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Media Release

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

RE: Boys Tennis Coach Named

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Fargo South High School has named **Mr. Samuel Burns** as their new boys' tennis coach for the fall 2026 season.

Mr. Burns will replace **Mr. Kyle Christianson** who had been the head coach for the Bruin boys' program since 2020. **Mr. Christianson** resigned from the head coach position this spring.

Mr. Burns, a graduate of Moorhead High School, has been the head girls' tennis coach for the Bruins since 2021 and has been an assistant coach with the Bruin boys' tennis teams since 2021. He was the head girls' tennis coach at Fargo Shanley High School from 2015 through 2020 and was an assistant coach with the Shanley boys' program from 2012 to 2019. He served as a tennis instructor with Moorhead Parks and Recreation from 2012 through 2014. **Mr. Burns** received his bachelor's degree from North Dakota State University in Physical Education and Health Education. He is a Physical Education teacher at Eagles Elementary School in Fargo. Prior to his position at Eagles Elementary, he taught health and physical education at Oak Grove Lutheran School.

Fargo South High School Activities Coordinator Mike Beaton states "We are excited to announce **Mr. Burns** as the new head coach of our boys' tennis program. With his background as an assistant coach for the Bruin boys' tennis team and as the head coach of the Bruin girls' tennis program, **Mr. Burns** possesses a profound understanding of the rich tradition of Bruin boys' tennis. His wealth of coaching experience, coupled with the strong relationships he has fostered with the athletes in the boys' program as an assistant coach, will ensure a smooth transition into his new role. **Mr. Burns'** experience at the high school level and within the Eastern Dakota Conference, coaching both boys and girls, will be invaluable assets to our boys' tennis program. We look forward to his leadership and guidance as he helps our players develop both as athletes and individuals."