

2024 Riders Hall of Fame Class

Bryan Kern- (2001-2003) Bryan was an all-state catcher for the Riders in 2001-2003. He was a part of the 2003 Riders Conference Championship team. He attended Fullerton Junior College in California for 2 years. He was an honorable mention all conference selection as a sophomore and then transferred to the University of Missouri Rolla where he was a team captain for 2 years and an all conference performer. He served our country as an army sniper in Afghanistan for a handful of years after college. He was honorably and medically discharged after stepping on an IED in the Gulf. He currently lives in Billings and is active in martial arts.

Dale Wishard- Dale played from 1984-1986. The Riders were State Runner Up in 1986. He also umpired from 1987-1994. Dale has been involved with the Sons of the American Legion for over 15 years and is the present commander. He has been actively involved with the Riders by participating in the golf tournament and providing SAL members to help with gate sales and concession sales at State tournaments. The SAL has held several tailgate events the past few seasons to support the Riders. The SAL under Dale also helped support the regional tournament. Dale continues to be a liaison between the American Legion Post and the Riders program.

Drake Kelley- (2008-2012) Drake was a 4 year starter for the Riders from 2008-2012. Drake was a 4 time All State Selection. He was a part of 1 State Championship team and 3 State Runner Up Teams. Drake played collegiately for 2 years at Scottsdale CC in Arizona. Drake owns many Riders All Time Single Season and Career Records, including the All-Time Post 42 leader in both career hits and runs scored. Drake was a pure hitter and had a sweet left-handed stroke. He was also a very versatile defender and one of our top pitchers during this time.

Westin Hinkel- (2008-2012) Westin was a 4 year starter for the Riders from 2009-2012. He was a 3-time All State player. Westin was known for his competitive spirit and hard-nosed toughness to everything that he did. He was a part of 3 State Runner Up Teams during his time with the Riders. He was our starting shortstop and also one of our top pitchers. Westin had an outstanding collegiate career, starting at Treasure Valley CC (2 years), University of Arkansas Pine Bluff Division 1 (1 year), and concluding at Jamestown College (1 year), where they set the program's all time win record in his senior season. He was a 4 year starting college shortstop.

2014 Gillette Riders Team- The 2014 Gillette Riders team made history, winning only the 2nd Wyoming State Championship in program history. The team finished the season with a 47-32 overall record, including an undefeated run at the 2014 State Tournament in Gillette. This team was special for many reasons, but probably above all was their level of toughness and grit. They never backed down from a challenge and weren't afraid to tackle adversity head on. They were full of a bunch of guys who were the first to practice and the last to leave. The 2014 team made a remarkable run to the end the season, winning their final 12 games of the season and advanced to the NW Regional in Eugene, OR. The team was built upon exceptional starting pitching, defense, and a well executed team offense.