

# Centerville's O'Malley Named First-Team All-State

## Summit's O'Farrell Twins Highlight Class B List

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ABERDEEN — They are scorers, rebounders, defenders, record holders and winners.

The Class B girls' all-state team as chosen by the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association and the South Dakota Sportswriters Association announced today is a who's who of elite players.

The decorated group includes a top-five all-time leading scorer, and a host of school record holders.

Summit twin sisters, Logan and Presley O'Farrell, headline the first team. The 6-foot senior guards guided the Eagles to state championships their sophomore and junior seasons. They were also members of Summit's state title

team as eighth graders in 2009. Logan was a first-teamer last season, while Presley was a second-teamer.

The Augustana College recruits helped Summit go 93-8 the last four seasons. The O'Farrells are the daughters of former Summit standout Lori Wohlleber, who is one of the top scorers in South Dakota girls' basketball history with 2,490 points.

Logan averaged 16.5 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game this season. She finished her career with 1,219 points, 624 rebounds, 361 assists and 357 steals.

"Logan became the vocal leader of our team and was the one that set the tone for us each game," Summit coach Mark Amdahl said. "Logan knows the fundamentals of the game which allows her to score from a lot of positions."

Presley's statistics were almost identical to her sister's. Presley averaged 13.2 points, 7 rebounds and 3.5 assists per contest this season. She finished her career with 951 points, 519 rebounds, 411 assists and 329 steals.

"Presley's athleticism allows her to finish around the rim on dribble drives as good as anyone I have coached," Amdahl said. "She's scrappy on defense and causes a lot of turnovers."

Other first-teamers include seniors Kieran O'Malley of Centerville, Taylor Trohkimoinen of Newell and Shauni Schwartz of Herreid-Selby Area.

It is O'Malley's third straight season being named to the first team. The high scoring guard led Class B in scoring this season with an average of 31 points a game. She also registered 5.5 rebounds per game and dished out three assists per game. The 5-foot-7 guard is the school record holder for points (2,599),

assists (406), steals (328) and three-pointers (265). Her point total is fifth on the all-time South Dakota girls' basketball scoring list. The Mount Marty College signee guided the Tornadoes to a 19-4 record this season.

"Kieran O'Malley is truly an amazing player," Centerville coach Logan Diede said. "She has put countless hours in the gym over the years and it definitely shows every time she steps foot on the basketball court. She has made a huge impact on the girls' basketball program here at Centerville and has been a great role model for younger girls to look up to."

Trohkimoinen was also a first-team selection last season and was a second-teamer as a sophomore. The 6-foot point guard had a brilliant career for the Irrigators. She finished with 1,651 career points, which is third most in school history. The Black Hills State recruit is the

school record holder in rebounds (763), assists (541), steals (441) and blocks (162). The versatile Trohkimoinen tallied 20.4 points, 9.6 rebounds, 6.2 assists, 3.7 blocks and 4.6 steals this season.

"Some of Taylor's biggest attributes are that she always got the open person the ball while getting her shots when they showed up," Newell coach Scott Wince said. "A great passer and has great range on her jump shot. Being six foot and a point guard, she caused lots of mismatches which allowed her to get to the rim."

Schwartz was a third-team selection last year. She guided the Wolverines to a 21-2 record this season. The 5-foot-10 Schwartz recorded 17.4 points, nine rebounds, 3.9 blocks, 3.5 steals and 2.6 assists this season. The University of Mary

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## Bondi Hopes To Carry On Husker Kicker Tradition

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska kicker Mauro Bondi welcomes the high expectations. He might as well because they're unavoidable.

A line of accomplished kickers have come to Lincoln before him, and he's determined to add his name to the list alongside Kris Brown, Josh Brown, Alex Henery and Brett Maher.

Henery and Maher combined to make an astounding 84 percent of their field goals the past five seasons. The national average over that span was 69 percent.

A wide smile crossed Bondi's face and he spoke excitedly when that statistic was brought up after a practice this week.

"Ninety-nine percent of the kickers who leave here go to the NFL," Bondi said, exaggerating for effect. "As a kid, you want to go to the NFL. Seeing Alex go, and Brett probably is going to go, that gives you hope that if you work hard enough here, you might be able to go to the next level."

Bondi will go into his sophomore season with a lock on the kicking job and will have it for three years unless someone beats him out. He also is auditioning to punt along with Sam Foltz, who is his holder.

Bondi lost out to Maher in a competition for the kicker's job two years ago but appeared in the second halves of four easy wins. With Maher the undisputed No. 1 kicker in 2012, coaches red-shirted Bondi to save a year of his eligibility.

Now he's eager to show off the strong leg that made him a scholarship recruit out of Boca Raton, Fla. Special teams coach Ross Els said he hopes Bondi doesn't get caught up in trying to out-do his predecessors.

"You expect the best out of everybody that you coach," Els said. "It's hard to look back and say, 'Hey, this guy did it that way, so why can't you?' Everybody is different, but you expect them to produce as well as they can."

Maher faced a bigger challenge than Bondi does now. Originally a walk-on, Maher had to follow Henery, the most accurate kicker in NCAA history and one who, Els said, was "on another planet" when it came to leg strength.

Maher made 39 of 50 career field goals and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors his last two years.

"If we get that out of Bondi," Els said, "we'll be happy."

Bondi admitted he struggled mentally last year. He was the backup to Maher and had to suit up for home and away games. He never expected to play.

Els said he almost pulled Bondi out of his redshirt year after Maher shanked punts against Northwestern and Michigan State. Bondi was told to start warming up, but Els and coach Bo Pelini ended up sticking with Maher.

Bondi had difficulty with place-kicking in practice. He couldn't get much elevation on the ball, and several kicks were blocked. Bondi blamed it on his focus, and Els said he's confident the problem is corrected.

Els said Bondi was inconsistent in the most recent scrimmage and that he wants to put him in pressure situations in the final practices before the annual Red-White Game on April 6. But Els said he knows Bondi is striking the ball well — not because he can see it but because he can hear it.

"It's a good 'thump' coming off the ball. It's that sound," Els said. "There is a 'splat' and there's a 'thump.' When you hear a 'splat,' it's not very much power. He's got that 'thump.'"

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# Small-School Athletes Enjoy Big-Time Meet

## Area Competitors Shine In Class B Portion Of Dan Lennon Invitational

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VERMILLION — Faced with inconsistent weather that made for erratic practice routines, small-school track athletes had little time to prepare this month.

Then they were thrown against some of the best athletes from 43 schools in four states at the Class B portion of the Dan Lennon Invitational, which was held Tuesday at the DakotaDome.

Many of them didn't mind, though.

"It's definitely good competition right off the bat," said Bon Homme senior sprinter Kodi Larson. "Whatever you have, you have to bring it."

"You can't underestimate this meet."

Larson, like many of his area boys' and girls' counterparts, kick-started his season in impressive fashion.

He anchored Bon Homme's winning 800-meter relay quartet in a time of 1:38.61, surviving a strong final heat by Columbus (Neb.) Lakeview. Larson later added a sixth-place finish in the 60-meter dash.

Typically a strong event for the Cavaliers, this quartet of Scott Van Winkle, Brendan Bares, Chase Kortan and Larson, however, had never run together.

"We have pretty high expectations now," Larson said, smiling.

As does Irene-Wakonda senior Dustin Livingston.

The multi-sport athlete finished second in the pole vault at 12-foot-6 — the top South Dakota athlete in the field. Landon Welke, at 14-feet, of Ainsworth, Neb. won the event.

"It's a good start, but we haven't had much practice outside," Livingston said. "You have to be outside for the pole vault."

Of course, on the flip side, competing indoors is its own benefit.

"It's nice being inside because you don't have the weather elements to deal with," Livingston added.

That weather proved to be a rather significant headache for



Andes Central senior jumper Kellie Winckler.

Winckler finished basketball season a few weeks ago and has started golfing for the upcoming season. The weather, as well, played a factor in her not getting outside to practice jumps.

"I know I can do better," Winckler said after finishing third in the girls' triple jump at 32-feet-10.5 "I haven't practiced at all, honestly. This was literally like my first practice."

Winckler, who narrowly missed out on a top-10 finish at last year's state meet in the event, is confident she can progress throughout the spring.

"I could have a good year, if I work more on it," she said. "With some help from my coaches, I'll get through it OK."

Weather, though in a different fashion, proved to be a factor for Parker senior standout runner Duane Jongeling.

"The air is really dry inside," he said of running indoors. "The second half of the mile, it starts to wear you down. The air dries off your mouth, and you're trying to keep it wet."

The 3-time state cross country

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A total of 43 schools invaded the DakotaDome for the Class B portion of the Dan Lennon Invitational track and field meet on Tuesday in Vermillion.

ABOVE: Payton Johannson of Andes Central tries to clear the bar in the girls' high jump at Tuesday's Dan Lennon Class B Invitational, at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. Johannson tied for fifth place in the event.

LEFT: Duane Jongeling, left, of Parker celebrates his passing of O'Neill, Neb. standout Derrick Hostert at the finish line in the boys' 1600-meter run at the Dan Lennon Class B Invitational, held at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

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## Poll: Fans Not In Favor Of Paying College Athletes

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP) — A national poll of sports fans reveals that a distinct minority supports paying college athletes but nearly half think top college coaches should be paid as much or more than their professional counterparts.

Additional results from the poll conducted by the Marist College Center for Sports Communication and the Marist Poll found that 95 percent of fans want college athletes to attend class and 67 percent — up 12 points from last year — largely believe that college athletics departments regularly break NCAA rules.

"People think even more so than ever that colleges cheat all the time," said Keith Strudler, director of Marist's program. "That was driven by a couple of high-profile scandals this year — the Harvard and Miami cases. The Harvard one kind of struck at the core."

Harvard issued academic sanctions against approximately 60 students in February who were forced to withdraw from school for a period of time in a cheating scandal that involved the final exam in a class on Congress. Some athletes became ensnared, including two basketball team co-captains.

The Marist survey asked six questions: if college athletes should be paid; if college coaches break the rules during recruiting; if the NCAA should expand the men's basketball tournament; if college coaches should be paid as much as pro coaches; if top college athletes should have to attend class like other students or be allowed to

focus only on sports; and who should be held responsible when athletes get in trouble — athletes, coaches, or college presidents?

Respondents to the poll released Tuesday appeared satisfied — 77 percent — with the current size of the NCAA men's basketball tournament, while 70 percent would hold athletes responsible for their transgressions, not coaches or college presidents.

Despite the professional aura that surrounds the NCAA basketball tournament, sports fans prefer to maintain some semblance of amateurism, particularly when it comes to compensating the athletes that play big-time college sports.

Of 754 sports fans in the survey released Tuesday, only 21 percent said they'd like to see top college athletes paid a stipend or salary beyond their scholarship, while 72 percent believed a scholarship alone was enough compensation.

So, despite the discussion about paying college athletes, public opinion doesn't seem to support the idea, and the trend seems to be going even further from it.

"I have expected that, over the years, people would start to recognize the athletes work very hard and it's kind of an unstable, unpaid labor force, and you would start to see those numbers creep up a little bit more," Strudler said. "And we saw kind of the opposite happen this year. Overwhelmingly, people thought that a scholarship was all that people really deserved."

"Increasingly, people seem to want to kind of buy back into this myth of amateurism."

Strudler also said he thought people would want student-athletes to go to class but didn't expect that total would be 95 percent.

"It's almost as if they want to ignore some of the glaring realities of major college sports," he said.

The poll found that 45 percent of sports fans think college coaches should be paid as much as the pros. That's up from 39 percent last year, though 51 percent still feel they should receive less. That's significant considering the nearly \$2 million difference in average salary between NBA coaches and top college men's basketball coaches.

Strudler said he was surprised by the amount of dissonance people seem to have.

"On the one hand, they don't want to pay athletes and they think that everyone's cheating," Strudler said. "But on the other hand, they want to pay their college coaches as much as the pros. They want to professionalize it on one hand and reward the coaches, but on the other hand they seem really, really willing to penalize the athletes and not compensate the athletes."

The overall survey, the second year for this study on ethical issues in intercollegiate athletics, included 1,233 adults and was conducted March 4-7. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone.

## Bobby Hurley To Try Hand At Coaching, Takes Buffalo Job

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Make room, Mike Krzyzewski, Bobby Hurley's ready to give head-coaching a try.

Drawing upon his experience playing for Coach K at Duke, and with a Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame coach for a father, Hurley decided he was ready to make a name for himself at the coaching level. That opportunity arrived Tuesday, when the 41-year-old accepted the offer from the University at Buffalo.

"I've seen a lot of success and I understand what it takes," Hurley said, standing on the court of Buffalo's Alumni Arena with the Bulls' logo flashing overhead on the scoreboard. "I just think the wealth of my basketball life has prepared me for this moment. Everything I did as a player — I was blessed to have a chance to play for some of the great coaches in the history of the game — has prepared me to go out on my own."

The chance comes after he spent the past three seasons working as an assistant under his brother Dan Hurley at Wagner for two seasons and then last year at Rhode Island.

At Buffalo, he replaces Reggie Witherspoon, who was abruptly fired two weeks ago after 14 seasons and following a

14-20 finish. Though the Bulls were competitive under Witherspoon, who posted four 20-win seasons, the Mid-American Conference program lacked the one thing Hurley is extremely familiar with — a taste of NCAA tournament experience.

The Bulls enjoyed four post-season appearances under Witherspoon: one NIT (2005) and CBI (2009) and two CollegeInsider.com berths (2011 and '12).

Hurley, a superstar high school guard while playing for his father, Bob Sr., in New Jersey, is best known for his playing days at Duke, where he established himself as one of the nation's top point guards. He won national titles in 1991 and '92, while leading the Blue Devils to three Final Four berths.

"At the end of the day, we were looking to do more than just make a splash," athletic director Danny White said. "It was about fit, and we kind of liked the idea of catching somebody on their way up. We feel like he's the next big star in college coaching. He's going to take our program to new heights."

Hurley's ties to the Blue Devils played a factor with White, whose father, Kevin White, is the AD at Duke.