Jackrabbits she had consecutive scoring averages of 11, 14, 16 and 12 points per game.

Brende totaled 1,444 career points at SDSU with a single-game high of 31. She represented the Jackrabbits on the all-North Central Conference team three years. Brende totaled 200 assists and 133 steals with career shooting marks of 41 percent from the field, 39 percent on 3-pointers and 79 percent on free throws.

SDSU had a combined overall record of 72-37 during Brende's four seasons in the lineup. The Jackrabbits' most successful season in that span occurred in 1999 when they went 20-8 and qualified for the NCAA Division II North Central Regional.

Brende also played third base while participating in softball during her final year with the Jackrabbits.

Brende is a certified prosthetist, orthotist for Hanger Clinic. She lives at Iowa City, Iowa. Children are Quinn and Nash.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Sherri Brende as a member of its Class of 2022.

Bernard Duffy

Fort Pierre 'Buffaloes' - 1947

After his outstanding prep career was completed, and he had left central South Dakota to attend college, Bernard Duffy's loyalty to his high school and hometown never wavered.

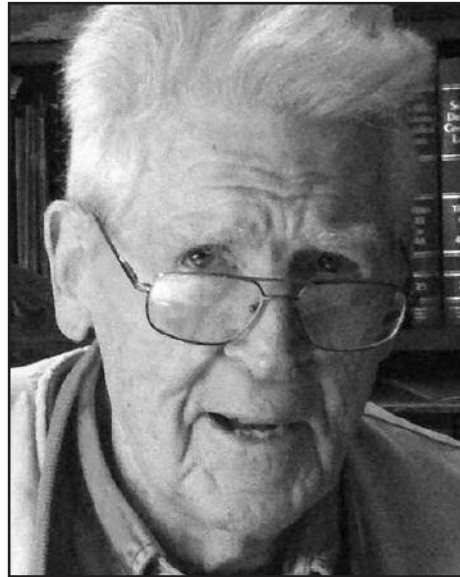
Throughout his lifetime Duffy made varied and significant contributions to the school and town he loved. He was a star athlete, a successful coach and progressive administrator, a city councilor and school board member, a state's attorney, and a pillar in the legal community.

Duffy graduated from Fort Pierre High School in 1947. As a three-year starter he led the Buffaloes to consecutive records of 18-3, 23-2 and 23-2. Fort Pierre had never won a district tournament before the Buffaloes claimed District 16 championships when Duffy was a junior and senior.

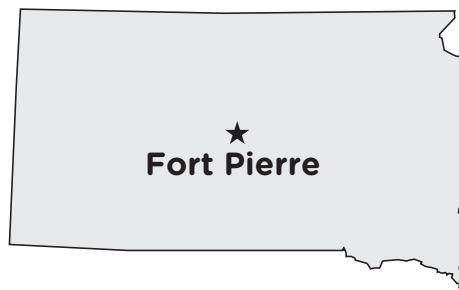
The two-handed set shot was a staple in 1940s basketball. Duffy was among the earliest South Dakota practitioners of the revolutionary one-handed shot, precursor to the modern jump shot.

Duffy was also a football standout for Fort Pierre. As a collegian at Sioux Falls College he was a four-year performer for the Braves in both basketball and football.

SFC was a member of the



Bernard Duffy



South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference at that time. Duffy's steady play helped solidify the Braves during a transitional phase of the school's basketball program.

The 6-foot-2 forward played for three different head coaches during his four seasons. SFC's best record in that span was 10-8 under Coach Philip Tinsworth in 1950.

After his graduation in 1951, Duffy served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. While

in the military he was an important member of naval championship basketball teams. Next he earned a master's degree from South Dakota State University. Then he returned to Fort Pierre.

As a coach Duffy guided the Buffaloes to district championships in basketball as well as conference titles in football. After he became superintendent he navigated the Fort Pierre School District's passage into the Stanley County School District.

Duffy enrolled in the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1967. While pursuing a degree he was a respected official who worked prep and college games. After graduation Duffy began a legal career in Fort Pierre that would last over 45 years. During much of that time he was active in amateur basketball.

Duffy was Stanley County state's attorney from 1971 to 1992. He lived at Fort Pierre at the time of his death in 2017. His wife was Margaret. Children are the late Patrick, Bernie, Dan, Dolly, Kitty and John.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Bernard Duffy posthumously as a member of its Class of 2022.

Delbert Gillam

Argonne 'Arrows' - 1953

Basketball fans in South Dakota remember Delbert Gillam for his electrifying performance in a game played on the night of Feb. 10, 1953.

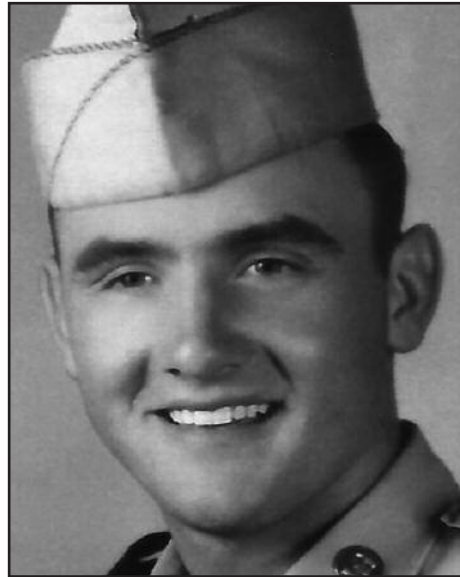
But the career of the Argonne High School ace had many other highlights in addition to the 72 points he scored against Canova to set the state single-game record.

In that historic game Gillam erupted for 31 field goals and added 10 free throws. The Arrows defeated Canova 126-81. At halftime Gillam already had scored 30 points. He delivered another 42 in the second half.

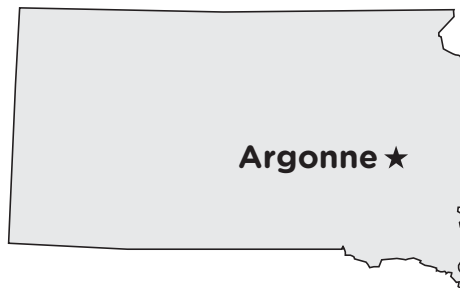
It was an era before the 3-point goal became part of basketball or Gillam's total might have been even greater than 72.

Gillam was known for his leaping ability which made him a formidable rebounder. He was able to dunk despite being only 6-foot-1. As a senior he averaged 26 points per game.

Argonne was a small school but largely due to Gillam the Arrows earned statewide respect. Argonne was a member of the Little Hickory Conference and during the 1952 season was positioned as high as No. 10 in the Class B poll.



Delbert Gillam



As a junior Gillam led Argonne to a district championship. The region tournament was played on the South Dakota State University campus in Brookings and the Arrows opened by defeating Clear Lake. But in the finals Argonne fell to Hayti's Redbirds.

The state tournament continued to prove elusive for Argonne as during Gillam's senior season in 1953 the

Arrows of Coach Louis Cullen were upset by the Orland Eagles in District 12.

South Dakota did not have an all-state team at that time but Gillam's ability on the court brought him recruiting attention from a number of college coaches.

Gillam excelled in baseball and was also a standout in track and field for the Arrows. After his graduation he spent time at General Beadle State College and played basketball on base teams while in the U.S. Army.

During his decorated career in the military, which lasted 14 years, Gillam served in both Korea and Vietnam. He was wounded three times while in combat.

Gillam was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor, two Purple Hearts, and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Gillam had a career as a carpenter. He lived at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at the time of his death in 2017. His wife was Eunice. Children are Marvie, Jolene, Kathryn and Angie.

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Gordie Groos

Sisseton 'Redmen' - 1966

Gordie Groos excelled on the basketball court for Sisseton High School while providing the Redmen with a dominant physical presence indicative of a future college football All-American.

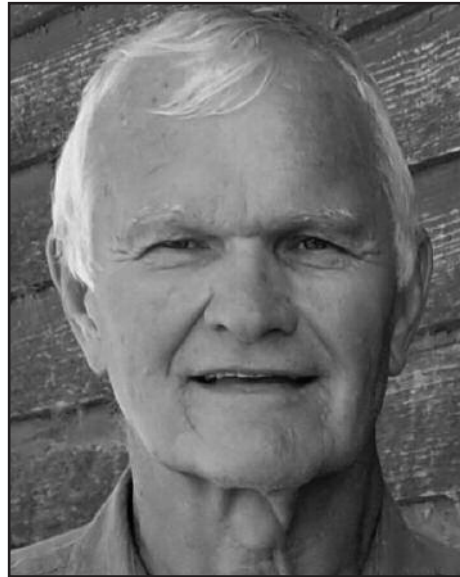
Sisseton marched through an unbeaten regular season when Groos was a junior in 1965. The Redmen entered the State Class A Tournament with a 22-0 record.

Eventual champion Sioux Falls Washington topped Sisseton 58-51 in the quarterfinals. Yankton then earned a 71-61 win over the Redmen. In the seventh place game Sisseton beat Pierre 60-58.

The Redmen of Coach George Kjellsen finished with a 23-2 record and Groos was named to the all-state team. It was an honor he would repeat the following season.

As a senior Groos averaged 20 points and 17 rebounds per game while shooting 59 percent from the field. He scored his single-game high of 35 points against Watertown.

In addition to being a two time all-stater in basketball Groos was accorded all-state recognition two years in football. He was a linebacker and offensive tackle for the



Gordie Groos



Redmen and also competed in track and field.

Groos' brother DuWayne, a 2014 inductee into the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame, had also graduated from Sisseton and then played collegiately at Northern State University. Gordie also chose to join the Wolves.

One of the greatest two-sport athletes in Northern history, Gordie was a four-

year starter in basketball at forward for the Wolves. He scored 1,002 career points and grabbed 832 rebounds.

Northern's best season while Groos played for Coach Bob Wachs occurred in 1970. The Wolves went 20-8 overall, won the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference with a 10-2 league mark, and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament.

In football Groos played a major role in Northern's ruling of the SDIC. During his career the four-year starter spent time at defensive tackle, defensive end and tight end. The Wolves were 32-3-2 overall in those four seasons and won the SDIC each year.

Capping his brilliant football career as a senior, Groos, who was 6-foot-3 and 220 pounds, was named to the NAIA All-American team of 1969 as a defensive tackle.

Groos, a member of the Northern State University Athletic Hall of Fame, coached at Estelline and Sisseton. He is retired and lives at Sisseton. His wife is Judy. Children are Adam, Jared and Jason.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Gordie Groos as a member of its Class of 2022.

Laurie (Bruns) Kruse

Lennox 'Ladybirds' - 1987

As a young Lennox High School basketball player Laurie (Bruns) Kruse displayed the talent and promise that would eventually make her Most Valuable Player of the collegiate North Central Conference.

Opponents of the Ladybirds realized early on that Kruse was a player to be aware of. As a sophomore she averaged 11 points per game while grabbing 156 rebounds.

The following season Kruse improved her scoring to 17 points per game and boosted her rebound total to 229.

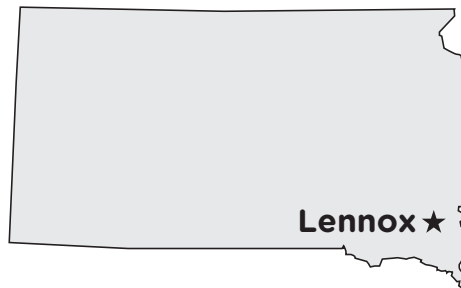
Lennox achieved a 20-5 record when Kruse was a senior. The Ladybirds of Coach Rich Luther finished fifth in the State Class A Tournament. Kruse averaged 18 points per game, collected 248 rebounds, and was named to the all-state team for the second year.

With totals of 1,073 points and 633 rebounds, Kruse held Lennox school records in both categories at the time of her graduation. Her single-game high was 35 points and for her career she shot 54 percent from the field and 73 percent on free throws.

Kruse was also a standout in volleyball for the Ladybirds



Laurie (Bruns) Kruse



as well as competing in track and field.

South Dakota State University had an overall record of 82-31 during Kruse's four seasons with the Jackrabbits. SDSU's best season during that span was in 1988 when the Jackrabbits went 25-5. Kruse was a 6-foot-2 center and played for Coach Nancy Neiber.

Kruse led the NCC in scoring as a senior in 1991. Her 23.5 points per game was

one of six conference records Kruse set that season en route to becoming the only Jackrabbit woman in history to receive the honor of being named MVP of the NCC.

Among those records were single-season field goals (155), single-season free throws (113) and career free throws (262).

Playing in 108 games Kruse totaled 1,370 points at SDSU. She had 663 rebounds, 118 steals and 70 blocked shots. From the field she shot 52 percent while making 70 percent of her free throws. Her high single-game for the Jackrabbits was 36 points.

Kruse served as the Lennox School District nurse from 1999-2007 and during that time she was involved as a coach in the girls basketball program. She is now nurse manager at the Edith Sanford Breast Center at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls.

A Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame member, Kruse lives at Lennox. Her husband is Paul. Children are Christopher, Kayla, Jordanna and Matthew.

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Matt Martin

Spearfish 'Spartans' - 2004

There was an important decision facing Matt Martin during his time as a two-sport star at Spearfish High School.

Martin was a gifted athlete with great potential in both basketball and football. A three-time Class AA all-state basketball player, he was a blue chip prospect drawing widespread attention from college coaches. He was also a highly regarded all-state quarterback who was being recruited for his football ability.

As a senior Martin led the Spartans to the Class 11AA football championship. Spearfish defeated Aberdeen Central 21-7 in the finals at the DakotaDome. Martin set a host of school passing records.

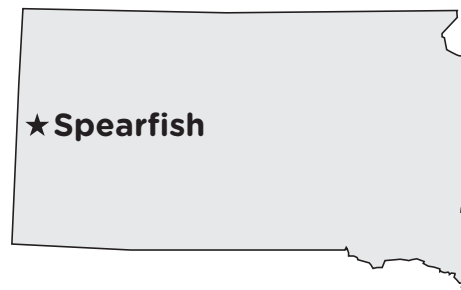
But it was basketball, Martin decided, that loomed in his future.

Spearfish reached the State Class AA Tournament during each of Martin's four seasons. The Spartans won the title when he was a sophomore in 2002, beating Sioux Falls Lincoln in the finals 65-61 to close with a record of 23-1.

An outstanding ball-handler and passer, Martin netted 17 points per game as a sophomore and 20 as a junior. As a senior he averaged 22 and was the Gatorade Player



Matt Martin



of the Year in South Dakota.

Martin played for Coach Dan Martin, who was no relation. He totaled 1,602 points for the Spartans and made 267 3-pointers. Spearfish was 64-9 during his final three seasons.

Moving on to college basketball, Martin enrolled at the University of Montana of the Big Sky Conference. His coach was Larry Krystkowiak his first two seasons and Wayne Tinkle has final

two seasons.

The most successful year for the Grizzlies during Martin's career came when he was a sophomore in 2006. Montana beat Nevada 87-79 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament before losing to Boston College 69-56. The Grizzlies finished 24-7.

Montana also reached the NCAA Tournament when Martin was a freshman, falling to the Washington Huskies 88-77.

Martin was a 6-foot guard. He averaged 11 points per game as a senior and had a career total of 1,021 points. He led the Grizzlies in 3-pointers as a freshman and senior, finishing with a four-year total of 214.

After his college career ended Martin played professionally in England. He also spent time on the staff of the Detroit Pistons working in the NBA team's video department.

Martin lives at Sioux Falls and is owner of Martin & Associates Insurance. His wife is Sophie. Children are Brooks and Chloe.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Matt Martin as a member of its Class of 2022.

Clyde Olsen

Plankinton 'Pirates' - 1956

Plankinton High School had never played in a State Class B Tournament until Clyde Olsen led the Pirates to the classic in 1956.

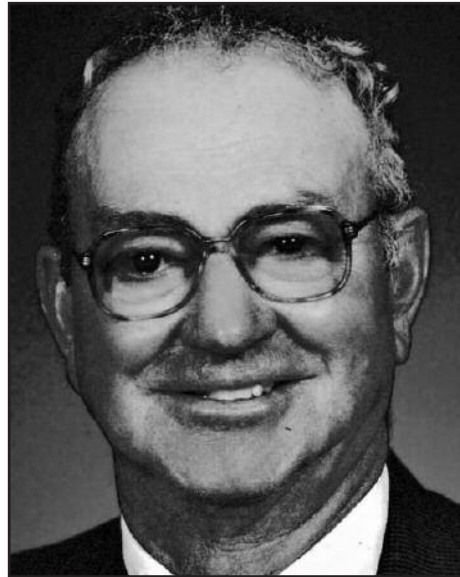
Olsen was not content just to reach the tournament at the Aberdeen Civic Arena. He did all he could to make sure the trip was memorable for the Pirates and their fans.

Plankinton drew Wilmot in the quarterfinals. Olsen, a 6-foot-2 senior forward, scored 29 points against the Wolves to power the Pirates to a four-point victory, 72-68.

In the semifinals Cresbard topped Plankinton 84-66. But the performance of Olsen in a losing effort was so noteworthy that it drew an ovation from the appreciative capacity crowd.

Carrying on the outstanding play he had displayed in the quarterfinals, Olsen went for 40 points against the Comets. That was the highest single-game scoring total in either the Class B or Class A state tournaments since the two-class system had begun in South Dakota in 1936.

The Pirates, who were coached by Jack Freidel, ended up getting fourth place after falling to Menno 56-52 in the third place game.



Clyde Olsen



Howard defeated Cresbard to claim the championship.

Olsen produced 15 points against Menno and ended as the leading scorer in the tournament with 84 total points. He was a unanimous selection to the all-tournament team.

At one stage of that season Olsen, known for his accurate shooting, had a streak of 33 consecutive made free throws. He finished the year with 90 percent accuracy

from the free throw line and was chosen as a member of the all-state team.

It was just the second year that South Dakota named an all-state team. Prior to 1955 the only postseason recognition available was an all-tourney team for players whose schools were fortunate enough to qualify for the state tournament.

During the four seasons of his Plankinton career Olsen scored a total of 1,335 points. His 40-point outburst in the state tournament set the school single-game record. Olsen also played football for the Pirates and competed in track and field.

Sharing his love for the game, Olsen spent time coaching youth basketball in area country schools and then later coached the fifth and sixth graders at Plankinton.

Olsen lives at Plankinton and has had a career as a farmer and an auctioneer. His wife is Donna. Children are Rodney, Janet, Larry, Glenn and Ruth.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Clyde Olsen as a member of its Class of 2022.

Tom Rops

Lennox 'Orioles' - 1992

For three consecutive seasons, with Tom Rops playing a pivotal role, Lennox High School made determined bids to win state championships.

When Rops was a sophomore the Orioles reached the semifinals of the State Class A Tournament before falling to Red Cloud. He averaged 12 points and seven rebounds per game as Lennox took third and went 20-4.

The following season Rops produced 16 points and 11 rebounds per game on an undefeated 24-0 team that won the 1991 state title by downing Custer 72-56 in the championship game.

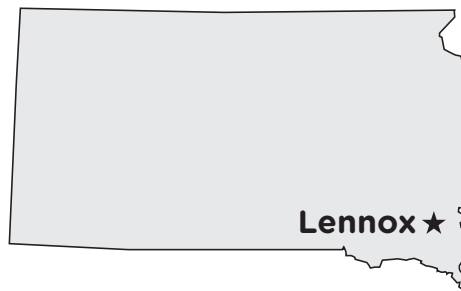
Lennox returned to the finals when Rops was a senior in 1992, again facing Custer. This time the Wildcats prevailed 79-72 despite 30 points and 14 rebounds from Rops.

Lennox finished with a 22-2 record to settle its combined three-year record under Coach Tim Hooten at 66-6.

Rops was a 6-foot-6 forward/center. He was named all-state for the second time after his senior season when he averaged 16 points, eight rebounds, three steals and two blocks. He converted 61 percent of his



Tom Rops



field goal attempts.

Rops also played baseball at Lennox.

During his South Dakota State University career Rops played under three coaches. Jim Thorson led the Jackrabbits when Rops was a freshman and Brad Soderberg was in charge when Rops was a sophomore and junior. During that span SDSU went 19-12, 19-8 and 17-10.

Scott Nagy took over as

coach in 1996 and guided the Jackrabbits to their best season during Rops' career. SDSU compiled a 24-5 overall record and won the North Central Conference with a league mark of 15-3.

The Jackrabbits beat North Dakota State 94-88 in the NCAA Division II North Central Regional before falling to Fort Hays State (Kan.) 99-90. After topping SDSU the Tigers went on to win the national championship and finish with a perfect record of 34-0.

Rops averaged 13 points and eight rebounds per game that season for the Jackrabbits with 54 percent shooting accuracy from the field. He was chosen to the all-NCC team for the second time.

During his SDSU career Rops scored 1,147 points and secured 728 rebounds. He made 187 steals, blocked 65 shots and was a 49 percent shooter from the field.

Rops is a history teacher, middle school basketball coach and farmer. He lives at Luverne, Minn. Children are Trenton, Jayson and Maria.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Tom Rops as a member of its Class of 2022.

Milton Sorenson

Wakonda 'Warriors' - 1953

The ability to be consistently excellent, to play at a high level in game after game, is an admirable goal for any basketball player. But it is difficult to achieve.

Milton Sorenson mastered the trait of consistency as Wakonda High School marched through the Class B postseason in 1953.

Wakonda had not won a district championship since 1939 when Coach Oliver Heitman led his Warriors into the District 25 Tournament.

In the quarterfinal round Wakonda downed Gayville 70-38 as Sorenson, a 6-foot-3 senior center, paced the Warriors by scoring 25 points.

Their next game matched the Warriors against Meckling in the semifinals. Wakonda emerged with a 58-44 victory. Sorenson again netted 25 points.

Then in the championship game Wakonda rolled past Centerville 52-41. Once again Sorenson delivered 25 points to give him a three-game tourney total of 75.

Next was the Region 7 Tournament held at Lake Andes.

Wakonda opened by defeating Delmont 60-58 on a decisive basket by Sorenson with just :11 left on the clock. For the fourth consecutive



Milton Sorenson



postseason game Sorenson scored exactly 25 points.

Sorenson's surreal streak and Wakonda's outstanding season ended in the finals. Ravinia stopped the Warriors 66-51 as Sorenson had 17 points. Ravinia went on to finish second in the state tournament, falling in the finals to champion Onida.

After joining the Wakonda varsity while in eighth grade, Sorenson capped his

productive career with 2,480 points. He still ranks among the state's all-time scoring leaders. His high single game was 53 points. South Dakota did not yet select an all-state team when Sorenson was in high school.

Sorenson was also a four-year football mainstay for the Warriors. He totaled 121 receptions during that span and scored 66 touchdowns. Wakonda did not lose a single game during those four seasons, achieving a perfect overall record of 28-0. Sorenson also participated in track and field.

After graduation Sorenson served in the U.S. Army before enrolling at Southern State Teachers College. He was a valuable member of basketball teams coached by Floyd Mitchell and also played football for the Pointers.

A longtime respected basketball and football official, Sorenson had a career in sales. He lived at Sioux Falls at the time of his death in 2013. His wife was Kathy. Children are Lynn, Sandra, Lisa and Mark.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Milton Sorenson posthumously as a member of its Class of 2022.

Wayne Thue

Hayti 'Redbirds' - 1960

Wayne Thue epitomized the characteristics that define an all-around basketball player. He was both a scoring threat and a strong rebounder. And throughout Thue's prep and college careers his defensive intensity earned him the assignment of guarding the opponent's top player.

As a senior forward Thue led Hayti High School to the No. 1 ranking in the statewide Class B poll in 1960.

The Redbirds won the District 10 championship. Hayti then faced Lake Preston in the Region 3 Tournament in Brookings. Fans across South Dakota were focused on that game as it matched the top-rated Redbirds against the No. 2 Divers.

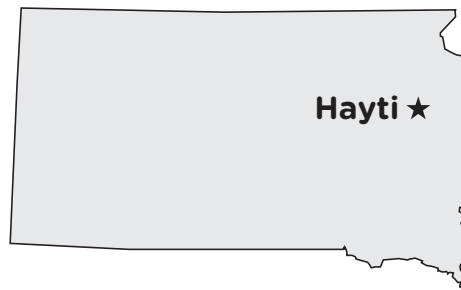
In a low-scoring defensive struggle Hayti and Lake Preston battled to a 37-37 tie at the end of regulation. The deadlock continued through a first overtime period and then a second.

South Dakota had a rule at that time that if a third overtime was necessary the game became sudden death. Before a capacity crowd Lake Preston scored first in the third extra period to prevail 41-39.

Hayti was coached by Harley Petersen, a former Redbirds star and a member of the South Dakota High



Wayne Thue



School Basketball Hall of Fame. Petersen had guided Hayti to a 19-4 record in his first season as coach in 1959.

The following season Hayti lost its opener to Lake Preston 57-50. The Redbirds then won 27 straight games, including a 64-48 win over Lake Preston. It was the third meeting of the season between Hayti and the Divers when they faced off in the regional.

Thue averaged 17 points per game as an all-state senior. He

also was an outstanding football player as a running back and linebacker.

During his Dakota Wesleyan University career the 6-foot Thue played his freshman season for Coach Jim Borsheim and his final three years for Coach Gordon Fosness.

Thue was chosen to the all-South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference team three times. The Tigers won SDIC titles when he was a sophomore in 1963 and a junior in 1964. Thue totaled 1,404 career points.

Wesleyan faced Yankton College in the finals of the District 12 Playoffs in 1964. Thue made seven free throws in overtime and finished with 36 points as the Tigers outlasted the Greyhounds 89-83.

That sent DWU to the NAIA National Tournament where Georgia Southern stopped the Tigers 86-72. Wesleyan ended 23-3.

Thue is a member of the DWU Hall of Fame and the SDIC Hall of Fame. He has had a career in farming. Thue lives at Hayti. His wife is Marilyn. Children are Jeff, Chad, Jill, Jennifer and Doug.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Wayne Thue as a member of its Class of 2022.

Dawn (Hull) Zahn

Sisseton 'Redmen' - 1992

It was a new stage for Sisseton High School when the Redmen stepped onto the court in the State Class A Tournament of 1990.

Sisseton had never before reached a girls state tournament. Dawn (Hull) Zahn made sure the Redmen took maximum advantage of the opportunity.

In the finals of District 1 it was a 10-foot shot by Zahn that lifted Sisseton past Webster 76-74. Then in the Region 1 title game Zahn cashed two free throws with :01 left on the clock to give the Redmen a 55-53 victory over Milbank.

After the late-game heroics of Zahn had advanced Sisseton to the state tourney, the Redmen got past Lennox 51-45 and Chamberlain 45-40. Sisseton topped Winner 45-38 to secure the championship and finish 23-2.

Zahn averaged 23 points and nine rebounds per game for Coach Cheryl Jenner. She shot 55 percent from the field and scored a school record 42 points in a game against Aberdeen Roncalli.

The following season, as a 6-foot senior center, Zahn again had the Redmen in contention. Sisseton took third place in the 1991 state



Dawn (Hull) Zahn



tournament, finishing 21-3. Zahn averaged 22 points and 14 rebounds while making her second appearance on the all-state team.

Zahn totaled 1,267 career points for the Redmen and also competed in volleyball and track and field.

Being a part of a state championship basketball team has become a family tradition. Zahn's father, Robert Hull, was a starter

for Sisseton when it won the Class A boys title in 1963. Zahn and her sister Andree were teammates when the Redmen girls reigned in 1990. And Zahn's son, Trey Horner, helped Roosevelt to the Class AA boys championship in 2021.

Zahn played for Coach Nancy Neiber at South Dakota State University. The Jackrabbits were a combined 88-27 during those four seasons and made three trips to the NCAA Division II North Central Regional.

SDSU was 24-6 during Zahn's junior season when she averaged 17 points per game and was chosen to the all-North Central Conference team. As a senior in 1996 she helped the Jackrabbits go 25-3.

During her SDSU career Zahn totaled 1,125 points. She grabbed 533 rebounds and had 103 steals and 94 assists.

Zahn has a career in civil engineering with a focus on water/wastewater. She lives at Sioux Falls. Her husband is Avery. Children are Trey, Tyler, Abby and Everly.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Dawn (Hull) Zahn as a member of its Class of 2022.

Harley Zephier Jr.

Roncalli 'Cavaliers' - 1975

Aberdeen Roncalli High School entered the State Class A Tournament in 1975 with only two losses. Watertown and Miller handed the Cavaliers their only setbacks during the regular season.

In order to advance to the tournament's championship game Harley Zephier Jr. and the Cavaliers needed to avenge those two losses. And that is exactly what they did.

Roncalli beat Watertown 66-63 in the quarterfinal round at the Sioux Falls Arena. That came after a regular season matchup between the Cavaliers and Arrows in which Watertown had emerged 66-65.

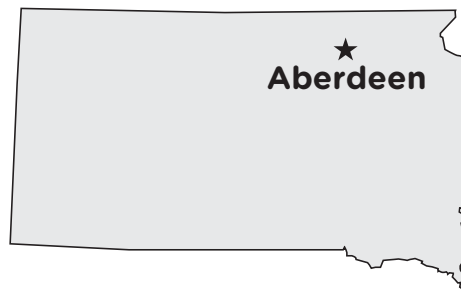
In the semifinals the Cavaliers used 15 points from Zephier and his two crucial late-game steals, the last coming with only :12 left on the clock, to defeat previously unbeaten Miller 54-52. The Rustlers had topped Roncalli in the regular season 89-82.

The championship game sent the Cavaliers of Coach Francis Zacher against Rapid City Central. Roncalli prevailed 50-42 to become the first parochial school to win a state Class A or Class B basketball title. Roncalli finished the season with a record of 23-2.

The 6-foot-2 Zephier was a multi-skilled senior



Harley Zephier Jr.



guard/forward. He averaged 17 points, eight rebounds and three steals per game for the Cavaliers while shooting 57 percent from the field and converting 68 percent of his free throws.

At the conclusion of the season Zephier became one of the select players in South Dakota prep history to make a third appearance on an all-state team.

Zephier began his career at Oglala where during his

freshman year he averaged 14 points and 11 rebounds per game. As an Oglala sophomore he was named to the Class A all-state team after producing 20 points and 10 rebounds per game.

Then as a junior Zephier averaged 28 points and 12 rebounds per game and was a Class B all-state selection while attending Northwestern.

Zephier played at Northern State University for Coach Bob Wachs. He also was a member of the successful Northern Plains Coup Counters, a team that excelled in indigenous tournaments throughout the region and nation.

Zephier is an author who with his brother Robin co-wrote 'Warrior Is'. The book is an account of the life of their great-grandfather Mato Niyanpi, a Mnincoju Lakota warrior also known as Saved By Bear. Zephier is also a noted Lakota artist and a traditional cultural instructor. He lives at Dupree. Children are Charles, Jared and Derek.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Harley Zephier Jr. as a member of its Class of 2022. He joins his father Harley Zephier Sr. who was inducted in 2016.

A problem existed in South Dakota high school basketball that needed to be corrected.

At the end of a season there was no system in place to recognize and honor 'all' of the state's best players.

There were all-tourney teams, but they only included players fortunate enough to participate in the state tournaments.

What about the outstanding players whose teams, for a variety of reasons, didn't have the opportunity to play in a state tournament?

The South Dakota Sportswriters Association recognized the iniquity in that situation and set out to do something about it.

People like Don Bierle of the Yankton Press & Dakotan, Larry Desautels of the Aberdeen American News and Craig Stolze of the Sioux Falls Argus Leaders were sportswriting pioneers in the state.

They and their colleagues in the South Dakota Sportswriters Association made the decision in 1955 that South Dakota needed all-state teams in order to ensure that there was fairness for all worthy players, regardless of whether or not they participated in state tournaments.

At the end of that season ballots were mailed by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association to the 32 district

championship coaches in Class B and to all of the coaches in Class A.

The coaches were asked to list the very best players they had seen during the season. Members of the sportswriters group then chose the all-state teams after reviewing the coaches' recommendations.

The first official all-state team in South Dakota history was revealed in newspapers on April 6, 1955.

It featured the finest players in Class B. Ten were named to the all-state first team and 10 more were selected to the second team. Another 60 were given honorable mention status.

Equitable consideration was given to those who played in the state tournament and those who did not. Five members of the all-state first team saw action in the tourney while the other five didn't.

Hayti star Garney Henley was a 5-foot-11 athletic marvel destined for multi-sport stardom at Huron College and a distinguished career playing for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the Canadian Football League.

Henley received the most votes in all-state balloting. One coach simply wrote that Henley was, "The best in the state."

Henley had played in the state tournament as had fellow first team all-state members Gib Burnette of champion White River, Marvin Speck of Gann Valley, LaRue

Martin of Selby and Don Walder of Hayti.

Making the first team without appearing in the 1955 tourney were Harley Zephier of Dupree, Frank Brost of Murdo, Harry Marske of Andover, Marv Rasmussen of Claremont and Merlyn Smith of Avon.

Next up was the Class A all-state team which was announced on April 8, 1955.

Parkston placed two players, Arlo Mogck and Jim Adkins, on the first team as did Aberdeen with Don Peterson and Ron Holgate.

They were joined by Jim Johnson of champion Sioux Falls Washington, John Bertolero of Lead, Ron McGurk of Sisseton, Irv Majeske of Webster, Wes Heminger of Flandreau and Joel Falk of Vermillion.

Among the Class A all-staters, Mogck received the most votes in balloting by the coaches. The 5-8 guard went on to a superlative career at Southern State Teachers College where he was an all-South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference selection each of his four years.

The all-state teams of 1955 were met with enthusiasm by fans across the state. A new South Dakota basketball tradition was here to stay.

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It was understood by the Brookings High School players as they entered the girls basketball season of 1985. No opponent was going to underestimate the Bobcats.

Brookings had earned that level of respect.

Coach Jim Holwerda's team had won the Class A state championship in undefeated fashion the previous year. And the Bobcats returned three seniors who were destined for success in major college basketball.

"Heading into the season we knew we were going to be very competitive," said Holwerda later while looking back at that special team. "Our kids had a high level of confidence. And we had two All-Americans in Amy and Renae."

Amy Mickelson and Renae Sallquist teamed with classmate Paula Kenefick to lead the Bobcats to a second consecutive 23-0 record. South Dakota had implemented the new three-class system that season and Brookings won the inaugural Class AA championship.

For their wide ranging accomplishments the 1985 Bobcats, ranked No. 3 nationally by USA Today, are being recognized by the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame as its Team of Excellence for 2022.

Mickelson paced Brookings with 18 points and 11 rebounds per game. Sallquist set a school record by converting 66 percent of her attempts



The 23-0 Bobcats of 1985. Helping Brookings to its Class AA championship were, from left, front, manager Maree Larson, Paula Kenefick, Amy Mickelson, Jennifer Gee. Middle, manager Jacque Lenz, Valerie Krier, Stacey Koenders, coach Jim Holwerda. Back, Lisa Rollag, Laura Martin, Renae Sallquist, Beth Lingren, Barb Johnson, Vanessa Larson, Kathy McDonald, Stacey Grorud, assistant coach Paul Johnson. (Submitted Photo)

from the field. Both were 6-foot-3 and high-level recruits pursued by colleges across the country.

Kenefick was 5-9 and directed the Bobcats from her point guard position. She led the team in assists and steals. Completing the starting unit were 5-8 senior Lisa Rollag and 5-9 junior Stacey Grorud.

Brookings was champion of the Eastern South Dakota Conference. The Bobcats defeated Yankton 45-29 in the title game of the state tournament. That victory extended the Brookings unbeaten streak to 48 games dating back to the 1983 season.

Holwerda was named national coach of the year by USA Today. He was a native of Lindsborg, Kan., who had been a starting guard at Kansas State University. Holwerda coached the Yankton College

men for five seasons, going 94-39, before moving to Brookings.

The Class AA all-state first team in 1985 had five members. Three of them were Bobcats – Kenefick, Mickelson and Sallquist.

Mickelson went on to the University of Washington where as a senior she captained the Huskies, averaged 15 points per game, and was chosen to the all-Pac 10 Conference team.

Sallquist, who like Mickelson is a member of the SDBBHOF, helped Vanderbilt University reach the NCAA Tournament three years. Kenefick became an all-Ivy League player at Yale University.

Holwerda, reflecting back on the prowess of the 1985 Bobcats, said, "Our girls were talented, dedicated players."

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.

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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 2022, membership in the Hall of Fame will consist of 185 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 newsletters are published yearly by the Hall of Fame. Our last edition featured several interesting stories, including a look back at some of the state's greatest defensive players. There are about 1,400 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.