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Perkins County High School's final district event was held this past week with the boy's golf team taking part in the Class C district held in Ogallala. The team tied for third but lost in a playoff to fellow SPVA member North Platte St. Pats and that kept the team home from the state championships.

The Plainsmen did get an individual golfer qualified, as sophomore Alex Johnston tied for 10th in the individual standings and that got him a trip to the big tournament on May 24 and May 25. Congratulations and good luck to Alex this week.

This past week also saw this year's college football Hall of Fame class named. Among the 79 nominations for the HOF, Nebraska had two prospects, Will Shields and Tommie Frazier nominated and most people thought both of them would make it. Shields made it but Frazier didn't.

This is Frazier's first time nominated and most people think now that he will get it next year but it is a little strange that a quarterback that played on two national championships, finished second in the Heisman trophy voting to Eddie George, and is considered by many to be one of the best if not the best option quarterbacks ever didn't make it on the first try. I would bet that Steve Spurrier would say he belonged!

Eddie George was also on this year's ballot and he made the Hall and this was not his first time nominated.

One national writer for CBS wrote: "So if Tommie Frazier is not an immediate, unquestionable, first-time Hall of Famer in this sport, then what is the point of having a College Football Hall of Fame?"

Shields had an outstanding college career and I am sure most people remember the famous Osborne fumblerooski call against Colorado in 1992 and Shields picked up 16 yards and moved the chains for the Huskers.

Shields might have been the last player in College to run that play because the NCAA outlawed after the 92 season. Shields went on to make the Pro Bowl 12 times as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Two coaches made the Hall. Lloyd Carr from Michigan and Fisher DeBerry from Air Force. DeBerry ran the wishbone at Air Force and his teams ran it very well. Carr coached at Michigan from 1995 to 2007 and DeBerry was at Air Force from 1984 to 2006.

Had a proud father weekend last weekend as we spent time in Lincoln with our sons Troy and Travis and his wife Denise.

Saturday afternoon we attended the Malcolm High School graduation where Troy was the guest speaker for the Class of 2011. The senior class had asked that he deliver the speech for commencement. It is oft times the hardest to speak where everybody knows who you are, but he did a great job. Thank you, Diana Tate.

Then later we attended our grandson, Calen Pritchett's first birthday party. It was fun watching him entertain. I said that I would not get all goofy over grandkids. I lied!!

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