From Coach Gremmels in the 1980 Dakota High School Yearbook, “Our football season proved what loyalty, dedication, desire, and hard work can do for any school program. In this case, it brought Dakota High School its first State Football Championship as the Warriors defeated Linton 18-15 for the title. It capped a perfect 13-0 season, which saw many highlights and thrills for the Dakota fans, that so faithfully supported the team throughout the year.

In those highlights were the quarter-final and semi-final victories over Central Valley and Esmond. A great group of seniors, headed by captains Eric Siegert, Todd Holte, Scott Kingsley, and Ron Leraas, provided the leadership for the State Champion Warriors.