

Canistota Puts Five On Class 9A All-State Team

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MITCHELL — It's only fitting that three-time 9B state champion Canistota has five players on the all-state team.

The Hawks have won 36 straight games and sealed its third consecutive championship, beating Warner 52-8 in the state title game.

Canistota seniors Cody Bunger, Eric Tieszen, Alex Robertson, Jason Van Winkle and Boone DeKramer led the team in its dominant season and were named to the 9A all-state team, released today by the South Dakota Sports-writers Association.

Bunger, named the outstanding back and most valuable player of the 9A championship game, made his final game as a Hawk memorable. The 6-foot-3 quarterback threw for 294 yards and three touchdowns against Warner,

which was named with four all-state selections.

The two-year starter displayed his dominance on both sides of the ball all season as he put up notable figures on offense and defense. He completed 58 of 92 passes for 1,260 yards and 20 touchdowns and had 107 carries for 645 yards rushing for 17 touchdowns.

"Cody does a tremendous job running our option offense and throws a very good, catchable ball," Canistota head coach Lenny Schroeder said. "His stats suffered a bit this year as he was the focus of every team we played, but his teammates' stats increased due to his unselfish play and dedication to his team."

Robertson and Tieszen were two players who benefitted from Bunger's selfless play. Robertson was the Hawks' leading rusher with 125 attempts for 1,147 yards and 16 touchdowns. Robertson

also had three receptions for 78 yards and three touchdowns.

Schroeder said the undersized runner got the most out of every play, averaging 8.5 yards per carry and 18.5 yards per reception.

"He has good speed and vision that allows him to find openings and break into the open field," Schroeder said.

Although Tieszen is best known for his defensive work, he was able to make many contributions offensively for Canistota. This season, he had 90 carries for 797 yards and 13 touchdowns, along with four catches for 144 yards and a score.

Schroeder said Tieszen's understanding of offensive and defensive schemes has helped him "become one of the best players in the Cornbelt Conference."

"He has played just about every position for us and has a great nose for the football and reacts to his reads," Schroeder said.

Alongside Canistota's offensive achievements, defensive players Jason VanWinkle and DeKramer took part in holding Hawk opponents to limited figures this season.

Van Winkle, who was named the outstanding lineman in the title game, led the team defensively with 119 tackles. He also had 14 sacks, a Canistota school record.

"(Van Winkle's) speed and strength make him difficult to contain, allowing our linebackers to come up and make plays untouched," Schroeder said.

DeKramer followed Van Winkle in tackles with 108 on the season and also had an interception. Schroeder said DeKramer's capability to read the play allows him to react and make plays quickly.

"Boone is a very intelligent linebacker with very good speed," he said. "He can cover the pass

very well and run down plays from the backside."

Canistota allowed only 14 points during the course of the playoffs, and Warner's Clay Rozell and Mitch Boesl, who were named to the all-state team, teamed up for eight points in the title game on a 45-yard touchdown pass and catch. Boesl, a 5-foot-9 senior, led the Monarchs on the ground with 141 carries for 1,313 yards and 22 touchdowns.

"This kid is a firecracker," Warner head coach Tom Kulesa said. "Despite his size, he controls the game with his quickness and ball security."

Rozell also lit up the score board offensively for the Monarchs but also made an impact as a defensive back with 68 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

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Due to holiday-related early deadlines for our Wednesday edition, coverage of the Creighton at South Dakota women's basketball game, and the Mount Marty at Dordt basketball double-header were not available at presstime.

Stories on these contests will appear online, with extended coverage in Friday's *Press & Dakotan*.

We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause our readers.

Norfolk Catholic, Aquinas Defend Titles

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Kyle Schaefer scored the go-ahead touchdown on his only carry of the game, and fourth-ranked Norfolk Catholic became the first school to win three straight Class C1 football championships with a 24-13 victory over No. 2 Boone Central/Newman Grove on Tuesday.

Schaefer's 5-yard run with 3:16 left in the third quarter gave the Knights a 17-13 lead.

Jordan Bellar's second touchdown pass of the game, a 38-yarder to Allen Lewis early in the fourth, made it an 11-point game.

Jackson Love rushed for 144 yards on 21 carries, and Bellar ran for 61 yards on eight attempts.

The Knights (12-1) won both meetings this season with Boone Central (11-2).

Boone Central's Tanner Mazour was 18 for 32 for 257 yards but was intercepted three times. Blake Slizoski had 72 yards on 10 carries for the Cardinals.

C2 — DAVID CITY AQUINAS 35, SUTTON 20: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Landon Stouffer rushed for 113 yards and two touchdowns and top-ranked David City Aquinas won its second straight state football championship with a 35-20 victory over No. 5 Sutton in the Class C2 final Tuesday.

The Monarchs (13-0) have won 26 games in a row and are the first repeat champions in Class C2 since Wakefield in 2006-07.

Stouffer's 9-yard run gave Aquinas a 21-14 lead, and his 3-yard run in the third quarter made it a two-touchdown game.

Austin Svoboda ran for 94 yards and a touchdown for Aquinas. Cole Wiseman rushed 30 times for a game-high 152 yards for the Mustangs (12-1) and completed 4 of 9 passes for 36 yards and a score.

The Mustangs were playing for their first state title since 1988.

To Parents, Youth Sports Can Be An 'Athletic Arms Race'

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Shawn Worthy admits he's a competitive guy — and a competitive parent, sometimes.

Yet even he was floored when a couple of moms he met at a pro junior golf tournament told him that their teen daughters would be entered in 30 such events this past summer.

"Why are these young ladies out on the golf course playing competitively four or five days a week?" Worthy asked himself.

His own 16-year-old daughter, Soleil, holds down a job while participating in a few tournaments each summer. She and the other young women are good, Worthy says, maybe talented enough to play in college.

But 30 tournaments?

"If you're a future Olympian, I get it. But for these kids who will never reach that level, that's what I don't get," says Worthy, a professor at Metropolitan State University of Denver with an interest in sports psychology.

"What does it say about our culture that we go to this extreme?" he asks. "And that we push our kids to this extreme?"

It's not just golf. Many parents, coaches and researchers see a steady upping of the ante in youth sports, with kids whose families can afford the time and cost involved playing more, practicing more and specializing in one sport at younger ages.

Parents are driven by a desire to help their children stand out and the fear that, if they don't, their kids will be left behind. To keep pace, they're often traveling hundreds if not thousands of miles a year for games and tournaments. Some parents send their children to personal trainers, or to the growing number of "elite" training facilities that have opened in recent years.

Often, the goal is to simply land a spot on the local high school team, an accomplishment once taken for granted. Or, a young person may try to get on a roster in the growing private club team system — an even more exclusive route that some top teenage athletes are choosing, especially when high schools cut coaches and opportunities.

"It's an athletic arms race," says Scott VanderStoep, a psychology professor at Hope College in Holland, Mich., who studies youth sports.

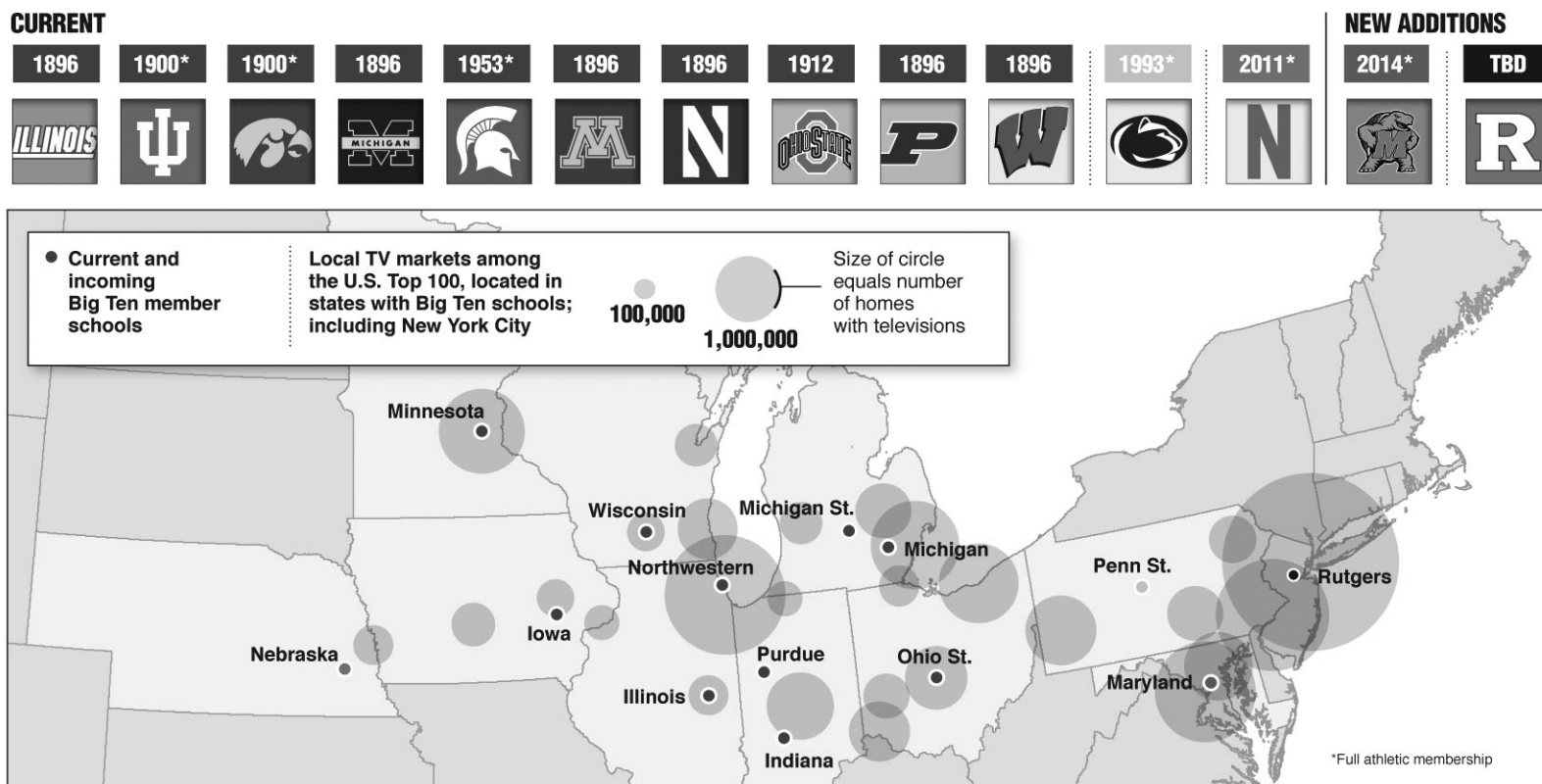
And it starts early. "It sort of spreads throughout the community and then it reduces down in age," VanderStoep says. "If it's OK for 14-year-olds, then it's OK for a 12-year-old, or a 10-year-old."

How can this obsession with playing sports exist in a country where the Centers for Disease Control say more than a third of young Americans are overweight or obese? The juxtaposition seems unlikely, but a longstanding survey from the National Sporting Goods Association found that youth participation in most team sports has steadily dropped in the last decade.

The number of 12- to 17-year-olds who played baseball in any kind of setting has, for instance, dropped 36 percent from 2001 to 2011, according to the survey. Basketball participation has dropped nearly 20 percent. Swimming and tackle football each dropped about 10 percent, volleyball participation 2 percent and soccer 1.4 percent.

Taking the long view to more viewers

By adding Maryland and Rutgers, the Big Ten conference moves into a number of the top television markets in the country.



Big Ten schools by the numbers, since 2002

School	Undergraduate enrollment	Endowment 2010	Varsity programs Mens'	Varsity programs Women's	Football record 2002-2011	Bowl appearances	Men's basketball 2002-03 to 2011-12	NCAA appearances
Illinois, Champaign-Urbana	36,738	\$830 million	8	9	44-77	3	235-108	7
Indiana, Bloomington	38,903	\$723 million	9	11	37-82	1	170-148	5
Iowa, Iowa City	28,705	\$928 million	9	11	85-42	9	163-157	2
Michigan, Ann Arbor	37,197	\$6.5 billion	12	12	82-44	8	188-143	3
Michigan State, East Lansing	43,159	\$1.4 billion	10	11	70-56	6	245-104	10
Minnesota, Minneapolis-St. Paul	45,361	\$2.2 billion	10	11	58-67	7	180-148	3
Nebraska, Lincoln	24,610	\$1.2 billion	8	11	82-48	8	163-149	0
Northwestern, Evanston	8,000	\$4.7 billion	8	11	62-63	6	152-159	0
Ohio State, Columbus	54,989	\$1.9 billion	15	16	105-24	10	252-96	6
Penn State, University Park	40,571	\$1.4 billion	13	12	83-43	8	133-179	1
Purdue, West Lafayette, Ind.	39,637	\$1.6 billion	8	8	64-61	6	203-123	7
Wisconsin, Madison	41,219	\$1.8 billion	10	10	94-37	10	249-88	10
Maryland, College Park	35,329	\$324 million	10	12	67-58	6	204-124	5
Rutgers, Piscataway, N.J.	42,327	\$557 million	8	12	66-58	6	137-174	0

Source: Nielsen, National Center for Educational Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, College Football Reference, College Basketball Reference, the schools, Tribune reporting Graphic: Phil Geib, Chad Yoder, Jonathon Berlin, Chicago Tribune

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Big Ten Keeps Getting Bigger

Rutgers Joins Maryland In Move To League

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — As the Big East was being picked apart, Rutgers was looking for a way out and a new place to show off a football program that has been resurrected in the past decade.

Not only did Rutgers find that escape hatch, the Scarlet Knights ended up in one of the most desirable neighborhoods in college sports.

Rutgers joined the Big Ten on Tuesday, leaving the Big East behind and cashing in on the school's investment in a football team that only 10 years ago seemed incapable of competing at the highest level.

The move follows Maryland's announcement a day earlier that it was heading to the Big Ten in 2014. The additions give the Big Ten 14 schools and a presence in lucrative East Coast markets.

Rutgers announced its decision Tuesday at a campus news conference attended by Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, Rutgers President Robert Barchi and athletic director Tim Perneti.

"The Big Ten is really where Rutgers belongs," Barchi said. "This is not just a good fit for us athletically, it's a good fit for us academically and as an institution."

Rutgers has been competing in the Big East since 1991. But the league has been torn up by conference realignment, losing three key members last year.

Perneti had insisted all along that Rutgers would land on its feet, that being a member of the prestigious American Association of Universities and residing in the largest media market in the country would ensure the school

wouldn't be cast aside as the landscape of college sports changed.

The Scarlet Knights landed in the best possible spot. A spot that seemed unthinkable a decade ago when Rutgers football was a Big East cellar-dweller.

"It's a transformative day for Rutgers University, and transformative in so many ways," Perneti said. "This is about collaboration at every level, the perspective the Big Ten institutions have, the balance between academics and athletics, proving over decades and decades that athletics at the highest level and academics at the highest level can coexist. It's the perfect place for Rutgers."

Rutgers left its entry date ambiguous, though clearly the Big Ten and the school would like it to line up with Maryland.

The Big Ten requires 27 months' notification for departing members. The Scarlet Knights will have to negotiate a deal with the Big East to leave early, the way Pittsburgh, Syracuse and West Virginia have done.

"Although we are disappointed that Rutgers has decided to leave the Big East Conference, we wish them well," Big East Commissioner Mike Aresco said in a statement.

In an interview later, Aresco said that the conference would survive. "We'll move judiciously to replace Rutgers, but we had already changed from the small, Northeast model," he said. "We're a national conference now. We became a bigger and better football conference."

The Big East is trying to rebuild itself as a 12-team football league next season, with the addition of Boise State

and five other schools. Now the conference is again on the defensive. Connecticut or Louisville could be next to go with the ACC looking to replace Maryland.

Aresco said he had been in touch with the newcomers and they were still on board. He declined to speculate on other members leaving.

Whenever Rutgers enters the Big Ten, it will be the culmination of one of the most remarkable turnarounds in college sports.

In 2002, the Scarlet Knights football team went 1-11 under second-year coach Greg Schiano.

The team, however, steadily improved as the university made the huge financial commitment necessary to support major college football.

Facilities were upgraded, the on-campus stadium was expanded and as Schiano started to win, his salary began to rise into the millions. Not everyone on campus embraced the idea of turning Rutgers into a big-time football school, and it did come with a price.

The expanded and renovated stadium cost of \$102 million. The school had hoped to raise the money through private donors, but fell short. Rutgers scaled back plans for the expansion and issued bonds and borrowed money to complete the project.

In 2006, the school had to cut six varsity sports. As the football team has become a consistent winner — Rutgers has gone to a bowl six of the last seven years — the athletic department has received tens of millions in subsidies from the university.

Schiano left for the NFL last year, and Rutgers hired longtime assistant Kyle Flood, who has the Scarlet Knights poised to take make another big step.