PHOTO OF THE DAY

Down The Chute

Vermillion's Robin Chute gets an infield single to lead off the game during the Red Sox's matchup with Pierre Friday at Sioux Falls Stadium. Vermillion won 6-2, staying alive in the South Dakota State Class A Amateur Baseball Tournament. The Red Sox play Brandon Valley today (Saturday) at 11 a.m. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)

AREA DIGEST

USD's Cain Set To Play In Latvia

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota's Tyler Cain has signed a contract to play for VEF Riga of the Baltic Basketball League in Latvia. Cain leaves tomorrow to join the squad.

"This all came together kind of quick," Cain said. "It's a lot of feelings. I'm excited about it and excited to be playing basketball. I have a job to do now and that's go play hard."

Founded in 2004, the BBL is divided into the Elite division and the Challenge Cup division. The 10 strongest Baltic clubs participate in the Elite division, while the rest compete in the Challenge Cup. VEF Riga, located in the city of Riga in the middle of the country, went 8-10 last season to finish sixth in the Elite Division.

"VEF Riga is a well-established team that is expected to do well each season," Cain said. "It's going to be a new experience playing with a new team, but hopefully I can find a way to help the team and adapt to how they play. I want to be a successfully player and help them win."

Cain notched one of the best all-around seasons in USD history as a senior in 2009-10. He earned Great West Conference Player of the Year, GWC Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-GWC honors while leading the Coyotes to a 22-10 overall record and 11-1 in the conference.

USD won the GWC regular season and tournament to qualify for the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament. Cain led the team in points (14.7), rebounds (10.4), blocks (3.0) and steals (1.5) while scoring in double figures in 27 games with 14 double-doubles.

A native of Rochester, Minn., Cain became the second player in USD men's basketball history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. He finished 11th on USD's scoring chart with 1,390 points, second in rebounding (1,088) and eighth in steals (184). He owns USD's career blocked shots record with 361 and also set the top four single-season marks in the category. He notched 36 career double-doubles in 115 starts.

Cain graduated from USD in May with a bachelor's degree in recreation, and earned GWC Academic All-Conference honors twice.

SDSU Soccer Picked Second In Summit League Preseason Poll

ELMHURST, Ill. — After winning the regular season conference title last season and taking second place in the 2009 League Championship, the South Dakota State women's soccer team was picked to finish second in the Summit League preseason poll as voted on by the league's 10 head coaches Friday.

The 2009 Summit League Champion IUPUI was selected as the preseason favorite with five first-place votes and 75 points. SDSU came in second with 71 points and two first-place votes. North Dakota State came in third with 69 points and three first-place votes. Oakland and Western Illinois rounded out the top five with 57 and 49 points, respectively.

The Jacks won last season's Summit League regular season title, but lost to IUPUI 4-1 in the Summit League Championship. The Jacks finished the season with a 11-7-2 record including a 7-2 record in the Summit League.

Led by head coach Lang Wedemeyer, the Jacks return all but one of the 2009 squad including first team all-league selection Kaitlin Justice and second team honorees Stéphanie Bérubé and Kayla Braffet.

Riverboat Days Bench Press Aug. 20

The seventh annual Yankton Riverboat Days Bench Press Contest will be held Friday, Aug. 20, at the Anytime Fitness gym on the north end of Yankton Mall, 2101 Broadway Ave. Weigh-ins will be held Aug. 20 from 4:30-6 p.m. Lifting begins at 6:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

This year will introduce a special event called a Pump and Curl Challenge, where participants will bench press a weight based on their age and bodyweight for as many repetitions as possible, then curl a weight based on their age and bodyweight as many consecutive times as possible. Pump and Curl Challenge lifters who total at least 50 combined reps will earn a Gold Medal. Entrants who total at least 35 Pump and Curl reps will receive a Silver Medal.

Power lifting medals will also be awarded to the top three lifters in each division of the Bench Press Contest. Trophies and plaques will be awarded to the Best Male Lifter and Best Female Lifter, based on pound-for-pound strength. There will also be special awards for the Biggest Overall Bench Lift and Most Total Reps in the Pump and Curl Challenge.

For more information, contact Brian Hunhoff at (605) 664-3394 or Anytime Fitness manager Roy Reichle at (605) 260-0360.

Booster Club Golf Tourney Aug. 15

The Yankton High School Adult Athletic Booster Club will hold its annual golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 15, at Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton. The two-person scramble will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

There is an entry fee, which includes the opportunity to win pin prizes on all 18 holes. Prizes and flights are determined by the number of entries.

Carts will also be available for rent, but must be reserved at least one week in advance. Private carts will be welcome, but will be charged a trail fee.

Contact Fox Run at 668-5205 for more information.

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, August 14

BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tournament at Sioux Falls (Vermillion Red Sox vs. Brandon Valley, 11 a.m., KVTK-AM; Crofton vs. Madison, 7:30 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.D. Class AA 15-16 Majors Tourn. at Sioux Falls (Yankton Black Sox); S.D. Class AA 15-16 Minors Tourn. at Brandon (Yankton Grey Sox vs. Pierre, noon; Yankton Grey Sox vs. Huron, 5:30 p.m.); S.D. Class A Tourn. at Wagner (Vermillion, Wagner); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Clark (Platte, Irene)

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Arrowhead Pro-Am at Arrowhead GC, Rapid City

GOLF, SDGA Two-Woman Championship at Broadland Creek, Huron

Sunday, August 15

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GOLF, SDGA Two-Woman Championship at Broadland Creek, Huron

Monday, August 16

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR The Links of North Dakota Pro-Am at Williston, N.D.

GOLF, BOYS' Brandon Valley Tourn. (YHS, noon)

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SCOREBOARD

Am. Baseball

S.D. STATE CLASS B TOURN.
Aug. 4-15 at Sioux Falls

SECOND ROUND
Sunday, Aug. 8
Dimock-Emery 14, Wynot 3
Canova 11, Dell Rapids Mudcats 6
Monday, Aug. 9
Parkston Mudcats 5, Tabor 3
Redfield Dairy Queen 11, Dell Rapids PBR 9
Tuesday, Aug. 10
Crofton 5, Elk Point 1
Winner-Colome 13, Milbank 10
Wednesday, Aug. 11
Madison 17, Aurora 12
Platte 17, Miller-Wessington 5

QUARTERFINALS
Thursday, Aug. 12
Dimock-Emery 6, Canova 5
Redfield Dairy Queen 10, Parkston Mudcats 7
Friday, Aug. 13
Crofton 9, Winner-Colome 4
Madison 11, Platte 1, 7 innings

SEMIFINALS
Saturday, Aug. 14
Dimock Emery vs. Redfield Dairy Queen, 1 p.m.
Crofton vs. Madison, 7:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, Aug. 15
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

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S.D. STATE CLASS A TOURN.
Aug. 12-15 at Sioux Falls
Thursday, Aug. 12
Brandon Valley 6, Yankton 3, Yankton eliminated
Friday, Aug. 13
Vermillion Red Sox 6, Pierre 2, Pierre eliminated
Renner Monarchs 4, Brookings 2
Saturday, Aug. 14
GAME 32: Brandon Valley vs. Vermillion Red Sox, 11 a.m.
GAME 34: Game 32 winner vs. Brookings, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 15
CHAMPIONSHIP: Renner Monarchs vs. Game 34 winner, noon

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	43	.623	—
Tampa Bay	69	46	.600	2 1/2
Boston	66	50	.569	6
Toronto	60	54	.526	11
Baltimore	41	75	.353	31
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	66	50	.569	—
Chicago	65	51	.560	1
Detroit	55	60	.478	10 1/2
Cleveland	48	68	.414	18
Kansas City	47	68	.409	18 1/2
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Texas	65	48	.575	—
Los Angeles	59	57	.509	7 1/2
Oakland	57	57	.500	8 1/2
Seattle	45	71	.388	21 1/2

Friday's Games
Seattle 3, Cleveland 2
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 0
Boston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 4
Minnesota 4, Oakland 3
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Baltimore (Matusz 4-11) at Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 2-1), 3:10 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 5-10) at Chicago White Sox (E.Jackson 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (J.Vargas 8-5) at Cleveland (Talbot 8-9), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 13-5) at Kansas City (O'Sullivan 1-3), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Cahill 12-4) at Minnesota (Duensing 5-1), 6:10 p.m.
Boston (Lester 12-7) at Texas (C.Lewis 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Cecil 9-5) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 11-8), 8:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Seattle at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 12:40 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Boston at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Angels, 2:35 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	67	48	.583	—
Philadelphia	64	51	.557	3
New York	58	57	.504	9
Florida	57	57	.500	9?
Washington	50	66	.431	17?
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
St. Louis	65	49	.570	—
Cincinnati	65	51	.560	1
Milwaukee	54	62	.466	12
Houston	49	65	.430	16
Chicago	48	68	.414	18
Pittsburgh	39	76	.339	26?
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Diego	67	46	.593	—
San Francisco	66	50	.569	2?
Colorado	59	55	.518	8?
Los Angeles	59	57	.509	9?
Arizona	46	71	.393	23

Friday's Games
Washington 4, Arizona 2
Cincinnati 7, Florida 2
N.Y. Mets 1, Philadelphia 0
Atlanta 1, L.A. Dodgers 0
St. Louis 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Houston 4, Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee at Colorado, 9:10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 3-6) at St. Louis (C.Carpenter 13-3), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Latos 12-5) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 4-4), 3:10 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 6-9) at Washington (Marquis 0-4), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Maholm 7-10) at Houston (Figueroa 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (West 0-1) at Cincinnati (Leake 7-4), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 5-8) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 11-9), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 14-8) at N.Y. Mets (Misch 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Narveson 9-7) at Colorado (Rogers 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Florida at Cincinnati, 12:10 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 12:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta, 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee at Colorado, 2:10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.

MLB Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Hamilton, Texas, .357; MiCabrera, Detroit, .339; ABeltre, Boston, .331; Cano, New York, .327; Mauer, Minnesota, .327; DelmYoung, Minnesota, .319; DeJesus, Kansas City, .318.

RUNS—Jeter, New York, 84; Teixeira, New York, 83; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 80; MYoung, Texas, 78; JBautista, Toronto, 77; MiCabrera, Detroit, 77; Cano, New York, 77; Youkilis, Boston, 77.

RBI—MiCabrera, Detroit, 93; ARodriguez, New York, 91; JBautista, Toronto, 88; Guerrero, Texas, 86; Teixeira, New York, 86; DelmYoung, Minnesota, 84; ABeltre, Boston, 79.

HITS—Hamilton, Texas, 154; ISuzuki, Seattle, 149; ABeltre, Boston, 143; Cano, New York, 143; MiCabrera, Detroit, 137; MYoung, Texas, 136; Jeter, New York, 134.

DOUBLES—Markakis, Baltimore, 38; Mauer, Minnesota, 38; MiCabrera, Detroit, 37; Hamilton, Texas, 36; ABeltre, Boston, 35; VWells, Toronto, 35; DelmYoung, Minnesota, 35.

TRIPLES—Crawford, Tampa Bay, 7; AJackson, Detroit, 7; Pennington, Oakland, 7; Span, Minnesota, 7; Granderson, New York, 6; Podsednik, Kansas City, 6; AdJones, Baltimore, 5; FLewis, Toronto, 5; EPatterson, Boston, 5; Youkilis, Boston, 5.

HOME RUNS—JBautista, Toronto, 36; Konerko, Chicago, 28; MiCabrera, Detroit, 26; Teixeira, New York, 26; DOrtiz, Boston, 25; Hamilton, Texas, 24; Quentin, Chicago, 24.

STOLEN BASES—Pierre, Chicago, 44; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 39; RDavis, Oakland, 34; BUpton, Tampa Bay, 33; Gardner, New York, 32; Figgins, Seattle, 30; Podsednik, Kansas City, 30.

PITCHING—Price, Tampa Bay, 15-5; Sabathia, New York, 15-5; Pavano, Minnesota, 14-7; CBuchholz, Boston, 13-5; PHughes, New York, 13-5; Verlander, Detroit, 13-7; Cahill, Oakland, 12-4; Lester, Boston, 12-7; Danks, Chicago, 12-8.

STRIKEOUTS—JerWeaver, Los Angeles, 182; FHernandez, Seattle, 165; Liriano, Minnesota, 160; Lester, Boston, 160; Morrow, Toronto, 151; Verlander, Detroit, 147; CLewis, Texas, 141.

SAVES—RSoriano, Tampa Bay, 32; Soria, Kansas City, 31; Papelbon, Boston, 29; NFeliz, Texas, 29; Gregg, Toronto, 25; MRivera, New York, 24; Fuentes, Los Angeles, 23; Aardsma, Seattle, 23; Jenks, Chicago, 23.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—CGonzalez, Colorado, .322; Votto, Cincinnati, .320; Polanco, Philadelphia, .317; Prado, Atlanta, .315; Pujols, St. Louis, .310; Byrd, Chicago, .310; Holliday, St. Louis, .307.

RUNS—BPhillips, Cincinnati, 82; Votto, Cincinnati, 82; Uggla, Florida, 80; Weeks, Milwaukee, 79; CGonzalez, Colorado, 76; AHuff, San Francisco, 75; Prado, Atlanta, 75; Pujols, St. Louis, 75.

RBI—Pujols, St. Louis, 84; Howard, Philadelphia, 81; Votto, Cincinnati, 79; ADunn, Washington, 78; CGonzalez, Colorado, 77; DWright, New York, 77; Hart, Milwaukee, 75.

HITS—Prado, Atlanta, 138; CGonzalez, Colorado, 137; BPhillips, Cincinnati, 134; Pujols, St. Louis, 131; Byrd, Chicago, 130; Holliday, St. Louis, 129; Braun, Milwaukee, 128; Votto, Cincinnati, 128.

DOUBLES—Werth, Philadelphia, 38; ATorres, San Francisco, 37; Loney, Los Angeles, 31; Holliday, St. Louis, 30; Byrd, Chicago, 29; BPhillips, Cincinnati, 29; Prado, Atlanta, 29; DWright, New York, 29.

TRIPLES—SDrew, Arizona, 8; Fowler, Colorado, 8; Victorino, Philadelphia, 8; AEscobar, Milwaukee, 7; Pagan, New York, 7; Bay, New York, 6; CGonzalez, Colorado, 6; Morgan, Washington, 6; JosReyes, New York, 6.

HOME RUNS—ADunn, Washington, 31; Pujols, St. Louis, 28; Votto, Cincinnati, 28; Reynolds, Arizona, 26; Uggla, Florida, 26; Fielder, Milwaukee, 25; CGonzalez, Colorado, 25.

STOLEN BASES—Bourn, Houston, 39; Morgan, Washington, 29; Pagan, New York, 28; CYoung, Arizona, 24; AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, 23; JosReyes, New York, 23; ATorres, San Francisco, 23.

PITCHING—Jimenez, Colorado, 17-3; Wainwright, St. Louis, 17-6; THudson, Atlanta, 14-5; Halladay, Philadelphia, 14-8; CCarpenter, St. Louis, 13-3; Nolasco, Florida, 13-8; Latos, San Diego, 12-5; Arroyo, Cincinnati, 12-7.

STRIKEOUTS—Halladay, Philadelphia, 168; Lincecum, San Francisco, 163; Wainwright, St. Louis, 158; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 157; Hamels, Philadelphia, 157; JoJohnson, Florida, 156; Gallardo, Milwaukee, 149.

SAVES—HBell, San Diego, 34; BrWilson, San Francisco, 33; FCordero, Cincinnati, 30; Wagner, Atlanta, 29; Nunez, Florida, 26; Capps, Washington, 26; FRodriguez, New York, 25.

NFL Preseason

Thursday's Games
New England 27, New Orleans 24
Baltimore 17, Carolina 12
Oakland 17, Dallas 9
Friday's Games
Washington 42, Buffalo 17
Philadelphia 28, Jacksonville 27
Atlanta 20, Kansas City 10
Saturday's Games
Tampa Bay at Miami, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Houston at Arizona, 7 p.m.
Chicago at San Diego, 8 p.m.
Tennessee at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Sunday's Games
San Francisco at Indianapolis, noon
Denver at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Monday's Game
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.

The WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	10	.667	—
New York	18	11	.621	1 1/2
Washington	18	12	.600	2
Atlanta	18	13	.581	2 1/2
Connecticut	15	15	.500	5
Chicago	13	17	.433	7
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
z-Seattle	25	5	.833	—
Phoenix	14	16	.467	11
San Antonio	12	18	.400	13
Los Angeles	11	19	.367	14
Minnesota	11	19	.367	14
Tulsa	5	25	.167	20

z-clinched conference

Thursday's Games
Los Angeles 78, Minnesota 77
Friday's Games
Washington 61, Minnesota 58
New York 90, Atlanta 83
Indiana 110, Phoenix 90
Connecticut 88, Seattle 68
San Antonio 94, Tulsa 74
Saturday's Games
Phoenix at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Seattle at Washington, 3 p.m.
Indiana at Connecticut, 4 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 6 p.m.

ML Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	11	4	4	37	28	17
New York	9	6	4	31	21	21
Toronto FC	7	7	5	26	21	21
Chicago	5	5	6	21	21	21
Kansas City	5	8	5	20	15	21
New England	5	9	3	18	17	27
Philadelphia	4	10	4	16	22	33
D.C.	3	13	3	12	12	32
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles	12	3	4	40	31	13
Real Salt Lake	10	4	6	36	34	16
FC Dallas	7	2	9	30	24	16
Seattle	8	8	4	28	23	25
Colorado	7	5	6	27	20	17
San Jose	6	6	5	23	20	20
Houston	5	9	5	20	23	29
Chivas USA	5	10	3	18	22	25

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's Games
New York 1, Toronto FC 0
Philadelphia 1, Real Salt Lake 1, tie
Saturday's Games
Colorado at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles at New York, 5 p.m.
FC Dallas at D.C. United, 7 p.m.
Houston at New England, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Seattle FC at Chivas USA, 10 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB—Suspended Tampa Bay minor league C Marcos Torres (GCL) 50 games after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Reinstated OF Lou Montanez from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Norfolk (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Reinstated INF-OF Mark Teahen from 15-day DL.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Traded OF Jose Guillen to San Francisco for a player to be named and cash considerations.
OAKLAND A'S—Placed INF Adam Rosales on the 15-day DL retroactive to Aug. 12. Recalled INF Steve Tolleson from Sacramento (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Promoted OF-DH Rocco Baldelli from Charlotte (FSL) to Durham (IL).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Reinstated INF Derrek Lee from the bereavement list. Optioned INF Micah Hoffpauir to Iowa (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with OF Daniel Grovatt.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tyrell Jenkins and assigned him to Johnson City (Appalachian).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS—Signed G Terrico White to a two-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed OL John Malecki. Waived TE Joel Gamble.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Placed DE Ty Warren on injured reserve. Reinstated LB Derrick Burgess from the reserve-did not report list.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed LB Shawne Merriman to a one-year tender.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS CREW—Exercised the 2011 contract option on coach Robert Warzycha.
FC DALLAS—Signed D Jackson Goncalves.
SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC—Placed MF Brad Evans on the DL. Activated F Mike Fucito from the DL.
COLLEGE
GEORGIA—Named Greg McGarity athletic director.
LEES-MCRAE—Named Patrick Cormac men's assistant soccer coach.
PITTSBURGH—Named Tom Lipari pitching coach.
SAINT FRANCIS, PA.—Named Alison Stubbs assistant athletic trainer.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Promoted Ruth Sorrel to associate head equestrian coach.
SPRINGFIELD—Named Kiki Jacobs associate director of athletics.
UTSA—Announced the resignation of assistant football coach David Ross.

USD

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the first vacancy filled by new USD athletic director David Sayler.

"Nick has real strong Coyote roots and the passion he has for this university as well as for the Vermillion community will provide a solid foundation for him to lead our golf programs into the future," Sayler said in Thursday's release.

Hovden inherits a USD men's and women's program that saw moderate improvement last season.

The Coyote men — who were members of the America Sky Conference — recorded five top-5 finishes last year, while the USD women finished fifth at the Great West Conference championship.

The men's team graduated two seniors, while the women's team did not graduate a single player and added five recruits.

"We're a Division I team, but we need to start competing like it," said Hovden, who is in the process of sending a welcome letter to his athletes. "This is the big leagues now; we need to put in some big league time and effort.

"I know it'll take some time to build something," he added. "But I know we have a great group of kids who are hard workers."

At the end of the day, Hovden said that despite the "whirlwind process" that brought him back to Vermillion, he's anxious to begin his duties.

"I'm excited beyond words to get going," he said. "I've known since I was little that I wanted to be a teacher, and golf is a passion of mine.

"This is just the perfect mix for me."

HOF Welcomes 2 Great Olympic Champs

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Larry Bird stopped just short of calling the Dream Team the best squad ever assembled.

With the talent standing behind him, he wouldn't get much argument if he had.

The members of the 1992 Olympic champions joined him on stage Friday as they were inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and the rest of the famed squad were Bird's teammates in his last competitive games, a powerful and popular group widely credited for the growth of international basketball.

"Pretty good way to go out, winning the gold medal," Bird said.

Fighting a bad back and nearing retirement, Bird had to be talked into playing in Barcelona by Johnson, his friend and a rival since their college days.

"I called your butt up and I said you're going to play, we need this thrill one more time," Johnson said.

Their predecessors from the 1960 Olympics, a group led by Oscar Robertson and Jerry West, also were enshrined during the ceremony at Symphony Hall. Dream Teamers Scottie Pippen and Karl Malone were inducted as individuals.

Pippen opened his acceptance speech by praising Jordan, his fellow six-time NBA champion from the Chicago Bulls for being "the best teammate."

"MJ, you have touched so many people's lives, but none quite like mine," Pippen said.

A little-known player from Central Arkansas when the Bulls got him in 1987, Pippen was the first player inducted. With Jordan standing nearby on stage as his presenter, Pippen said he would "cherish their relationship forever."

"Who knew that No. 23 would be here 23 years later presenting me to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame?" Pippen said.

The presenter does not speak, and Jordan also didn't speak when the Dream Team assembled on stage. His remarks last year during his enshrinement speech drew some criticism after he singled out individuals whose slights had provided him with motivation.

Malone struggled with his emotions throughout his speech, especially at the end when he recalled his mother, saying she had died seven years ago Friday.

"I'm here because of her," he said.

NFL: McNabb Throws TD In Redskins Debut; Eagles Nip Jags

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Donovan McNabb threw a touchdown pass in his Washington Redskins debut, Albert Haynesworth looked suitably motivated in his debut as a $100 million backup, and the new-look Buffalo Bills looked like the same old Buffalo Bills.

McNabb went 5 for 8 for 58 yards in two series Friday night and hit first-year player Anthony Armstrong for a 4-yard touchdown in the Redskins' 42-17 win over the mistake-ridden Bills. It was a first-glimpse preseason game that shows Washington's new coach Mike Shanahan is quite a bit further along than Buffalo's new coach Chan Gailey.

It's been a little over four months since the Easter Sunday trade that brought McNabb to the Redskins, and it's still a jarring sight to see No. 5 in something other than a Philadelphia Eagles uniform. After a couple of wayward throws on his first series, he went 4 for 5 for 47 yards on his second drive and showed he still has some speed in his 33-year-old legs by scrambling to convert a third-and-1.

"When you play your first game, obviously, with a new ballclub, it takes you back to the first game you played," McNabb said. "Your adrenaline is high, and you have to settle down a little bit. The second time we went out, after our first drive, it led to us putting up some points. Then good things happen. There are a lot of things we have to work on, but I thought offensively we were able to progress."

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The Philadelphia Eagles DeSean Jackson (10) celebrates a reception during first quarter against the Jacksonville Jaguars. The Eagles defeated the Jaguars, 28-27, at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pa. on Friday night.

McNabb's favorite target was tight end Chris Cooley, who caught three passes for 33 yards — a surefire harbinger of the regular season, especially with the Redskins still trying to figure out their receiver corps. McNabb's last throw was the TD to Armstrong, who has made a surprisingly strong case for a roster spot.

Clinton Portis, with more competition than usual at camp, got more than his usual work for a first preseason game, carrying six times for 22 yards. Brandon Banks, an undrafted rookie receiver from Kansas State listed at 5-foot-7, made some look-at-me noise with a dynamic 77-yard punt return down the right sideline for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Haynesworth, who has ended up on the short end of a months-long showdown with Shanahan, skipped offseason workouts because he wanted a trade. He wasn't allowed to practice at camp until passing a conditioning test. He aced the test on the 10th day of camp and was told by coaches he'll have to play with the reserves until he earns a spot back in the starting lineup.

EAGLES 28, JAGUARS 27: PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Starter Kevin Kolb was impressive and backup Michael Vick displayed flashes of his old self before rookie Mike Kafka rallied the Eagles to victory in their preseason opener.

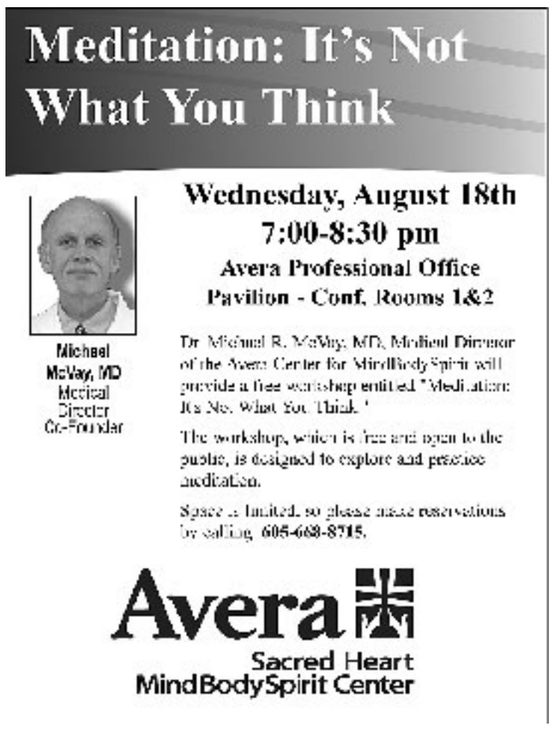
Pro Bowl kicker David Akers made all five of his field goals, including a 36-yarder that gave the Eagles a one-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Jaguars backup Luke McCown picked apart Philadelphia's junior-varsity secondary, throwing for 244 yards and three touchdowns.

But the focus was on Kolb, anointed the starter and given a contract extension after Donovan McNabb was traded to Washington in April.

Kolb was 6 of 11 for 95 yards. Vick was 11 of 17 for 119 yards and ran for 50 yards. He made a couple spectacular plays, but also lost a fumble and threw an interception.

FALCONS 20, CHIEFS 10: ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Ryan played two decent series. Matt Cassel played four average ones. Both quarterbacks lacked solid protection in the preseason opener, but Ryan's Falcons got better play from their rookie reserves.

Dexter McCluster, a second-round pick, made a few dazzling moves as a tailback and a slot receiver for Kansas City. But Dimitri Nance and Shann Schillinger helped put the Falcons ahead to stay early in the third quarter.

Nance, an undrafted rookie free agent from Arizona State, ran for a 3-yard touchdown to make it 10-3. Schillinger, a sixth-round cornerback, set up the score by picking off Brodie Croyle's throw and returning it 29 yards.