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[Bibler named GI cross country coach](#)

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NIAGARA FALLS — Jason Bibler has taken over full-time coaching duties of the Grand Island boys and girls cross country teams following Don Sauer's resignation last week.

Sauer, who was suspended and subsequently resigned amid a state police investigation last week, saw his position filled by interim coach Craig Davis while a long-term replacement was found.

That replacement is Bibler, who oversaw the Vikings runners as they took on Lockport and Kenmore East on Tuesday.

"He started on Monday and was at the meet (Tuesday)," Grand Island athletics director Jon Roth said. "So he's good to go."

Roth was impressed by the coach's resume, which includes six cross country and 11 track and field championships as a coach at Batavia and Notre Dame High Schools, the latter of which he attended as a student. Roth said Bibler also ran track at Cortland State and competes in triathlons.

"We really got very lucky that Jason was available at the time," Roth said.

A call to Bibler went unanswered on Wednesday, but Roth said he was grateful to a number of coaches that stepped up over the last few weeks, including Davis and former cross country coach Andy Curtis.

He said the two have officially turned over the team to Bibler, and he's excited about the program moving forward.

"We are very lucky to have such a successful, confident, experienced and New York State certified coach to step up in a difficult situation in such a short period of time," Roth said. "Jason has an outstanding Section V reputation in the running sports."