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## Media Release

**From:** Mike Beaton, Activities Coordinator, Fargo South High School

**RE:** Bruin Boys Hockey Coach Named

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Fargo South High School has named **Mr. Matt Hansen** as the new boys hockey coach for the South – Shanley team for the 2023 – 2024 season.

**Mr. Hansen** will replace **Mr. Dean French** who was the head coach for the Bruin boys hockey program from 2017 through 2022. **Mr. French** led the Bruins to their first state championship since 2006 this past winter defeating Red River 3 – 2 in triple overtime.

**Mr. Hansen**, a 1999 graduate of Fargo South High, was an assistant coach at South during the 2010 – 2011 season and served as an assistant coach at Davies High School from 2011 through 2016. He went on to serve as an assistant coach for the Concordia College men’s hockey team from 2016 through 2018. He has worked with individual players on skill development the last couple of years and most recently served as an evaluator for the West Fargo Hockey Association.

Prior to starting his coaching career, **Mr. Hansen** played hockey for the Bruins, winning a state championship with the 1999 team. He went on to play for the Helena Gold Rush and the Minot Muskies, both of the America West Hockey League before attending and playing hockey at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. At Concordia, he was the leading goal scorer for the Cobbers his senior year and was captain for the Cobbers his junior year.

**Mr. Hansen** is a graduate of Concordia College and the University of North Dakota School of Law. He works for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota.

Fargo South High School Activities Coordinator Mike Beaton states “**Mr. Hansen** brings a wide range of playing and coaching experience to the Bruins hockey coaching position. He understands the strong Bruin hockey tradition from his playing days and as a coach for the Bruins. His commitment to helping the athletes grow as hockey players and people was evident during the interview process. He will be a great role model for our student - athletes.”