

PREP FOOTBALL

South's Goddard named coach of year

Postseason honors begin for state champs

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The first of what figures to many postseason honors for South High School's football team is in.

Ryan Goddard has been named the Denver Broncos coach of the year after leading the Colts to the Class 4A state championship.

South knocked off defending champ Pine Creek 25-14 on Saturday at Sports Authority Field at Mile High. The Colts finished 13-1, the lone blemish a one-point, double-overtime loss at Pueblo West.

"It's an incredible honor for the kids and my staff," said Goddard, who is 55-37 in eight seasons at

South. "The credit really goes to the kids and what they accomplished and the positions our staff put them in.

"To me, this is absolutely a team award. We had a great football team and great coaches, and that's why we were able to accomplish what we did."

Earlier this season, Goddard

SEE GODDARD, 4B

South coach Ryan Goddard, shown in the 4A state quarterfinals, was named the Denver Broncos coach of the year.

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was named Denver Broncos coach of the week after the Colts defeated rival East 34-19 in the Cannon Game. He was honored before a Sunday night game against the New York Giants.

Goddard, along with his team, will be honored by the Broncos on Dec. 31 prior to the season finale against the Kansas City Chiefs.

Goddard is the second coach from Pueblo to win the Broncos coach of the year honors. Monte Pinkerton won in 2007 after leading

Pueblo West to the 4A championship.

Each winner during the season receives a \$1,000 grant from the NFL Foundation and \$1,000 in product from Gatorade. Both go toward the program.

Winners are selected by staff members from the Colorado High School Activities Association, the state's coaches association and the Broncos staff. The Broncos have been naming coaches of the week and a coach of the year since 1996.

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