

# Bon Homme's Kortan, Mecham Named To 9AA All-State Team



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HURON — Nine members of the Class 9AA all-state football team, which is selected by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association, participated in the Class 9AA championship game at the DakotaDoma in Vermillion.

Wolsey-Wessington, which won the state championship with a 36-22 victory against Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central, had four players selected to the all-state team — seniors Hunter Johnson and Brady Struck and juniors Darian Ogunjemilusi and Dylan Hines.

Senior John Hamilton received honorable mention for the Warbirds, who avenged their only loss of the season in the title game and finished at 11-1.

Five seniors were named to the all-state team for Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central — Landon Och-sner, Brady Tiede, Garrett Larson, Chase Von Eye and Tucker Kingsbury.

Miller, Chester Area, Bon Homme, Webster and Gregory all had two players named to the team, while Clark-Willow Lake, Stanley County, Herreid-Selby Area, Mt. Vernon-Plankinton and Ipswich-Edmunds Central each had a player on the all-state team.

Here is a capsule look at the players selected to the Class 9AA all-state team:

## Offense

**Quarterback — senior Colten Drag-  
eset of Stanley County.** He rushed for 1,533 yards this season on 129 carries, scoring 19 touchdowns. He also was 55 of 102 passing for 14 touchdowns. "He is a tremendous three-sport athlete," Stanley County coach Tom O'Boyle said. "He's a great leader and student with a 3.2 grade-point average."

**Fullback — senior Kaleb Eich of  
Chester Area.** He had 61 carries this season for 692 yards, including four 100-yard games, and scored 12 touchdowns. He also had six receptions, including one for a touchdown. "Kaleb was an on-the-field leader for the Flyers. He led by example and his teammates would follow," Chester Area coach Brad Benson said. "Kaleb's progression from freshman to senior was a joy to watch and coach."

**Running back — senior Landon  
Ochsner of Woonsocket-Wessington  
Springs-Sanborn Central.** He rushed for 1,637 yards and 25 rushing touch-downs this season for the Blackhawks. He finished with 237 yards receiving on seven catches and had two touchdowns and had six kick returns for 151 yards and a touchdown. "He is an extremely tough kid. He played the semi-final game basically on one leg," W-WS-SC coach Jason Kolousek said. "He is a very physical player, who goes hard all the time and was a major contributor to the

2014 Dome team as a running back and linebacker."

**Running back — senior Hunter  
Johnson of Wolsey-Wessington.** He rushed for 2,930 yards on 278 carries and scored 34 touchdowns to lead the Warbirds to the 9AA championship. In the championship game he established a new all-class rushing record with 303 yards. During the past two seasons he has rushed for more than 5,000 yards and scored 69 touchdowns. He was an all-state selection in 2014. "As a three-year starter he has rushed for 2,000-plus yards in two consecutive years," Wolsey-Wessington coach Gordon Hooks said. "Hunter is a team captain and has been the heart of the Warbirds this season."

**Wide receiver — junior Darian  
Ogunjemilusi of Wolsey-Wessington.** He had 18 catches this season for 455 yards and four touchdowns. He also did a lot of damage on the ground with 105 carries for 1,190 yards and 15 touch-downs. He had nine kickoff returns for 268 yards and a touchdown and 32 punt returns for 209 yards. "Darian is a very talented kid with unlimited abilities. There is not one set position for Darian, you have to get the ball in his hand as many times as possible, because he can go the distance at anytime," Hooks said. "His athletic ability makes him that rare athlete you see every 10 years or more."

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## No. 3 Iowa's Perfect Mark, Playoff Hopes On Line At Nebraska

BY ERIC OLSON  
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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — This dream season is starting to get real for third-ranked Iowa.

Now that the Hawkeyes (11-0, 7-0 Big Ten) have moved up to No. 4 in the College Football Playoff rankings, destiny is in their hands.

Get win No. 12 at Nebraska on Friday and No. 13 next week in the Big Ten championship game, and the Hawkeyes will have made a strong case to be in a national semifinal.

First things first, though. Nebraska (5-6, 3-4) is better than its record looks, and Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz has made sure his team knows it.

The Huskers have won three of four meetings with Iowa since they joined the Big Ten in 2011, and their first season under Mike Riley looked like a bust because of a run of close losses.

But after a 3-6 start, Nebraska defeated previously unbeaten Michigan State in Lincoln on Nov. 7 and posted a convincing road win over Rutgers a week later. A victory over Iowa would make the Huskers eligible for a bowl.

"Probably the big thing right now is that they're meshing," Ferentz said. "The new staff got there, and it takes a while for things to come together typically, and I think we're witnessing that. They had some very difficult losses. They were playing well but just couldn't quite finish things, and they're coming off two very, very impressive victories now."

Nebraska defensive coordinator Mark Banker expects four quarters of old-school football against the Hawkeyes, whose C.J. Beathard-led offense employs a stable of four running backs and heavily involves the tight ends in the passing game.

"I don't know overall what type of athlete they have or where they come in (from) or how many stars, but they perform at a very high level," Banker said. "It's just a methodical approach to football and they know what they're doing. ... There's none of this flash and dash. Just solid football."

Some things to watch: **GOING FOR 12-0:** Iowa is going for the fifth undefeated regular season in program history, and first since the Hawkeyes went 7-0 in 1922. Iowa and Clemson are the only remaining unbeaten teams in the FBS.

**BEATHARD THE RUNNER:** Beathard leads all FBS quarterbacks with 19 third-down runs for first downs, 13 coming on third-and-3 or shorter. "There are certain plays we have called that get just past the sticks," Beathard said. "When I'm running the ball, I know where the sticks are."

**WARY OF TRICKERY:** Nebraska surprised Rutgers with a tight end reverse that

# SDSU, Montana Set To Battle



South Dakota State's Nick Farina, 24, returns an interception for touchdown during the Jackrabbits' victory at South Dakota earlier this season. SDSU (8-3, 5-3 MVFC) travels to Montana to open the FCS playoffs on Saturday.

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SIoux FALLS (AP) — Two teams that opened their 2015 seasons with impressive upset victories are set to battle in Missoula, Montana, on Saturday in the first round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

Montana's season started with a bang. The Grizzlies took down four-time defending champion North Dakota State, but much of the season has been hampered by injuries, especially at the quarterback position, said coach Bob Stitt.

Montana (7-4, 6-2 Big Sky) found a way to keep pace through the middle of the schedule with the backup and third-string quarterbacks, then finally returned starter Brady Gustafson to finish out with wins against Idaho State, Eastern Washington and Montana State.

"We feel really good about where we're at, how we're playing, the health of our team," Stitt said. "We feel very fortunate to be in the playoffs. It does feel like we belong."

South Dakota State (8-3, 5-3 Missouri Valley Football Conference) opened the season by beating Kansas for its first ever win over

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# SDSU Men Win Division Title At Cancun Challenge

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — Deondre Parks led a balanced attack with 18 points and South Dakota State won the Mayan Division of the Cancun Challenge with a 77-66 win over Cleveland State on Wednesday.

George Marshall added 14 points, Reed Tellinghuisen 13 and Mike Daum 12 for the Jackrabbits (6-0), who are off their best start in five years. Keaton Moffitt grabbed 10 rebounds.

Cleveland State trailed 40-31 at halftime but quickly cut the deficit to three as a run spanning the break reached 11-0. The Jackrabbits recovered and built it back up to 16 points midway through the second half as Marshall scored five straight points. Kenny Carpenter led Cleveland

State (2-3) with 17 points and seven rebounds.

South Dakota State made 23 of 46 shots and 24 of 32 free throws while the Vikings shot 39 percent (23 of 59) and were 13 of 19 from the foul line.

S. DAKOTA ST. 77, CLEVELAND ST. 66  
CLEVELAND ST. (2-3)  
Flannigan 4-9 0-0 9, Zollo 3-6 0-0 8, Yates 3-10 3-6 10, Edwards 3-11 1-3 7, Hales 1-3 0-2, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0, Carpenter 6-11 2-2 17, Blount 0-0 0-0 0, Scales 1-4 2-2 4, Rogers 2-4 5-6 9, Levitt 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 23-59 13-19 66.  
S. DAKOTA ST. (6-0)  
Tellinghuisen 5-9 1-2 13, Theisen 3-5 2-3 9, Parks 5-11 6-6 18, Marshall 5-11 2-2 14, Moffitt 1-4 4-7 6, King 1-2 2-2 4, Daum 3-4 6-8 12, Severny 0-0 1-2 1, Totals 23-46 24-32 77.  
Halftime—S. Dakota St. 40-31, 3-Point Goals—Cleveland St. 7-24 (Carpenter 3-5, Zollo 2-4, Flannigan 1-2, Yates 1-4, Levitt 0-1, Hales 0-1, Rogers 0-2, Edwards 0-5), S. Dakota St. 7-22 (Tellinghuisen 2-5, Parks 2-6, Marshall 2-7, Theisen 1-1, Moffitt 0-1, King 0-1, Daum 0-1). Fouled Out—Flannigan. Rebounds—Cleveland St. 35 (Carpenter 7), S. Dakota St. 35 (Moffitt 10). Assists—Cleveland St. 7 (Yates 3), S. Dakota St. 10 (Tellinghuisen 4). Total Fouls—Cleveland St. 28, S. Dakota St. 16. A—982.

## Dakota Wesleyan 104, Mount Marty 75

MITCHELL — Trae Bergh scored 29 points and five other Dakota Wesleyan players reached double figures as the Tigers beat Mount Marty 104-75 in Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball action on Tuesday at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

Two Tigers (7-2, 3-0 GPAC) notched double-doubles: Tate Martin (15 points, 10 assists) and Jon Harmening (10 points, 11 rebounds). Jade Miller scored 20 points, and Trae Vandenberg and Brady Wohler each had 10 points in the victory.

Taylor Millay led MMC with 16 points. Anthony Stransky scored 14 points, and Patrick Ciganovic had

11 points and nine rebounds for the Lancers.

MMC (0-8, 0-3 GPAC) is off until hosting Briar Cliff on Dec. 2.

MOUNT MARTY (0-8)  
K.J. DeCristino 3-10 2-2 9, Anthony Stransky 5-12 0-2 14, Drew Matsushima 1-5 1-2 4, Alex Irvine 2-5 0-0 5, Patrick Ciganovic 5-8 0-0 11, Tyler Olson 0-0 0-0 0, Zach Telles 1-1 0-0 3, Martin Hunter 0-0 0-0 0, Deric Denning 0-1 2-3 2, Ben Higgs 0-0 0-0 0, Jeremy Grundmayer 0-0 0-1 0, Jalen Hurley 1-5 2-2 4, Cody Willett 2-4 2-2 7, Taylor Millay 5-8 6-6 16, Drew Chesko 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 25-59 15-20 75.  
DAKOTA WESLEYAN (7-2)  
Trae Bergh 10-17 4-5 29, Terrell Newton 0-2 0-0 0, Tate Martin 6-8 1-2 15, Jade Miller 8-14 1-3 20, Trae Vandenberg 4-11 1-3 10, Aaron Ahmadu 1-1 0-0 2, Tate Lindsay 0-0 1-2 1, Jordan Marquardt 0-3 0-0 0, Brady Wohler 2-4 6-7 10, Jon Harmening 4-7 1-2 10, Coby Johnson 1-2 0-0 3, Kellan Barden 1-4 0-0 2, Jason Spicer 1-2 0-0 2, Jesse Taylor 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 38-75 15-24 104.  
At the half: DWU 57, MMC 41. Three-Pointers: DWU 13-35 (Bergh 5-10, Miller 3-5, Martin 2-4, Vandenberg 1-7, Harmening 1-1, Johnson 1-2, Marquardt 0-3, Wohler 0-1, Barden 0-2), MMC 10-26 (Stransky 4-8, DeCristino 1-4, Matsushima 1-4, Irvine 1-2, Ciganovic 1-2, Telles 1-1, Willett 1-1, Denning 0-1, Hurley 0-2, Millay 0-1). Rebounds: DWU 41 (Harmening 11), MMC 33 (Ciganovic 9). Assists: DWU 24 (Martin 10), MMC 11 (Matsushima 2, Telles 2). Steals: DWU 5 (Bergh 2, Martin 2), MMC 2. Blocked Shots: DWU 2, MMC 1. Turnovers: MMC 13, DWU 3. Personal Fouls: MMC 23, DWU 19. Fouled Out: Hurley. Technical Fouls: Bergh, Willett. Attendance: 1,800.

# USD's Van Ginkel Named Valley Freshman Of The Year

VERMILLION —University of South Dakota defensive end Andrew Van Ginkel has been named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Freshman of the Year as announced Wednesday by the conference office.

Van Ginkel is the first Coyote to earn the award since South Dakota joined the league in 2012. He is the second South Dakota player to win a major player award, joining Tyler Starr who was Defensive Player of the Year in 2013.

Van Ginkel was also second in the voting for MVFC Newcomer of the Year. That award was given to Northern Iowa junior quarterback Aaron Bailey. Illinois State senior running back Marshaun Coprich repeated as Offensive Player of the Year and UNI senior cornerback Deiondre' Hall was named Defensive Player of the Year. Western Illinois' Bob Nielson was named Coach of the Year.

Van Ginkel, a redshirt freshman from Rock Valley, Iowa, finished second in the MVFC in both sacks (9.0) and tackles-for-loss (18.0). He ranks 12th and 14th, respectively, nationally in those categories. He is the Coyotes' fifth-leading tackler with 56. Van Ginkel also ranks second nationally with three fumble recoveries. He forced two fumbles, blocked a kick, had two pass breakups and six quarterback hurries.

Van Ginkel is the only defensive player on the College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) Watch List for Freshman Performer of the Year. He is also on the CFPA Watch List for DE/DT of the Year.

The complete MVFC All-Conference Team will be announced Monday (Nov. 30). The All-Newcomer unit will be announced Tuesday (Dec. 1), and the MVFC All-Academic Team will be announced Wednesday (Dec. 2).



South Dakota's Andrew Van Ginkel, 17, pressures South Dakota State quarterback Taryn Christian during their matchup on Nov. 14. Van Ginkel was named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Freshman of the Year on Wednesday.

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