

April Athlete of the Month: Kadyn Fast

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Kadyn Fast of De Smet High School is a multi-sport athlete competing in football, basketball, track, golf, and clay target shooting. Kadyn grew up watching his sister play sports and began his athletic journey in 3rd grade on the basketball team with his dad as his coach. Fast forward to high school where Kadyn successfully finished his ninth football season with having 3x State B Semi-Final appearances. Kadyn earned All-State 1st Team Cornerback and All-Conference 1st Team at the Dakota Valley Conference the last two seasons. Additionally, Kadyn is a four-year varsity shooting/point guard starter and senior captain of the basketball team. He has earned multiple awards including the MVP Hanson Classic award as a sophomore and the MVP Entringer Classic his junior year. The Bulldogs were State B Champions the last three years and just wrapped up their current season placing at 2nd at State. Being part of a team has taught Kadyn many valuable lessons including the importance of each player “putting the needs of the team above [his] own.” He also noted that trust and communication are key components to succeed, and each person’s strengths and weaknesses should be acknowledged, whether you are leading the team or taking on a support role. Assistant Coach Becky Geyer remarked on Kadyn’s “unmatched drive to excel, always putting in the extra hours to be the best he can be.” Kadyn has shown himself to be “the ultimate team player” and is “a proven leader, both on the court and in the classroom,” she shared.



Kadyn’s focus and dedication extends to the classroom where he has excelled in all his courses. He has enjoyed playing trumpet for eight years, and participating in Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor’s Society, and Future Farmers of America. With a busy schedule like Kadyn’s, he has developed strong time management and organizational skills, which will serve him well in the next chapter. Currently, Kadyn is still undecided about which college he will attend. He plans to compete in basketball at the collegiate level and to pursue his interest in agricultural studies. After college he plans to return home to help run the family farm.

To obtain an application for the Athlete of the Month Scholarship program email bfast@vfplanning.com, visit Vantage Financial Partners website at www.vfplanning.com, or ask your high school guidance counselor. If you are a high school senior who plays sports, attends a SD high school, you are eligible to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship.

Getting to know Kadyn

FAVORITE QUOTE: “Dedication makes dreams come true.” - Kobe Bryant

FAVORITE FOOD: Super nachos

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHT: Winning the Basketball State B Tournament three years in a row.

FAVORITE CLASS: Algebra II with Mr. Vockrodt. Math is my favorite subject; I like solving equations and working with numbers.


FUN HS MEMORY: I forgot my basketball shoes one time for a regional championship game. Although I had to wear my friend’s street shoes that were a size and half too small during the game; we did end up winning!

FUN FACT: I am an avid hunter and angler. I enjoy both archery hunting and rifle hunting. Hunting geese is my favorite.

BUCKET LIST: Visit Alaska, hunt Elk in the Black Hills, go deep sea fishing and catch a marlin.

FICTIONAL PLACE YOU’D VISIT: Willy Wonka’s Chocolate Factory.






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