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LANDEN HAAKE

Game set for June 19 in Lincoln.

Gothenburg senior Landen Haake has been selected to participate in the 52nd annual Nebraska Shrine Bowl football game.

Haake, a running back and defensive back for the Swedes, holds several spots on the school's all-time statistical chart.

He finished his career from 2006-09 with 2,940 total yards rushing on 461 carries.

He is second in school history for career yards rushing and third for rushing yards in a season leading the team with 1,180 yards on 170 carries his senior year.

In addition, Haake was Gothenburg's leading scorer during the 2009 campaign with 92 points.

Haake was a presence on defense as well. He compiled 76 tackles with three fumble returns and two interceptions as a senior.

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Former Gothenburg High School football players to be honored as participants in the Nebraska Shrine Bowl are:	
2004—Matt Hildebrand	1985—Bump Novacek
2003—Jeff Messer	1984—Monte Kratzstein
2001—Brandon Koch	1981—Jay Novacek
1999—Wade Fleischer	1977—Tim Peterson
	1968—Harold Davis
	1966—Dede Haynes
	1965—Norm Pflanzberg
	1961—Ed Youngberg

His junior season, Haake tied the school's record for interceptions in a season with eight.

The Nebraska Shrine Bowl is one of the state's highest honors for high school football players.

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Since its inception in 1959, the Shrine Bowl has showcased more than 7,200 outstanding players from all classes.

The main purpose of this premier athletic event is to raise revenue to support Shriners Hospitals for Children and to benefit Shrine Hospital transportation funds.

Players are chosen by the Shrine Bowl coaching staff from several hundred coach recommendations and game films submitted.

Haake will be a member of the North team coached by Mike Speirs of Howells with assistants Tony Hoffman of Crofton, Mike Fultz of Lincoln High, Mike Lecher of Chadron, Luke Dobbins of Howells and Tim Kassmier of Norfolk Catholic.

Head coach of the South team is Kevin Kush of Boys Town.

The Shrine Bowl will be played at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19.