

2023 Fall Newsletter

Elite Passers are the Masters of the Game

By Greg Hansen

Selflessness is a common trait shared by great passers.

Such players are instinctive. They sense the reactions of their teammates before those movements actually materialize on the court.

Elite passers have a knack for getting the ball to a player at the most timely moment to create a scoring opportunity. Passers gifted with that innate ability can control a game. They are true basketball gems whose value to a team cannot be overstated.

Armour High School, a small Class B program in Douglas County, produced three guards - Barry Glanzer, Dan Freidel and Pat Freidel - who as collegians ranked among the very best passers in the old North Central Conference.

They were coached as preps by Burnell Glanzer, older brother of Barry Glanzer and architect of a team-first culture that produced more than 600 wins during the 37 seasons he guided the Packers and then the Tripp-Delmont/Armour Nighthawks.

"To be a great passer you first of all have to be a team player. You have to put team before self," says Burnell Glanzer.

"It starts with court awareness and good peripheral vision. The best passers see things on the floor that others don't see."

Barry Glanzer graduated from Armour in 1978, Dan Freidel in 1980 and Pat Freidel in 1985. During their college careers they



File Photo
Barry Glanzer led Armour to a 26-0 season as a senior in 1978. That started the Packers on their state record 64-game win streak.

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distributed a combined 1,722 assists.

Glanzer starred at the University of South Dakota where he had 566 assists. The Freidel brothers were both standouts at Augustana University with Dan totaling 482 assists and Pat passing out 674.

"Those guys had special talents that most players don't have," says Burnell Glanzer. "They were all great ball-handlers. They

all had the ability to get in the lane, draw the defense towards them, and then make a pass to the open guy."

Handing out 5.6 assists per game for the Coyotes, Barry Glanzer led the NCC in 1981. Then in 1982 he was the conference scoring champion with 21.4 points per game while also leading in steals.

Pat Freidel was a two-time NCC leader in two categories. He delivered 7.9 assists per game for the Vikings during the 1988 season and then came back to average 7.4 in 1989. He also topped the conference in steals during both of those years.

A Freeman native, Burnell Glanzer arrived at Armour in 1975 after graduating from USD. When he retired from coaching after the 2012 season Glanzer's teams had won 75 percent of their games with an overall record of 617-209. The Packers claimed state championships under Glanzer in 1978, 1979 and 1997.

"Through the years we had a lot of talented players," he says. "Different guys had different roles, of course, but we always stressed ball movement and getting the ball to the open man."

Selflessness can create special results.

"There is an artistry to a great pass," says Glanzer. "I've always believed that."

(Read about some of the most memorable prep passers in South Dakota on page 4.)

The Langford Lions and a 68 Year Absence

By Bob Swanhorst

In 1939 Langford High School's basketball team had a dream come true. That dream had been to get to the coveted State "B" basketball tournament. With some good size and talented veteran players they had to win the district and regional tournaments. That meant they had to make their way to Brookings, where the tourney was held, by winning five consecutive games after the regular season. No small task as almost 250 high schools were vying for the same goal, and Garden City, as defending regional champs, was favored again. Nevertheless, with new white trimmed warm-ups, maroon satin uniforms, and black wool-lined knee guards, the school and community were anticipating a special season.

As the season progressed the dream continued as the only loss was to Britton by a score of 18-16. Of course the weekly newspaper, the *Langford Bugle*, took notice of the low ceiling at the Britton makeshift gymnasium which made long, and even some short, shots difficult to make. The regular season left the team with a 16-1 record, winning the conference schedule and conference tourney along the way. The district scores were all comfortable wins over Andover, Britton and Groton. The Britton loss was avenged by a 31-20 score (no low ceiling).

The opening game of the regional against the favorite Garden City team was a different story. With less than a minute to play, the Lions called a timeout. The rules in 1939 said the coach could not talk to the players during timeouts. The team leader, Robert "Bud" Pearson, told the big Lions'



LHS Photo

Langford's first trip to the State "B" Tournament was made in 1939 by, from left, front row, John Healy, Arthur Newton, Warren Miles, Roy Pederson and Darwin Liknes. Back row, Coach Richard Lay, Robert Page, Robert Pearson, Kenneth Ogren, Frank Tobin and Ralph Liknes.

center, Kenneth Ogren (6-4), to break hard across the lane and I'll get you the ball just turn and shoot it. He did and scored with a foul to boot. The basket and free throw made it a 22-19 victory. Langford went on to win the regional championship game over Columbia 50-19.

The state tourney was tough on Langford. They drew the eventual champion, Deadwood, and then Wakonda, and both games were losses. Finishing the season at 21-3 Langford had experienced what so many class "B" teams afforded for their school and community: a sense of pride and community spirit that seemed to reign across

all of South Dakota whenever that local high school team went to state.

In March of 2007 the Langford Lions finally made it back to the State "B". It was a 68 year absence. The excitement rejuvenated memories from the past and the run made by the 1939 team. And what great memories they were. The *Langford Bugle* devoted several pages and the front page headline along with pictures recalling the 1939 trip to state. Two players, Bud Pearson and Roy Pederson, were still alive in 2007 and a 1935 graduate, Ehlert Ogren, all gave first-hand accounts. Roy Pederson was quoted as saying: "I

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never saw a town that was so excited and got behind us like Langford did. It was exhilarating. A wonderful experience.” That quote, or similar feelings, have been and will be quoted by thousands of high school girls and boys basketball players ever since the original tournament in 1912.

Karen Mikkelsen related that her father Kenny Ogren said: “Just the experience of being there was something I never forgot.” Her Dad was the team’s leading scorer and had made the three-point play to get the victory in the first game of the regional. An article in the school yearbook said although they did not win the championship the team will always be remembered because they all signed their names in the Campanile on the Brookings campus. Bud Pearson served in the military, was a POW, and devoted his life to education, mostly in Britton. He had two sons play in the state tourney and the younger, Wayne, played on Coach John Bruce’s state championship team at Britton in 1972. Lyle, an All-Stater, played in the tourney in 1968 and went on to have an outstanding career at Augustana.

The 2007 Lions entered the tourney 20-3 and were seeded fourth. Coach Paul Raasch praised his team and pointed out that Marv Rasmussen and assistant coach Taylor Reints had much to do with their success. The Lions lost to Sully Buttes but defeated Estelline and Armour to finish as consolation champions. Jeff Tobin and Shane Hurley made all-tournament for Langford.

THE ONLY CONSTANT IS CHANGE

Since 1939 the South Dakota basketball tournaments have made significant, some say drastic, changes in play-off procedure and alignment. The South Dakota Activities Association voted for three classifications in 1985. A definite trend has set in since

then and it is simply that many of the bigger schools are getting bigger and the smaller schools are combining and sometimes even three to four high schools are becoming one team. The number of schools in each classification changes, but presently there are 73 teams in B, 65 teams in A and 19 in AA. No team has to play five games just to get to the state tournament. In the B ranks, White River has been at every B tournament since 2006 and Sully Buttes has gone fourteen times since the year 2000. They have truly excelled in their class with consistent and excellent programs. All the tourney teams have a final seeded position when they enter the state tourney.

The game’s rules have really changed. When the center jump after every basket went out in 1937-38 the game sped up. That 1939 team from Langford was able to experience the new rule. Interestingly, it wasn’t until 1948-49 that the coach was allowed to speak to the players during timeouts. The rule that literally turned basketball inside-out was the three-point shot that went to the high schools in 1987-88. The fear that the big man would take over the game is past. The speedy guard who can shoot the trey and compliment with the quick drive and dish can become the most effective player. Probably the most impacting strategy is the continuing premium put on the three-point shot.

Yes, change is constant but hopefully that passion to win as a team and participate at a high level will never leave the aspiring young girls and boys who love the game. The support and pride from the cities, towns and communities is probably the one constant that doesn’t change.

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Our Readers reflect on Passers they Admired

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame asked its readers to tell us about the greatest prep passers they have seen in the state. Following are responses.

Listed is the player, school, graduation year, and the condensed comments of the reader who mentioned him. Players are listed in order of graduation.

This is by no means a complete registry of all the great passers. Far from it. But the players mentioned were outstanding and they stand out in the memories of our readers who responded:

Lien Marso (Harrold '51) - "His teammates never knew when they were going to get the ball when Lien had it. He was a great passer and he led Harrold to the state 'B' championship in 1951."

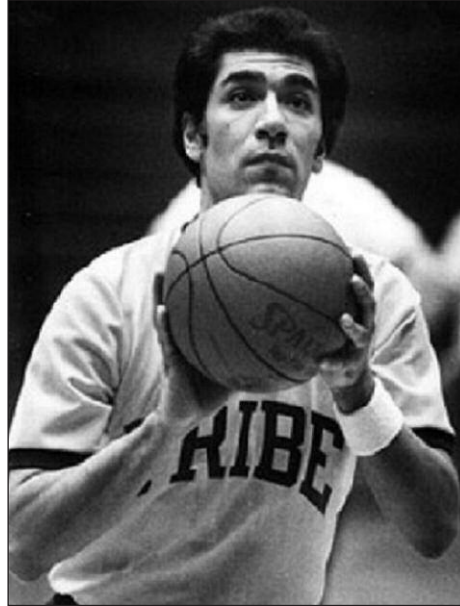
Roger Nelson (Brookings '54) - "Rog could be moving one way and make a pass the other way. When you played with him you needed to be prepared to get the ball at any time."

Arlo Mogck (Parkston '55) - "Not many players his size could dominate a game like Arlo (5-foot-8). His quickness was unreal and he always seemed to find the perfect passing lane."

Ron Truman (Howard '56) - "Ron was the best passer I knew. If he was dribbling down the floor you always had to be ready for a pass."

Don Jacobsen (Lake Norden '57) - "Jake was such a great scorer that his passing kind of got overlooked. But he was a very good passer."

Dean Bisson (Brandon '58) - "He would make passes behind his back and through his legs. As a



*HC Photo
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte product Terry DuPris continued his stellar ball-handling, passing and scoring while at Huron College.*

passer Dean was way ahead of his time."

Homer White Buffalo (McIntosh '63) - "Anyone who saw McIntosh in the 1962 'B' tourney remembers how well Homer could pass and shoot."

Donavon Pretty Weasel (Cheyenne-Eagle Butte '66) - "Donavon was an excellent passer and great ball-handler. He could do it all."

Dennis Womeldorf (Wessington Springs '66) and **John Eidsness** (Canton '66) - "They were two of the best at feeding the post on the ball reversal."

Bruce Bad Moccasin (Pierre '67) - "As smooth as they come. Bruce always involved his teammates in a way that made everybody better."

Chuck Iverson (Vermillion '69) - "Chuck was so big (6-9) and strong that he usually had two defenders hanging on him. He'd get the ball in a position to score, but instead of shooting he often

would make a good pass."

Rich Gerry (Rapid City Central '70) - "The Cobblers had some good big guys like (John) Dutton, (Jack) Tennyson and (Steve) Withorne. Rich always got them the ball at the right time and in the right spot."

Roger Cannon (Canistota '72) - "Roger was unselfish to a fault. He also had a tremendous offensive game. He was able to distribute the ball with no-look passes that leaves me with great memories after 50 years."

Rick Nissen (Miller '72) - "Rick was such a fluid player that when a game was over you sometimes hadn't noticed him a lot. Then you saw the box score and he had something like 23 points and 14 assists."

Terry DuPris (Cheyenne-Eagle Butte '76) - "The way that Terry could control a game with his ball-handling and passing was something to see. He was the best at setting up his teammates."

Scott Bosanko (Aberdeen Central '77) - "Scott could do some amazing things with the ball. I remember once when a teammate wasn't paying attention and Scott bounced a pass off his chest."

Barry Glanzer (Armour '78) - "Not only was Barry one of the best passers I have ever seen in high school, he was also one of the best I saw in college when he was at USD."

Skip Wood (Lennox '91) - "When he was a senior Skip set the school record for assists and Lennox was state 'A' champion with a record of 24-0. He could run all game."

Josh McNames (De Smet '95) - "Josh averaged over 10 assists per game as a senior. He was a joy to watch with his no-look passes."

Journey of Valor from State 'A' to Ranger HOF

By Greg Hansen

Young men from nearly every community in South Dakota were fighting against the Axis powers as World War II raged in Europe and the Pacific. Many had been basketball players while in high school.

Eighty years ago one of those soldiers, Warren "Bing" Evans, was commander of a U.S. Army Ranger special forces unit when he was captured by German troops during the Battle of Cisterna in Italy.

Evans survived as a POW from January 1944 until April 1945. After 16 months in captivity, most spent in the Oflag 64 prison camp in northern Poland, he escaped and found his way back to American lines near the town of Leipzig, Germany.

Before they landed on the beaches of Italy, the Rangers and Evans had spearheaded three earlier invasions of North Africa, Tunisia and Sicily. Because of his bravery and heroism throughout the war Evans later received the honor of induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 1996.

The official declaration stated, in part, "Captain Warren Evans is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his extraordinary feats of courage ... During the infamous Battle of Cisterna off the Anzio Beachhead in Italy, Ranger Evans maneuvered his company to the sound of battle and attacked into a numerically superior armed German force. Ranger Evans was taken prisoner, but his heroics would continue even after his captivity. After two failed attempts, Ranger Evans successfully escaped ..."

Prior to the war Evans had been an all-around athlete at Aberdeen Central. He was a lineman in football for the Golden Eagles and a mainstay on the basketball team.

Aberdeen Central won the State Class A Tournament in 1938 and sent Evans and four of his teammates on to college basketball.



Warren Evans

The Golden Eagles opened the tourney by beating Brookings and Rapid City. In the title game Aberdeen Central defeated Yankton 38-24. Cy Holgate was coach of the Golden Eagles. He was a native of Redfield and a former standout player at Dakota Wesleyan. Evans' fellow starters were Elmo Solberg, Gene Haldeman, Ken Lutgen and John Trish.

Solberg became an all-North Central Conference player at the University of South Dakota. Then as an Air Force pilot during the war he flew 36 combat missions over

Europe.

Haldeman attended Creighton and earned All-America honors while starring for the Bluejays. Lutgen and Trish played for the University of North Dakota.

Evans, at 6-foot-3 and 195 pounds, was an all-NCC tackle in football for South Dakota State. He was also the Jackrabbits' starting center in basketball before being inducted into the Army on Feb. 10, 1941.

Following the war Evans returned to South Dakota and married his college girlfriend, the former Frances Wheeler of Brookings. They eventually settled and raised their three sons in Huntingburg, Ind. Evans died on July 6, 2015. He was 96. Interment of his remains took place at Greenwood Cemetery in Brookings.

Sioux Falls Coliseum served South Dakota for decades as a Basketball Destination

The late sportswriter John Egan once acknowledged the longevity and historical significance of the Sioux Falls Coliseum when he admiringly referred to it as "A proud old war horse of an arena."

Built in 1917, during the latter stage of World War I, the Coliseum was a multi-use building that served many important purposes for a growing city.

During the 1930s and 1940s the Coliseum stood alongside the Corn Palace in Mitchell and the Aberdeen Civic Arena as premier basketball facilities in South Dakota. They were joined in 1952 by the Huron Arena when it opened.

The Coliseum, as home court of the Augustana Vikings, was the scene of memorable North Central Conference collegiate basketball.

It also was filled with high school basketball highlights as many district, region and state tournaments were staged there.

Even after the more modern Sioux Falls Arena arrived in 1961 the Coliseum remained a popular venue for prep basketball.

Players and fans who experienced the Coliseum during its basketball heyday have memories of its rustic atmosphere and the excitement generated during games by its close-to-the-action seating.

In recent times the building had been home to the Multi-Cultural Center of Sioux Falls.

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Hall of Fame opens Door to Class of 2023

The Class of 2023 officially became members of the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame during a ceremony Aug. 26 at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls.

Thirteen former standouts were inducted during the 13th annual banquet. There are now 198 members in the Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2023:

Chad Boekelheide, Northville (Northwestern 1991): The Wildcats won Class B state titles in 1989 and 1991 with the Boekelheide twins starring. Chad netted 27 points per game as a senior.

Scott Boekelheide, Northville (Northwestern 1991): A perfect 25-0 season in 1991 settled Northwestern's four-year record at 93-10. Scott averaged 19 points per game as a senior.

Brenda (Davis) Comstock, Louisville, Colo. (Tri-Valley 2000): Comstock led the Mustangs to a four year record of 76-18. She averaged 20 points per game in her senior season.

Dan Freidel, New London, Minn. (Armour 1980): The Packers went 97-3 during Freidel's career. Armour won Class B state titles in 1978 and 1979. Freidel averaged 23 points per game in 1980.

Arnold Johnson (Brookings 1953): The late Johnson was a mainstay as Brookings went 21-1 and won the Class A state title in 1952. The Bobcats took fifth in 1953. Johnson was all-tourney both years.

Louie Krogman, White River (White River 2008): In amassing 3,521 points, Krogman capped his career by averaging 33 points per game as a senior. The Tigers won the Class B state title that season. Krogman was Mr. Basketball and Gatorade Player of the Year.



John Simko Photo

Pictured at the banquet was the Class of 2023. From left, front row, Chad Boekelheide, Jeana (Hoffman) Krome, Paige Paulsen, Jenna (Hoffman) Kubesh and Scott Boekelheide. Back row, Jordan (Stapp) Proefrock, Louie Krogman, Brenda (Davis) Comstock, Dodie Bemis representing the late Harry Marske, Spencer Paulsen representing the late Derek Paulsen, Dan Freidel and Eric Lappe. Also inducted at the banquet was the late Arnold Johnson.

Jeana (Hoffman) Krome, Sioux Falls (Mitchell 2004): Krome played in six Class AA state tourneys, winning the title in 2003. She was Gatorade Player of the Year in 2004 when she netted 21 points per game.

Jenna (Hoffman) Kubesh, Canistota (Mitchell 2004): Gatorade Player of the Year in 2003, Kubesh and her sister Jeana helped Mitchell win four ESD Conference titles. She averaged 16 points per game in 2004.

Eric Lappe, Spearfish (Harrold 1992): Lappe scored 40 points as the Cardinals beat Warner 84-79 to win the Class B state title in 1992. He averaged 29 points per game that season and was co-Mr. Basketball.

Harry Marske (Andover 1955): The late Marske was a dominating force at 6-foot-8 and 230 pounds. He scored 914 points as a senior, averaging 35 per game. His high

game was 51.

Derek Paulsen (Custer 1999): The late Paulsen lost his life at age 17 in a car accident on July 30, 1999. He led the Wildcats to the Class A state title as a sophomore. Custer took third as Paulsen averaged 18 points per game as a junior.

Paige Paulsen, Williamston, Mich. (Custer 2003): Paulsen was Mr. Basketball and Gatorade Player of the Year in 2003. Custer won the Class A state title in 2002. Paulsen averaged 25 points per game as a senior when the Wildcats took second.

Jordan (Stapp) Proefrock, Sturgis (Newell 2004): A five time Class A all-stater, Proefrock scored 2,815 career points. She netted 24 per game as an eighth-grader and then had seasons of 25, 29, 29 and 30.

• Read complete bios at www.sdbbhof.com

Tobin Award to note Importance of Officials

When the late Leon Tobin officiated a basketball game, players of both teams knew they would be treated fairly and respectfully.

No greater compliment can be paid to an official.

During the more than 30 years that Tobin officiated in South Dakota he worked nearly 1,700 high school games, including 23 state tournaments.

Tobin's love of basketball was kindled at Waubay where he was a four-year player for the Dragons before graduating in 1953. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern State University and spent 47 years in education, many as superintendent at Warner.

The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame chartered as a non-profit 501(c)(3) in 2009. Tobin helped found the organization and was a member of the board of directors during the early formative years.

To ensure the necessary resources to fulfill its mission to preserve South Dakota basketball history, the Hall of Fame in 2016 implemented a strategic long-term plan designed to enable an adequate level of financial health.

The creation of an endowment fund was authorized



Leon Tobin

through the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation. Tobin and his wife Virginia stepped forward to make the initial \$5,000 commitment. Their generosity was instrumental in helping the Hall of Fame establish its endowment fund.

Tobin was 87 and a resident of Aberdeen at the time of his death on March 31, 2023. Out of respect for his belief in the purpose of the Hall of Fame, the Tobin family has made a memorial gift of an additional \$5,000 to further strengthen the Hall of Fame's endowment.

Basketball was dear to Tobin. He understood that in order for boys and girls to experience the joy of playing the game in South Dakota it is imperative to have qualified, dedicated officials. For that reason Tobin strived to encourage, train and mentor young officials.

The Hall of Fame is grateful for Tobin's friendship and for the support from he and his family. To honor his memory by recognizing the importance of officials, the Hall of Fame will present the Leon Tobin Family Memorial Award at its annual banquet.

A Tale of two Stars, one Too Good to be True

His name was Goose Perkins and he was expected to light up the Black Hills Conference.

The *Rapid City Journal* published preview stories of its area basketball teams before the start of each new season. Information for those articles was obtained from questionnaires filled out and submitted by coaches.

Fred Zoss was the coach at Douglas High School throughout the decade of the 1970s. In the preseason questionnaire before the 1976 season he informed the *Journal* about Perkins.

Goose was a towering center who had transferred to Douglas - according to Zoss - and he possessed all the tools necessary to be a game-changing player for the Patriots.

That information was printed by the *Journal*. Word spread quickly. Coaches, players and fans of the teams slated to play Douglas were concerned about how dominant this new Patriots big man might be.

A few days later the newspaper learned that there actually was no Goose Perkins. The *Journal* dutifully informed its readers of the hoax. Zoss had invented Goose as a prank.

But, ironically, soon Zoss and the Patriots had the real thing.

Terry Domino was 6-foot-9 and an intimidating defender. As a junior in 1978 he helped Douglas to a 17-3 record. Then as a senior he averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game.

Zoss' teams won several BHC titles. Douglas had a series of Class

A first team all-state players under Zoss, starting with Rich Hern in 1975. Then came Ron Hern in 1976, John Magbuhat in 1978 and Domino in 1979.

Domino was a targeted recruit. He signed with Southern Methodist University in Dallas. The Mustangs played in the old Southwest Conference.

SMU listed Domino at 6-11, two inches taller than his height as a prep. He saw action as a freshman in 1980. Texas A&M won the Southwest title that season, with Arkansas second and Texas third. SMU was sixth.

Domino transferred and played at Texas Wesleyan. He was a resident of Fort Worth at the time of his death at age 53 on Dec. 31, 2014.

Hall of Fame



- 2010:** Robin Anderson-Spronk, Clear Lake '80
Bruce Bad Moccasin, Pierre '67
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-Knopf, 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
Jesse Mendoza, Cheyenne-EB '71
Myron Moen, Sisseton '63
Dana Nielsen-Honner, Armour '88
Tom Orton, Madison '65
Taran Stapp, Newell '96
Courtney Stapp-Pool, Newell '94
Karla Stevenson, Hamlin '83
Bob Stewart, Aberdeen '49
Jason Sutherland, Watertown '93
Jack Theeler, Sisseton '63
LaMoine Torgerson, Forestburg '59
- 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
Marty Waukazoo, Rapid City '67
Chuck Welke Jr., Warner '94
- 2014:** Rich Andrzejewski, Arlington '69
Dick Authier, Woonsocket '67
G.E. Buening, 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
Carla Allard-Watson, Bennett Co. '87
- 2015:** 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
Ray Hamann, Yankton '31
Chuck Iverson, Vermillion '69
Julie Jensen-Rozell, Langford '91
Jimmy Lovley, Elkton '20
Jim Mitchell, S.D. Deaf '54
Marv Rasmussen, Claremont '55
John Sivesind, Roosevelt '96
Jim Tays, Gettysburg '50
Vince Whipple, Rapid City '56
- 2016:** Amy Allard-Carmody, Jefferson '82
Elton Byre, Reliance '56
Conrad Collin, Huron '30
Roger Faber, Canistota '58
Dale Hall, Ravinia '54
Maury Haugland, Murdo '54
Fred Hecker, Washington '57
Steve Jansa, O'Gorman '64
Matt Jones, Alpena '01
Bob Marske, Andover '44
Chris Miller, Stickney '71
Scott Morgan, Mitchell '89
Josh Mueller, West Central '01
Melissa Olson-Guebert, Lincoln '83
Wayne Rasmussen, Howard '60
Holly Sivesind-Borchers, Roosevelt '93
Rudy Soderquist, Rapid City '37
Lolly Steele, Pine Ridge '84
Harley Zephier Sr., 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
Chad Greenway, Mt. Vernon '01
Cary Hornaman, Roncalli '75
Mandy Kappel, Roosevelt '00
Lisa Kurtenbach-Glanzer, Brookings '85
Dona Ray-Reed, Yankton '78
Jared Reiner, Tripp-Delmont '00
Harvey Schaefer, Hayti '54
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
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In Solemn Remembrance and Tribute

Terry Settje, 75, of Corona died Dec. 11, 2022. An all-state basketball player, he totaled 70 points for Scotland in the State Class B Tournament in 1966. He graduated from Southern State and coached at Geddes. He was a miner at Lead for 18 years.

Steve Keppen, 74, of Volga died March 9, 2023. The product of Orland played basketball at Dakota State. He coached at Sioux Valley and also was an instructor at DSU and a teacher at Brookings. He spent 43 years in education.

Brian McDermott, 67, of Talent, Ore., died March 23, 2023. Successful coach at DSU and Southern Oregon, he was a native of Cascade, Iowa. He was a standout player at the University of South Dakota.

Vern Uhlir, 93, of Kadoka died April 20, 2023. A veteran of the Air Force, he graduated from Kadoka and then from Black Hills State. He taught at Kadoka for 22 years, spent time as the Kougars basketball coach, and was a longtime referee.

Don Shields, 82, of Sioux Falls died May 1, 2023. He coached at Northville, Watertown, Stanley County and Pierre for 51 years. The product of Parkston and Southern led Pierre's girls to a pair of state championships in the 1982 and 1991 seasons.

Bob Schroeder, 100, of Sioux Falls died May 28, 2023. All-NCC in basketball at USD, he returned to his hometown and led Miller to a Class B title and 29-0 record in 1949. He coached for over 30 years.

Gerry Hunter, 76, of Miller died May 31, 2023. The product of De Smet and graduate of Huron College was a successful boys basketball coach at Miller. During his career he also coached the Rustlers in track, cross country and football.

Bob Beattie, 87, of Nixa, Mo., died June 4, 2023. An athletic standout in Warwick, R.I., and at Northern State, he coached at Huron, Aberdeen Central and Northern. He was a Marine Corps veteran.

Larry Luitjens, 81, of Sioux Falls died June 10, 2023. He coached De Smet to two Class B championships and Custer to five Class A titles. The native of Britton and Northern graduate was the state's all-time winningest boys basketball coach with a 748-305 career record.

Dick Schooley, 96, of Aberdeen died June 15, 2023. A graduate of South Dakota State and an Army veteran, he helped Thomas to its only Class B state tourney as a senior in 1946. The Tigers, with only 15 boys in high school, took third place.

Dean Specht, 83, of Yankton died June 15, 2023. As the athletic director at Mount Marty he oversaw the Lancers basketball program. He was from Coleridge, Neb., and was a graduate of Wayne State (Neb.). He spent 36 years at Mount Marty.

Don Reynen, 88, of Milbank died June 17, 2023. The Milbank native and Huron College graduate was a basketball official and kept the scorebook for Dakota Wesleyan. He was the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Mitchell for 23 years.

Don Masker, 93, of St. Louis died June 21, 2023. All-tourney for Sioux Falls Washington at the State "A" in 1948 and 1949, he played basketball at USD and served in the Air Force. He was a teacher in the St. Louis school system for 40 years.

Will Archer, 98, of Sioux Falls died June 23, 2023. He attended Brandon and was a Navy veteran. For over 60 years he was an important part of operating the long running popular YMCA Tri-State Basketball Tournament.

Jim Beddow, 81, of Sioux Falls died June 25, 2023. A basketball player at Woonsocket, he was a USD graduate and Army veteran. He oversaw DWU athletics, including the basketball program, as the school's former longtime president.

Dennis DeNeui, 29, of Las Vegas died June 27, 2023. An all-state player for Viborg-Hurley, he attended USD. He worked in real estate in Nevada and was also a talent acquisition specialist.

Brad Schreiber, 65, of Pierre died July 16, 2023. He practiced law in Belle Fourche and then Pierre. An all-stater while a prep at Agar, he went on to play basketball at Huron College.

Gaylord Sonnenschein, 76, of Fort Pierre died Aug. 3, 2023. After being a multi-sport athlete at Pierre, he played basketball and baseball at SDSU. He had a career in ranching and finance.

Jay Newberger, 87, of Sioux Falls died Aug. 8, 2023. A basketball player while a student at Boys Town (Neb.), he was an Air Force veteran. He served in several different positions during his long career as an advocate for children.

Randy Bobzien, 71, of Madison died Aug. 9, 2023. The graduate of Ellendale, N.D., was a pastor who served churches at Dell Rapids and Marion, Iowa. He was an all-conference basketball player at Jamestown University (N.D.).

Rodger Gross, 77, of Watertown died Aug. 12, 2023. An outstanding athlete at Watertown, he was a DSU graduate. He coached at Florence, Roslyn and Clear Lake and was principal of schools at Waverly and Castlewood.

Steve Ramharter, 56, of Sioux Falls died Aug. 22, 2023. A basketball, football and track standout while a prep at Sioux Falls Lincoln, he played baseball at Rice University (Texas). He coached baseball at the collegiate level in Texas and Colorado, and later had a career in sales.

Terry Long, 70, of Custer died Aug. 24, 2023. The longtime coach at Custer was an all-around athlete who was all-state in basketball as De Smet won Class B titles in the 1970 and 1971 seasons. He was a graduate of Huron College.

Dan Gerdes, 69, of Rapid City died Aug. 27, 2023. He was a starter on the undefeated Miller team that won the Class A state championship in 1972 with a record of 24-0. A graduate of USD, he had a career working for the state of South Dakota.

Doug McKee, 88, of Castlewood died Sept. 4, 2023. An outstanding guard, he was a leader on some talented teams at Hazel. He served in the Army and had a career in farming.

Pev Evans, 90, of Rapid City died Sept. 10, 2023. The longtime Post 22 baseball coach was a fine basketball player at Rapid City before focusing on football in college as a two-way tackle and kicker for Nebraska. He was a longtime orthodontist.

≡ Fast Break of Things to Know ≡

HOF Overview: The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame is located at the Sanford Pentagon pictured at right. Exhibits are on display in the main Hall of Fame area on the ground floor with additional items on the second floor. We are a non-profit organization and chartered as a 501(c)(3) in 2009. To learn more about the Hall of Fame please visit our website often at www.sdbbhof.com.

Athletic Family: Tanna (Negaard) Zabel scored 2,132 points for Harding County before graduating in 1986. Her sons Peyton, Grey and Jett are all outstanding athletes. Jett is a Pierre senior and has committed to play football at North Dakota State, where Grey is an offensive lineman. Peyton pitches for the Texas State baseball team.

Rare Versatility: Tom Nelson was an all-state basketball player for Irene in 1964. That spring he led the Cardinals to the Class B track championship by winning three individual titles in a rare combination of events - pole vault, shot put and high hurdles. Nelson was a football All-American as a University of Arizona defensive tackle in 1968.

Warrior Star: In the early years of Miss Basketball, the award was dominated by players from larger Class A schools. The first Class B winner was SDBBHOF member Renee Ruesink of Castlewood in 1983. She averaged 20 points per game for the Warriors that season while shooting 53 percent from the field and 78 percent on free throws.



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Kentucky Hall: Bob Mulcahy was University of South Dakota coach from 1967-73. He was recently inducted into the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame. Mulcahy starred for Lexington Lafayette and coached Louisville Seneca to state titles in 1963 and 1964.

Dakota Trotters: The all-time roster of Harlem Globetrotter players on the team's website includes two who were collegians in South Dakota. Mike Lee and Carde Pennington were Dakota Wesleyan teammates in 2012 and 2013. Both later played for the Globetrotters.

69/46 Combo: Dave Pirnie, a 6-5 senior at Bath in 1964, made state basketball history with his single game combination of points and rebounds. He netted 69 points as the Warriors beat Warner 109-84, going 29 of 43 from the field. He also grabbed 46 rebounds.

County Hoops: A popular magazine, The Farming Families, focuses on southeastern South Dakota agriculture. In a recent issue it carried a feature, 'A Basketball Extravaganza', about Hall of Fame members from Hutchinson, Lincoln, Minnehaha and Turner counties.

B Brigade: In the 1963 season South Dakota State at times used a starting unit consisting of players whose surnames all started with B: Nick Brod (Huron), Jerry Buri (Hazel), Dennis Busch (Huron), Sid Bostic (Pipestone, Minn.) and Tom Black (La Crosse, Wis.).

20th Edition: The upcoming 2024 Spring Newsletter will be our 20th edition. To commemorate the milestone we will include a trivia quiz. Questions will pertain to stories that have appeared in the previous 19 newsletters. So get prepared to test your basketball memory.

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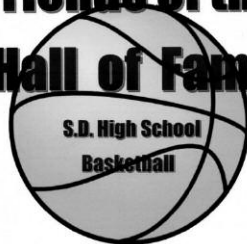
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Coliseum Action in '59

As the Class B postseason unfolded in 1959 the starting centers for Valley Springs and Lyons leap to control the opening tip of a District 18 Tournament game at the Sioux Falls Coliseum.

Fans supporting their teams were seated along the out-of-bounds line around the court.

The Coliseum is a unique multi-purpose building and for many years played a prominent role in South Dakota high school and college basketball.

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