

13th Annual Induction Ceremony

Class of 2023 Inductees

Chad Boekelheide: Northwestern '91 Scott Boekelheide: Northwestern '91 Brenda (Davis) Comstock: Tri-Valley '00

Dan Freidel: Armour '80

Arnold Johnson*: Brookings '53 Louie Krogman: White River '08 Jeana (Hoffman) Krome: Mitchell '04 Jenna (Hoffman) Kubesh: Mitchell '04

Eric Lappe: Harrold '92 Harry Marske*: Andover '55 Derek Paulsen*: Custer '99 Paige Paulsen: Custer '03

Jordan (Stapp) Proefrock: Newell '04

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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 Hall of Fame the mission has been to preserve history, create a museum of treasures, and honor those who have made 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 years. But the relentless enthusiasm associated with prep basketball has provided a wonderful opportunity to continue the rich tradition established over a century ago.

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Sincerely,

Dave Wagner

Executive Director South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame

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Invocation	Spencer Paulsen			
National Anthem	Silver Creek			
Video Presentation	Silver Creek			
Welcome/Opening Remarks	Bob Swanhorst			
Master of Ceremonies Introduction	Mike Begeman			
Recognition of Board Members	Dave Wagner			
Honoring Past Inductees	Dave Wagner			
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Chad Boekelheide



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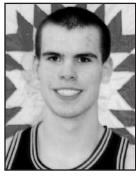
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Brenda (Davis) Comstock Tri-Valley 'Mustangs' - 2000

uring her stellar basketball career Brenda (Davis) Comstock played at a level of consistent excellence that is rare.

While starring at Tri-Valley High School she scored 1,648 points. Then at South Dakota State University she netted a nearly identical total of 1,688 points.

Tri-Valley had a 14-7 record when Comstock was a freshman. That season she averaged 12 points and nine rebounds per game.

Comstock then helped the Mustangs reach the State Class A Tournament when she was a sophomore and junior. Tri-Valley, coached by Dean Leuning, finished fifth in 1997 and took third in 1998.

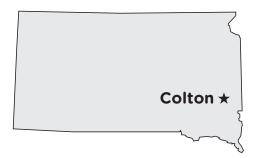
As a 5-foot-11 senior Comstock averaged 20 points, 10 rebounds and three assists per game. The Mustangs ended with a 19-3 record.

Comstock earned allstate recognition two years. In addition to her career scoring total at Tri-Valley she grabbed 802 rebounds, recorded 232 steals and passed out 223 assists.

The Mustangs had a combined record of 76-18 during Comstock's four seasons. While at Tri-Valley



Brenda (Davis) Comstock



she also competed in track and field.

Comstock played for Coach Aaron Johnston at SDSU. She was North Central Conference co-freshman of the year in 2001 when she averaged nine points per game.

Following were three consecutive seasons in which the Jackrabbits won the North Central Regional to advance to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight.

SDSU won the national championship in 2003 when Comstock was a junior. She contributed 15 points per game that season as the Jackrabbits finished with a 32-3 record. They beat Northern Kentucky 65-50 in the title game at St. Joseph, Mo.

Comstock then averaged 13 points per game as a senior. SDSU went 26-7 and for the second straight season the Jackrabbits earned a co-championship in the NCC.

A three-time member of the all-NCC team, Comstock totaled 579 rebounds as a Jackrabbit with 254 assists, 118 steals and 250 made 3point goals. For her career she shot 41 percent from the field, 36 percent on 3pointers and 71 percent on free throws.

Comstock is a member of the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame. She is a legal assistant and lives at Louisville, Colo. Her husband is Chris. Children are Hudson, Kacey and Maddy.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Brenda (Davis) Comstock as a member of its Class of 2023.





Chad Boekelheide Northwestern 'Wildcats' - 1991

had Boekelheide and his brother Scott became accustomed to playing in games of great consequence with championships hanging in the balance.

Northwestern High School reached the State Class B Basketball Tournament four consecutive years with the Boekelheide twins filling important roles. The Wildcats won state titles in 1989 and 1991. They finished second in 1990 and third in 1988.

Then while at Northern State University the Boekelheides played in the NAIA National Tournament championship game in both 1993 and 1994.

Chad as a freshman helped Northwestern achieve a 19-7 record and thirdplace finish in the state tournament. The next season he averaged 15 points and five assists per game with the Wildcats going 25-1 and claiming their first state title.

Northwestern was 24-2 during Chad's junior season when he averaged 23 points and five assists on a team that was runner-up in the "B" tournament.

That preceded a banner senior season in 1991. The 5-foot-11 guard netted 27



Chad Boekelheide

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points and passed out five assists per game as Coach Jim Trett's team went 25-0 and won its second state championship in three years.

Chad totaled 1,633 career points for the Wildcats and set a school record with 164 made 3-point goals. He was chosen to the all-state team as a junior and senior.

A standout running back and cornerback in football,

Chad and the Wildcats were 10-2 during his senior season when they were runner-up in the Class 9B Playoffs. Chad also participated in track and field.

Northern was coached by Bob Olson and was a dominant force in the NAIA. The Wolves reached the championship game of the national tournament when the Boekelheides were sophomores, losing to Willamette University (Ore.) 63-56.

The next season Northern again battled its way to the finals, this time falling to Eureka College (III.) 98-95 in overtime.

As seniors in 1995 the Boekelheides helped the Wolves achieve a 29-5 record. Northern once again performed admirably in the national tournament before dropped a 67-62 verdict in the semifinals against Northwest Nazarene (Idaho).

Chad lives at Northville. He has had a career in farming. His wife is Kris. Children are Derek, Hailey, Jessica and Ella.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Chad Boekelheide and his brother Scott as members of its Class of 2023.





Scott Boekelheide Northwestern 'Wildcats' - 1991

scott Boekelheide and his brother Chad were involved in an amazing total of 199 victories during their careers as prep and college basketball players.

During the four seasons the Boekelheides played for Northwestern High School, the Wildcats went 93-10. Then the twins helped Northern State University to a four-year record of 106-28.

Scott was a key contributor for Northwestern as a freshman when the Wildcats finished third in the State Class B Tournament. As a sophomore he averaged 16 points per game, helping the Wildcats to their first state championship. In the finals they defeated Hanson 82-80.

Northwestern returned to the championship game when the Boekelheides were juniors. Lyman edged the Wildcats 77-75. Scott delivered 20 points and five assists per game while making his first of two appearances on the allstate team.

In addition to being outstanding scorers the Boekelheides were known for their ball-handling skills and their tireless defensive tenacity. As seniors in 1991



Scott Boekelheide

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they led Northwestern to the title game of the state tournament for the third straight year. The Wildcats downed Crow Creek 71-55 to cap a perfect 25-0 season under Coach Jim Trett.

Scott produced 19 points per game that season to move his career total at Northwestern to 1,466 points. His 178 career assists set a school record.

A talented quarterback

and safety in football, Scott and Northwestern reached the championship game of the Class 9B Playoffs in 1990 before losing to Wall 28-16. Scott also participated in track and field.

Moving on to collegiate basketball, the Boekelheides helped Northern to consecutive records of 18-12, 34-2, 25-9 and 29-5.

The Wolves of Coach Bob Olson reached the NAIA National Tournament three straight years, claiming second place in both 1993 and 1994 while falling in the semifinals in 1995.

As a junior Scott led Northern in assists with 192. He topped the Wolves in assists again as a senior in 1995 when he passed out 187. Scott was chosen to the all-Northern Intercollegiate Conference team that season and concluded his Northern career with 1,039 points and 595 assists.

Scott lives at Northville. He has had a career in farming. His wife is Heidi. Children are Ethan and Ty.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Scott Boekelheide and his brother Chad as members of its Class of 2023.





Dan Freidel Armour 'Packers' - 1980

hen he graduated from Armour High School, two sport all-state athlete Dan Freidel left behind a legacy as one of the eminent winners in the history of prep sports in South Dakota.

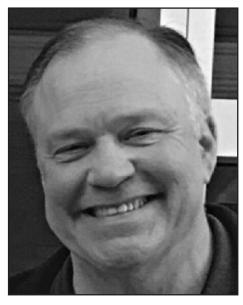
The Packers had four-year records of 97-3 in basketball and 30-4 in football during Freidel's career. And in track and field Freidel helped the Packers to Class B state team titles in 1978 and 1979.

Armour finished second in the State Class B Basketball Tournament when Freidel was a freshman. The Packers then won championships in 1978 and 1979.

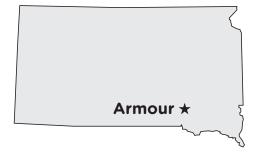
Freidel was an allaround talent who provided exceptional leadership playing for Coach Burnell Glanzer. If the Packers needed scoring, Freidel stepped up. But it was his elite-level passing, expert ball handling, and lock-down defense that helped make Armour unbeatable during its state record 64-game winning streak.

The Packers were 25-1 when Freidel was a freshman. Armour reached the title game of the state tournament before falling to Webster.

Two more trips to the championship game followed. Armour defeated Elk Point 57-53 in 1978 to finish 26-0.



Dan Freidel



Then in 1979 the Packers outlasted Beresford 55-51 in overtime to cap their second consecutive 26-0 season.

Freidel was slowed by injury as a senior in 1980 but was still chosen all-state for the second time. The 6-foot guard led Armour to a 20-2 record. He averaged 23 points, eight rebounds, six assists and four steals per game.

As an all-state running back and linebacker Freidel received football recruiting attention from major colleges.

Freidel continued to excel in both basketball and football at Augustana University where he was a four-year starter in each sport.

John Thomas was coach during Freidel's first three basketball seasons before Bill Gross took over when Freidel was a senior. Augustana's best season during that span came when the Vikings went 19-8 in 1983. Freidel set school career records in assists (482) and steals (173).

In football Freidel was an all-North Central Conference cornerback who recorded 17 career interceptions. He spent time in camp with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the CFL.

The South Dakota Sportswriters Association honored Freidel as the South Dakota College Male Athlete of the Year in 1983.

Freidel is a member of the Augustana Athletic Hall of Fame. He has had a career with the U.S. Postal Service and lives at New London, Minn. His wife is Brenda. Children are Ryan, Adam, Lydia and Emma.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Dan Freidel as a member of its Class of 2023.





Arnold JohnsonBrookings 'Bobcats' - 1953

Prookings High School stumbled only one time during its march to the Class A state basketball championship in 1952.

Star guard Arnold Johnson and the Bobcats visited Watertown during the regular season for a game between two Eastern South Dakota Conference powers. The unusual circumstances that evolved that night ultimately prevented Brookings from accomplishing an undefeated season.

As the game reached a third overtime both teams were plagued by serious foul trouble. Six of the Arrows had fouled out, but that still left Watertown with six players available.

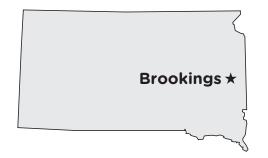
Brookings was not as fortunate. Eight of the Bobcats had fouled out, leaving Brookings with only four players left to put on the court.

In that unbalanced five players vs. four situation an unguarded Arrow drove to the basket for the winning layup and Watertown prevailed 67-65.

Johnson, a 5-foot-9 junior, and his teammates did not feel the sting of defeat again. Brookings reached the state tournament and defeated Deadwood, Aberdeen and Huron to finish 21-1 under



Arnold Johnson



Coach Harold White.

The Bobcats returned to the state tournament when Johnson was a senior in 1953. Brookings lost by one point in the quarterfinals to eventual champion Aberdeen. The Bobcats took fifth place and Johnson was named to the all-tourney team for the second year. South Dakota did not yet select all-state teams at that time.

Johnson was a superb allaround athlete who earned 12 varsity letters at Brookings. In addition to starring in basketball he was a recordsetting back in football. And in track and field he was a state champion in the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash and long jump.

The SoDak Sports publication named Johnson the Athlete of the Year for South Dakota in 1953.

Johnson continued his allaround excellence at South Dakota State University. He earned letters in basketball, football and track.

As a quarterback, halfback and defensive back Johnson was an all-North Central Conference football player. He set several school passing records. As a senior in 1956 he threw for 763 yards on offense and led the Jackrabbits with six interceptions on defense.

Johnson is a member of the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. He had careers in law enforcement and insurance. Johnson was living at Newport, Minn., at the time of his death in 2018. His wife was Janice. Children are Becky, Greg, Brad and Jeff.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Arnold Johnson posthumously as a member of its Class of 2023.





Louie KrogmanWhite River 'Tigers' - 2008

n route to becoming the state's all-time scoring leader, Louie Krogman closed his prep career by stringing together three incredibly productive seasons.

As a sophomore Krogman scored 33 points per game. He led White River High School to fourth place in the State Class B Tournament and made his first of three appearances on the all-state team.

The Tigers finished third in the state tournament when Krogman averaged 31 points and five assists per game as a junior.

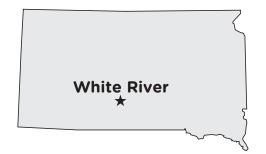
White River then defeated Langford 66-50 in the championship game when Krogman was a senior in 2008. He netted 45 points against the Lions to ensure White River of its first state title since 1955.

Krogman averaged 33 points per game that season. He finished with a career total of 3,521 points to surpass the previous state record of 2,825 set by Don Jacobsen of Lake Norden in 1957.

A 6-foot-1 guard with a deft shooting touch from long range, Krogman was named Mr. Basketball and Gatorade Player of the Year in South Dakota. He played for Coach Eldon Marshall, who took



Louie Krogman



control of the White River program during Krogman's eighth-grade season in 2004.

Krogman also was an outstanding football player for the Tigers. And in track and field he set a school record in the high jump. The South Dakota Sportswriters Association honored Krogman as the South Dakota High School Boys Athlete of the Year in 2007.

A recruiting target of many

colleges, Krogman signed with the University of South Dakota while the school was making the transition to NCAA Division I under Coach Dave Boots.

The Coyotes played an independent schedule and went 20-9 when Krogram was a freshman in 2009. The following season USD joined the Great West Conference, went 22-10 overall, and won the Great West championship with an 11-1 league record.

Krogman was an all-Great West player as a junior. Then as a senior in 2012 he averaged 17 points per game during the Coyotes first season in the Summit League. During his USD career Krogman totaled 1,644 points, averaging 14 per game. He had 392 rebounds, 324 assists, 120 steals and 292 made 3-point goals. Krogman shot 42 percent from the field, 37 percent on 3-point goals and 70 percent on free throws.

Krogman is a member of the Coyote Sports Hall of Fame. He lives at White River where he is school superintendent. His wife is Ethanie. Children are Stevie, Avery and Carter.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Louie Krogman as a member of its Class of 2023.





Eric Lappe Harrold 'Cardinals' - 1992

uring his senior season Eric Lappe led Harrold High School to a place the Cardinals had not been in 41 years.

Harrold, with an enrollment of less than 30 students, completed a storybook journey to the Class B basketball championship in 1992. It was the school's first title since 1951.

When the state tournament tipped off at the Barnett Center in Aberdeen, favorite roles were filled by the two highest rated teams. Warner was ranked No. 1 in the final Class B poll and Irene was second. Both were undefeated.

Lappe, a 5-foot-10 guard, scored 30 points in the quarterfinals as Harrold got past No. 6 Stickney. He came back with 29 in the semifinals as the Cardinals topped Irene.

The championship game between Harrold and Warner became an instant classic. With 3:12 remaining the Monarchs held an eight-point lead at 73-65. The Cardinals then went on a decisive 19-6 run that included three 3-point goals and four free throws by Lappe.

Lappe ended with 40 points as Harrold outlasted the Monarchs 84-79. The Cardinals, coached by Lappe's step-father Dennis Bauer,



Eric Lappe

Harrold ★

finished 22-3.

That season Lappe averaged 29 points, seven rebounds and three assists per game. He earned all-state honors for the second time, was co-Mr. Basketball in South Dakota, and ended his career with 2,055 points.

Lappe saw varsity action as an eighth-grader. Then as a freshman he averaged 11 points per game. Lappe boosted his scoring to 18 points per game as a sophomore when Harrold went 20-3. As a junior in 1991 he netted 29 points per game with the Cardinals going 18-5.

During his career Lappe surpassed 40 points five times with a high game of 47. He also competed in track and field, specializing in the hurdle events, and played for the Highmore/Harrold co-op football team.

Lappe played collegiate basketball at Mount Marty University, where his coach for his first three seasons was Bob Wilber. Jim Thorson then guided the Lancers when Lappe was a senior.

Mount Marty's finest season during that time came in 1996. The Lancers claimed the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference championship and posted an 18-12 overall record.

During his Mount Marty career Lappe shot 37 percent from long range, ending with 154 made 3-point goals in 416 attempts.

Lappe spent 20 years coaching boys and girls basketball at Wilmot then Spearfish. He lives at Spearfish and teaches at Spearfish High School.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Eric Lappe as a member of its Class of 2023.





Jeana (Hoffman) Krome Mitchell 'Kernels' - 2004

hile earning playing time on the Mitchell High School varsity as seventh-graders, Jeana (Hoffman) Krome and her sister Jenna (Hoffman) Kubesh provided a preview of the success-filled basketball journey that was in their future.

The twins went on to become five-year starters who played in six state tournaments. They accumulated numerous all-state honors, led the Kernels to the Class AA state title in 2003, and finished as the top two career scorers in Mitchell girls history.

Krome was a 5-foot-8 guard who totaled 1,565 points. That was the school record at the time of her graduation.

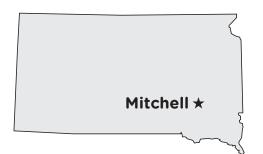
After netting eight points per game as an eighth-grader Krome continued to improve her production until as a senior she averaged 21 points and four rebounds while passing out 70 assists and making 40 steals.

Krome was Gatorade Player of the Year in South Dakota during that 2004 season and made her third appearance on the all-state team. She played for Coach Gary Munsen until Deb Thill took over the program in 2003.

Mitchell won the State Class AA Tournament when Krome was a junior. In the



Jeana (Hoffman) Krome



championship game the Kernels downed Aberdeen Central 71-40. Then in the 2004 tourney Mitchell took third.

A state champion hurdler in track and field, Krome also was an outstanding gymnast. She also participated in volleyball and cross country.

Krome and Kubesh began their college careers by playing two seasons at Texas State University. After transferring the twins were essential contributors on two outstanding teams at the University of South Dakota.

The Coyotes of Coach Chad Lavin went 22-9 in 2007, setting the stage for a memorable 2008. That season USD won the North Central Conference with a perfect 12-0 record. Overall the Coyotes went 33-2 and finished runnerup in the NCAA Division II National Tournament. Northern Kentucky topped USD 63-58 in the finals.

Most Valuable Player of the NCC after leading the conference in scoring with 18 points per game, Krome set a school single season record with 127 made 3-point goals. She capped her career by being named a Division II All-American.

Krome played professionally in Holland. She and Kubesh then teamed on the Rock County Robbins of the Women's Blue Chip Basketball League.

Krome is a member of the Coyote Sports Hall of Fame. She lives at Sioux Falls and is a director of finance at Avera. Her husband is Ryan. Children are Kruz. Kash and Knox.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Jeana (Hoffman) Krome and her sister Jenna as members of its Class of 2023.





Jenna (Hoffman) Kubesh Mitchell 'Kernels' - 2004

enna (Hoffman) Kubesh teamed with her sister Jeana (Hoffman) Krome to form a talented, productive backcourt for Mitchell High School, Texas State University and then the University of South Dakota.

The twins excelled in all phases of basketball. They were proficient scorers, adept ball-handlers and passers, solid rebounders, and aggressive defenders. Kubesh and Krome became starting guards on the Mitchell girls team as eighth-graders, after getting minutes while in the seventh grade.

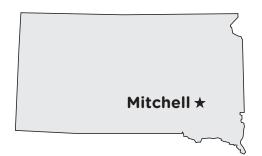
A four-year member of the all-state team, Kubesh delivered six points per game as an eighth-grader. The next season she improved to 11 points as the Kernels, 19-4, took second in the State Class AA Tournament.

During her sophomore season Kubesh scored 13 points per game as Mitchell, coached by Gary Munsen, achieved a 22-1 record and a third-place showing in the state tournament.

Kubesh was a junior in 2003 when Deb Thill became coach of the Kernels. Mitchell was 22-1 and claimed the state title by beating Aberdeen Central 71-40 in the championship game. Kubesh



Jenna (Hoffman) Kubesh



was named Gatorade Player of the Year in South Dakota.

As a 5-foot-7 senior Kubesh averaged 16 points and eight rebounds per game for a team that went 21-2 and took third in the state tourney. Kubesh totaled 1,497 career points, 578 rebounds and 346 assists.

Kubesh was an outstanding gymnast and also competed in volleyball and cross country. In track and field she won a state title in the hurdles. The twins chose Texas State as their initial college destination. The Bobcats were 17-11 in 2006 with Kubesh and Krome in the starting lineup. They then decided to return to their home state.

USD was coached by Chad Lavin and went 22-9 when Kubesh and Krome were juniors in 2007. The following year the Coyotes won the North Central Conference and the North Central Regional. They reached the title game of the NCAA Division II National Tournament before falling to Northern Kentucky 63-58.

Kubesh led USD, 33-2, in assists and steals. She was NCC Defensive Player of the Year and joined her sister on the all-conference team.

After college the twins again played together on the Rock County Robbins of the Women's Blue Chip Basketball League.

Kubesh is a member of the Coyote Sports Hall of Fame. She lives at Canistota and is a manager of operational finance. Her husband is Justin. Children are Grayson, Brookelyn, Livia and Kinley.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Jenna (Hoffman) Kubesh and her sister Jeana as members of its Class of 2023.





Harry Marske Andover 'Gorillas' - 1955

inding ways to counter the dominating presence of Harry Marske proved to be a formidable task for basketball opponents of Andover High School.

Marske had rare size for a player of his era. At 6-foot-8 and 230 pounds he was a proven scorer and rebounder. And his shot blocking ability was a cornerstone in the defensive strategy of the Gorillas.

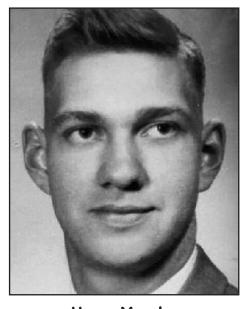
As a senior Marske averaged 35 points per game. He totaled 914 points that season with high games of 51 against Amherst and 48 versus Claremont.

South Dakota did not choose an official all-state team until Marske's senior year in 1955. He was named to the inaugural Class B first team.

Marske was recruited to Northern State University where he starred for the Wolves while playing for Coach Bob Wachs.

The Wolves won the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference in 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959. Marske was selected as a member of the all-SDIC team during each of those four seasons.

With Marske as its center Northern achieved successive



Harry Marske



overall records of 20-7, 23-5, 25-3 and 20-3. The Wolves qualified for the NAIA National Tournament when Marske was a sophomore, junior and senior.

Northern firmly controlled the SDIC during Marske's career. In his freshman season the Wolves won the championship with a conference record of 13-3. The next three years they were 15-1 each season. That settled Northern's record in SDIC games at 58-6 with Marske in the lineup.

Marske became the Wolves' first basketball All-American when he was honored by inclusion on the NAIA All-America team after both his junior and senior seasons.

When he finished his career Marske was Northern's career scoring leader. He totaled 1,676 points for the Wolves with a career average of 16 points per game.

Marske was chosen by Detroit in the NBA Draft. He participated in the Pistons preseason camp but did not play professionally. Instead he became a fixture in amateur basketball in South Dakota.

Marske, who was coowner of the All Dakota Sporting Goods Company in Aberdeen, was inducted into the Northern State University Athletic Hall of Fame. He was living at Aberdeen at the time of his death in 1999.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Harry Marske posthumously as a member of its Class of 2023. He joins his late brother Bob who was inducted in 2016.





Jordan (Stapp) Proefrock Newell 'Irrigators' - 2004

s an eighth-grader Jordan (Stapp) Proefrock left no doubt about the remarkable basketball career she would have at Newell High School.

That season, despite her youth, Proefrock averaged 24 points and three assists per game for the Irrigators. In one game she scored 43 points.

Following that breakout season Proefrock was selected to the Class A allstate team for the first of what would become five times.

The following year Proefrock continued her excellence on the court. She netted 25 points per game as a freshman and went past the 1,000 point career mark.

Proefrock was coached at Newell by her sister Courtney. In both her sophomore and junior seasons she posted identical averages of 29 points and five assists per game.

The Irrigators, who played in the competitive Black Hills Conference, had an 18-3 overall record when Proefrock was a senior in 2004. The 5-foot-3 guard went for 30 points per game that season.

Proefrock finished her Newell career as one of the leading scorers in state history. Her total of 2,815



Jordan (Stapp) Proefrock

* Newell

points included 303 made 3-point goals. Her single game best 3-point goal total was eight.

Eighty-one times Proefrock scored over 20 points in a game. She surpassed 30 points in 35 of those games with a high of 49.

During the final 97 games of Proefrock's career at Newell she reached double figures in scoring 95 times. Proefrock also saw some playing time for the Irrigators while only in the seventh grade. Over her six seasons on the varsity her career scoring average was 25 points per game.

In addition to setting 12 school records in basketball Proefrock also was a four year varsity performer in volleyball.

After her Newell graduation, Proefrock attended Jacksonville State University (Ala.). She played the 2005 season for Jacksonville, a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Jacksonville compiled a 15-14 overall record that season and among its victories was a 71-66 win over Auburn. Proefrock appeared in 26 games as a freshman point guard and made 15 starts before suffering a serious knee injury.

A high school teacher and coach, Proefrock lives at Sturgis. Her husband is Blake. Children are Spencer and Trevor.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Jordan (Stapp) Proefrock as a member of its Class of 2023. She joins her sisters Courtney and Taran who were each inducted in 2012.





Derek PaulsenCuster 'Wildcats' - 1999

erek Paulsen was one of South Dakota's greatest basketball players. But he is remembered for so much more than that.

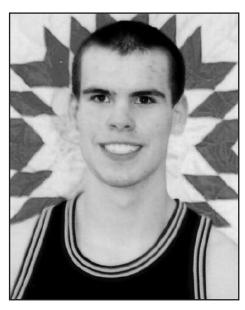
The manner in which Paulsen lived his life, and his devotion to the sport he loved, has served as inspiration for young athletes across the state.

Paulsen and his girlfriend Eva Wahlstrom lost their lives in a tragic car accident on July 30, 1999. Derek was 17 and looking forward to his senior year at Custer High School.

It was during the 1997 season, when Paulsen was just a freshman at Huron, that he first earned the admiration of basketball fans throughout South Dakota.

Paulsen averaged 14 points per game for the Tigers. But what was most impressive was the maturity demonstrated by a player so young, and the selfless attitude that allowed Paulsen to pass out six assists per game.

Before his sophomore season Paulsen moved with his family to Custer where the Wildcat program was directed by Larry Luitjens. Paulsen's father, Fred, became an assistant coach.



Derek Paulsen

★ Custer

Custer advanced to the State Class A Tournament that March. The Wildcats claimed the championship by defeating Lennox 54-52 in the finals as Derek delivered the winning basket as time was expiring.

Finishing with a 24-2 record, Custer got 21 points, seven rebounds and five assists per game from Paulsen.

By the time his junior season arrived Paulsen was

being recruited by a number of schools from the Power Five Conferences. Among them was Michigan State, where Fred Paulsen had once served as an assistant coach.

Derek responded by averaging 18 points, nine rebounds and seven assists per game. The 6-foot-4 guard led the Wildcats to third place in the state tournament and a 22-4 record.

At the end of that 1999 season Paulsen was named to the all-state team for the second time. He also had been the Class 11A all-state quarterback in football and participated in track and field.

During the summer Paulsen had played AAU basketball for the Dakota Schoolers. After his death the Schoolers created the Derek Paulsen Inspiration Award.

The award was a tribute to a fallen teammate and friend who was admired by so many. It was presented annually to a Schoolers player who best represented the ideals of character, dedication and leadership exemplified by Paulsen.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Derek Paulsen posthumously. He joins his brother Paige in the Class of 2023.





Paige Paulsen Custer 'Wildcats' - 2003

aige Paulsen embodied the winning culture that defined the basketball program at Custer High School.

The promise of future greatness was already on display during Paulsen's freshman season for the Wildcats when he averaged 12 points per game.

As a sophomore Paulsen netted 20 points per game and also averaged nine rebounds on a team that went 14-8. He made his first of three appearances on the Class A all-state team.

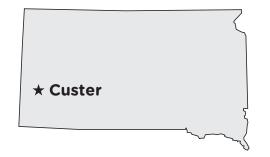
Then as a junior Paulsen produced 18 points and nine rebounds per game while pacing Custer to a 23-3 record and a Class A state title. The Wildcats defeated Lennox 55-50 in the championship game.

Paulsen was a senior in 2003 and again led Custer to the title game of the state tournament. This time in a rematch with Lennox the Orioles topped the Wildcats. That championship night setback was the only loss Custer suffered in a 25-1 campaign.

A 6-foot-6 forward, Paulsen averaged 25 points, 11 rebounds and five assists per game that season. He



Paige Paulsen



was named Mr. Basketball in South Dakota and was also the state's Gatorade Player of the Year.

During his final two prep seasons Paulsen paced Custer to a combined overall record of 48-4.

Larry Luitjens was coach of the Wildcats and he was assisted by Paulsen's father, Fred, who had formerly coached outstanding teams at Huron College. Paige ended his prep career as Custer's career scoring leader with 1,790 points. Then he spent two seasons playing for Northern Illinois before transferring and finishing his collegiate career at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

After sitting out a season due to transfer regulations, Paulsen netted 11 points per game in 2007 for Milwaukee and was chosen to the Horizon League all-newcomer team.

As a 2008 senior Paulsen led the Panthers in both scoring and rebounding with averages of 13 points and six rebounds. He was named to the all-Horizon League team playing for Coach Rob Jeter.

Paulsen played professionally in Spain and spent time as an assistant coach at Wayne State College (Neb.).

Paulsen is an athletic director and lives at Williamston, Mich. His wife is Morgan. Children are Evan and Taylor.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to induct Paige Paulsen. He joins his late brother Derek in the Class of 2023.



TEAM OF EXCELLENCE: MILLER 1972



oach Bob Dockter later acknowledged that he felt real pressure before the championship game of the Section 5 Tournament in 1972.

Miller High School had met every challenge up until then. The Rustlers were undefeated and ranked No. 1 in Class A. But to qualify for the state tournament Miller had to travel to Mitchell and beat the dangerous Kernels on their home court at the Corn Palace.

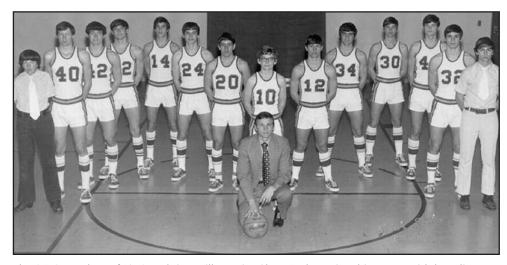
The Rustlers withstood that challenge, too, winning 60-55 as Kim Templeton led the way with 18 points. Crucial were four late-game free throws by Steve Henning.

After that victory Miller had momentum and confidence entering the state tournament at the Sioux Falls Arena. During those three days in March the Rustlers wore down their opponents with a relentless full-court press.

Miller won the championship, finished with a 24-0 record, and staked a claim as perhaps the greatest team in South Dakota history.

In recognition of their historic season the 1972 Rustlers are being honored by the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame as its Team of Excellence for 2023.

With an enrollment of 375 students Miller was the smallest of the 32 schools in Class A. That contributed to the Rustlers becoming a crowd favorite at the Arena as the state tournament



The 24-0 Rustlers of 1972. Helping Miller to its Class A championship were, with kneeling coach Bob Dockter, from left, manager Chuck Peterson, Steve Henning, Tim Herman, Jeff Wilber, John Carr, Steve DeGeest, Gary Recek, Mike Alley, Kerm Peterson, Rick Nissen, Mike Losey, Dan Gerdes, Kim Templeton and manager Terry Augspurger. In the state tournament title game the Rustlers defeated the Yankton Bucks 68-54. (Submitted Photo)

progressed.

Sioux Falls Washington was the defending champion. Miller raced past the Warriors 72-60 in the quarterfinals as Rick Nissen scored 21 points, Templeton 17 and Jeff Wilber 14.

Rapid City Stevens fell to the Rustlers 81-51 in the semifinals. Templeton delivered 24 points while Nissen had 16 and Wilber 15.

Championship night sent Miller against Yankton and its 6-foot-11 star sophomore Chad Nelson. The tallest Rustler was Dan Gerdes at 6-3. Nelson scored 21 points but Miller prevailed 68-54 behind 21 points from Templeton and 17 from Nissen.

An important weapon for the Rustlers was a quickstrike fast break that featured Nissen's passing and Templeton's shooting. Nissen, Templeton and Wilber were joined in the Rustlers' primary six-man rotation by fellow seniors Henning, Gerdes and Tim Herman.

A couple weeks after the tournament ended Templeton and Nissen were both named Class A first team all-state. Wilber was chosen as a member of the all-state second team.

Nissen went on to set a University of South Dakota school record with 598 career assists. Templeton, who like Nissen is a member of the SDBBHOF, finished as the career scoring leader at Black Hills State University with 2,180 points. Wilber was a starter at Augustana University.

Dockter was a native of Cresbard and a graduate of Northern State University. His 1972 Rustlers were voted the greatest team in South Dakota prep history by a statewide panel of basketball experts assembled in 1988 by the Argus Leader.



RECAP OF OUR TEAMS OF EXCELLENCE



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 Engebritson in the quarterfinals 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 Class A championship and 23-0 record. Mitchell boasted three first team all-state players in Bart Friedrick, Chad Andersen and Tim Byrd. Friedrick 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, took third in the National Tournament in Chicago, and went 40-1. Class A champion Huron, which achieved a 22-0 record under Coach Carold 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-O season and state championship was achieved by Coach Jim Flevares and his Wildcats. Mike Freier, who netted a Class B state tournament record 103 points, was joined by teammates Dick Prien and Bill Fischer on the all-tourney 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 championship. Joe Lockwood was coach of the Warriors. Washington went on to repeat as champion again in 1981.

2021: No team selected due to pandemic.

BROOKINGS '85

2022: Rated as the No. 3 team in the nation by *USA Today*, the Bobcats of Coach Jim Holwerda went 23-0, won the Class AA girls championship, and extended their win streak to 48 games. Brookings was led by Amy Mickelson, Renae Sallquist and Paula Kenefick.

MILLER'72

2023: Kim Templeton, Rick Nissen and Jeff Wilber were mainstays for the Rustlers as they claimed the Class A state championship. Miller, the smallest school in Class A, was 24-0 under Coach Bob Dockter.



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