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2007 NHSACA Hall of Fame

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The North Dakota High School Coaches Association Executive Committee selected two coaches for induction into the 2007 National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Hall of Fame.

Dwight Leier, Esmond/Maddock High School retired football and track and field coach.

Gene Manson, Minot High School boys' basketball coach.

The Awards will be presented at a luncheon on Thursday, June 28th, 2007, at the NHSACA National Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This induction is the twelfth induction class.

Dwight Leier is a graduate of Esmond High School and Valley City State University. After graduation, he began a 35 year career in high school coaching. Dwight coached football

and track and field at Esmond High School, Esmond/Maddock co-op High School program and Maddock High School. Leier accumulated 249 football victories, winning the state 9-man football championship once, finishing runner-up twice and qualifying for the state playoffs 17 times.

Dwight has received many coaching awards. He was named Sectional and National 9-man football Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High School Coaches Association. Leier was named NHSACA Regional football Coach of the Year and NHSACA National football Coach of the Year finalists. He was named NDHSCA 9-man football regional Coach of the Year several times and

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NDHSCA Hall of Fame Inductees 2007

NDHSCA Executive Committee announces the inductees to the 2007 NDHSCA Hall of Fame as determined at its recent NDHSCA Executive Committee Meeting. The inductees will be recognized and receive awards during the 2007 NDHSCA Coaches Convention, held on July 24-July 27, 2007 in Mandan.

The Hall of Fame Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet on Thursday, July 26th at 6:30 PM at the Mandan Seven Seas Convention Center.

The recipients for the 2007 induction will be the following:

Rick Anderson, head Cross-Country Coach and head Track and Field Coach at Griggs County Central High School

Michael Berg, recently retired head Football coach at Grand Forks Central High School

Rockie Stavn, retired head Cross-Country and Track and Field coach at Bismarck Century High School

Tom Suelzle, Athletic Director and Girls' Basketball coach at Watford City High School.

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ND Convention Dates
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President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope you were all able to spend time with your families over the holidays and you are ready to resume the winter sports season.

Congratulations to the fall State Champions, Coach of the Year, and Senior Athlete of the Year winners! It was a very successful fall with a lot of outstanding performances. The hard work and competitiveness put forth by the coaches and athletes in this state is truly amaz-

ing! I am very proud of the fact that North Dakota possesses some of the finest people in the nation.

I encourage coaches to attend the meetings in your sport held at state contests. This allows you to become involved and also an opportunity to voice concerns in your activity. The advisory committees want input from coaches so they can represent your sport effectively at the state level.

Keep up the great work you provide for

our youth and support one another. We have a strong base and need to continue to grow as a profession.

In closing, I hope that each coach has worked to recruit a new member of the North Dakota High School Coaches Association. I believe our Coaches' Association has a lot to offer all coaches at all levels. Make plans to attend our summer convention and bring fellow coaches along with you.

Good Luck in 2007!

Dave



Dave Michaelson

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2007 NHSACA National Coach of the Year Finalists from North Dakota

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association office has informed NDHSCA of ten Finalists from North Dakota that will be evaluated for National High School Coach of the Year.

The following coaches are Finalists:

James Haussler; Bismarck Public Schools	Athletic Director
Gene Manson; Minot High School	Boys' Basketball
Darrell Anderson; Bismarck High School	Boys' Cross-Country
Bob Zimney; Grand Forks Red River HS	Boys' Track & Field
Greg Amundson; Mandan High School	Girls' Basketball
Melvin Fischer; Bismarck High School	Girls' Soccer
Mike Kuhn; Mandan High School	Girls' Track & Field
Ray Callaghan; Fargo North High School	Golf
Kent Van Ells; Dickinson High School	Special Sports-Gymnastics
Marney Shirley; Jamestown High School	Swimming & Diving

The Finalists will be evaluated by the NHSACA National Coach of the Year evaluation committee. Evaluation concentration areas include longevity, win-loss percentages, professional service, championship years, and professional awards.

The Finalists will receive a plaque at the NHSACA Annual Meeting Awards Banquet to be held on Friday, June 29, 2007 at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All of the 2007 Finalists, except Callaghan, have received the Finalist Award in the past. Nomination for the award is made by the NDHSCA Executive Committee. The last National Coach of the Year recipients were in 2005 when Joe Howell, Lisbon High School Boys' Track and Field Coach, and Dave Dougherty, Watford City High School Wrestling Coach were named recipients.



From Executive Secretary's Desk

In September, Linda and I took a vehicle trip through Montana. We spent an afternoon visiting with Harold and Gen Pedersen. As I finally mature, I realize how much I enjoy the legends of our state. Harold was excited to talk about the coaches today and the status of present-day teams, as well as to elaborate on the days of old. Harold was the first President of NDHSCA and always has interest in the operation and administration of the Association. We laughed gleefully about some of the South HS escapades, that at the time, seemed to be The Most Significant Developments on the face of the earth, but in retrospect were just another day in coaching.



Darrell Anderson called me in mid-December to inform me of Dick Karlgaard's fall on a cement sidewalk. When he fell, he hit his head and suffered a concussion. Because of his coumadin medication, he was faced with other complications. He spent eight days in ICU, but has shown slight improvement with time. He is now on the Re-hab floor at MedCenter. He had blood clots—one huge—on the brain. The blood clots, with time, should reabsorb. At this time he is unable to carry on a conversation. The edema in the brain will take weeks to subside; and therefore, the family sees his recovery as a long haul. He is receiving physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. We spoke to Pat and Joe last week, and they confirmed that they hoped that 3-4 weeks of therapy will advance Dick's recovery a long way. We appreciate the prayers for Dick and his family. Our Maker has certainly seen Dick through many hurdles in life and will be his healer now, as well.

Todd Johnson, former football and track and field coach at Hazen High School, died Saturday afternoon of a massive heart attack. He was 63 years old. His funeral was Saturday, January 6 at 9:30 MT in the Hazen High School Gym. Todd retired from teaching and coaching about four years ago. He moved to Texas to be closer to his wife's children. Todd spent his summer at his lake home in Minnesota. He still has family in Hazen. Todd was inducted into the North Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2000.

I just received a note from Patti Aanenson, Larimore High School Athletic Director. She informed NHSACA that Clint Lein will be inducted into the North Dakota Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. Last October, Clint was presented the NDHSCA Distinguished Service Award for his coaching for more than 40 years. He received the NDHSCA Award at the school's homecoming at Clint Lein Athletic Field. Congratulations again, Clint.

Bruce Whiting announces a Lynx-Hy-Tek training school will be held in Bismarck on the 17th of February. That is a Saturday prior to the start of the ND track & field Season and ties into the University of Mary clinic on Sunday. It will be an opportunity for users to get new ideas, and operators to renew their thoughts on Lynx operation. Most of all this is a great chance to get ready for the season, and a great opportunity for new operators to exchange with "old" workers.

Bruce and Casey will finish up with a question and answer session, designed to help everybody make better use of their software and Lynx systems and a chance to test the new Hy-Tek 2.0 and if we recommend the move to 2.0 in the 2007-2008 school year.

Plan now and register early; contact Bruce Whiting at BW T&F Enterprises; 5434 Saxony Court; White Bear Township, MN 55110 (cell phone is 651-261-6329).

Plans are being made for the 2007 NDHSCA Coaches Convention. Some speakers have been contacted already. Scott King, Malta (MT) HS has agreed to be a football clinician. King is an 18-year veteran coach and has guided Malta into the state playoffs 15 times and reached the semifinals on 11 occasions. They have played in the Class B title game five times with three State Championships.

"I need to share the pride I have that North Dakota has such great people to represent our state, our athletes and our coaches."

Coach Biesiot reminded me of King's success and his clinician quality. I have known King since his high school and college days at Fargo South High School and Valley City State University.

Mike McCall, Wahpeton HS activities director and football coach will speak; Larry Sandy, Velva HS and Fred Fridley, Watford City HS will also be football speakers.

NDHSCA Adds to Executive Staff

This summer the North Dakota High School Coaches Association decided to add an additional Assistant Executive Secretary to help Gelaine with duties of administering our state Association. Since he accepted a position as the Executive Director of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, the NDHSCA Executive Committee wanted to provide him with assistance at the state level. I feel honored to be the person asked to fill this spot on the Executive Committee. Gelaine will do an outstanding job with his added duties. I know the North Dakota coaches will support him and assist in any way they can.

I am going to handle the Assistant Coach of the Year, Junior High Coach of the Year, Longevity Awards, Victory Milestones, and write the biographies for all Coach of the Year Awards. I will also have responsibility to assist with administration duties of the NDHSCA Coaches Convention. Please feel free to contact me, or any of the Executive Board members, if you have questions concerning our state association. This organization will continue to be one of the strongest in the country.



Randy Johnson

Deadline for Winter Sports Recognition January 31, 2007

From Executive Secretary's Desk - continued from page 4

Craig Bohl, coach of the 10-1 NDSU Bison and Dale Lennon, of the Division II quarterfinalist UND Sioux will join our high school coaches. Our nine-man coaches will open their sessions with Keith Sundquist of Turtle Lake-Mercer HS.

A runner who is among the best in the nation will address the state's cross-country coaches. NDHSCA has also contacted State Championship coaches from other states as well as State Championship coaches from North Dakota.

I just returned from a meeting of State Coaches Association Executives. We discussed many common problems--and we all seem to have many of the same problems. After much discussion, we have new ideas to share with North Dakota Coaches. We will probably have some of these topics on the agenda for the seminar sessions this summer.

I need to share the pride I have that North Dakota has such great people to represent the state, our athletes and our coaches. Randy Johnson has undertaken some big tasks and has already proven to be sensational in his dealing with production. Randy, Ralph Manley, Mel Fischer and Dave Dougherty are NHSACA Sports Chairs on the NHSACA Board of Directors. They have already established themselves as leaders because of performance that other Sports Chairs can emulate. Thanks gentlemen!

We are in the midst of a great juggling act! I hope to have a more complete report in the April *Dakota Coach*. Please remind all of our coaching cohorts that this issue of the *Dakota Coach* will not be mailed; the publication will only be on the Web!

Gelaine



North Dakota High School Coaches Association

Membership Registration 2006-2007

Membership:	
High School	_____
Junior High	_____
College	_____
Life	_____
Associate	_____
Cheerleading	_____

Name _____
 School _____ Email Address _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
 Home Address _____
 City/State/Zip Code _____

In the A column, write H (head coach) or A (assistant coach) for the appropriate sport(s).
 In the second column, write your 2005-2006 record; in the last column, your lifetime record.

	A	05-06 record	lifetime record		A	05-06 record	lifetime record
Athletic Director	_____	_____	_____	Soccer	_____	_____	_____
Baseball	_____	_____	_____	Softball	_____	_____	_____
Boys Basketball	_____	_____	_____	Boys Swimming	_____	_____	_____
Girls Basketball	_____	_____	_____	Girls Swimming	_____	_____	_____
Boys Cross Country	_____	_____	_____	Boys Tennis	_____	_____	_____
Girls Cross Country	_____	_____	_____	Girls Tennis	_____	_____	_____
Football	_____	_____	_____	Boys Track	_____	_____	_____
Boys Golf	_____	_____	_____	Girls Track	_____	_____	_____
Girls Golf	_____	_____	_____	Volleyball	_____	_____	_____
Gymnastics	_____	_____	_____	Wrestling	_____	_____	_____
Hockey	_____	_____	_____	Strength	_____	_____	_____

List Year(s) and Sport(s) of state championships coached. _____
 Have you filed a Victory Milestones Form? _____
 Number of years coaching completed (as of **June '07**) _____
 Signature _____ **Fee: \$50.00**

Have you filled out a Victory Milestones form?

Coaches are urged to photocopy additional membership forms and solicit membership of all head and assistant coaches throughout each school district. - Thank you.

Proud to be a Member of the NDHSCA

Membership in the NDHSCA has the following benefits:

- Subscription to our *Dakota Coach* newsletter
- Access to coaching openings in North Dakota
- Reduced admission to NDHSCA/NDHSAA Clinic during the year
- Free or reduced admission to many high school and college contests
- UND/NDSU football tickets for (except Hockey) \$1.00 allotted in reserved section
- Eligibility for the full awards program of the NDHSCA
- Eligibility to serve on the Sports Advisory Committee
- Eligibility to serve on All-Star Coaching Staff
- Contacts that will allow opinions to be heard in the governing of each sport by the NDHSCA
- An organized group that keeps everyone in touch with developments across the state and nation
- An organization that is concerned with offering programs that will help improve coaches
- An organization that is attempting to maintain and improve athletic programs for North Dakota's youth.

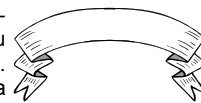
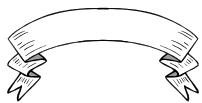


The NDHSCA is here to serve. Always feel free to contact any officer or the Executive Director with a problem, suggestion, or complaint. Knowing the needs of coaches makes it possible for the NDHSCA to serve you better.

Membership deadlines: Fall-October 1 Winter-February 1 Spring-May 1

**Return form to: Karen Hardie, NDHSCA Membership Chair
 741 Royal Oaks Drive
 Fargo, ND 58102**

NDHSCA Victory Milestones



Please help the NDHSCA keep your records current. Each coach must send their record at the completion of each season. If coaching more than one sport, complete each sport on a separate form. If you are completing the victory milestone for the first time, make sure to give your record for each year. Report only the highest level of coaching each season. Don't add coaching seasons together (ex. if a coach is coaching both jr. high boys basketball and varsity basketball, count only the varsity basketball record for that season). If coaching both varsity girls' and varsity boys' basketball, count each season on separate forms and don't add together as one record. Under the new format for counting victories in certain sports such as track and field, cross country, tennis, golf, swimming, and gymnastics; the old records will need to be updated. Remember to keep each sport season separate and always report the highest level of coaching in each sport.

Mail completed form/s to: Gelaine Orvik; 3457 - 26th Avenue South; Fargo, ND 58103. Awards will be sent upon request after records are updated.

Procedure For Determining Won/Loss Records In An Invitational Meet:

- A. In an invitational meet, the teams that finish below you will count as victories, those that finish above you are losses. Any teams that you tie will count as a win.
- B. Figure out the total number of teams you have competed against and what percentage of those teams were wins and losses.
- C. Take the percentage of wins/losses from above and multiply it against the number of meets you participated in to arrive at your won/loss record for the season.
- D. If this is not a whole number, victories will always be rounded down and losses will be rounded up. (Obviously, if your team has participated in ten meets during the year, your wins plus losses should equal ten.)

Sport	Cat. 1	Cat. 2	Cat. 3	Cat. 4	Cat. 5
Baseball	75	150	225	300	375
Basketball	100	200	300	400	500
Cross Country	50	100	150	200	250
Football	50	100	150	200	250
Golf	45	90	135	180	225
Gymnastics	45	90	135	180	225
Hockey	100	200	300	400	500

Sport	Cat. 1	Cat. 2	Cat. 3	Cat. 4	Cat. 5
Soccer	100	200	300	400	500
Softball	75	150	225	300	375
Swimming	50	100	150	200	250
Tennis	50	100	150	200	250
Track/Field	50	100	150	200	250
Volleyball	150	300	450	600	750
Wrestling	75	150	225	300	375

- Only meets in which three or more schools participate will count as an invitational.
- Schools can still have a dual meet record that would remain the same along with a record for the invitationals they attend.
- It will be up to the individual coaches to determine their records from past years and update wins or revise their victory milestone forms.

Example: Meet 1 11 teams 7 wins 4 losses
 Meet 2 4 teams 0 wins 4 losses
 Meet 3 6 teams 6 wins 0 losses
 Meet 4 5 teams 4 wins 1 loss
 Meet 5 7 teams 5 wins 2 losses
Totals 5 meets 33 teams 22 wins 11 losses
 Winning % equals 22/33 = 67% 5 meets x .67=3.35
 Losing % equals 11/33 = 33% 5 meets x .33 = 1.65
 Your record for the season would be 3 wins and 2 losses for invitationals.

NDHSCA Victory Milestone Record Sheet

Name _____ Date _____ E-Mail _____
 High School _____ Coaching Position _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip Code _____
 Membership: High School _____ Associate _____ Junior High _____ Life _____

	Year	School	Sport	Varsity	JV	JH	Won/Loss	Overall Record
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



North Dakota High School Coaches Association

Lifetime Membership Application

To purchase a Lifetime Membership
the prospective coach must have been:

- A. an NDHSCA Member for 20 years.
- B. an active high school coach for at least 25 years either in ND or another state.

Lifetime Membership may be purchased for a one-time fee of \$250.

Such Lifetime Membership will carry all Active Membership benefits.

A Lifetime Member relinquishes voting and office holding privileges if a member is no longer an active coach.

Name _____

School _____ E-Mail Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip code _____

Number of years coaching completed (as of *June 2007*) _____

Number of years NDHSCA Member (as of *June 2007*) _____

Fee: \$250 Include the fee with this application.

**Mail fee and application to: Gelaine Orvik, Executive Secretary NDHSCA
3457 26th Avenue South
Fargo, ND 58103**

Purchased Lifetime Memberships

Aardahl, Vern; Milnor HS	Kjelgaard, Harold; Fargo Discovery JHS
Anderson, Darryl; Mandan HS	Kleveland, David; Central Valley HS
Burckhard, Richard; Parshall HS	Larson, Nancy; DesLacs-Burlington HS
Callahan, Mike; Minnewaukan HS	Loberg, Myron; Devils Lake HS
Carlson, Ron; Minnewaukan HS	Lockwood, Ed; Fargo Public Schools
Carlsrud, Dave; NDHSAA	Lyon, Jerry; Minot HS
Cornell, Rick; Grand Forks Schroeder JHS	Marsh, John; Fargo South HS
Dew, Jim; Valley City State College	Mailloux, Gary; Fargo North HS
Disher, Ken; Minot HS	Omdahl, Chad; Hatton-Northwood HS
Dixon, Derrick; Turtle Mountain Community HS	Overby, Dennis; Northwood HS
Fjeld, Greg; Minot HS	Schauer, Gary; Langdon, HS
Folstad, Collette; West Fargo HS	Schmitt, Dan; Dakota Prairie HS
Gabrielsen, Thomas; Grand Forks Red River HS	Schreiner, Vernon; Minto HS
Gadberry, Ron; Hillsboro HS	Sluke, David; Grafton HS
Hanson, David; St. Thomas HS	Snortland, Keith; Warwick HS
Hanson, Donald C.; Mandan HS	Solberg, Sheryl; NDHSAA
Hardie, Rodney; Fargo South HS	Stanley, Len; Bismarck State College
Hertel, Dale; Fargo South HS	Strand, Fred P.; Hatton-Northwood HS
Horner, Dennis; Midway HS	Trieglaff, Robert; Fargo North HS
Hutchison, Donna; Grand Forks Red River HS	Walhaug, Gary; Surrey HS
Hutchison, John; Northwood HS	Walker, Larry; Killdeer HS
Hutchison, Lonny; Northwood HS	Wheeling, Bob; Killdeer HS
Jaeger, Kerry; Grand Forks Red River HS	Wilson, Jerry; Bismarck Century HS
Kerlin, Don; Mayville/Portland-C/G HS	Zimney, Bob; Grand Forks Red River HS

Coaching Longevity Notice

Randy Johnson

I am presently working on the Coaching Longevity Awards for the 2007 Summer Convention.

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phone (748-5634) if the information is not correct.

Please contact me as well if you *should be* on the list for 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, 35 years, 40 years and your name is *not included*.

20 years

Dan Carlson, Grand Forks Central HS
 Nancy Deutsch, Watford City HS
 Cameron Dockter, Fargo South HS
 Orville Drosdahl, New Town NS
 Dick Fisher, Fargo North HS
 Joe Harder, Lakota HS
 Scott Hoffman, Dickinson Hagen JHS
 Randy Johnson, Hazen HS
 Todd Kosel, Edgeley HS
 David Laber, Napoleon HS
 Brent Lauf, New Salem HS
 Todd Lee, Tioga HS
 Mark McLean, Hillsboro HS
 Bob Moller, Enderlin HS
 Carolyn Olson, Grand Forks Red River HS
 Leland Opp, Hazen HS
 Jeff Ralph, Wahpeton HS
 Mark Sand, Steele-Dawson HS
 Greg Unruh, Fargo North HS
 Tim Wallstrum, Kenmare HS
 Laurel Weigelt, Minot HS

25 Years

Darrell Anderson, Bismarck HS
 Ron Benson, Mott-Regent HS
 Randy Bilden, Enderlin HS
 Dwight Dockter, MPCG HS
 Janet Erhardt, Center-Stanton HS
 Arnie Falk, Jamestown HS
 Jeff Feichtner, Fargo North HS
 Mark Frost, Hope-Page HS
 Cindy Hanson, Killdeer HS

25 Years – continued

Pat Healey, Fargo Discovery MS
 Rich Hovland, Bismarck Century HS
 Julie Jensen, Kindred HS
 Harvey Kruckenberg, Fargo South HS
 Terri Krueger, Fargo Oak Grove HS
 Joel Marshall, Hazen HS
 Dave Michaelson, Dickinson HS
 Pat O'Brien, Mandan HS
 Keith Sundquist, Turtle Lake-Mercer HS
 William J. Uscensky, Minot HS
 Larry Walker, Killdeer HS

30 Years

Virgil Babinski, Finley-Sharon HS
 Frank Conlon, Jamestown HS
 Dennis Flynn, Devils Lake HS
 Janel Gaugler, Wishek HS
 Randy Gordon, Dickinson Trinity HS
 Randy Klusmann, Edgeley-Kulm HS
 Pete Moe, Washburn HS
 Bruce Stein, Hankinson HS
 Chuck Wagner, Killdeer HS
 Greg White, Jamestown HS

35 Years

Greg Amundson, Mandan HS
 Bruce Anderson, Minot HS
 Steve Carnal, Fargo Oak Grove HS
 Dale Hertel, Fargo South HS
 David Kleveland, Central Valley HS
 Gary Walhaug, Surrey HS

40 Years

Neil Dardis, Lakota HS
 Fred Fridley, Watford City HS
 John Hutchison, Hatton-Northwood HS

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Rick Anderson is a graduate of Crookston High School and Mayville State University. He is a veteran coach of 33 years at Griggs County Central High School. He has coached boys' track and field and boys' and girls' cross-country since he began his profession at the only school he has ever called home. He has also coached boys' and girls' basketball at his school located in Cooperstown.



Anderson coached his track and field teams at Griggs County High School to nineteen Red River Valley Conference Championship Titles; two Region Runner-up Titles; and thirteen Regional Championship Titles. Rick also coached the 1978 Girls' Basketball Team to a Conference Championship, a Regional Championship and a State Runner-up title (1978). Coach Anderson has mentored the Cougar's Girls' Cross-Country Teams to five Regional Runner-up Titles and two Regional Championships. His 2006 Team also won the State Championship Title.

Rick's Boys' Cross-Country squads have won four Regional Runner-up Titles and eight Regional Championships. His Boys' harriers have also won four State Championships. Rick guided his track and field teams to 197 victories in multi-team meets. His boys' Cross-Country Teams won 123 multi-team meets and his girls' Cross-Country teams won 85 multi-team meets. In addition, Rick's boys' basketball teams won 103 games and his girls' basketball teams won 60 games.

Coach Anderson has been a model for coaches to emulate in his professional high school athletic and coach-

ing services. He has been a member of the NDHSCA Girls' Basketball Advisory Committee to NDHSAA and a member of the NDHSCA Cross Country Advisory Committee to NDHSAA.

Anderson has been named Girls' Cross-Country Regional Coach of the Year twice (2004 & 2005). He has also been named Boys' Cross-Country Regional Coach of the Year seven times and Boys' Track and Field Regional Coach of the Year ten times. **Coach Anderson** was named NDHSCA Class B Boys' Track and Field State Coach of the Year in 1996. He has received the NDHSCA Class B Boys' Cross Country State Coach of the Year Award six times (1994, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2003).

Coach Anderson was nominated for the NDHSCA Hall of Fame by his superintendent, Kirk Ham.

Mike Berg is a graduate of Pasadena (CA) High School and Black Hills State College. He earned his Masters Degree from the University of North Dakota. **Coach Berg** began his coaching career at St. Regis (MT) High School before he moved to Baker (MT) High School. In 1976 Mike moved to North Dakota and began a three year stint at Mandan High School before moving to Grand Forks Central High School where he has coached football and track and field since 1979. He has coached for 35 years with 31 years in North Dakota.



Coach Berg's Central Knights Football teams have been Eastern Dakota Conference Football Champions twice (1996 and 2005). Grand Forks Central has been in three Football State Championship contests and was crowned State Champions in 2005. Mike has coached his football teams to 141 victories.

Mike has served his profession as Football Chairman to the North Dakota Shrine since 1989. He was also on the NDHSCA Football Advisory Committee to the NDHSAA. Coach Berg has been a member of the American Football Coaches Association and has been a member of the High School Committee for the past six years.

Coach Berg has received numerous coaching honors and awards. He was selected NDHSCA Class A (AAA) Football State Coach of the Year in 1988, 1996 and 2004. He received the NDHSCA Special Recognition Award in 1993 and 1997. He was a nominee to receive the NFL High School Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2006. Berg received the North Dakota High School Champions Award in 2005 from the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters' Association. Mike also received the Walt Sherman Man of the Year Award from the North Dakota Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Berg and the Knights Football Team were named recipients of the Male High School Team of the Year by the North Dakota Sportswriters and Sportscasters' Association. Coach Berg received the NDHSCA Award of Merit in 2005. He received a Special Recognition Award from the

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Kem and El Zagal Shrine Temples in 1996. Mike has been a Shrine Football All Star Coach in 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994 and 1997.

Coach Berg was nominated for the NDHSCA Hall of Fame by Gelaine Orvik.

Mike Berg and his wife, Lorna have two children: Christopher and Nikki.

Rockie Stavn is a graduate of Watford City High School and Minot State University. He has coached football, wrestling, track and field, swimming and diving, cross-country and gymnastics. He began his coaching profession at Minot Jim Hill Junior High School. Coach Stavn spent a year and a half at Brainerd (MN) High School before settling in Bismarck where he has coached at Bismarck High School and Bismarck Junior College. He spent the last 17 years of his coaching profession at Bismarck Century High School where he completed his 26-year coaching career.

Rockie's Century Cross-Country team won the Western Dakota

Association Title in 1978 and was State Cross-Country Runner-up the same year. His 1979 and 1983 cross-country teams were Region Runner-up finishers, and his 1982 team also finished Runner-up at the State Meet. **Stavn's** boys' track and field teams were likewise successful with conference titlists in 1970, when the team also won a District Title and Region Runner-up Title. His boys' track and



field teams also won Region Runner-up Titles in 1978 and 1980.

Coach Stavn guided his cross-country teams to 94 victories with a .628 winning percentage against other teams. His swimming and diving teams won 14 dual meets and one multi-team meet. Stavn's track and field teams won 105 victories and had a .668 winning percentage against other teams.

Rockie coached 24 individual state champions and nine state record holders. As a high school coach, he coached two All-Americans and seven honorable mention All-Americans. He coached one state champion in cross-country and one state champion in swimming.

Stavn was a model professional as he was a presenter at the NDHSCA Coaches Convention on numerous occasions. He was a "Spokesperson for High School Athletics and Physical Education for the Governor" in 1979. He was also a member of the NDHSCA Cross-Country and Track and Field Advisory Committee. Rockie was NHSACA State Representative for Track and Field and Cross-Country. He was a Vice President candidate for NDHSCA. He was All-Conference Chairman for Cross-Country for the WDA for ten years.

Rockie served as NDHSCA Chairman for State Convention in 1991 and on the NHSACA National Convention National Committee in 1991. He was chairman of the Bismarck Tournament Committee for 15 years.

Stavn received the NDHSCA Class A Boys' Cross-Country Regional Coach of the Year Award, as well as the NDHSCA Class A Boys' Cross-Country State Coach of the

Year in 1978. In 1979 he was nominated for the NHSACA National Cross-Country Coach of the Year Award. Rockie also received NDHSCA Class A Boys' Track and Field State Coach of the Year in 1980 and in 1982. He was nominated for NDHSCA Hall of Fame in 1993 by Gelaine Orvik.

Coach Stavn and his wife Julie have three children: Thad, Rockie II and Tanner.

Tom Suelzle is a graduate of Watford City High School, UND Williston, and Dickinson State University. He has coached track and field, boys' basketball and girls' basketball, as well serving as athletic director at Watford City High School.

Tom's girls' basketball teams have been the center of his coaching success. Under Tom's leadership, the girls' basketball teams have earned 15 Conference Titles, 13 District Titles, five Region Runner-up Titles, 10 Region Championship Titles and one State Runner-up Title. His girls' basketball teams have won 487 games.



Coach Suelzle has been a member of the NDHSCA Girls' Basketball Advisory Committee to NDHSAA. He has also served as a representative to the North Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association. Suelzle has managed the Regional Track and Field Meet for 12 years; the Regional Golf Tournament for eight years; and the Regional Wrestling Tournament for

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one year. He has also managed the district volleyball tournament for two years and the district boys' and girls' basketball tournaments for six years.

Suelzle has been on the Lions' All Star Basketball Selection Committee for ten years and was Lions' All Star Basketball coach in 1999. He received a 400 Victory Milestone Award and 25 Year Longevity Award. He was named NDHSCA Athletic Director of the Year in 1995. Tom was named NDHSCA Class B Girls' Basketball State Coach of the Year in 1998. He was NDHSCA Class B Girls' Basketball Regional Coach of the Year five times and District Coach of the Year six times.

Tom was nominated for NDHSCA Hall of Fame by Dave Dougherty. Tom and his wife Pam have two children: Chris and Ben. ♦

**2007
NDHSCA
Coaches Convention
July 24, 25, 26, & 27

Seven Seas
Conference Center
Mandan, N.D.**

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NDHSCA State 9-man football Coach of the Year. The North Dakota Associated Press Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association recognized Dwight with their Special Achievement Award.

Coach Leier served on the North Dakota High School Coaches Association Executive Committee and was President of the Association during the 1986-1987 fiscal year. During his presidency the NDHSCA initiated the All State Football selections in every division in North Dakota and thus recognized all of the state's outstanding high school football players.

Leier has coached the North Dakota Shrine Bowl and the Badlands Bowl All Star Football games during his coaching career. In 1995, he was inducted into the North Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Dwight and his wife Penny live in Esmond, North Dakota have six children: Michelle, Ranelle, Bryan, Davin, Tim and Erin. They also have four grandchildren.

Gene Manson graduated from Langdon High School and North Dakota State University. He is a 36 year veteran coach from four high schools in North Dakota: Adams High School, St. Thomas High School, Devils Lake High School, and Minot High School.

Gene's coaching accomplishments include his teams' earning 12 conference championships, seven regional runner-up titles, seven regional championships, 16 straight state tournament appearances between 1985-2000 (a North Dakota state record), four Class A State Runner-up Titles and four Class A State Championship Titles.

Manson has a 594-257 won-loss record, which is an impressive 70% winning percentage. He has been a Lions' All Star Basketball coach eight times.

Coach Manson has been named West Region Coach of the Year nine times. He has been named NDHSCA Class A boys' basketball Coach of the Year three times. Gene has been nominated for NHSACA National Coach of

the Year five times and has been NHSACA boys' basketball National Coach of the Year Finalist in 1999, 2003 and 2007.

Gene was a member of the NDHSCA Executive Committee and was President in 1991 when the North Dakota High School Coaches Association hosted the NHSACA National Coaches Convention in Bismarck, North Dakota. He was inducted into the NDHSCA Hall of Fame in 1996.

Gene and his wife, Merry, have three sons: Ross (wife, Rochelle), Bart (wife, Nicole) and Brian. They also have five grandchildren.

**National Annual Meeting
NHSACA
June 27, 28 & 29, 2007
Hyatt Hotel
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Mike Berg Resigns

As Mike Berg visited with NDHSCA, the following notes were retained. "It is my intention to become more active in the Association than coaching football has allowed me to do, and I would very much like to continue my role as the football rep and Shrine Bowl Director. If it works for the Association, I hope to continue to present a convention seminar session on professionalism in coaching.

"My phone call to you yesterday was not an easy one to make, and I sincerely apologize if there was any thought that I had "backdoored" you or been less than forthright. Last week I evaded you as I had not 100% decided on exactly what I would do, and yet I knew that if I was going to step aside, that I should announce it to the players at the awards night on Sunday.

As to why the decision itself, I just have that indefinable feeling that it's the right time in my life. There are things that I want to do that have been precluded by the time spent on football both in season and out of season, so I took what I felt was the best route for my family and myself.

By the way, when my answer to Jay Gibson that this stuff is "my passion" - I knew that you knew I was speaking the truth! I have plenty that interests me - NDHSCA, the Shrine, and FCA, so I certainly plan to "keep on keeping on" as a wise man often says.



"I have that indefinable feeling that it's the right time in my life . . . for my family and myself."

2007 Student Drug Testing Summit

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy will be hosting four regional Student Drug Testing Summits in 2007.

According to the 2005 Monitoring the Future Report over half of all high school students have tried an illegal drug. Random student drug testing is a valuable prevention strategy that can help deter children from initiating drug use. It can also identify children who have just started using drugs as well as children who have a dependency so that they may be referred to treatment. Student drug testing programs are developed by the schools in which they are implemented so that the program is specifically tailored to the needs of the community. All student drug testing programs are designed to act as a deterrent and are not by format or nature punitive. To date, over 912 schools nationwide have implemented programs.

"According to the 2005 Monitoring the Future Report over half of all high school students have tried an illegal drug."

The Student Drug Testing Summits will address relevant legal and program development issues and serve as an introduction for schools that would like to learn more about student drug testing. Participants will also be provided with information on Department of Education grants for the program. For schools that already have a program in place, new information will be available.

There is no cost to attend the summits. If you are interested in attending, please register at <http://www.cmpinc.net/dts> or contact bspencer@ondcp.eop.gov with any additional questions.



Summit dates are as follows:

January 24, 2007	Charleston, South Carolina
February 27, 2007	Newark, New Jersey
March 27, 2007	Honolulu, Hawaii
April 24, 2007	Las Vegas, Nevada

2006 NDHSCA Class AAA Football All State Team

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE:

QUARTERBACK:

Brandon Larson	Fargo South HS
Rob Gibson	West Fargo HS
Zac Elgie	Minot HS

RUNNING BACKS:

Tyson Schatz	Minot HS
Catlin Solum	Fargo South HS

RECEIVERS:

Carson Carr	Minot HS
Justin Lake	Fargo North HS

OFFENSIVE LINE:

Jerad Wald	Fargo South HS
Jim Green	Wahpeton HS
Austin Richard	Fargo South HS
Ryan Kamrowski	Minot HS
Brent Qvale	Williston HS

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

RUNNING BACKS:

Kyle Wetzel	Wahpeton HS
Jared Gowan	Grand Forks Central HS
Rocky Bullinger	Mandan HS

RECEIVERS:

Justin Belohlavek	Mandan HS
Paul Hoplin	Grand Forks Red River HS

OFFENSIVE LINE:

Tyler Schmidkunz	Bismarck Century HS
Jerome Hoffman	Bismarck HS
Josh Johnson	Mandan HS
Andrew Kennedy	Grand Forks Central HS
Austin Ellenson	Fargo South HS
Ian McGurran	Fargo North HS

TIGHT END:

Justin Sheets	Fargo North HS
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FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE:

Sam Hellekson	Grand Forks Red River HS
Broc Bellmore	West Fargo HS
Brian Qvale	Williston HS

LINEBACKERS:

Steve Williams	Minot HS
Joey Dawson	Fargo South HS
Luke Senger	Bismarck HS
Alex Mock	Williston HS
Pay Coyne	Wahpeton HS

DEFENSIVE BACKS:

Billy Sholl	Fargo South HS
Tyler Johnson	Bismarck HS
Mitch Kudrna	Dickinson HS

RETURN SPECIALIST:

Josh Horner	Fargo South HS
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SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE:

Jordan Schoefer	Bismarck Century HS
Trevor Fladeland	Bismarck HS
Shawn Becker	Jamestown HS

LINEBACKERS:

Sean Spiker	West Fargo HS
Jon Kramer	Wahpeton HS
Ridgeley Kraft	Dickinson HS
Michael Mack	Devils Lake HS

DEFENSIVE BACKS:

Brad Just	Grand Forks Red River HS
Richard Fuller	Minot HS
Justin Pratt	Wahpeton HS
Tyler Swanson	West Fargo HS

2006 NDHSCA Class AA Football All State Team

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE:

QUARTERBACK:

Mike Zwingel (11) Rugby HS

RUNNING BACKS:

Scott Samuelson (12) Watford City HS

Brian Sorenson (11) Hazen HS

Luke Hvidston (12) Fargo Oak Grove HS

RECEIVERS:

Casey Hausauer (12) Beulah

TIGHT END:

Jamall Wold (12) Watford City HS

OFFENSIVE LINE:

Travis Fritel (12) Rugby HS

Greg Larson (12) Lisbon HS

Grant Galvin (12) Hazen HS

Erik Stenehjelm (12) Watford City HS

Tyler Olson (12) Hazen HS

SPECIALIST:

Jacoby Duff (12) Rugby HS

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK:

Clay Kalias (12) Minot Bishop Ryan HS

RUNNING BACKS:

Tyler Zacher (12) Beulah HS

Ryan Moellenkamp (12) Lisbon HS

Zach Wold (12) Hatton/Northwood HS

RECEIVERS:

Reed Duchschcer (11) Rugby HS

Anthony Klinski (11) Grafton HS

Joseph Bruenjes (11) Valley City HS

OFFENSIVE LINE:

Jon Nelson (11) Hatton/Northwood HS

Ryan Hillesland (12) Hatton/Northwood HS

Christianson (12) Central Cass HS

Marshall Krebs (11) Beulah HS

Ryan Kasper (12) Minot Bishop Ryan HS

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE:

DEFENSIVE LINE:

Nathan Duchscher (12) Rugby HS

Aaron Freije (11) Fargo Oak Grove HS

Dan Carr (12) Dickinson Trinity HS

Nick Eckroth (12) Hazen HS

LINEBACKERS:

Nathan Svihovec (12) Watford City HS

Kevin Leier (12) Rugby HS

Brian Marsh (12) Dickinson Trinity HS

Ben Kaspari (12) Lisbon HS

DEFENSIVE BACKS:

Mike Schmaltz (12) Rugby HS

Scott Murphy (12) Dickinson Trinity HS

Jacob Erhardt (11) Hazen HS

1st TEAM PUNTER/KICKER:

Nate Nygard (12) Fargo Oak Grove HS

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE:

Tom McCann (12) Grafton HS

Logan Carlblom (11) Lisbon HS

Nick Smith (12) Carrington HS

KC Knudtson (12) Watford City HS

Ethan Filipek (12) Minot Bishop Ryan HS

LINEBACKERS:

Issac Michaelson (12) Beulah HS

Kyle Schmaltz (12) Hazen HS

Caleb Loi (12) Hatton/Northwood HS

DEFENSIVE BACKS:

Cody Strand (12) Rugby HS

James Knoll (11) Central Cass HS

Patrick Dougherty (12) Lisbon HS

SPECIALIST:

Arren St. Vincent (12) Turtle Mountain HS

2006 NDHSCA Class A Football All State Team

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE:

QUARTERBACK:

Brock Sandy (12) Harvey HS
Josh Asp (12) Hankinson HS

RUNNING BACKS:

Brandon Roehrich (12) Stanley/Powers Lake HS
Riley Beck (11) Langdon/Munich HS
Jordan Flaten (12) MayPort/C-G HS

RECEIVERS:

Eric Henke (12) Velva HS
Bryan Sandy (11) Harvey HS
Jamie Mauch (11) Hankinson/FCT HS

OFFENSIVE LINE:

Ryan Bosch (12) Linton-MHB HS
Zach Gaugler (12) Killdeer/Halliday HS
Paul Meyer (12) North Border HS
Adam Yoney (12) Northern Cass HS

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE:

QUARTERBACK:

Alex Schmaltz (12) Velva HS

RUNNING BACKS:

Bryan Moch (12) Linton/MHB HS
Chris McKay (11) Wyndmere/Lidgerwood HS
Karl Hager (10) Larimore HS
Mitch Ford (11) Cavalier HS

RECEIVER:

Matt Achtenberg (12) Grant County HS
Danny Ferdon (12) Larimore HS

OFFENSIVE LINE:

Gerard Gustafson (12) Stanley Powers Lake HS
Brock Haase (12) Wyndmere/Lidgerwood HS
David Olson (12) Langdon/Munich HS
Ryan Thornberg (12) Williams County HS
Jesse Wahl (12) Hankinson HS

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE:

DEFENSIVE LINE:

Aaron Esquibel (12) Velva HS
Cole Duncan (12) Wyndmere-Lidgerwood
Tim Schempp (12) Larimore HS
Mike Schild (11) Harvey HS

LINEBACKERS:

Amos Buehner (11) Killdeer/Halliday HS
AJ Pfeifer (12) Maple Valley/Enderlin HS
Ben Duchsherer (12) Velva HS
Blaine Kemp (12) Cavalier HS

DEFENSIVE BACKS:

Bryce Weber (12) Linton/MHB HS
Eric Burgad (12) Northern Cass HS
Justin Mack (12) Velva HS
Sam Hager (12) Larimore HS

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE:

DEFENSIVE LINE:

Ben Nordloef (12) Stanley/Powers Lake HS
Craig Schatz (11) Linton/MHB HS
James Sletten (12) Larimore HS

LINEBACKERS:

Kenny Keller (11) Harvey HS
Mike Heying (12) Linton/MHB HS
Josh Jarmin (12) Stanley/Powers Lake HS
Troy Dale (11) MayPort/C-G HS
Drew Wold (12) Langdon/Munich HS
Preston Bauer (12) Velva HS

DEFENSIVE BACKS:

Levi Weber (12) New Rockford/Sheyenne HS
Tyler Lalim (10) Williams County HS
Jake Hoffert (12) Wyndmere/Lidgerwood HS

2006 NDHSCA Nine-Man Football All State Team

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK:

Dustin Brend (12) Central Valley HS

Michael Mack (12) (Honorary) Tri County HS

RUNNINGBACK:

Eddie Cullum (12) Turtle Lake-Mercer HS

Jordan Dewald (12) Napoleon-Gackle-Streeter HS

Jordan Backstrom (12) Maddock HS

Tyler Grosz (12) Mott-Regent HS

RECEIVER:

Landon Schneider (12) Washburn HS

Taylor Gruenfelder (12) Napoleon-Gackle-Streeter HS

Aaron Delvo (12) Central Valley HS

OFFENSIVE LINE:

James Leier (12) Napoleon-Gackle-Streeter HS

Kyler Harder (12) Lakota HS

Zack Gjovig (12) Divide County HS

Scott Ereth (12) New Salem HS

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK:

Michael Cooper (12) Westhope-Newburg HS

Chad Reimer (12) Washburn HS

RUNNINGBACK:

Keith Bowman (12) North Central Benson HS

Ian Placek (12) Divide County HS

Lance Johanson (11) Lakota HS

Wade Woodbury (12) Richland HS

RECEIVER:

Ross Severson (11) Dakota Prairie HS

Jon Johnson (11) Richland HS

Michael Good (11) Rolla-Rock Lake HS

OFFENSIVE LINE:

Cole Laber (10) Napoleon-Gackle-Streeter HS

Shawn Carnahan (11) Rolla-Rock Lake HS

Mark Wack (12) Maddock HS

Devon Laufer (11) Mott-Regent HS

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE:

Todd Singer (12) Turtle Lake-Mercer HS

Brandon Lunde (12) Maddock HS

Clint Urvand (11) Divide County HS

LINEBACKERS:

Kris McCleary (11) Napoleon-Gackle-Streeter HS

Mitch Lang (11) Turtle Lake-Mercer HS

Austin Jamdtgaaed (12) Divide County HS

Andrew Grothmann (10) Hillsboro HS

Michael McAtee (11) Rolla-Rock Lake HS

DEFENSIVE BACKS:

RJ Darling (12) North Central Benson HS

Josh Thomas (12) Turtle Lake-Mercer HS

Cory Wall (12) Lakota HS

Louden Kruger (12) New Salem HS

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE:

Cody Rupp (12) Edgeley-Kulm HS

Taylor Rittermann (12) North Central Benson HS

Trent Schatz (12) Tri County HS

Jake Olsen (11) Hillsboro HS

LINEBACKERS:

Jason Novacek (12) Central Valley HS

Lee Jahner (12) Mott-Regent HS

John Besette (11) Richland HS

Jason Huber (12) Westhope-Newburg HS

Chris Hoerth (11) Lakota HS

Nick Bye (12) Dakota Prairie HS

DEFENSIVE BACKS:

Taylor Walach (11) Milnor-North Sargent HS

Josh Wutzke (12) Mott-Regent HS

Kacey Keysor (12) Kenmare HS

2006 Boys Soccer All-STATE Selections

First Team

NAME	GR	SCHOOL	POSITION
Alex Dahl	Sr.	Fargo South	Midfielder
Miko Elias	Sr.	Fargo Shanley	Forward/Midfielder
Jordan Kramer	Sr.	Grand Forks Central	Sweeper
Seth Dallman	Sr.	Grand Forks Red River	Forward/Midfielder
Alex Benson	Sr.	Grand Forks Red River	Goal Keeper
Bashir Mohamud	Sr.	West Fargo	Forward/Midfielder
Jeremy Gunderson	Sr.	Bismarck HS	Defender
Alex Paulson	Jr.	Bismarck Century	Forward
Chris Keller	Sr.	Bismarck St. Mary's	Midfielder
Phil Boerger	Jr.	Jamestown	Goal Keeper/Defender
Isak Tengesdal	Sr.	Minot	Midfielder
Sam Lee	Sr.	Minot	Forward

Second Team

Dan Peterson	Sr.	Fargo South	Defender/Midfielder
Drew Glogoza	Jr.	Fargo Shanley	Defender
Phil Bruckbauer	Sr.	Fargo Shanley	Midfielder
Marco Campoverde	Sr.	Grand Forks Red River	Forward
Zach Wehri	Jr.	Fargo North	Forward
Grant Horntvedt	Jr.	Bismarck HS	Defender
Cole Kroshus	Jr.	Bismarck Century	Midfielder
Josh Pape	Jr.	Bismarck St. Mary's	Forward
Ryan Kuhry	Sr.	Jamestown	Forward/Midfielder
Sam Love	Sr.	Minot	Goal Keeper

2006 ND Boys' Soccer Outstanding Senior Athlete:

Isak Tengesdal - Minot

2006 ND Boys' Soccer NDHSCA Coach of the Year:

Matt Pfau - Minot

2006-2007 NDHSCA Coaches of the Year

CLASS A FALL SPORTS

Boys' Cross Country	Darrell Anderson	Bismarck High School
Boys' Cross Country	Dave Zittleman	Bismarck High School
Boys' Football A	Larry Sandy	Velva-Sawyer High School
Boys' Football AA	Fred Fridley	Watford City High School
Boys' Football AAA	Mike McCall	Wahpeton High School
Boys' Soccer	Matt Pfau	Minot High School
Boys' Tennis	Greg Unruh	Fargo North High School
Girls' Cross Country	Lisa Svaleson	Fargo South High School
Girls' Golf	Don Johnson	Fargo Shanley High School
Girls' Swimming	Anne Retzlaff	Wahpeton High School
Girls' Volleyball	Tonah Safranski	Fargo South High School

CLASS B FALL SPORTS

Boys' Cross Country	Brian Anderson	New Town High School
Boys' Nine-Man Football	Keith Sundquist	Turtle Lake-Mercer High School
Girls' Cross Country	Duane Bowman	Bowman High School
Girls' Volleyball	Brooks Dockter	Tioga High School

2006-2007 Senior Athlete of the Year

Fall Sports Season	Athlete	School	Coach
Class A Boys' Cross Country	Sam Larson	Jamestown HS	Russ Schmeichel
Class A Boys' Soccer	Isak Tengesdal	Minot HS	Matt Pfau
Class A Boys' Tennis	Max Piepkorn	Fargo North HS	Greg Unruh
Class A Girls' Cross Country	Danielle Thompson	Grand Forks Central HS	Sean Allan
Class A Girls' Golf	Kate Hardina	Fargo South HS	Lynn Engberg
Class A Girls' Swimming & Diving	Kelsey Schoonhoven	West Fargo HS	Marsha Dahl
Class A Girls' Volleyball	Katelyn Steffen	Dickinson HS	Jay Schobinger
Class B Boys' Cross Country	Andrew Kuch	Washburn HS	Darren Lester
Class B Girls' Cross Country	Bianca Lamb	Bottineau HS	Connie Blatherwick
Class B Girls' Volleyball	Abby Bratlien	Tioga HS	Brooks Dockter
Class A Football	Brock Sandy	Harvey HS	Brad Sandy
Class AA Football	Nathan Svihovec	Watford City HS	Fred Fridley
Class AAA Football	Catlin Solum	Fargo South HS	Kevin Feeny
Class B Nine-Man Football	Eddie Cullum	Turtle Lake-Mercer HS	Keith Sundquist

Land of 10,000 Stories, The Pride of Willmar

By Boyd Huppert, KARE 11 News



The landscape has changed at the state high school cross country meet at Saint Olaf College in Northfield. A brand new wind turbine spins 350 feet above the course. Yet, it's still not the biggest turnaround in Minnesota high school running.

Three years ago, the Willmar boys cross country team didn't dream of making it to state. The team didn't win a meet all year, finishing ninth out of nine schools in the Central Lakes Conference.

"Our goal was not to get last every meet," says one former runner.

A farming community of 18,000 people, the best Willmar could hope for during cross country season was a record corn crop. But on the Minnesota prairie, seeds of change are sprouting.

"Good job Mohad, Mohamed. Good job Abshire," shouts Willmar cross country co-coach Jerry Popp. He yells again to get the attention of three more runners. "Abdi! Kaafi! Mufu!"

By some estimates Willmar is now home to 1,000 Somalis, coming in waves the past few years for jobs at the Jennie-O turkey plant.

Abdi Awale was the first Somali teen to join Willmar's cross country team. Abdi recruited Kaffi Adeys, who helped recruit Mohamed Bedel, who recruited Mustafa Yustuf, who recruited Ahmed Hussein.

Popp recalls, "They'd come up and say 'Popp, we got some new runners,' and then I'd go 'How do you know they're runners,' and they'd go, 'They're African. They're skinny.'"

Coach Popp extended the welcome and Somali runners kept coming. This year's boys's team roster included ten Somali runners, who mixed freely with Willmar's white runners during a recent post-practice stop for hot chocolate at Popp's home.

"I don't really see it as Somali and white kids," says runner Phil Cleary. "I see it as Abdi, I see it as Zach, I see it as Mufu, I see it as Mo. I don't really see it as we're different. We're just a team."

But not just any team. Three years ago Willmar didn't win a meet. Last year it won the Class AA state championship. This year Willmar arrived at the conference meet ranked fifth in the nation.

The conference meet ended with the top five runners finishing in this order - Willmar, Willmar, Willmar, Willmar, and Willmar.

"It's been an incredible story. The whole community is behind them," says a Willmar parent who came to watch.

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Pride of Willmar—continued

An even more meaningful story, when you consider it wasn't that long ago Willmar's Somalis were running for their lives, fleeing a civil war that cost them their homes, and worse. "Our dad died in the war," says Kaffi Adeys.

Mohamed Bedel lost his father in the war too. "He died two weeks before I was born."

For the roughly 40 Somali students at Willmar High School, the transition has not always been easy. Principal Rob Anderson says, "We saw kids come in this summer that had two years of formal education in 18 years."

"I didn't even know if I could finish high school," says Bedel. Now he and the other top Somali runners are weighing college athletic scholarship offers. They've been motivated to improve their grades to meet college entrance standards.

"I plan on studying physical education, being a coach," says Adeys, who hopes one day to coach cross country and track. Anderson says he's seen a tremendous amount of pride in the accomplishments of the cross country team that has, "helped these Somali kids blend in and integrate faster."

There may be no better proof of that than a recent noon meeting of a Willmar Lions Club. Runner Mustafa Yusuf lunched with local business leaders, even joining them in singing 'Home on the Range,' a song he admitted later he had never heard before. "They want to be known as Willmar kids," says Popp.

Which brings us back to the turnaround for Willmar's cross country team. Ten new Somali runners did not hurt. But neither did another new arrival. He's an immigrant from North Dakota who moved to Willmar to be closer to his adult children.

You know him as Coach Jerry Popp. North Dakota remembers him for his 39 boys and girls state team titles, a record unmatched in North Dakota history.

Three years ago Popp joined Willmar's existing coach, Disa Dauksavage. New coach, new Americans, and Willmar had a cross country convergence.

Prior to last year, just two teams had brought state titles home to Willmar, in any sport. So how couldn't Willmar be excited, when its boys cross country team won the Minnesota state team championship for the second consecutive year. "It's a new chapter in the American saga," said Somali native Abdulcadir Gall as he watched the Willmar cross country team accept its championship trophy.

Another banner for Willmar high school, another page turned in the land of 10,000 stories. It often takes time to get to know new neighbors. Willmar's kids said, "why wait?"

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