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WASHINGTON (AP) — Baseball players often say the best approach is to keep it simple. See the ball, hit the ball.
Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. has the same philosophy in mind for a sports exchange with Japanese children affected by this year's earthquake and tsunami.
"Maybe the value of sports is to bring people together. Sometimes the escape that sports can provide. Sometimes the distraction of what it can provide," Ripken told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday at the State Department.

Ripken Leading Sports Exchange With Japanese Youth

Sixteen teenagers and four coaches from Japan are participating in a two-week exchange in the U.S., starting with a meeting with Ripken and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday. Other highlights of the trip include a clinic at Ripken's baseball academy, a clinic at Camden Yards where the group will also watch a Baltimore Orioles game and an appearance at the Little League World Series, where one of teens will throw

out the first pitch for Japan's game Aug. 18.
Then in November, Ripken plans to travel to Japan to meet with youth affected by the earthquake and tsunami. It will be Ripken's third trip as a State Department public diplomacy envoy, following visits to China in 2007 and Nicaragua in 2008.
"I wasn't sure what I was getting into," he recalled. "But I always believed that sports was a universal language, and it does bring people together, and I was glad to play that role."

Middle School Athletic Physicals Need To Be Completed Soon

With the decision to reinstate Yankton Middle School athletic physicals, it is important that the parents and/or guardians of seventh graders call the Yankton Medical Clinic to set up a physical as soon as possible.
Physical forms can be obtained at the Yankton High School Activities Office, the Yankton Middle School Principal's Office, online at the Yankton Public School Web Site or at the Yankton Medical Clinic.

Eighth grade students who are going to participate in a fall sport can pick up their certification forms at the Yankton High School Activities Office, the Yankton Middle School Principal's Office or online at the Yankton Public School Web Site. The certification forms need to be filled out signed by a parent and returned to the Middle School's Principal's office as soon as possible.
If you have any questions please call the Yankton High School Activities Office at 665-8369.

SCSU Names Sebera Interim XC, Track Coach

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — St. Cloud State University Director of Athletics Dr. Morris Kurtz announced Tuesday that Brian Sebera will serve as the acting head men's and

women's cross country and track and field coach for the 2011-12 season.
Sebera replaces Seth Mischke who resigned to take the head men's and women's track and field coach position at Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

Sebera is a familiar face in the Husky track and field program as he has been an assistant to Mischke since August of 2007, coaching sprints, hurdles and relays. He also served as the strength and conditioning coach for the track program and is USATF Level I & II certified.

Mahon To Serve As Team USA Press Officer For Track And Field

DES MOINES, Iowa — Former University of South Dakota sports information director Mike Mahon has been appointed by USA Track and Field to serve as a press officer for Team USA at the upcoming World Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Aug. 27-Sept. 4.

Mahon served as the SID for USD from 1977-88, when he accepted a similar position at Drake. The 1976 graduate of USD was local media coordinator for the 2008 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships as well as the 2010 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. He also was media coordinator for the Drake Relays from 1989 to 2010 and was inducted into the Drake Relays Wall of Honor this past April.

Mahon was inducted into the College Sports Information Directors Hall of Fame in 1995 and was cited for a quarter century of service in CoSIDA in 2002. He served as chairman of the CoSIDA Membership Services Committee from 1990-93 and also was chairman of the CoSIDA Olympic Liaison Committee in June of 2002.

He was named recipient of the Sam Skinner Award in 2006 by the Track and Field Writers of America, becoming the first sports information director to receive the honor. He has been involved with the U.S. Olympic Committee, serving as a press officer for the U.S. track and field teams at the 1992, 1996 and 2004 Summer Olympics. He also served as a press officer for the U.S. at the 1991, 1999 and 2003 Pan American Games.

USD Soccer Camp In Yankton Aug. 13

The University of South Dakota women's soccer program will be hosting a youth soccer camp on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m.-noon at Memorial Park in Yankton. Open to boys and girls ages 3-12, the camp will include goalkeeping sessions as well as general soccer skills.

A coaches clinic will also be held, with participating coaches receiving a year-long soccer training packet.
For registration information or other questions, contact Mandy Green at mandy.green@usd.edu.

Coyote Elite Soccer Academy Coming To Yankton

For the first time, the University of South Dakota women's soccer program will conduct a Coyote Elite Soccer Academy at Memorial Park in Yankton over a series of Mondays in the coming months.

Open to boys and girls ages 3-12, the sessions will be held Monday, Aug. 29, Sept. 5, Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Participating players will receive six sessions from the USD soccer staff; advanced training utilized by collegiate, professional and national team levels; a chance to train with competitive players in the same age range; instruction from Division I players; and a USD Elite Soccer Academy T-shirt.
For registration information or other questions, contact Mandy Green at mandy.green@usd.edu.

Cross Country Sign-Up Aug. 11

A sign-up meeting for all boys and girls grades 7-12 interested in running cross country this year will be held Thursday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Yankton High School gym.

Please use the back entrance. The first practice is Monday, Aug. 15 at 4 p.m. in the gymnasium room at the high school.

For more information, contact coach Dave Dannenberg at 661-1621.

Gazelles VB Meeting Aug. 11

Any girls grades 9-12 who plan on trying out for the Yankton High School volleyball teams in the 2011 school year are required to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the YHS Commons.

A parent of the prospective player must attend the meeting as well. Information about tryouts and the season will be discussed. Paperwork will also be completed.
If you have any questions please call Coach Leasa Woodward at 660-4352.

Sports Live Chat Today At 11

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimbrek and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hock will host a live chat on Wednesday afternoons.
The weekly event, which will run from 11 a.m.-noon, will cover local and regional high school and college sports, as well as some topics of national interest.
Go online to http://www.yankton.net/live_chat

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Be sure to include all pertinent information, including your name, phone number and your story idea or comment.

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Monday, Aug. 8

Crofton 14, Winner-Colome 4, 8 innings
Redfield 7, Alexandria 4
Tuesday, Aug. 9
Hartford Humboldt-Montrose 8, Akron 7
Dell Rapids Mudcats vs. Dimock-Emery, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 10
Parkston Mudcats vs. Vermillion Grey Sox, 6 p.m.
Miller-Wessington vs. Tabor, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 11
Larchwood vs. Sisseton, completion of suspended game, 4 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Thursday, Aug. 11
Britton vs. Sisseton-Larchwood winner, 6 p.m.
Crofton vs. Redfield, 8 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 12
Hartford Humboldt-Montrose vs. Dell Rapids Mudcats-Dimock Emery winner, 6 p.m.
Parkston Mudcats-Vermillion Grey Sox winner vs. Miller Wessington-Tabor winner, 8 p.m.

CLASS A

Friday, Aug. 12
GAME 29: Renner Monarchs vs. Brandon Valley, 1:30 p.m.
GAME 27: Vermillion Red Sox vs. Castlewood, 1:30 p.m., Drake Field
GAME 28: Yankton vs. Brookings, 4 p.m., Drake Field
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East Division
W L Pct GB
Boston 71 43 .623
New York 69 44 .611 1/2
Tampa Bay 61 54 .530 10/2
Toronto 58 57 .504 13/2
Baltimore 44 69 .389 26/2
Central Division
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Chicago 57 58 .496 4/2
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Philadelphia 75 40 .652
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New York 58 57 .504 17
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St. Louis 62 53 .539 3
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Chicago 49 66 .426 16
Houston 38 77 .330 27
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San Francisco 63 53 .543
Arizona 62 53 .539 1/2
Colorado 55 62 .470 8/2
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Monday's Games
Atlanta @ Florida 5
Colorado 10, Cincinnati 7
N.Y. Mets 9, San Diego 8
Washington at Chicago, p.p.d., rain
Houston 9, Arizona 1
Philadelphia 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 0
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Frontier League
EVANSVILLE JACKALS—Signed RHP Mark Williams. Released RHP J.T. Odum.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Signed INF Case Rigby.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS—Traded INF Tyler Keeble to Windy City for future considerations. Acquired 2B Andy White from Lake County (North American) for a player to be named. Released LHP Salaguzzi.
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Signed RHP Kenny Armer. Released RHP Jason Panikau.
ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS—Sent RHP Tony Marsala to River City to complete a previous trade.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Acquired

National Lacrosse League

BLUFFALO BANDITS—Signed F Chad Cudde to a two-year contract.
CALGARY ROUGHNECKS—Acquired a 2011 second-round draft pick from Philadelphia to complete the Paul Dawson trade of Oct. 5, 2010.
PHILADELPHIA WINGS—Traded F Athan Iamucci, F Alex Turner, G Brodie McDonald and first-round draft picks in 2012, 2013 and 2014 to Edmonton for T. Brodie Merrill, F Brian Hill, F Mike McLellan and a 2011 fifth-round and a 2013 fourth-round pick. Traded a 2011 third-round and a 2013 second-round draft pick to Minnesota for a 2011 second-round and a 2013 third-round draft pick.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
VANCOUVER WHITECAPS—Named Martin Rennie coach for the 2012 season.
COLLEGE
COASTAL CAROLINA—Named Jaime Sellers women's lacrosse coach.
MULLENBERG—Named Brian Burzynski wrestling coach for the 2012 season.
OKLAHOMA CITY—Named Lance Madison men's assistant basketball coach and Cody Legg athletic trainer.
PRESBYTERIAN—Named Catherine Dunagan women's tennis coach.
REGIS (MA)—Named Chris Barroso sports information director.
ST. ROSE—Named Shondraynne Blufford assistant athletic director for compliance.
TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO—Named Megan Gibson assistant softball coach.
TUSCULUM—Named Michael Jones men's basketball coach.
VIRGINIA—Named Ray Roberts director of life skills for the football program.

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 10
BASEBALL, AMATEUR S.D. State Tour. at Mitchell (Vermillion Grey Sox vs. Parkston Mudcats, 6 p.m., KVTK-AM; Tabor vs. Miller-Wessington, 8 p.m., KVHT-FM)
Thursday, August 11
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FOOTBALL

NAIA PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Rank	Coach	Pts	Pvs
1.	Carroll (Mont.)	14	314
2.	Saint Xavier (Ill.)	13	302
3.	MidAmerica Naz. (Kan.)	12	289
4.	Saint Francis (Ind.)	10	276
5.	Morningside (Iowa)	10	269
6.	Marian (Ind.)	10	246
7.	Dickinson State (N.D.)	9	233
8.	William Penn (Ky.)	8	225
9.	Georgetown (Ky.)	8	206
10.	Ottawa (Kan.)	8	192
11.	Missouri Valley	8	180
12.	McPherson (Kan.)	10	178
13.	NIW Oklahoma State	8	175
14.	Northwestern (Iowa)	8	163
15.	Arizona Pacific (Calif.)	6	152
16.	Cumberlands (Ky.)	7	140
17.	Midland (Neb.)	8	118
18.	Cumberland (Tenn.)	8	100
19.	So. Nazarene (Okla.)	7	98
20.	Webber Inter. (Fla.)	7	90
21.	Kansas Wesleyan	7	70
22.	Benedictine (Kan.)	7	54
23.	Baker (Kan.)	7	52
24.	St. Francis (Ill.)	7	35
25.	Grand View (Iowa)	6	22

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BASEBALL

S.D. STATE AMATEUR TOURN.

Aug. 3-14 at Cadwell Park, Mitchell
CLASS B
Second Round
Sunday, Aug. 7
Clark 4
Larchwood 4, Sisseton 1, suspended in 5th inning, will be completed Aug. 11

Reds

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Reds, who finished 35-16, despite having a whole new crop of players after last year's state title team moved up the Yankton baseball ranks.

"The whole year, I knew they could win a state championship. They were that good all season," Marlow said. "I give all the credit in the world to the way they were developed, because they were all ready to go before they got to the Reds."

A handful of the Reds players were members of the Yankton Red Sox traveling team that advanced to the Cal Ripken 12-Under Midwest Plains Regional Tournament last summer in Hills, Iowa. The remaining players, Marlow said, learned from the experience that rubbed off on everybody else.

This summer's Reds team included Austin Barger, Sam Stewart, Reid Sawatzke, Adam Heine, Tanner Frick, Nate List, Hunter Ryan, Tanner Watts, Levi Schmidt, Mason Townsend, Tyler Guthmiller, Landon Binder, Keenan Lacroix, Colin Muth, Sheldon Gant, Alex Withrow,

Brady Sorenson and Tyler Schmidt.

Though the Reds began the state tournament on a positive note, they later needed some help — and some extra motivation — to remain alive.

Yankton made quick work of Pierre, 12-2, in Friday's opener, but struggled in a 7-4 loss later Friday to a Brookings team the Reds had handled fairly easily in the regular season.

"We didn't do a lot of things well against Brookings," Marlow said. "We didn't play very good defense, because six of those runs were unearned. I think we maybe looked past Brookings."
"We definitely needed some help that next day."
Because Brookings later lost

to Aberdeen, the Reds were able to advance in the tournament because of fewer runs allowed. And on Saturday against Mitchell, they responded.

Knowing they couldn't allow more than six runs, the Reds cruised past Mitchell 14-4 to advance to Sunday's championship round — as the No. 4 seed in a final round bracket of four teams.

"We had a lot of work to do, but I felt like we were the best team in the tournament," Marlow said.

In Sunday's semifinal game against Aberdeen, the Reds rallied from a 3-0 deficit to score five runs in the sixth inning. The team's No. 1 pitcher, Mason Townsend, then shut down Aberdeen and Yankton celebrated

its berth in the championship.

In many ways, though, that game was the championship, Marlow said.

"Aberdeen was the team everybody was preparing for, and by that point, we had already beaten both of the other teams in the season," he said. "The guys were jumping around and hollering, because I think they knew that was basically the title game right there."

Though, with only a half-hour break before the championship game against Sioux Falls West,

the Reds had to stay focused.

In the finals, Yankton led 3-0 but saw West come back to tie the game. Saying his team "figured out it was go time," Marlow watched his Reds score three runs in the sixth inning. Muth then came in to get the save as Yankton held on 6-4.

With a new cast of characters and a new set of coaches, the Reds were once again state champions.

Last year, the Reds — under coach Mark Vig — rolled through the Teener 13-14 Majors Tourna-

ment with a 5-0 record and a total of 51 runs scored. It was an impressive performance considering that team came into the state tournament with a 16-21 record.

This year's Reds squad repeated that performance, which was one that Marlow said was no surprise to those around the team.

"They were a really good group of kids," he said. "They were ready to go from the first pitch this season. Every player came in ready to play."

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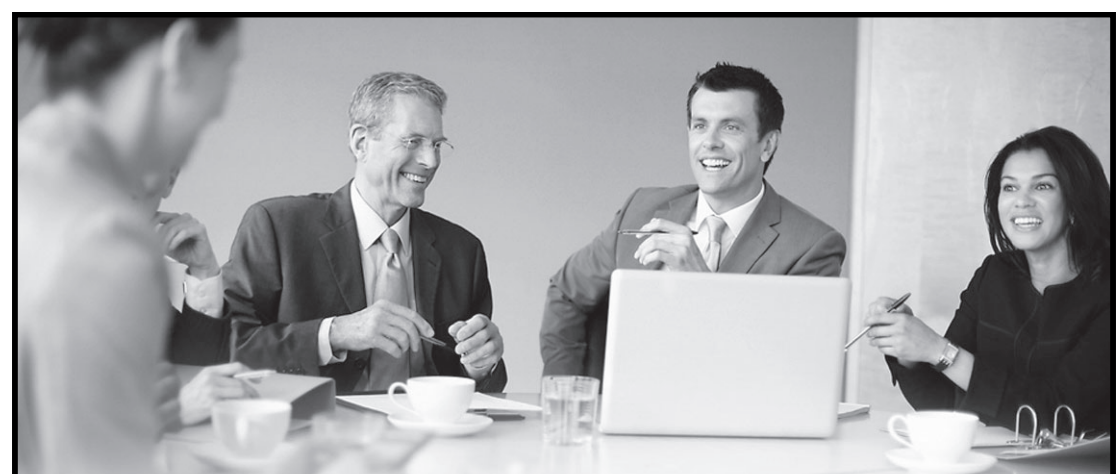
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