

Gayville-Volin's Bormann Up For National Award



P&D FILE PHOTO
Gene Bormann, center, talks to a pair of athletes during a meet earlier this season. The volunteer assistant coach has been named a finalist for the Brooks Running Company's 2015 Inspiring Coach of the Year Award.

Winner Will Be Announced June 19 In Seattle

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GAYVILLE – Gayville-Volin's volunteer track and cross country coach, Gene Bormann, has been named a finalist for Brooks Running Company's 2015 Inspiring Coach of the Year Award. The award recognizes a coach who goes above and beyond the call of duty to inspire young runners to push themselves to new heights. There are a total of 13 finalists and the winner of the award will be announced at an awards dinner in Seattle on June 19. Finalists were chosen out of a pool of 1,500 nominations from runners, parents, coaching colleagues, and school administrators. "Receiving this award

totally left me speechless," Bormann said. "It's just amazing. "I never thought I was that great of a coach or inspirational, but someone must have thought I was and nominated me for this award." Bormann started his coaching career in Lennox as an assistant coach for track, basketball, and cross country for 13 years. He then moved to Yankton, where he coached track and cross country for 19 years. After Yankton Bormann went on to be a volunteer assistant in Newcastle, Nebraska, and is now volunteering for Gayville-Volin. Larry Buffington, Gayville-Volin's head cross country coach, was able to bring Bormann out of retirement to

be a volunteer assistant for the team. "Gene is a great guy to work with," Buffington said. "When he started we had success and it still continues today. "I have learned a lot from him, and riding in the car to and from meets gives me the chance to pick his brain." Volunteering for cross country then led Bormann to help out with the track team, coached by Jeremiah Dibley (girls) and Buffington (boys). "He's like a father, an old wise man," Dibley said. "If someone asks him a question he will give them a thoughtful and wise answer. "We are both science teachers so we think alike and I can go to him for anything whether it is science or

track." Not only has Bormann positively affected two different coaches but with the amount of time that he has coached he was able to positively affect a lot of kids lives who ran for him. "I think kids keep you young," Bormann said. "I like to watch the kids do something that they didn't know they can do." "He is always cheering on runners," Buffington said. "He knows how to really train the kids." "Gene know how to work out the kids and he is really knowledgeable with the psychology of coaching," Dibley said. "He is great with both practical and psychological sides of track."

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Somsen Makes AAA Debut

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

Yankton native and South Dakota State graduate Layne Somsen is one step away from Major League Baseball after being called up to Class AAA Louisville by the Cincinnati Reds organization on Friday. The call-up came on Somsen's 26th birthday. The Bats recalled Somsen for a start after the Reds recalled pitcher Jon Moscot to start against the San Diego Padres. Against the Buffalo Bisons, a Toronto Blue Jays affiliate, Somsen pitched four shutout innings in a 2-1 win for Louisville. He allowed only two hits, walked one batter and struck out six. Reliever Jose De La Torre got the win. Somsen opened the 2015 season with AA Pensacola, going 2-0 with four holds and a 2.76 earned run average in 12 appearances (one start). He has struck out 31 and walked 16 in 32 2/3 innings pitched. In his most recent outing, he pitched two shutout innings at Mobile on Tuesday. A 22nd round pick of the Reds in 2013, he began his career in Billings (Rookie) before pitching for Dayton (A) and Bakersfield (Advanced A) in 2014. After his performance Friday night, Somsen boasts a 9-4 record in his minor league career. He has pitched in 62 games and now owns a 2.46 ERA, with 141 strikeouts and 52 walks in 139 innings.



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Father-Son Duo Share Passion

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Ludvig Flink, a 17-year-old archer from Sweden, practices Friday for next week's World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

Persuaded by his father nine years ago, Ludvig Flink gave archery a try. Why not, the now 17-year-old archer from Sweden thought. "I was searching for some sport to practice in and then we came up with the idea to try archery because my father had a history," Ludvig said. That decision paid off. Flink, who had never previously visited the United States, is in Yankton for the upcoming World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) which will hold its opening ceremony Sunday and begin competition Tuesday. As Flink practiced Friday afternoon, his father, Tommy Flink, was right there with him, providing words of encouragement and occasional tips. "It's very wonderful," Tommy said, during a break. "It's like shooting, yourself." And Tommy knows a thing or two about high-level competition. The former archer stopped shooting for the first time in 1976 and then again in 2005 after a shoulder injury, and now devotes his time to helping his son climb the ranks – he was there with Ludvig competed at the 2013 WAYC in China. "Every father's dream is to see your son progressing," Tommy said. Nine years ago, Ludvig wasn't even sure where archery would take him. Asked if he remembered liking the sport right away, he smiled. "I don't remember so

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Hoiberg Praises Asst. Otzelberger In Last Iowa State Presser

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Former Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg on Friday dismissed the idea that he recently rehired top assistant T.J. Otzelberger to be his eventual successor. But Hoiberg thinks Otzelberger will make a great coach someday. Whether that opportunity comes with the Cyclones next season should be known soon. Otzelberger is expected to be the top in-house candidate to

replace Hoiberg, who took over the NBA's Chicago Bulls on Monday. "I brought T.J. back because of the great amount of respect that I had for him, and the great job that he did here for me when I was early in my career," Hoiberg said Friday at a farewell news conference in Ames. "I have no doubt in my mind that T.J. will be a terrific coach. But (athletic director) Jamie (Pollard) is the guy that I'm confident will make the right hire."

The speculation regarding Hoiberg's replacement has dominated the conversation in Iowa in recent days. Since Otzelberger is the only obvious candidate so far — at least publicly — his name has been discussed constantly by Cyclones fans who wonder if he's ready. Even though he's never been a head coach, Otzelberger has certainly had a lot to do with Iowa State's success in recent years. Otzelberger, 37, originally came to Iowa State in 2006 with former coach Greg McDermott. The Cyclones never broke through under McDermott, who bolted for Creighton after four underwhelming seasons. But they always had talent thanks largely to Otzelberger, who helped bring in future NBA players like Mike Taylor, Craig Brackins and Wesley Johnson. Hoiberg kept Otzelberger on

when he was hired in 2010, and Otzelberger kept the talent pipeline flowing with guys like Will Clyburn and Melvin Ejim, the Big 12's Player of the Year in 2014. Otzelberger was also in charge of scouting opponents and implementing game plans. Otzelberger left to become the associate head coach at Washington in hopes of moving closer to a

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Baseball: Daryl Bernard Classic Begins

Mitchell won both of its games Friday in the first day of the Daryl Bernard Classic, a Junior Legion baseball tournament being held at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Mitchell beat West Central 11-3 and Sioux Falls 9-1. No other results from Friday were reported. The tournament continues today (Saturday) with five games. Yankton plays Sioux Falls West at 9 a.m., and then plays the 6 p.m. game against Mitchell. Mitchell 11, West Central 3 Bailey Miller struck out five in a complete game effort as Mitchell rolled past West Central 11-3 in Friday's second game of the Daryl Bernard Classic. Carson Max and Bryce Garaets both tripled for Mitchell, while Carter Max doubled. Mitchell 9, S.F. West 1 Devan Melhass pitched a 1-hitter as Mitchell won the 5-game inning. Cody Reichelt had three hits and

three runs scored, while Drew Kitchens scored twice. Amateur Wynot 5, Menno 4 WYNOT, Neb. – The Wynot Expos scored three in the bottom of the ninth to rally past Menno 5-4 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Thursday. Menno led 3-0 after five innings and took a 4-2 lead into the bottom of the ninth. Chase Rolfe's two-run double chased Menno starter Macon Oplinger, and Scott Heimes greeted Mad Frogs reliever Jared Nelson with a single to plate the game-winner. Lance Heine had three hits and Lee Heimes doubled and singled for Wynot. Tyler Johnson had two hits and Mike Moran had a RBI double to lead Vermillion. Grant Dueders, Tanner Anderson and Jay Thaler each had a hit. Steckler pitched eight innings for the win. Josh Merrigan took the loss. Vermillion, 1-3, hosts Canton on Sunday. 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