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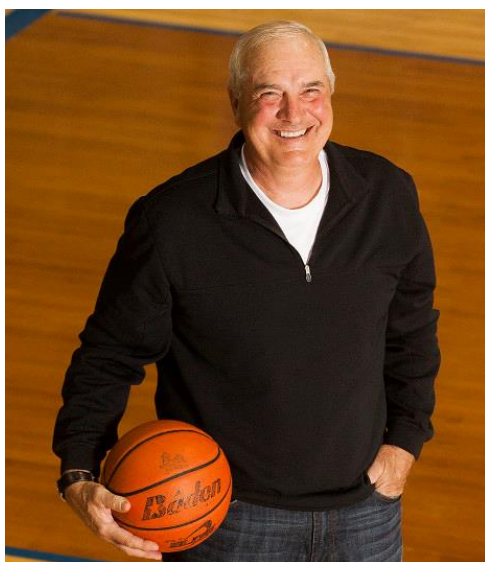
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COACHES



MICK WYSUPH



RON RIHERD



LYLE PAGEL



BECKY HAMMON



Rebecca Lynn Hammon was born and raised in Rapid City, South Dakota. Hammon learned to dribble a basketball at a very young age, playing Nerf ball with her older brother and father, and continued to hone her skills on her home court. Hammon played basketball at Rapid City Stevens High School. As a junior, she was named South Dakota Miss Basketball. As a senior, she was voted the South Dakota Player of the Year after averaging 26 points, 4 rebounds and 5 steals per game. She graduated in 1995, and also was voted female class athlete by her graduating class.

Despite the accolades, she drew little attention from college basketball recruiters, who considered her too small and too slow. She eventually grabbed the attention of a Colorado State assistant coach, and she committed to the Rams.

Becky Hammon remains as the most decorated CSU women's basketball player in school history. Her career was one of excellence, winning 14 conference player of the week awards, four first-team All-Conference awards and an Associated Press first-team All-American award in 1999. Hammon also won WAC Mountain Division player of the year in 1998 and 1999, WAC Pacific Division player of the year in 1997 and WAC freshman of the year in 1996. Hammon held the school career record for points, points per game, field goals, field goal attempts, free throws made, free throw attempts, 3-pointers, 3-point attempts, steals and assists upon graduation. She also posted nine single-season records including points, free throws and assists. She led her teams to NCAA tournament appearances in 1996, 1998, and in 1999 when the Rams made it to the Sweet 16. She led the Rams to WAC Mountain Division Championships in 1998 and 1999 along with a WAC Championship in 1996.

After graduation, Hammon went on to play in the Women's National Basketball Association with the New York Liberty and the San Antonio Silver Stars of the WNBA. She played on the Russian national team winning a bronze medal in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. She amassed more than 3,000 career points in the WNBA and 800 assists, earning the nickname "Big Shot Becky" and has also been named to WNBA All-Star teams six times. She played in Spain during the off-season of the WNBA, helping her team win the Queen's Cup and remained as a member of the San Antonio Silver Stars through 2014. Becky's uniform number "25" has been retired at Colorado State.

Following her retirement from the WNBA in 2014, Hammon was hired by the San Antonio Spurs as an assistant coach, becoming the first woman to work as a coach in the NBA. While Hammon called her groundbreaking hire "a tremendous honor," she also said of head coach Gregg Popovich: "Honestly, I don't think he gives two cents that I'm a woman. And I don't want to be hired because I'm a woman." What matters, she said, was that "I'm getting hired because I'm capable."



BARB SCHMIDT

I am a South Dakota girl – born and raised. My early elementary years were spent in Chamberlain SD and junior high and high school in Spearfish SD. I come from a very large family of educators, so my move into the profession of teaching was a natural one for me. In 1977, I was very fortunate to be offered a teaching position at Stevens High School right out of college. I think my qualifications were sound and Augustana College (now Augustana University) did an excellent job preparing me for this profession; however, it also helped that Charlie Parrot, who was one of the assistant principals doing the interviewing, grew up in the same area of South Dakota as my dad and knew my dad (from sports) and all his brothers and sisters! We spent a good part of the interview catching up on family! As the interview came to a close, both

Charlie and Wes Storm told me as far as they were concerned, I had the job, but I should probably go apply and get my transcripts to the RCAS so they could look at them! Not exactly the way teaching job interviews go in this day and age!

My 39 years at Stevens High School were a mixture of a little bit of everything...teaching, obviously, but also involvement in staff professional development, advisor to many different groups and activities, with a little bit of coaching thrown in. I grew up in a time of very limited sports for girls (track and cheerleading were it for me), but my dad was a coach, so I was around athletics and sports teams on a regular basis from the time I started school. My time coaching girls basketball, the BLUES dance team, cheerleading, cross country, and volunteering to help with track was great fun and provided me with an opportunity to be involved in sports. Our student athletes at Stevens were always great kids to work with and coaching added a very fun dimension to teaching, allowing me the opportunity to connect with students outside the classroom.

For me, teaching, being involved with staff and various school committees, working as an advisor, coach, and student teacher mentor, were all ways I could give back to a profession that had allowed me to do something I loved for 39 years! People seem so amazed when they hear I was at only one school, and a high school no less, for my entire teaching career. The comment is always, “You must have really liked what you did!” Yes, I LOVED what I did, and I loved being a part of Stevens High School!



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

1983 **TOM LONG:** WRESTLING
1999 **FORREST FLAAGAN:** GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
2006 **SHERI KECK:** SPECIAL SPORTS (GYMNASTICS)
2016 **JASON OLSON:** TENNIS
2017 **RICHARD 'DOC' MICHEL:** ASST COACH

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY ASSOC. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

1978	CAROLD HEIER
1983	MILO WINTER
1997	FORREST FLAAGAN
1997	DUANE WHALEN
1998	RICHARD 'DOC' MICHEL
2003	LEMOINE TROUT
2005	ANELLA SOUTHWICK
2007	SHERI KECK
2008	ROSE DuBOIS
2009	BILL EVANS
2015	PHIL HUNT

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOC. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

1997-98	RICHARD 'DOC' MICHEL
2010-11	DUANE WHALEN
2015-16	PAUL RICHTER

TOP RAIDER GIRLS 2021-2022

COMPETITIVE CHEER: MANDUHAI PARKIN

COACH: JAMIEE EXNER

DANCE: LILY BUCK

COACH: RACHELLE WARNE

CROSS COUNTRY: HAILEY UHRE

COACH: JESSE COY

GIRLS SOCCER: SHAE ELLENDER

COACH: LUIS USERA

VOLLEYBALL: JAYDA McNABB

COACH: ELIZABETH PENDEGRAFT

WRESTLING: TRINITY DURAN

COACH TRAVIS KING

GIRLS TENNIS: ABBY SHERRILL, EMMA THURNESS

COACH: JASON OLSON

GIRLS GOLF: TANNA PHARES

COACH: NICHOLAS ROTELLA

GIRLS BASKETBALL: JAYDA McNABB

COACH: ADAM DANNENBRING

GYMNASTICS: EMILY ADAMS

COACH: PAM JUNEK

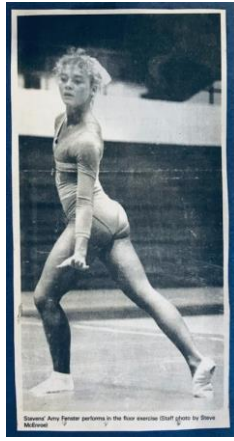
GIRLS TRACK: HAILEY UHRE

COACH: PAUL HENDRY

TOP RAIDER GIRL

1975	ROSE WARNE
1976	SHERI HAIGHT
1977	CONNIE BLEWITT
1978	LEANN REIFF
1979	CINDY SARGENT
1980	TAMMY MCKIE
1981	ROBIN LEWIS
1982	MICHELLE COOLEY
1983	JILANE WILLIAMSON
1984	SHERYL BAER
1985	SHERI EVENHUIS
1986	SARA SARGENT
1987	LISA DARLEY
1988	BARB RIEMENSCHNEIDER
1989	TAMMY MCCracken
1990	TAMMY OPP
1991	KAREN DERYER
1992	ELIZABETH WILSON
1993	LAURIE MELUM
1994	COLLEEN WALSH
1995	JODY RIHERD
1995	NADIA SALAMANCA
1996	JORDAN LINTZ
1997	ERIN ERICKSON
1998	TAYLOR BAKER
1999	REBECCA THOMPSON
2000	JAMIE KECK
2001	LINDSEY KECK
2001	CHERISE THOMPSON
2001	LAURA TIESZEN
2002	ANNIE CLARK
2003	LAURA DOSHIER
2005	JULIE SCHWENGLER
2006	BRITTANY GARNER
2007	WHITNEY PALUCH
2008	AMY SYKORA
2009	ANNIE PFEIFLE
2010	JUSTINE BLADE
2011	MARGARET MCCLOUD
2012	MARGARET MCCLOUD
2013	ASHLEY THOMPSON
2014	TAMARA GORMAN
2015	TAYLOR MOLSTAD
2016	JAMIE SCHWEISS
2017	JORDYN HUNEKE
2018	ELIZABETH SCHAEFER
2019	ELIZABETH SCHAEFER
2020	KYAH WATSON
2021	JAYDA McNABB

AMY FENSTER



I was born in Rapid City in 1969. My youngest memories of performing in front of people are my early days, age 3 to 4, dancing on stage at Shakeys Pizza. Later on, at age 6, I pursued dance, at Academy of Dance, like my sister Tanya. I didn't become interested in gymnastics until age 9, when Pat Sheppard invited me to give his gym a try, Black Hills Gymnastics. I was hooked day one. I had found my true passion. I competed in gymnastics through elementary and middle school. In high school I was practicing about five hours a day doing both high school and club gymnastics. In 1984, I was a freshman at West Jr. High, I got invited to practice and compete for the Stevens High School team. It was exciting being at the high school as a ninth grader. I was comfortable because I had practiced with all the girls at Black Hills Gymnastics for years and knew them well.

In 1984 the Steven High School gymnastics team won the state title. In 1985, I won the State All Around title, as well as, Vault, Bars, and Floor individual event state titles. In 1986 I took a year off from high school competition and competed for Just Jymnastics, the club I was practicing at. In 1987, the Stevens High School gymnastics team were state champions again. In 1987, I also won the All-Around State Title as well as Vault, Bars, and Beam individual events.

I found out I could run fast at Pinedale Elementary School on Field Day and later on running track at West Jr. High. Practicing for gymnastics was always year around but when I was a sophomore I decided to go out for Track and Field. I did well in the sprint events, mostly the 100m and got to be on the sprint relays, which was always exciting. That's when Mr. Trout, one of my favorite coaches, encouraged me to try Long Jump. In 1985, I won the State Long Jump title, 17'11.5". I didn't look like a typical long jumper, being petite and rounding my height up to 5'2".

After High School, I went to the University of Nebraska, in Lincoln. I was offered a position to walk on the gymnastics team. After practicing with the team for several months, I humbly realized I wouldn't be able to compete at the Division I, collegiate level. It was then, I decided to try cheerleading. In 1989, I made the Nebraska cheerleading team and cheered through 1991. Cheerleading was a blast and became my new passion. I am honored to be added to this incredible list of Hall of Fame athletes. I have always been proud to be able to call myself a Stevens High School Raider.



INTRODUCTION OF TEAM AWARDS TOP RAIDER BOY

2021-2022

CROSS COUNTRY: SIMON BIRNBUAM

COACH: JESSE COY

FOOTBALL: BEN GOLDY

COACH: MICHAEL SCOTT

WRESTLING: RILEY BENSON

COACH: TRAVIS KING

BOYS SOCCER: ZACK WILLIAMS

COACH: JEFF FIERRO

BOYS GOLF: JONAH SWARTZ

COACH: NICHOLAS ROTELLA

BOYS TENNIS: ASA HOOD

COACH: JASON OLSON

BOYS BASKETBALL: NATE KINDRED

COACH: CHRIS STOEGBNER

BOYS TRACK: JUSTIN JUNIEL

COACH: PAUL HENDRY

TOP RAIDER BOY

1974 RAY DVORAK
1975 STEVE LINSTROM
1976 JAY SWANSON
1976 RANDY SCHLEUSENER
1977 KIP LYTLÉ
1977 RANDY LEWIS
1978 STEVE MCCONAUGHEY
1979 STEVE ENSOR
1980 JOHN HERMAN
1981 CHAS FOX
1982 TODD STEVENS
1983 LOREN SIEKMAN
1984 DAN JORGENSEN
1985 JIM CLEMENS
1986 ERIK CHING
1987 PAUL HENDRY
1988 DAVE PETERSON
1989 MIKE JONES
1990 GUS MOEN
1991 GREG BRUNS
1992 DAN STALLER
1993 JOEL FENSKE
1998 YANNI GEORGAS
1999 TIM BRADEEN
2000 RYAN HANSEN
2001 ERIK GRUMSTRUP
2002 MARK KAPPELMAN
2003 DEVIN LAMMERS
2004 MATT ANDERSON
2005 CHRIS MORAN
2006 MARSHALL KAMBESTAD
2007 CHAD OETKEN
2008 TYLER NIEDERWERDER
2009 BILLY PALUCH
2010 BRODY BRISK
2011 KRIS KLAPPRODT
2012 KYLE BENNE
2013 BRETT BENNETT
2014 KEVIN BLACKETT
2015 KASEY KLAPPRODT
2016 GRANT YOUNGBLOOD
2017 MASON ARCHAMBAULT
2018 CODY BEVIER
2019 COOPER VOORHEES
2020 COOPER VOORHEES
2021 RYAN BRINK

RON RIHERD

Ron Riherd grew up on a farm near Beresford, SD. He was active in basketball, football and track and served as State Treasurer in FFA. He graduated from USD/S in Springfield, SD and received his Masters Degree in Mathematics from USD. His first teaching position in 1970 was at Yankton, SD. There he taught mathematics and coached boys and girls basketball, track, cross country and tennis.

In the fall of 1980, Ron and his wife Gloria along with daughters Jill and Jody moved to Rapid City. Ron was the head Girls basketball coach from 1980 to 2001. Being blessed with great assistant coaches and great players, his teams won 15 district championships and placed from 3rd through 7th in the various state tournaments. During this time, Ron also assisted with the boys program as well. After 38 years, Ron retired from teaching in 2008.

Ron received numerous area coach of the year awards for both girls and boys basketball. Other awards Ron has received include SD Basketball Coaches Hall of Shrine, SD Coaches Hall of Fame, the Rapid City Officials Hall of Fame and the Activities Association Max Hawk Award.

After retiring from the girls program he continued to assist the boys as a Sophomore coach until 2012. In the fall of 2014 the head boys position opened and Ron was given the opportunity to become the head boys coach.

Ron has served as President of the SD Basketball Coaches Association and the President of the SD Coaches Association. He is also involved with the SD Retired School Personnel, serving as State Treasurer and now as Past President.

In 2016 Ron was elected to the Rapid City Area Schools Board of Education where he served as President in 2019. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for Western Dakota Technical College. He also serves on the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame committee. For the past 5 years Ron has been an assistant coach for the SD Mines Mens basketball team.

Ron and Gloria now enjoy watching all 5 of their grandchildren play basketball. Jill and Brent have 3 children playing for Brandon Valley and Jody and Dennis have 2 upcoming stars developing their skills in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

LYLE PAGEL

Lyle Pagel grew up on the family farm in Wessington Springs, South Dakota. He found a way into town to play baseball, starting at 8 years old, a sport he played until graduating from college. Lyle played football, basketball and ran track while in high school (earning 11 varsity letters) along with Legion baseball in the summer. He graduated from high school in 1970.

Lyle attended SDSU, graduating with a degree in Health, Physical Education and recreation in 1974. He was a four year letterman in baseball and was selected to the NCAA All American 2nd team (D2) in 1973.

He began his teaching career in Colman, South Dakota in 1974. Lyle taught Jr High science and elementary physical education for 5 years. During his stay in Colman, he was head football coach, assistant boys basketball coach and head track coach. Lyle was also head girls basketball coach for 1 year.

Lyle spent 1 year in Flandreau teaching biology, assisting in football and freshman boys basketball.

Lyle moved to Rapid City in 1980 to begin his 39 year teaching and coaching at Stevens High School. He was an assistant coach in football, boys and girls basketball and track and field.

Lyle was the head boys basketball coach at Stevens for 11 years, winning the state title in 1989 and was runner up in 1995.

He was also the boys and girls hurdle coach for 19 seasons. Stevens High hurdlers were on the podium 103 times. During that stretch, Lyle coached 24 state champions and 22 runners up. Lyle retired from coaching 3 years ago, after 45 years in the profession.

Lyle and his wife, Jo, have been married for 39 years. They have 2 daughters – Ramsee (husband Nick) and Samee (husband Steve) and 6 grandchildren. Lyle and Jo spend their free time chasing grandchildren, hiking, biking and playing golf.

It has truly been an honor to have taught and coached at Stevens High School. I've been so blessed to be surrounded by such an awesome family and to have been able to work with talented coaches and athletes.



SPRIT OF SU AWARD

The "Spirit of Su" Award is given to an outstanding young SD basketball athlete who exemplifies SuAnne Big Crow's Life. As a senior at Pine Ridge High School, SuAnne was killed in a car accident while driving to the 1992 Miss Basketball Award Banquet in Huron. She was best known for her accomplishments on the basketball court, but SuAnne's academic record and her community involvement were equally important to her. SuAnne stated, "High school can be the most fun time of your life. Don't lose sight of the main purpose - an education. It is the key to a better life for our people."

2016 STEVEN SCHAEFER
2018 COOPER BOWMAN
2022 BAILEE SOBCZAK

THE LINDSEY KECK AWARD

Lindsey Keck epitomized the term all-around athlete! Lindsey understood the value of multiple sport participation contributing to her success in all. Her "off-season" consisted of competitive endeavors to the fullest, which meant she remained sharp and focused.

Lindsey not only participated in Cross Country, Gymnastics and Track & Field while at Stevens, but she was a scoring member on twelve (12) -- count that -- TWELVE, State Championship teams! For good measure, Lindsey was also a member of the Stevens Blues Dance Squad.

The success of Lindsey's teams was a direct reflection of her efforts and the efforts of a strong group of teammates! They bonded together for a run of team success rarely seen or matched!

Athletes who participated in 3 or more SHS Athletic Activities are:

Grace Anton	Comp Cheer, Sideline BB and Football Cheer
Miles Brekhus	Cross Country, Basketball, Track
Sydney Brink	Comp Cheer, Sideline Cheer, Track
Hope Bryant	Comp Cheer, Sideline Cheer, Track
Molly Conway	Comp Cheer, Sideline BB and Football Cheer
Elizabeth Dayton	Sideline Football Cheer, Sideline BB, Track
Claire Fierro	Volleyball, Basketball, Track
Hailee Greenspan	Comp Cheer, Sideline BB and Football Cheer
Isabell Higgins	Volleyball, Basketball, Track
Emma Keen	Comp Cheer, Sideline BB and Football Cheer
Brekkan Lockhart	Comp Cheer, Sideline Cheer, Track
Talan Lunders	Football, Wrestling, Track
Makai Morgan	Comp Cheer, Sideline Cheer, Track
Hailey Oswald	Volleyball, Basketball, Track
Manduhai Parkin	Comp Cheer, Sideline BB and Football Cheer
Kaylee Pillen	Comp Cheer, Sideline BB and Football Cheer
Maegan Scheffeld	Comp Cheer, Sideline Cheer, Track
Ayden Schoeberl	Football, Wrestling, Track
Kaiden Strong	Football, Wrestling, Track
Bryce Swanson	Football, Basketball Track
Vata Venner	Comp Cheer, Sideline BB and Football Cheer
Lucia Vidas	Cross Country, Girls Hockey, Track
Josselyn Vasquez	Comp Cheer, Sideline BB and Football Cheer

THE DAVE COLLINS AWARD

Dave Collins is one of the top athletes to ever come out of South Dakota. Collins, affectionately nicknamed 'The Rapid City Rabbit' graduated from Rapid City Stevens in 1971 as the Raiders' Athlete of the Year. He was also named the Athlete of the Decade (1970-79).

At Stevens High, he was a four-sport athlete competing in football, basketball, track and baseball - a rarity in Rapid City. In his senior year of high school, he was all state in football and basketball, set the state 100-yard dash record of 9.6 seconds and was the State's Legion baseball player of the year.

Athletes who lettered in 3 or more SDHSAA sanctioned sports are:

Ben Goldy	Football, Basketball, Track
Jayda McNabb	Volleyball, Basketball, Track
Easton Ogle	Football, Basketball, Track

Gold Letter Award

The Spirit of Su Award is given every year to an outstanding senior player who exemplifies the life of SuAnne Big Crow. The player is judged on outstanding athletic ability, leadership, character, sportsmanship and grade point average. Add Names or delete if no recipients

2021 INDIVIDUAL & TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

Boys Cross Country Team

Simeon Birnbaum, Joey Dewhurst, Sheldon Fields, Sean Kilpatrick, Grady Loos, Alex Otten, Caden Sietsema,
Head Coach Jesse Coy, Assistant Coaches Cameron Fullerton, Ben Larson

Boys Cross Country Individual State Champion

Simeon Birnbaum

Girls Tennis Team State Champions

Anna Mueller, Peyton Ogle, Kaiya Parkin, Alastrina Scott, Abby Sherrill, Emma Thurness, Coach Jason Olsen, Asst. Coach Ryan Chalberg

Girls Tennis Individual State Champions

Flight 3 Singles - Anna Mueller
Flight 4 Singles - Abby Sherrill
Flight 5 Singles - Emma Thurness
Flight 6 Singles - Kaiya Parkin

Wrestling Individual State Champions

Logan Graf	126 Weight Class
Corter Doney	152 Weight Class
Riley Benson	160 Weight Class

MICK WYSUPH

Mick Wysuph was raised in Tyndall, SD and earned 15 varsity letters while competing in football, basketball and track at Tyndall Public HS. In the fall of 1965, Mick continued his football career at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. He started at quarterback in the fourth game of his freshman year and the Wolves never lost a conference game in the next four years playing in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference. Mick ended his playing career by being named to the NAIA Honorable Mention All American team in 1968.

Wysuph's first teaching/coaching position was at Todd Co. HS in Mission, SD from 1973-1977. He was an assistant basketball and track coach for five years and head football coach for three, with his team winning the schools first outright Three Rivers Conference championship in 1976. From there he went to the University of South Dakota in Vermillion as a graduate assistant in football, coaching the offensive backs and eventually earning his Masters degree in Physical Education. After one year he was hired as the offensive line coach and was part of the team that won the North Central Conference title for the first time in 24 years.

Mick then headed to Brown HS in Sturgis, SD as the head football coach and assistant track coach in 1981. In three years at Sturgis his teams were undefeated Black Hills Conference Champions in 1981, 82 and 83. In 1983, the team went 11-1 losing only to Brookings in the State AAA Championship game.

Mick was then hired as an assistant track coach (long and triple jump) and head football coach at Stevens HS in Rapid City, SD. As the football coach for the next sixteen years, the Raiders were 86 and 79. His teams reached the state quarterfinals in 11 of those 16 years, the state semifinals six times and the championship game twice. The Raiders were the 11AA State Champions in 1987 and lost a two-overtime heartbreaker to Yankton in 1994.

During Wysuph's career, he was part of a lot of professional services and has received the following honors and awards:

- SDHSCA Football Coach of the Year nominee three times
- SDFBCA Region 4 Coach of the Year nominee nine times
- Co-founder and first President of the South Dakota Football Coaches Association
- Co-founder and past President of the Black Hills Sports Officials Association
- SDHSCA Regional Football Representative Board Member for 15 years
- 1984 SDHSCA North All-Star Head Coach

- 1992 SDFBCA Coaching Service Award
- 1994 Northern State University Alumni Coach of the Year
- 1996 President of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association
- 1998 Black Hills Sports Officials Association Achievement Award
- 1998 Down Under Bowl / South Dakota All Stars Head Coach
- 1998 Northern State University Athletic Hall of Fame
- 1999 SDHSCA Max Hawk Award
- 2000 SDHSCA 25 Year Coaching Award
- 2004 South Dakota Football Coaches Hall of Fame
- 2005 Rapid City Officials Sports Hall of Fame
- 2015 Black Hills Sports Officials Hall of Fame
- 2020 South Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame

"We were so fortunate to go through a period of time where we had some exceptional and very dedicated student athletes. Every sport was so competitive and at times, so dominant, even at the state level. I am proud of everything the school accomplished at that time. There were great coaches, great administration, great teachers and great student athletes at Stevens High School. It was a fun time to be a Raider!



ERIC PIATKOWSKI



Eric was born in 1970 and grew up in Scottsbluff, Neb. He moved to Rapid City before his sophomore year. At Stevens, he was a three-time first-team Class AA all-stater and scored 1,517 points (No. 2 all-time in "AA"). As a senior, he averaged 25.6 points and 10.3 rebounds, set a state Class AA single-game record with 51 points, led the Raiders to the state Class AA title and was named Mr. Basketball.

Piatkowski's height and bloodlines made him a natural for basketball – he stood 6-foot-7 and his father, Walt, played in the ABA – but his skill and coordination made him a star. He wasn't in the post and under the basket at Stevens: Rather, Piatkowski had the ballhandling skills and coordination to break presses and run the floor for the team.

Piatkowski took his career from Stevens to the University of Nebraska, where he played for four years and was named first team all-Big Eight in his junior and senior seasons. He finished his career with the Huskers having scored the second-most points in school history and had a 42-point game against Oklahoma to his credit. Piatkowski was a two-time first-team all-Big Eight pick. He averaged 21.5 points as a senior and finished as the No. 2 all-time scorer in Nebraska history (1,934 points). He left Nebraska as the only player in school history to collect 1,000 points, 600 rebounds and 300 assists. In 2006, he became just the third player in Cornhuskers history to have his jersey (No. 52) retired.

Nicknamed the "Polish Rifle" for his deadly long-range shooting, Piatkowski was the first South Dakotan to be an NBA No. 1 draft pick. He was the 15th pick overall in the 1994 draft. The next day the Indiana Pacers traded him to the L.A. Clippers, where the 6-foot-7, 215-pounder played nine seasons. He also played for Houston, Chicago and Phoenix.

Piatkowski made 865 3-pointers and shot 39.9 percent from beyond the arc in his career while averaging 7.5 points a game. He played in 789 games, starting 250. Twice he was among the league leaders in 3-point accuracy - third in 2001-02 (a career-best .466) and ninth in 2004-05 (.425). He also was in the top 10 in free-throw percentage twice - 10th in 1998-99 (.863) and ninth in 2000-01 (.873) - while shooting 83.9 percent for his career. His best season was 1997-98, when he had career highs in points (11.3) and rebounds (3.5). He also scored in double figures in 1998-99 (10.5) and 2000-01 (10.6). He scored a single-game high of 36 points on Feb. 16, 2002, against Dallas. He ended his Clippers career as the franchise leader in games played (616), 3-pointers made (738) and 3-pointers attempted (1,835).

Piatkowski is the 13th-leading scorer in Clippers history and is still one of the most recognized and renowned names around the Nebraska basketball program, serving on the TV broadcast crew for Huskers game broadcasts in the years after his retirement.

Piatkowski currently lives with his family in Omaha, Nebraska. Eric now does color commentary on Husker games for Fox Sports Midwest.



MARK ELLIS



Mark Ellis was born (1977) and raised in Rapid City. Ellis graduated from Stevens High School in Rapid City in 1995, one of three players to have made it to the major leagues who played for the Rapid City Post 22.

As a 16-year-old, Ellis was the starting shortstop for the Rapid City Post 22 varsity "Hardhat" baseball team. He is a proud member of Dave Ploof's 1993 Post 22 National Championship team which had a 70-5 record and won the national title in Roseburg, Oregon.

He went on to earn South Dakota American Legion Player of the Year honors in back-to-back years, 1994 and 1995. He is the only two-time recipient of the Legion Player of the Year Award for South Dakota.

Ellis attended the University of Florida and enjoyed two trips to the College World Series in 1996 and 1998. The second baseman started in the big leagues on April 9, 2002, with the Oakland Athletics. He went on to play 13 seasons of Major League Baseball. During his 10 years with the Oakland Athletics (2002-2011), he set the all-time record for a second baseman with a 0.997 fielding percentage. He had three postseason visits, received two Catfish Hunter Awards and the Roberto Clemente Award for his and his wife's dedication to diabetes.

After a brief stop with the Colorado Rockies (2011), Ellis continued his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers (2012-2013) where he enjoyed his fourth trip to the playoffs. He finished his career with the St. Louis Cardinals (2014), where he made his fifth trip to the playoffs, and was honored with the Darryl Kile Award for being a good teammate, team leader, and family man. During his 13 years, he broke the record for homeruns hit by any player born in South Dakota. Ellis was honored with the 2012 American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year Award and most recently, was named as one of the 50 Greatest Oakland Athletics of All-Time.

Mark currently resides in Washington with his wife and three kids.

SPIRIT OF SIX AWARD

The SPIRIT OF SIX AWARD, is presented annually to a cheerleading squad at South Dakota's state high school basketball tournaments. It is given in honor of six cheerleaders from Rapid City High School who died in a plane crash while returning from the State A tournament in Sioux Falls in 1968. The cheerleaders included Shirley Landstrom, Kay McNutt, Jan Glaze, Terry Blanton, Gail Flohr and Diana McCluskey, along with pilot Ivan Landstrom (a Rapid City businessman and Shirley's father), his wife Mary and cheerleading advisor Dorothy Lloyd.

The following are all the past winners at Stevens High School.

1970 SPIRIT OF 6 BBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH MARY HUGHES

Linda Anderson, Barb Slingsby, Dianne Farrier, Cindy Hoyer, Helen Knittel, Jan Laney

1972 SPIRIT OF 6 BBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH JOAN MATUSKA

Margaret Kineen, Sue Lineback, Peggy Ehlers, Karen Janousek, Becky Hamilton, Becky Porter

1979 SPIRIT OF 6 GBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH SANDY McCLAIN

Laura Guy, Julie McConaughy, Sarah Dahlstrom, Tammy Nielson, Suzi Gillett

1980 SPIRIT OF 6 GBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH BARB VANCE-SCHMIDT

Nancy Carlson, Kim Neilson, Julie McConaughy, Gwyn Enevoldson, Sarah Dahlstrom

1986 SPIRIT OF 6 BBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH BARB VANCE-SCHMIDT

Ed Buckingham, Jim Letner, Jeb Mortimer, Jeff Pheian, John Sundby, Gina Gartner, Val Marsden, Susan Mitchell, Audra True, Jackie Wilcox

1992 SPIRIT OF 6 GBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH JAMIE CASEY

Beth Arends, Susie Pelegri, Tristan Striegel, Jen Hauk, Corrie Stryjewski,
Kim McClurg, Jean Slaby

1993 SPIRIT OF 6 GBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH JAMIE CASEY

Amanda Stednitz, Kim McClurg, Jen Hauk, Corrie, Stryjewski, Susie Pelegrin, Beth Arends, Tristan Streigel, Jeanie Slaby

1996 SPIRIT OF 6 GBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH JAMIE CASEY

Molly Curry, Jessica Combs, Gina Reynolds, Melissa Bates, Terra Haan, Mary Beth Hudge, Gretta Scriver, Barb Sutterfield

2001 SPIRIT OF 6 GBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH NICOLE SWAGGERT

Lindsey Belzer, Jona Kulesza, Brienne Linewebber, Meghan Maceleod, Kate Mickelson, Nicolle Sparagon, Corinne Vottero

2003 SPIRIT OF 6 GBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH NICOLE SWAGGERT

Brienne Linewebber, Becky James, Tori Seiler, Jen Dwyer, Tata Miller, Bobbi Ingaldson,
Cali Seidel, Megan Foster, Anna Skattum, Breanne Thompson, Kate Mickelson,
Briggett Richardson, Merideth Wilkes

2019 SPIRIT OF 6 GBB CHEERLEADERS - COACH JAMIEE HORA

Mackenzie Dunn, Rachael Brown, Orion Mancini, Nyla Hansen, Brooklyn Warren,
Manduhai Parkin, Bailey Carr, Hannah Wasson

RAPID CITY OFFICIALS ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

1977 **RANDY LEWIS:** WRESTLING
1977 **CINDY SARGENT:** CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK
1978 **KELVIN TORVE:** FOOTBALL, BOYS BASKETBALL, BASEBALL
1978 **BECKY KUSLER:** GIRLS BASKETBALL
1980 **SANDY WIECK:** GIRLS BASKETBALL
1981 **ROBIN LEWIS:** GYMNASTICS
1982 **PAM LEWIS:** GIRLS BASKETBALL, TRACK
1983 **KAREN KEMMERLING:** GIRLS BASKETBALL
1984 **SHERRY BAER:** GIRLS BASKETBALL
1985 **SHERI EVENHUIS:** GIRLS BASKETBALL, TRACK
1986 **JAMIE RICHARDS:** BOYS BASKETBALL, BASEBALL
1986 **LISA DARLEY:** CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK
1987 **PAUL HENDRY:** FOOTBALL, TRACK
1987 **AMY FENSTER:** GYMNASTICS, TRACK
1988 **DAVE PETERSON:** FOOTBALL, BOYS BASKETBALL, TRACK
1988 **BARB RIEMENSCHNEIDER:** VOLLEYBALL, GBB, TRACK
1989 **TOM DOYLE:** FOOTBALL, BBB, TRACK, BASEBALL
1990 **STACEY OPP:** GIRLS BASKETBALL
1992 **GREG JIMMERSON:** CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK
1994 **KATE WILSON:** VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS BASKETBALL, TRACK
1995 **BECKY HAMMON:** GIRLS BASKETBALL
1996 **JORDAN LINTZ:** GIRLS BASKETBALL, GOLF
1997 **ERIN ERICKSON:** GBB, VOLLEYBALL, TRACK
1998 **TAYLOR BAKER:** GYMNASTICS, TRACK
2000 **RYAN HANSON:** FOOTBALL, BBB, TRACK, BASEBALL
2000 **JAMIE KECK:** GYMNASTICS, TRACK
2001 **ERIC GRUMSTRUP:** CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK
2002 **MARK KAPPELMAN:** Football, Basketball

2002 **ANNIE CLARK:** GYMNASTICS, TRACK
 2003 **LAURA DOSHIER:** GIRLS BASKETBALL, TRACK
 2004 **JULIE SCHWENGLER:** CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK
 2005 **CHRIS MORAN:** WRESTLING
 2005 **ANN DOSHIER:** GIRLS BASKETBALL
 2006 **Marshall Kambestad:** Cross Country, Track
 2006 **BRITTANY GARNER:** GIRLS BASKETBALL, TRACK
 2009 **BILLY PALUCH:** TENNIS
 2011 **KRIS KLAPPORDT:** FOOTBALL, WRESTLING
 2016 **GRANT YOUNGBLOOD:** FOOTBALL, TRACK
 2017 **CODY BEVIER:** FOOTBALL, WRESTLING, TRACK
 2018 **ELIZABETH Schaefer:** Volleyball, Basketball, Track
 2019 **ELIZABETH Schaefer:** Volleyball, Basketball, Track
 2020 **Cooper Voorhees:** Wrestling
 2020 **Kyah Watson:** Basketball

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES OF THE YEAR

1974-75	TOM LONG: WRESTLING
1976-77	GENE BREEMES: GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
1980-81	GENE BREEMES: BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
1986-87	LYNETTE BIRRENKOTT: VOLLEYBALL
1987-88	KEN LINSTROM: BOYS TRACK
1991-92	JONEL SMITH: VOLLEYBALL
1992-93	PHIL HUNT: GOLF
1994-95	FORREST FLAAGEN: BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
1995-96	RAY BOETEL: ASSIST BOYS SPORTS
1996-97	FORREST FLAAGEN: BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
1997-98	SHERI KECK: GYMNASTICS
1998-99	FORREST FLAAGEN: BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
1999-00	TIM WISHARD: WRESTLING
1999-00	LEMOINE TROUT: GIRLS TRACK
2000-01	RICHARD DOC MICHEL: GIRLS ASST COACH
2001-02	FORREST FLAAGAN: GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
2003-04	PAUL HENDRY: GIRLS TRACK
2003-04	PHIL HUNT: GOLF
2009-10	JASON OLSON: BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS
2009-10	PAUL HENDRY: GIRLS TRACK
2013-14	SHERI KECK: SPIRIT
2014-15	KERRY BEYER: GIRLS ASSISTANT COACH
2016-17	SHERI KECK: MIDDLE SCHOOL COACH
2017-18	ROBERT "BOB" BOEHLER: MS COACH
2017-18	JASON OLSON: ASSISTANT COACH
2018-19	LYLE PAGEL: ASSISTANT COACH

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

2009	FORREST FLAAGAN: CROSS COUNTRY
2015	SHERI KECK: SPECIAL SPORTS (GYMNASTICS)

SDHSCA HALL OF FAME AWARD RECIPIENTS

1977-78	CAROLD HEIER: ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
1983-84	GENE BREEMES: TRACK
1984-85	TOM LONG: WRESTLING
2001-02	FORREST FLAAGAN: CROSS COUNTRY
2005-06	LEMOINE TROUT: TRACK
2007-08	SHERI KECK: GYMNASTICS
2014-15	RON RIHERD: BASKETBALL
2019-20	Mick Wysuph- Football
2019-20	Jason Olson- Tennis

SOUTH DAKOTA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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SHERI KECK– GYMNASTICS

TOM LONG– WRESTLING

FORREST FLAAGAN– CROSS COUNTRY

STEVENS RAIDERS STATE SPORT CHAMPIONS

BASKETBALL

Girls	Boys
	1989

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Girls	Boys
2011	
2012	

CROSS COUNTRY

Girls	Boys
1976	1980
1977	1981
1979	1983
1984	1985
1985	1996
1993	1997
1994	1998
1995	1999
1996	2000
1997	2001
1998	2002

1999	2003
2000	2004
2002	2021
2013	
2014	

STEVENS RAIDERS STATE SPORT CHAMPIONS

FOOTBALL

Girls	Boys
	1974
	1987

GOLF

Girls	Boys
1980	1994
1983	1995
1994	1996
1995	1997
1996	1998
1997	1999
1999	
2004	

GYMNASTICS

Girls	Boys
1978	
1979	
1980	
1984	
1987	
1989	

1994
1995
1997
1998
1999
2001

STEVENS RAIDERS STATE SPORT CHAMPIONS

TRACK

Girls	Boys
1985	1971
1986	1977
1988	1978
1996	1979
1997	1980
1998	1981
1999	1982
2000	1984
2001	1987
2002	1988
2003	2003
2004	2004
2005	2005
2006	2009
2007	2010
2008	
2010	
2011	
2014	
2015	

SOCCER

Girls	Boys
	2015

TENNIS

Girls	Boys
2002	2006
2004	2007
2005	2008
2006	
202	

STEVENS RAIDERS STATE SPORT CHAMPIONS

WRESTLING

Girls	Boys
	1975
	1976
	1980
	1981
	1988
	2001
	2008
	2011
	2019

VOLLEYBALL

Girls	Boys
1986	
1992	
2007	
2019	

