

# Scotland Puts Two On Class 9A All-State Team



P&D FILE PHOTO  
**Scotland defensive end Kreg Kepplinger, 48, applies pressure to Sully Buttes quarterback Scott Senftner, 12, during their semifinal matchup in the Class 9A football playoffs on Nov. 7 in Onida. Kepplinger and Senftner were both named to the Class 9A All-State team, selected by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association and announced on Wednesday.**

## Scotland's Kepplinger, Iwan; Parker's Buyck, IW's Gustad, GV's Rice, MM's Diede Honored

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With an undefeated record and a state championship trophy, Canistota stood atop Class 9A.

But Canistota's individual talent is apparent on the Class 9A all-state high school team, as selected by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association and released by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association. Six Hawks are among the honorees, the most of any team in the class.

Five of the six Hawks — running back Jerad Nielsen, guard Noah Sandman, defensive end Jonathan Dick, linebacker Drew Seubert and safety Shay Jolley — are seniors. Junior guard Xavier Ward was the sixth member of the Hawks' contingent.

"All of those guys were very deserving, and to be hon-

est, we thought we had a few more all-state caliber players," Canistota coach James Strang said. "To have a championship team, it takes a lot of dedication and hard work, and those guys are emblematic of that."

After a 12-0 season, Strang noted this year's senior class finished with a 37-5 record in their four-year careers.

"They were a great set of kids to coach," he said. "It's always a little disheartening to have them graduate because once they have it figured out, then it's time for them to move on to the next stages of their lives."

Nielsen is a two-time all-state selection after being selected as a special teams player in 2014 on the Class 9B team.

Scotland, Waverly-South Shore, Parker and Sully Buttes each had two selections for the team. For the Sully Buttes,

who finished as state runners-up, wide receiver Cody Nelson made the team and is the only three-time selection on the all-state team. He made the all-state team as a sophomore and junior. Quarterback Scott Senftner was a honorable-mention selection in 2014.

Waverly-South Shore wide receiver Jacob Boettcher was a honorable mention in 2014 when the Coyotes were in Class 9B, and Warner's Danzan Gilborne was an honorable mention pick before being selected to the team this year.

Here's a capsule look at each player on the all-state squad:

### Offense

• **Sully Buttes senior quarterback Scott Senftner:** At 6-foot-3 and 230 pounds, Senftner keyed the Chargers' offense. He passed at 60 percent for 2,061 yards and 28 passing scores, while adding five more rushing touch-

downs. He finishes with 6,275 passing yards and 93 total touchdowns for Sully Buttes.

• **Parker senior fullback Kordell Buyck:** A threat with and without the ball, Buyck held the keys to the Pheasants' offense. He had 814 yards rushing and 17 touchdowns, while adding 275 receiving yards and two scores. He accounted for 128 points in 2015 and was key to Parker running for more than 2,000 rushing yards as a team.

• **Canistota senior running back Jerad Nielsen:** The all-time leading rusher in Canistota history with 3,430 yards, Nielsen stood out on the 12-0 champion Hawks. He had 2,022 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns and added nine touchdowns in other phases of the game. He tallied eight touchdowns in one game this year.

• **Hanson senior running back Wyatt Kayser:** Weighing 150 pounds posed little problem for Kayser, who rushed for 1,423 yards on 169 carries for 20 touchdowns in 2015, averaging more than eight yards per carry for the Beavers. He added 405 receiving yards and two receiving touchdowns and was the team's offensive MVP.

• **Sully Buttes senior wide receiver Cody Nelson:** A big play threat for the Chargers, Nelson caught 69 passes for 1,117 yards and 17 touchdowns,

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## Iowa-Nebraska Rivalry Off To Heated Start

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IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — From the moment Nebraska joined the Big Ten, the league tried to make Iowa its biggest rival.

The conference didn't need to try so hard.

The Hawkeyes and Huskers have found plenty of reasons to dislike each other and the week leading up to Friday's game in Lincoln hasn't been any different.

"Some of the things that are coming out of their camp toward us aren't necessarily the nicest things, and we're just going to go out there and do our job," Iowa wide receiver Matt VandeBerg said.

VandeBerg didn't specify what he heard. But his comments are indicative of just how heated the series between these border-state rivals has become in recent years.

This year's game is a bit of a swap as the Huskers (5-6, 3-4 Big Ten) attempt to spoil No. 3 Iowa's (11-0, 7-0) playoff hopes after years dominating an on-and-off series.

"The chore has been for us to get involved," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Our job is to be able to play with those guys, to go out and compete with them. They recruit well, they've had great teams in the past."

In 2011, the Big Ten stuck Nebraska in the same division with Iowa and scheduled their annual matchup on Black Friday to ensure that the game would get as much exposure as possible. The schools got in on the fun, naming the matchup the "Heroes Game" and dedicating a trophy for the winner before a snap was ever taken.

But most of the rivalry's growth in recent years has been purely organic.

The Hawkeyes, in the midst of a long losing streak, played inspired football in front of a sold out Kinnick Stadium but still lost 13-7 in 2012 in miserably cold weather that added some mystique to the event.

It could be argued that Iowa-Nebraska became a real rivalry two years ago. The visiting Hawkeyes hammered Nebraska 38-17, prompting then-coach Bo Pelini to famously quip "If they want to fire me, go ahead!" in his post-game press conference.

Nebraska athletic director Shawn Eichorst kept Pelini for another year. But it was Eichorst who brought the rivalry to another level last year.

The Huskers rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat Iowa 37-34 in overtime, giving Nebraska its ninth win in what seemed like a reprieve for Pelini. It wasn't, as Pelini was fired soon after the game.

Asked why beating the Hawkeyes couldn't save Pelini, Eichorst said that "in the final analysis...I had to evaluate where Iowa was."

That loss resonated deeply with Ferentz, who made major changes to his program in the offseason. What ensued was one of the unluckiest unbeaten runs by any school in years, leaving Iowa one win shy of its first 12-0 regular season.

"They'll definitely remember that from last year and take that into this week," Nebraska wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said. "Whenever

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# Recruits Following Process



P&D FILE PHOTO  
**Harrisburg's Ethan Roth, 58, pursues Yankton's Nate Stephenson during a game earlier this season. Roth, a University of South Dakota football commit, has said that the retirement of USD head coach Joe Glenn has not changed his desire to play for the Coyotes next season.**

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Not only are the current University of South Dakota football players keeping an eye on the search for a head coach after the retirement of Joe Glenn, so too are the incoming recruits.

Harrisburg senior Ethan Roth, who verbally committed to USD in July, said Glenn's retirement Monday doesn't change his desire to play for the Coyotes.

"I'm still 100 percent set on making a difference there," Roth said Monday afternoon.

Glenn, who went 12-34 in four seasons at USD, leaves his alma mater with a career record of 200-134-1 over 28 seasons as a head coach. He won three national championships, two with Division II Northern Colorado and one with FCS Montana.

During his retirement ceremony Monday, Glenn said the combination of his desire to spend more time with his family and his belief that it was time for someone younger to take the reins ultimately led him to step aside.

Roth's reaction to the news?

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## Columbus Scotus Outlasts Top-Ranked Norfolk Catholic For C1 Title

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Cole Harrington rushed for 105 yards and two touchdowns and Brady Przymus ran and passed for scores as No. 3 Columbus Scotus won its first state football title since 1993 with a 32-27 victory over top-ranked Norfolk Catholic in the Class C1 final at Memorial Stadium on Tuesday.

The Shamrocks (12-1) drove 75 yards in 32 seconds late in the second quarter to regain the lead after Norfolk Catholic had gone up 14-13. Tanner Spencer broke a 26-yard run, and a personal foul on Norfolk Catholic set up the Shamrocks on the Knights 34.

Jake Bos ran 24 yards, and two plays later Spencer scored from 6 yards for a 19-14 halftime lead.

Bos kicked field goals of 42 and 53 yards, and Harrington's 4-yard touchdown made it 32-20 in the middle of the fourth quarter.

Dylan Kautz had 21 carries for 113 yards for Norfolk Catholic (12-1), and Myles Vrbka was 12 of 18 for 218 yards and two TDs.

**CLASS C2 — DAVID CITY AQUINAS 36, OAKLAND-CRAIG 7:** LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Noah Pelan and Lane Napier combined to rush for 306 yards and three touchdowns, Spencer Maguire connected with Kenton Kobza for a 71-yard TD and No. 3 David City Aquinas defeated No. 6 Oakland-

Craig 36-7 in the Class C2 championship game at Memorial Stadium on Tuesday.

Aquinas' wing-T offense amassed 476 yards as the Monarchs (12-1) won their second straight state title and fourth in five years.

Cole Mitchell completed 17 of 34 passes for 175 yards and a touchdown but was intercepted four times for Oakland-Craig (11-2), which was playing in its first final since 1997. Garrett Seagren caught eight passes for 83 yards and Cody Mace seven for 67.

Pelan led the Monarchs with 193 yards on 14 carries, including an 85-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Napier went over 1,000 yards for the season, running for 113 yards on 23 carries.

**CLASS B — ELKHORN SOUTH 32, AURORA 21:** LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Braden Wright rushed for two touchdowns and passed for a third, and Mo-

ses Bryant ran and passed for TDs in top-ranked Elkhorn South's 32-21 victory over No. 3 Aurora in the Class B championship game at Memorial Stadium on Monday night.

The Storm (13-0) overcame a 21-6 deficit in the second quarter to win its first state football title.

Bryant ran for a 13-yard touchdown late in the third quarter and threw a 17-yard TD pass to Derrick Vander Linden early in the fourth to put the Storm up 25-21. Bryant finished with 113 yards on 20 carries, and he was 2 for 2 for 46 yards passing. Wright completed 10 of 21 passes for 236 yards.

Preston Dibbern led Aurora (12-1) with 172 yards and three touchdowns on 30 carries, and Grant Fox hit 22 of 39 passes for 212 yards but was intercepted three times.

## Tigers Top MMC Women

MITCHELL — Dakota Wesleyan's Erica Herrold and Kristin Sabers combined for 42 points to lead Dakota Wesleyan to a 72-47 rout of Mount Marty in Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball action on Tuesday at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

Herrold, a junior from Parkston, had 22 points to lead DWU (6-1, 2-1 GPAC). Sabers had 20 points. Ashley Bray had 11 points and seven rebounds off the bench. Amber Bray added five assists in the victory.

For MMC, Alex Kneeland scored 16 points and had seven rebounds to lead the way. Cassidy Gebhart netted 13 points, Denae Veldkamp had nine points off the bench, and Kellie Winckler had three steals for the Lancers.

Mount Marty, 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the GPAC, has the rest of the week off due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Lancers return to the court on Dec. 2 at home against No. 7 Briar Cliff.

**MOUNT MARTY (3-3)**  
Alex Kneeland 5-14 2-2 16, Cassidy Gebhart 3-7 7-9 13, Logan Wagner 1-10 1-2 4, Kellie Winckler 2-3 0-1 4, Raquel Sutura 0-9 1-2 1, Erica Dreckman 0-0 0-0 0, Brittini Bormann 0-2 0-0 0, Denae Veldkamp 2-3 5-7 9, Karissa Chamley 0-1 0-0 0, Mikayla Prouty 0-1 0-0 0, Sammy Kasowski 0-0 0-0 0, Samantha Blake 0-2 0-0 0. TOTALS: 13-52 16-23 47.

**DAKOTA WESLEYAN (6-1)**  
Gabby Frykbo 3-5 0-0 8, Rylie Osthus 0-5 3-4 3, Erica Herrold 8-14 2-4 22, Kristin Sabers 7-12 5-5 20, Amber Bray 0-3 2-2, Angeliqee Lee 0-0 0-0 0, Hope Menning 2-4 0-0 6, Ashley Bray 5-9 0-0 11, Madison Kuehl 0-1 0-0 0, Shanna Selby 0-0 0-0 0, Kelsey Bertram 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 25-53 12-15 72.

**MOUNT MARTY**.....8 27 40 47  
**DAKOTA WESLEYAN**.....22 34 52 72  
Three-Pointers: DWU 10-24 (Herrold 4-7, Frykbo 2-3, Menning 2-3, Sabers 1-5, Ash. Bray 1-4, Osthus 0-1, Am. Bray 0-1), MMC 5-27 (Kneeland 4-10, Wagner 1-6, Sutura 0-7, Bormann 0-1, Veldkamp 0-1, Chamley 0-1, Prouty 0-1). Rebounds: DWU 32 (Ash. Bray 7), MMC 26 (Kneeland 7). Assists: DWU 23 (Am. Bray 5), MMC 2. Steals: MMC 6 (Winckler 3), DWU 4 (Frykbo 2). Blocked Shots: DWU 3 (Sabers 2), MMC 1. Turnovers: MMC 10, DWU 9. Personal Fouls: DWU 20, MMC 16. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 1,500.

## Coyotes Pull Away From S.D. Mines



SHAUNA MARLETTE/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK  
**South Dakota's Shy McClelland, 3, leans into S.D. School of Mines defender Troy Whiteto II during Tuesday night's men's basketball game at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.**

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VERMILLION — There were going to be higher expectations this season for Casey Kasperbauer.

There were bound to be, considering he was the leading scorer back to a University of South Dakota men's basketball team that would be without half of its scoring from the previous season.

The senior answered the call Monday. Along with making his 200th career three-pointer, Kasperbauer did plenty more in a career-high 26-point performance as the Coyotes beat S.D. School of Mines 83-63 at the DakotaDome.

In what was the only home game among the first eight this season for the Coyotes (2-3) they were certainly dealt a challenge by their Division II opponent.

That's the risk in the up-and-down nature of the early part of the schedule: USD can beat Cal State Northridge, turn around and face Kansas State, and then return home for a lower-level game.

Although it led by double digits for the final 29 minutes, USD never really pulled away until the closing minutes.

Thankfully, Kasperbauer was there to lead the charge.

He made 6-of-10 three-pointers — becoming the ninth player in program history with 200 in a career, and rebounded from an uncharacteristic sluggish performance (five points) the last time out at Kansas State.

His production Monday was the kind USD was going to need this season, after it lost 28 points a game from Brandon Bos and Tyler Larson.

Fortunately for the Coyotes, fellow senior Tre Burnette — another guy with

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