

Yankton Tabs Brenner, Schuring To Guide Soccer Teams

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Four individuals who already had ties to Yankton High School and the Yankton Youth Soccer Association (YYSA) have been selected to head the inaugural boys' and girls' soccer programs for YHS.

Warren Brenner, who has been the head coach of the Yankton club high school soccer program in recent years, will head the boys' program, with former Yankton soccer player Riley Smith serving as his assistant. Tyler Schuring, the club JV girls' coach this past year, will be the head coach of the girls' program, with YYSA president Deb Lillie serving as his assistant.

Smith and Lillie both teach in the Yankton School District. Smith at Yankton Middle School and Lillie at YHS. Brenner is an IT specialist for the school district. Schuring, who is not a full-time employee of the school district, served as an assistant wrestling coach the past five years.

"We had four tremendous candidates and we hired all four," said Yankton Activities Director Ryan Mors. "We are ahead of the game compared to some ESD (Eastern South Dakota Conference) schools."

Schuring was an assistant for the club high school girls' program under Dave LaCombe this past season. LaCombe moved from Yankton this past fall.

"I'd been helping coach soccer in

Yankton since I moved here," said Schuring, who played collegiately at Presentation College in Aberdeen. "It seemed like the right fit."

Schuring's experience with the program, especially with the younger players who will be back in 2014, is something he feels will help aid the transition to a school-sponsored team.

"I've coached pretty much all of the girls that will be out," he said. "I have experience with them. They know what to expect from me."

"I'm excited to move forward." Brenner was named the boys' Competitive Coach of the Year by the South Dakota State Soccer Association in 2013. A longtime coach in Yankton, Brenner has had two suc-

cessful stints as the boys' club high school coach, including leading the Bucks to the 2012 state title.

Smith has served as Brenner's assistant the past two seasons. Lillie, besides serving as the YYSA president and coaching track and field for YHS, has helped coach several youth soccer squads.

YYSA has helped ease the start-up costs for YHS by donating its uniforms and equipment from the club high school programs. Mors said that he and school administration will meet with the coaching staff later this week to see what else is needed.

One thing that will change with YHS taking over the high school soccer program is admission. There will

be an admission charge for home soccer matches, as there are for home football, basketball and volleyball games.

"People will be able to use their (activities) passes like at other games," Mors said. "We haven't discussed concessions yet, but that may be the least of our worries at this point."

The Yankton School District announced its sponsorship of boys' and girls' soccer at the May 12 school board meeting. The teams will begin play this fall.

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Shot Clock Coming To Class A



P&D FILE PHOTOS
Bon Homme (with Scott Wieseler, left) and Vermillion (with Nick Jensen, above) will use 35-second shot clocks starting with the 2014-15 season. Class A schools across South Dakota voted to defeat an amendment which would have prevented the South Dakota High School Activities Association from forcing schools to implement shot clocks.

Amendment Challenge Defeated; Schools Ready For Shot Clocks

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Shot clocks will be used at another level in South Dakota high school basketball, starting next season.

Following a constitutional challenge that ultimately failed, Class A boys' and girls' teams across the state will use a 35-second shot clock starting with the 2014-15 season.

Area school officials, however, said the most recent statewide vote had more to do with setting a precedent than the use of shot clocks.

"Personally I like the idea, as long as certain situations are in place first," Vermillion athletic director Jason Huska said Monday.

One year after the initial proposed was voted 26-21 by Class A schools in favor of having a shot clock, a petition was introduced in March by the Canton School Board to introduce an amendment.

It said that the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) may not force those schools to implement a shot clock without "first obtaining a 60 percent majority in support."

That challenge was defeated on an 89-76

vote, meaning shot clocks will be used in Class A.

"The vote, to me, didn't have anything to do with the shot clock," Wagner athletic director Neil Goter said. "It was an amendment that was sports specific, and to me wasn't the right thing to do."

Why? It could have opened the door to other such amendments, Goter said — referencing, for example, heavier shot puts in track.

"In my opinion, it didn't belong there," he said.

Once the amendment was presented, votes were cast by school boards during their regular meetings and forwarded on to the SDHSAA office.

The Vermillion School Board voted no on the amendment, mostly because it didn't feel the constitution should include such wording, according to Huska.

Class B would be the only class remaining in South Dakota without a shot clock (its schools voted 49-13 against in April 2013)

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and in Huska's eyes, it should be all or nothing, he said.

"It was one of those things where our district didn't care one way or the other on the shot clock," Huska said, "the idea was that we all have to do it or nobody does it."

Another area school, Bon Homme, voted yes on the amendment, but according to athletic director Mike Duffek, the argument wasn't as much about the shot clock as other things.

"It wasn't as much about the shot clock, even though that was the topic we all knew was up for debate," Duffek said.

At the Bon Homme board meeting, Duffek said both Cavaliers coaches — Chris Gubbrud (boys) and Tara Gubbrud (girls) — spoke up.

"We felt it was probably going to happen sooner or later, so we were prepared for it," Duffek said.

Bon Homme, in fact, sent its shot clock purchase order to Daktronics back in March, Duffek said. The district ordered the shot clock with only the countdown on it, as well as a lighted backboard for its new baskets that will be installed this summer.

Vermillion plans to install shot clocks in

both gyms to use for all sub-varsity games, but Huska again expressed his belief that it should be all or nothing.

"You just don't know what every school will do," he said. "Will they have it only in the main gym?"

There are other concerns, as well, according to Huska.

A number of Class A schools routinely play Class B teams. Such cross-over isn't as common with Class AA schools (which use a shot clock) and their A counterparts.

Last season, the Vermillion boys did not play a Class B school during the regular season, but a team like Bon Homme, Beresford, Parkston and Wagner did.

Such a disparity presents challenges, Huska said.

"Then you're jumping back and forth all week," he said. "The trouble with schedules is, we have to play certain towns and certain schools."

"Jumping week to week based on the shot clock, to me, would be too much of an issue."

Duffek agreed, pointing to his district's variety in opponents. Last season, the Bon Homme boys played 12 games against Class

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Junior Legion Earns Sweep At S.F. East

SIOUX FALLS — Yankton Post 12 swept a pair of Junior Legion baseball games with Sioux Falls East on Monday in Sioux Falls, winning by scores of 3-1 and 10-9.

In the first game, Reid Sawatzke allowed two hits and struck out seven batters to pick up the win.

Mason Townsend and Jordan Kathol both had three hits, while Sawatzke and Bradey Sorenson each added two hits. Tyler Guthmiller had one hit.

In game two, Hunter Ryan had four hits, and Hunter Cameron had two hits and got the win on the mound. Guthmiller added two hits, while Sawatzke, Townsend, Michael Heine and Justin Leader all had one hit.

Yankton (6-4) returns to action Wednesday at Brandon Valley.

Garza, Brewers Beat Twins 6-2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Matt Garza took a shutout into the seventh inning and Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer, sending the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Garza (3-4) scattered six hits over 6 1-3 scoreless innings against the team that brought him to the big leagues in 2006. The right-hander, signed to a \$50 million, four-year deal as a free agent in the offseason, struck out eight and walked two for his first win since May 5.

Kyle Gibson (4-5) allowed four runs and six hits in six innings. Gibson has won just one of his last eight starts after winning his first three.

The Brewers took a 2-0 lead in the fourth on consecutive RBI singles by Jonathan Lucroy and Carlos Gomez. Reynolds followed Scooter Gennett's lead-off double in the fifth with an opposite-field shot to right for his team-leading 13th home run to make it 4-0.

Milwaukee added an unearned run in the seventh and another on Lucroy's third homer in the eighth.

After three perfect innings by Gibson, Jean Segura opened the fourth with his sixth bunt hit of the season. Segura advanced to second on Ryan Braun's ground-out and scored on Lucroy's single up the middle, with Lucroy going to second on the throw.

Gomez followed with another single back through the box.

Milwaukee scored in the seventh on consecutive two-out errors by third baseman Trevor Plouffe.

The Twins got a run in the eighth on an RBI infield single by Josh Willingham and another in the ninth on an RBI infield single by Brian Dozier.

Minnesota, which stranded nine runners, squandered several scoring chances against Garza.

Joe Mauer doubled with one out in the first, but was stranded at third. Mauer doubled again to open the fourth and did not advance. In the fifth, Gibson singled with two outs for his first major league hit and Dozier followed with a double, but Mauer struck out to end the inning.

Jackrabbits Announce 'Solid' 2014 Volleyball Schedule

BROOKINGS — A pair of home tournaments and a road match at Big 12 foe Kansas State highlight the 2014 South Dakota State volleyball schedule.

The Jacks have seven home nonconference matches in August and September.

"The 2014 schedule is a solid schedule for our young team. Having to cancel our home tournament in 2013, left us without many opportunities to play in front of our home crowd," head coach Phil McDaniel said. "That issue has certainly been rectified in the 2014 schedule with 16 home matches."

South Dakota State opens the 49th season of volleyball when it travels to Princess Anne, Md., for the University

of Maryland Eastern Shore Tournament Aug. 29-30. The Jacks meet Weber State in their opener and then Fairleigh Dickinson and the host Hawks Aug. 30.

SDSU returns to the friendly confines of Frost Arena for a pair of two-day tournaments and a meeting with North Dakota. It hosts Stephen F. Austin, Kansas City and Valparaiso Sept. 5-6 in the Jackrabbit Invitational. UND is at Frost Sept. 11 before the Jacks host Florida International, Eastern Illinois and Iowa in the SDSU Challenge Sept. 12-13.

South Dakota State has two midweek nonconference matches when it travels to play Kansas State Sept. 16 and hosts Northern Iowa Oct. 21.