

1912 Redfield Quintet First S. D. Cage Champion



THIS PICTURE, loaned to the American-News by C. C. Crain of Redfield, shows all the players who participated in the first South Dakota high school basketball tournament sponsored by Huron college in 1912. The tourney was won by Redfield, which defeated Lake Preston, 33-25, in the finals. Members of the Redfield team are in the lower left hand corner of the picture and can be identified by the wide white stripe around the middle of their jerseys.

The Redfield high school basketball team of 1912 was the first South Dakota champion, defeating Lake Preston, 33-25, in the final game of a tournament sponsored by Huron college in 1912.

Other teams competing in that first affair included Madison, Centerville, Salem, Milley, Pierre and Arlington with Lake Preston defeating Salem, 18-16, and Redfield eliminating Arlington, 15-10, in semi-final games.

Members of the championship Redfield squad were Captain Ed Warrilow, Clayton Packard, guards; Dan Walsh, center;

Carl Hopkins and Carroll Crain, forwards, and Fred Mark, Russell Hinman and Ivan Boub, The coach was Herbert Hardy.

The tournament wide open to all applicants, grew so large in 1916 that Huron college officials urged organization of a state league, which took over the affair in 1917 and has operated it continuously ever since. Only major change came in 1936 when A and B divisions were created. Here are the former state champions and their numbers up:

- 1912—Redfield defeated Lake Preston
 - 1913—Aberdeen defeated Montrose
 - 1914—Salem defeated Aberdeen
 - 1915—Salem defeated Rapid City
 - 1916—Huron defeated Aberdeen
 - 1917—Lead defeated Elkton
 - 1918—Elkton defeated Mitchell
 - 1919—Elkton defeated Mitchell
 - 1920—Mitchell defeated Mitchell
 - 1921—Mitchell defeated Mitchell
 - 1922—Yankton defeated Rapid City
 - 1923—Yankton defeated Mitchell
 - 1924—Yankton defeated Mitchell
 - 1925—Yankton defeated Salem
 - 1926—Salem defeated Mitchell
 - 1927—Huron defeated Aberdeen
 - 1928—Yankton defeated Sioux Falls
 - 1929—Yankton defeated Mitchell
 - 1930—Yankton defeated Yankton
 - 1931—Yankton defeated Lead
 - 1932—Mitchell defeated Rapid City
 - 1933—Aberdeen defeated Rapid City
 - 1934—Sioux Falls defeated Mitchell
 - 1935—Mitchell defeated Mitchell
- Class A Champions**
- 1936—Huron defeated Sioux Falls, 12-9
 - 1937—Huron defeated Mitchell, 29-41
 - 1938—Aberdeen defeated Yankton, 18-24
 - 1939—Minutemen Indians defeated Rapid City, 28-20
 - 1940—Mitchell defeated Aberdeen, 21-27
 - 1941—Sioux Falls defeated Rapid City, 17-27
 - 1942—Rapid City defeated Lead, 23-27
 - 1943—Sioux Falls defeated Aberdeen, 11-21
 - 1944—Sioux Falls defeated Huron, 35-23
 - 1945—Huron defeated Aberdeen, 16-29
 - 1946—Brookings defeated Huron, 16-29
- Class B Champions**
- 1947—Cottonwood defeated Brookings, 24-22
 - 1948—Dakota defeated Murdo, 28-27
 - 1949—Arlington defeated Huron, 28-27
 - 1950—Cottonwood defeated Armour, 29-27
 - 1951—Dakota defeated Gregory, 28-29
 - 1952—Aberdeen defeated Ipswich, 41-38
 - 1953—Redfield defeated Armour, 25-26
 - 1954—Meadowdale defeated Dal. Rapid, 21-21
 - 1955—Meadowdale defeated Madison, 24-27
 - 1956—Madison defeated Webster, 21-25
 - 1957—Webster defeated Hurley, 27-27