

Vermillion Tabs Homan, Bork To Fill Coaching Voids

Homan Leaves Lawton-Bronson To Take Over Football Program; Bork Promoted To Take Gymnastics Helm

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VERMILLION — The Vermillion School Board approved the contracts of two individuals who will replace two long-time coaches in the Vermillion School District in the next school year.

Andrew Homan is the district's new head high school football coach, replacing Gary Culver, who announced his resignation last March after a 36-year coaching career in Vermillion. Culver's employment as a VHS math teacher will continue.

Homan played high school football at Battle Creek-Ida Grove High School in Ida Grove, Iowa. He played college football for the University of South Dakota

and for Morningside College, until injuries forced him to stop playing. While a competitor, he played at various positions, including full back, tight end and linebacker.

Homan, who has a bachelor's degree in physical education and sports science from Morningside, has served as an assistant football coach and strength conditioning "in a couple locations," Superintendent Mark Froke said at Monday's school board meeting. "He has been student teaching now at Lawton-Bronson (School District in Lawton, Iowa) while getting his degree from the university as a teacher, and at the same time, he was coaching football, basketball and track."

He will teach physical education and

social science courses in the Vermillion School District.

There were 12 applicants for the Tanager head football coaching job. That field was thinned to four finalists who were interviewed by Froke, Pat Anderson, middle school principal, Curt Cameron, high school principal and Jason Huska, athletic director.

In a short news release included with the school board's meeting agenda, Homan stated, "I am excited to have the opportunity to teach and be the head coach for Vermillion. It has a rich tradition and I can't wait to get started."

Culver, the all-time winningest coach at Vermillion High School, completed 36 years at the helm of the Tanager football program. During his tenure, he led the

Tanagers to five state championships in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995 and 1999.

Under his direction, the Tanagers also won 10 regional championships, 12 Big Eight Conference championships, and made 27 playoff appearances in the 32 years of high school football playoffs in South Dakota.

Culver is one of 14 South Dakota high school football coaches to record 200 or more wins in their career. In 1990, he was selected as Siouxland Coach of the Year by the Sioux City Journal. In 1993, he served as the head coach of the South All-Star football team.

In 2004, Culver was a National Power of Influence Award Finalist as presented by the American Football Coaches Association and was also presented the Dis-

tinguished Service Award by the SDHSAA.

In 2009, he was inducted into the South Dakota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The school board Monday also approved the hiring of Skye Bork as the high school's new head gymnastics coach. For the last three years, she has served as assistant coach for the VHS gymnastics program.

Bork will replace Mark Upward, who decided to resign as head coach after completing his 33rd season earlier this year. Upward will remain employed with the district as elementary principal.

Upward coached seven state champi-

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YHS Tunes Up For State

Golf: Gazelles Top Huron In Final Match Before Hosting State; Parkston Rolls To 3A Title

The Yankton Gazelles put two golfers in the 70s in their final tuneup before state, a dual victory over Huron on Monday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

Yankton's Megan Mingo, in her final regular season round, shot a 76 to earn medalist honors as the Gazelles beat Huron 358-380. Gazelles freshman Becky Frick finished second, shooting a 79.

Halee Allerdings led Huron with a 91.

Yankton will host the South Dakota Class AA Girls' Golf Championships at Hillcrest May 20-21.

TEAM SCORES: Yankton 358, Huron 380
 INDIVIDUAL: Megan Mingo Y 76, Becky Frick Y 79, Halee Allerdings H 91, Amber Livingston Y 94, Taylor Rolert H 94, Kami Love H 97, Taylor Flanery H 98, Cassidy Entwistle H 104, Sara Skotheim H 105, Whitney Specht Y 109, Alicia Gregoire Y 111, Peyton Pierce Y 114

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Region 3A Girls

PIERRE — Parkston's Jordan and Sydney Bormann each broke 70 as the Lady Trojans ran away with the Region 3A Girls' Golf Tournament Title on Monday in Pierre.

Parkston finished at 295, followed by Moberg-Pollock (371) and Winner (427). The top three times and top 19 individuals qualify for the South Dakota State Class A Championships, May 20-21 in Milbank.

Jordan Bormann, a senior, shot a 33 on the front on the way to a 68 on the day. Sydney Bormann, a freshman, shot 33 on the back to finish at 69.

Parkston senior Logan Wagner finished third at 77, with teammate Sydney Weber, a freshman, finishing fourth at 81. Parkston senior Taylor Bormann placed sixth with an 89.

TEAM SCORES: Parkston 295, Moberg-Pollock 371, Winner 427, Chamberlain 441, Bon Homme 453, Wagner 454, St. Francis 473, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 535, Todd County 597

STATE QUALIFIERS: Jordan Bormann, Parkston 68; Sydney Bormann, Parkston 69; Logan Wagner, Parkston 77; Sydney Weber, Parkston 81; Chelsey Hoffman, Moberg-Pollock 87; Taylor Bormann, Parkston 89; Bridgette Byrd, Chamberlain 90; Kennedy Mathis, Winner 93; Emily Dale, Moberg-Pollock 94; Aundra Kramer, Moberg-Pollock 95; Miranda Eiseeman, Moberg-Pollock 95; Kathleen Juffer, Wagner 97; Megan Zepher,



Wagner 99; Natalie Grunlund, Winner 102; Jody Kriz, Bon Homme 107; Tristen Scherr, Wagner 108; Darren Quick Bear, St. Francis 110; Toria Byrd, Chamberlain 111; Tatum Mendoza, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 112

OTHER FINISHERS: Brenda Walloch, Bon Homme 113; Brooke Schroeder, Winner 113; Kelsy Espinoza, St. Francis 116; Tajia Schamp, Bon Homme 116; Megan Burbach, Bon Homme 117; Brett Story, Chamberlain 119; Brinney Hansen, Winner 119; Halee Larson, Chamberlain 121; Donna Reynolds, St. Francis 122; Sydney Schad, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 123; Kadle La-Pointe, St. Francis 125; Jaijin Swalley, Todd County 125; Ronae Klein, Winner 130; Alyssa Reis, Chamberlain 130; Lily Tamayo, Todd County 152; Oskate Win 1 Star, Todd County 160

Region 2A Girls

HARTFORD — Sioux Falls Christian claimed the top two spots to run away with the team title at the Region 2A Girls' Golf Tournament on Monday at Central Valley Golf Course.

The Chargers shot 340, 14 strokes ahead of runner-up Vermillion. West Central finished third at 388, beating out Harrisburg by three strokes for the final team qualifying spot.

SFC's Abby Perrenoud (76) and Mikaela Theobald (79) were the only golfers to break 80 on the day. Vermillion claimed four of the next six individual spots to put themselves in contention, led by Brooke Schwasinger's fourth place finish of 87. West Central's Alexa From was third, carding an 84 on her home course.

The top 26 golfers in the field qualify for the State A Girls' tournament, May 20-21 in Milbank.

TEAM SCORES: Sioux Falls Christian 340, Vermillion 354,

West Central 388, Harrisburg 391, Dakota Valley 393, Canton 419, Beresford 427, Lennox 453, Tea Area 505

STATE QUALIFIERS: Abby Perrenoud, Sioux Falls Christian 76; Mikaela Theobald, Sioux Falls Christian 79; Alexa From, West Central 84; Brooke Schwasinger, Vermillion 87; Kayla Stammer, Vermillion 88; Sadie Swier, West Central 88; Kate Brockevell, Vermillion 89; Allison Heine, Vermillion 90; Shylar Funck, Dakota Valley 91; Mary High, Dakota Valley 91; Kiersten Warkentien, Sioux Falls Christian 91; Elly Miller, Vermillion 91; Lindsey Sorlie, Canton 92; Megan Parsons, Harrisburg 93; Mikayla Christensen, Sioux Falls Christian 94; Ton Johnson, Elk Point-Jefferson 95; Morgan Damer, Harrisburg 96; Natalie Muhlert, Beresford 98; Taylor Watkins, Beresford 98; Anna Okerlund, Harrisburg 99; Megan Hinker, Lennox 99; Anna Perrenoud, Sioux Falls Christian 99; Natalie Renfro, Dakota Valley 101; Taylor Steen, Harrisburg 103; Sadie Jensen, Beresford 105; Kennedy Fossum, Canton 105

OTHER FINISHERS: Austin Sim, Harrisburg 106; Allison Boots, Tea Area 108; Kacie Jacobsen, Canton 107; Michaela Sterrett, West Central 108; Brooke Eidness, West Central 108; MaKenna Krysl, Dakota Valley 110; Hannah North, Elk Point-Jefferson 110; Annie Long, Dakota Valley 111; Brooke Ehlers, Lennox 111; Janell Healy, West Central 111; Amanda Lofland, Canton 115; Kelsey Nolle, Canton 118; Taylor Smith, Lennox 120; Alyssa Zirpel, Lennox 123; Elizabeth Petersen, Beresford 126; Sada Schmidt, Tea Area 127; Madeline Antonson, Beresford 129; Kaitlin Gundvaldson, Lennox 132; Kaitlyn Wesselsink, Tea Area 136; Kaylee German, Tea Area 136

Region 3B

SIoux FALLS — The Garretson boys and McCook Central-Montrose girls claimed top honors in the Region 3B Golf Tournament, held Tuesday at Elmwood Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

The Baltic boys and Irene-Wakonda girls also qualified for state as a team with runner-up finishes in the tournament. The State B Golf Tournament will be held on Brookings May 20-21.

The MCM girls scored a 298 to

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TOP LEFT: Yankton's Peyton Pierce stares down a putt on the No. 10 green during her round in a girls' golf dual with Huron on Monday at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. ABOVE: Yankton's Amber Livingston chips on to the No. 9 green during her round on Monday.

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Arizona State Transfer Signs With USD Football

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota head football coach Joe Glenn is pleased to announce the signing of defensive back Jarrod Bryant to an Institutional Letter of Intent to attend graduate school and play football at USD this fall. Bryant has one year of eligibility remaining.

"Jarrod is hungry and looking for a place where he can get on the field and get some grass stains on his game suit," said Glenn. "He is 6-feet-4 and really long for a cornerback. We needed help at that position and we look forward to him joining us so we can see what he can do."

Bryant recently completed his bachelor's degree at Arizona State University and was a member of the Sun Devils' football team for four years, including a redshirt season in 2009. Bryant began his collegiate career as a wide receiver before moving to the defensive side prior to the 2012 season.

Bryant grew up in Corona, Calif., and moved to Connecticut in 2006 where he attended Salisbury Prep School. He was a two-sport star for the Knights, excelling in both football and basketball.

Vikings See The Light With Design Of New Stadium

BY DAVE CAMPBELL

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Opening the roof over the new home of the Minnesota Vikings would have forced planners of the \$975 million project to eliminate some of the fancy features.

So the team, the public agency in charge of the stadium and the architects designing it literally saw the light. The yet-to-be-named multi-purpose facility will have a translucent roof and moveable front windows.

Bryan Trubey, the lead architect for the project for the Dallas-based HKS Sports and Entertainment Group, presented images to a crowd of fans, public officials and members of the Vikings organization Monday night. The event took place at the Guthrie Theater, a few blocks from where the stadium will be built in downtown Minneapolis.

It will replace the 31-year-old Metrodome, which the Vikings will vacate after the 2013 season. They'll play outside at the University of Minnesota's TCF Bank Stadium for two years while the new venue is under construction.

In 2016, the Vikings will move back indoors. From the look of the new 65,000-seat building, though, they'll feel a little like they're playing in the elements, albeit with a controlled climate and protection from the rain, wind and snow.

"It's a beautiful building," center John Sullivan said after the unveiling.

The steeply pitched roof will let natural light stream in, making the covered, glass-

"Clear is the new retractable."

BRYAN TRUBEY, LEAD ARCHITECT FOR THE PROJECT, HKS SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

centric stadium seem more like it's outside. Trubey said the covering will be the world's largest transparent roof.

"Clear is the new retractable," he said.

Like the aquatics center in Beijing built for the 2008 Summer Olympics, the southern half of the stadium's roof will be built with a material known as ETFE, ethylene tetrafluoroethylene. The solar power generated from the sun that streams in will help make the building more energy-efficient.

The slope of the roof will also allow for easier snow removal. The Metrodome's Teflon roof famously collapsed during a storm in December 2010, forcing the Vikings to play their last two home games that season elsewhere.

Team owners initially preferred an open-air stadium to return to the franchise's cold-weather roots at suburban Metropolitan Stadium, where the Vikings played — and sometimes froze — from 1961 to 1981.

But the only way to get public help in paying for the project was to enclose it, ensuring the ability to host other sports and events. The Vikings have submitted a bid to host a future Super Bowl, and local leaders have envisioned hosting NCAA basketball tournament games, big-name

concerts and the like.

With NFL attendance in a tough competition for customers with today's in-home high-definition televisions, the Vikings have also focused on creating a fan experience that can't be replicated elsewhere, from special lounges for following fantasy football results to intimate sightlines to the sidelines. Two giant scoreboards will measure more than 50 feet by 120 feet each.

"It's very important that fans feel they're not watching it from a blimp, that they're watching it from close to the field," chief executive officer Zygi Wilf said last year after the bill was finalized. "That's very, very important. We underestimate that when we go to other stadiums, the fan experience, sit in those seats and see how it would be, and a lot of stadiums don't have the closeness as we're trying to get here."

Dozens of purple-jersey-clad fans snatched up the limited amount of free tickets available to the public, singing a couple of bars of the team fight song, "Skol Vikings," before the program began.

They cheered the handful of key officials who helped shepherd the project to

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USD Men Land African Commit

SARASOTA, Fla. — Bounama Keita, a 6-foot-9 center from Impact Basketball Academy in Florida and native of Senegal, Africa, signed to play basketball at the University of South Dakota, according to Impact coach Justin Pizzo.

Keita, whose brother Baya Moussa plays for Syracuse, spent two years with Impact Academy. He visited a couple other schools but ultimately decided South Dakota "is where he wanted to be," Pizzo said.

"We work twice a day with our post kids on developing their skills, and he's definitely made a big improvement," said Pizzo, mentioning Keita's jump shot, touch around the basket and positioning.

"From day one, he's been our defensive anchor. Offensively, he's one of the best passing big men that I've ever seen. He makes plays for his teammates."

Keita, who has a host family in Colorado, left Florida on Monday morning, Pizzo said. His next basketball destination, South Dakota, will be getting more than just a true post, Pizzo said.

"He's a great kid with a great personality. He's everyone's best friend," the coach said. "He's a very likable guy. He'll make a big impact on and off the court."

Keita is the fourth player signed for USD's latest recruiting class. He joins Rico Thompson (Stillwater, Okla.), Tavian Pomle (Iowa Western Community College) and Austin Sparks (Denver, Colo.).