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Engram hired by Badgers to guide offense

Son to play at UW

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst has reached into the pro ranks to hire Bobby Engram from the Ravens as his offensive coordinator.

Engram, 49, has spent the last eight seasons as an assistant coach with Baltimore, starting as a wide receivers coach for five seasons and spending the last three seasons as a tight ends coach, working with All-Pro selection Mark Andrews.

He's also a familiar face, having worked on Chryst's staff at Pittsburgh from 2012-13 as the wide receivers coach.

"Bobby is a great person who has tremendous knowledge of the game," Chryst said Monday in a news release. "I've seen first-hand the impact he can have on players and there's no doubt in my mind that he will help our program both on and off the field. He knows this place and is aligned with our culture, and I think that's important. With his experience, he brings a fresh perspective that will help our program moving forward."

Engram has a son, Dean Engram, who will play wide receiver for Wisconsin in the upcoming season. Dean Engram had been a cornerback his first three seasons at Wisconsin and made five starts at that position in 2021.



Engram

See Engram, B2

Better Davis, chemistry fueling No. 11 Badgers

UW shares Big Ten lead with No. 18 Illini

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Expected to take a step back this season, Wisconsin instead has made a major leap forward.

Wisconsin (17-3, 8-2) is ranked 11th and heads into February sharing the Big Ten lead with No. 18 Illinois (15-5, 8-2), which hosts the Badgers on Wednesday night. That's quite an accomplishment for a team that had to replace four

of its top five scorers from last season.

"The Wisconsin standard is we want to compete to win the Big Ten," guard Brad Davison said. "That's always our expectation, being in this program. We knew how much talent we had in the gym."

A year ago the Badgers were ranked as high as fourth in the Top 25 but ended up tying for sixth in the Big Ten with a 10-10 conference record.

See Badgers, B2



Wisconsin's Johnny Davis (1) shoots against Minnesota's Eric Curry (1) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, in Madison, Wis. Wisconsin won 66-60.



Jim Franz/Beloit Daily News

The Beloit Junior Knight Squirt team's Ransom Ukwurji (5) is congratulated after a goal at Edwards Ice Arena on Sunday by Liam Dencker (2), Micah Harris (4) and Landon Jenson (16).

Beloit youth hockey doesn't deserve thin ice



Jim Franz

program was relatively new when I arrived in our fair city and the indoor facility was still a few years away. It took a lot of watching folks like Brad Strain and "Ace" Hanaman and Sean Wiles before I realized what a great thing hockey is.

So you can imagine how I felt when I heard some of the more long standing fans of the sport bemoan its future in Beloit.

These were folks attending a surprise party for John Mauermann, who has reached retirement age as a high school teacher, but plans to continue to coach the Janesville Bluebirds. By the turnout at Hatley's Pub downtown, it's obvious no one holds a grudge that the former

Purple Knight left Beloit after coaching the 1999 Knights to their one and only WIAA state title and then started guiding our northern rivals.

Back to the point at hand, several of those attending that party played with Mauermann or have had kids who played with him or for him. Many have had close ties with the Beloit Youth Hockey Association. They have a long history with the BYHA and the rink and they are worried.

They're concerned Edwards Ice Arena isn't in the city's plans for the future, that it could be sacrificed in a larger housing development project for Telfer Park. They are upset that not enough is being done to preserve a youth hockey program that has been

remarkably resilient and innovative over the years and the reason there is indoor ice in Beloit in the first place.

They say they've heard city officials comment that if Edwards Ice Arena went away Beloit kids could simply go play in Janesville or Rockford. Beloit Memorial and Turner skaters could co-op elsewhere.

It wasn't a pleasant discussion and left me feeling rather depressed.

Fortunately, that didn't last long. An early morning trip to the rink as BDN photographer turned me around. The BYHA hosted a Squirt tournament and the local skaters were playing a team from Peoria at 8 a.m.

See Hockey, B3

Legion will return as Bandits, with no co-op for 2022

By Daily News staff

BELOIT—The Beloit Legion baseball program is back in full swing, and hoping for a big 2022.

Legion Director Scott Huffman said the program will be improved from years past.

The Legion team, which will now be known as the Bandits, will feature a junior and senior component.

The team is looking to play a 20-game regular season, complete with new, personalized uniforms, with the majority of home games to be played on the brand new turf field at the Staline Family YMCS Youth Sports Complex.

The team played as a co-op with Janesville for three seasons, but each community has enough players to go it on their own this summer.

Eligible players should be born on or after Jan. 1, 2003 and reside in Beloit or any surrounding community.

Any player interested should pre-register as soon as possible by visiting <https://sites.google.com/view/beloitbombersbaseball/home> or by emailing beloitlegion@gmail.com.

Anyone interested in coaching should also send an email.

Multi-sport star Goodwine picks baseball

Indianapolis lures HCHS outfielder

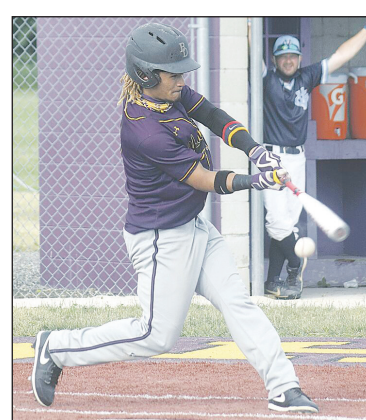
By JOSH FLICKINGER
Co-Sports Editor

ROCKTON—It didn't take Bryce Goodwine long to decide that the University of Indianapolis was the school for him.

When the Hononegah senior made his official visit to Indianapolis on Thursday, the deal was sealed.

"My parents and I got into the car after we got done with the visit, and we just looked at each other," Goodwine said. "There was just no question that was the place for me. Honestly, it was a really easy decision."

The decision on where to attend school might have even been a little easier than when



Josh Flickinger/Beloit Daily News

Bryce Goodwine returns this spring as one of the Staline's most dangerous hitters.

he had to decide which sport to play.

Goodwine was one of the area's top football player. He played in virtually every capacity, hitting game-winning field goals, returning punt, applying lockdown cov-

erage on opposing receivers, or taking the ball himself on offense.

He did it all. He just won't be doing it at the next level.

"Honestly, I always thought I was going to play college football until towards the end of my junior year," Goodwine said. "I just started liking baseball more and more. The reason I could really tell was that I loved baseball practice a lot more than football. It was nothing for me to stay after and work on certain things in baseball. Don't get me wrong, I truly loved football. But I know baseball is my future when it comes to sports."

And why not? Goodwine is one of the best defensive outfielders around, and hit .451 as a switch-hitter for the Indians last season, playing a major role in helping them place fourth in the IHSA Class

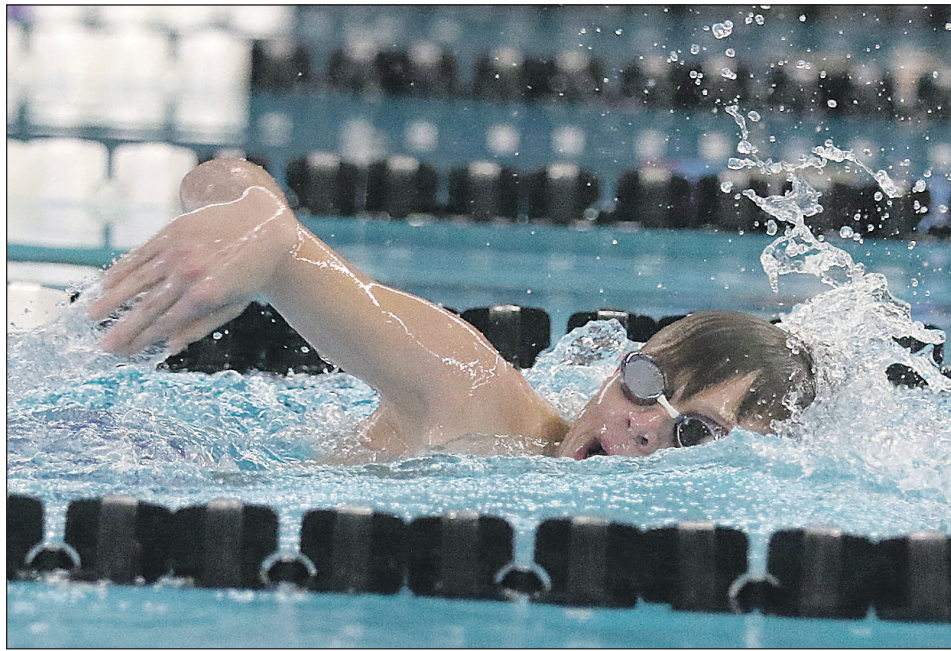
4A Tournament, the best mark in school history.

Goodwine, who plans to major in biology while his future academic life is headed towards the pre-med angle, said everything impressed him about the school and program, which competes as a NCAA Division II school in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"Just the whole atmosphere of the place was great," Goodwine said. "When I got there, I already felt like part of the team. The players were all really friendly, nobody was arrogant at all. The coaches were like their friends, but I know that when it's time to practice they get really serious. It's college baseball, so when it comes down to it, you're not there to play, you're there to win."

See Goodwine, B3

BMHS hosts intermediate swimmers



Fruzen Intermediate School swimmer Maxxton Frey-Lee competed in the 50-yard freestyle during a multi-team meet at the Richard Vogel Natatorium on Jan. 27. Aldrich, Cunningham and McNeel also competed in the meet.

Hockey

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A number of the visitors seemed a head taller than the Junior Knights, who quickly fell behind 3-0. But then Ransom Ukwurji knocked in a goal and the hosts began to rally. Ukwurji went on to score three goals, goalie Brynley Potter turned away some key shots and Beloit emerged with a hard-fought 4-4 tie to the applause of parents bundled up on the bleachers.

The makeup of the Beloit team was impressive—a melting pot of whites, Blacks and Hispanics, boys and girls. They helped remind anyone who watched what a great sport hockey is. It takes teamwork to be successful. It takes trust. This is where kids learn to get along with each other, to work toward goals and to endure failure and celebrate success. You couldn't walk away from the rink that morning without feeling that this is something

that needs to be protected. Beloit kids shouldn't have to go to Janesville or Rockford to experience this. With all the problems the city has, this is a positive and should be supported not sacrificed. Can people really be this blind? Driving home, I passed the Lagoon and saw a heartwarming sight. There were at least a dozen kids taking advantage of the ice rink there. Nearly all had hockey sticks in their hands.

Goodwine

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While he won't be sure of his role until he gets to campus next year, Goodwine is optimistic about his future there. "The coach sounds like he has a real plan for me, and that drew me towards them even more," Goodwine said. "He told me they can't promise anyone playing time that's coming in

as a freshman, but he expects me to at least fight for a starting position. He liked the fact that I was a switch-hitter, and told me they aren't going to do anything with my swing, just make tweaks here and there." Before Goodwine heads off to college, he's got more business to attend to on the diamond as the Indians plan to compete for more post-season glory. "I'm definitely excited

for this year," Goodwine said. "We've got a lot of kids coming back that know how it feels to have that success, and we all want to feel that again. Our biggest thing is going to be hitting. We lost Gabe Roessler, Braden Sayles and Noah Goddard, and those guys helped us win a lot of games. I think our pitching is going to be really good, so if we can score some runs, we're going to be in good shape again."

MLB lockout talks to resume

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball labor negotiations are set to resume Tuesday, just over two weeks before the scheduled start of a spring training that's threatened by a lockout.

The sport's ninth work stoppage began Dec. 2 after the expiration of a five-year labor contract, and the sides did not meet again on the central economic issues until Jan. 24, when players withdrew their proposal for more liberalized free agency. Management responded the following day by withdrawing its

proposal for more limited salary arbitration. Clubs also accepted the union's framework to funnel additional money to pre-arbitration-eligible players from central revenue, offering a \$10 million pool based on awards and WAR. The union has asked for \$105 million for the group, usually about 30 players annually.

Tuesday's session will be the first on the central issues since then, and the sides don't agree on many economic proposals, leaving very little time to end the lockout and

avoid disrupting the Feb. 16 scheduled start of spring training workouts. Players would need several days to travel to team complexes in Arizona and Florida, plus time to go through COVID-19 protocols.

This is probably the last week to reach a deal that would allow a timely start to spring training. Owners are scheduled to meet from Feb. 8-10 in Orlando, Florida, making it less likely there could be negotiations over those days.

Washington takes on Milwaukee on 5-game skid

By The Associated Press

Washington Wizards (23-26, 11th in the Eastern Conference) vs. Milwaukee Bucks (31-21, fifth in the Eastern Conference)

Milwaukee; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. EST
BOTTOM LINE: Washington is looking to end its five-game slide with a victory over Milwaukee.

The Bucks have gone 20-16 against Eastern Conference teams. Milwaukee ranks eighth in the league shooting 35.9% from downtown, led by Lindell Wigginton shooting 100.0% from

3-point range.

The Wizards are 16-16 in Eastern Conference play. Washington is at the bottom of the league scoring 8.6 fast break points per game.

The two teams match up for the second time this season. The Wizards defeated the Bucks 101-94 in their last matchup on Nov. 7. Bradley Beal led the Wizards with 30 points, and Giannis Antetokounmpo led the Bucks with 29 points.

TOP PERFORMERS: Grayson Allen averages 2.6 made 3-pointers per game for the Bucks, scoring 11.8 points while shooting 39.2%

from beyond the arc. Antetokounmpo is averaging 28.8 points, 11.2 rebounds and 5.8 assists over the past 10 games for Milwaukee.

Beal is averaging 23.2 points and 6.6 assists for the Wizards. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope is averaging 1.7 made 3-pointers over the last 10 games for Washington.

LAST 10 GAMES: Bucks: 5-5, averaging 110.2 points, 45.8 rebounds, 23.4 assists, 7.8 steals and 3.7 blocks per game while shooting 45.0% from the field. Their opponents have averaged 111.6 points per game.

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