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University of South Dakota Athletic Director David Saylor will be a special guest during today's *Press & Dakotan*'s live sports chat, which is a weekly online chat from 3-4 p.m. Saylor has completed his first year at the helm of the USD athletic program, which is entering its final year before full NCAA membership. USD joins the Summit League this

year, and will leave the Great West Conference for the Missouri Valley Football League in the 2012-13 season. Join the chat from 3-4 p.m. today by scanning the QR code to the left, or by going online to http://www.yankton.net/live_chat



Kieff Named DWU Softball Coach

MITCHELL — After a search that included candidates from across the country, Dakota Wesleyan University athletic director Curt Hart announced Tuesday morning that the Tigers' next head softball coach is one with plenty of ties in the state, the city of Mitchell and even DWU. Ed Kieff has been selected as the 14th head coach in DWU softball history. Kieff brings many years of softball coaching experience at various levels with him to Dakota Wesleyan, where he takes over for Marie McCarthy-Foster. McCarthy-Foster announced her resignation in mid-June after four years with the Tiger softball program. She is moving back to her home state of Michigan with her husband, Jason Foster. Kieff comes to Dakota Wesleyan with 20 years of softball coaching experience under his belt. Most re-

cently, he was the head of the Sioux Falls Diamonds Fastpitch Softball Club, which he helped get started five years ago. The program started as one team when Kieff started it five years ago, and has grown to 12 teams spanning in age from 9-and-under to 18-and-under. He is the head coach of the 14u Diamonds Gold team, which won its division at the USSSA S.D. State Tournament in Sioux Falls in June. For the past two years, Kieff has been the state director for the USSSA Girls' Fastpitch Softball program. He helped develop the South Dakota program and has given the state a presence in the national fastpitch scene. Kieff, a 1999 Doane College graduate, coached his daughter's fastpitch softball teams in Nebraska and South Dakota when she was growing up and helped

guide a handful of teams to the ASA National Tournament. Later this month, he will travel with the 14u Diamonds Gold to Orlando, Fla., for the USSSA World Series. Kieff takes over a team that went 12-23 overall and 7-13 in the Great Plains Athletic Conference and finished in 11th in the league in 2011. Nicole Haley and Brandi Nekrassoff both earned All-GPAC Second Team honors and Andrea Johnson earned honorable mention status. The Tigers didn't lose any players to graduation in May, and return a core of juniors and seniors that have been with the program for the past three to four seasons. Kieff currently lives in Sioux Falls with his wife. The couple has two grown children. He will start his duties as head softball coach immediately.

Vermillion Swimmers Finish Fourth At Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS — The Vermillion Area Swim Team sent 22 swimmers and placed fourth at the Sioux Falls Summer Open, July 8-10 at Sioux Falls. The event is a tune-up for the state meet, which will be in that same pool in three weeks. The girls' 11-12 200 meter freestyle and 400 meter freestyle relays comprised of Maddie Lavin, Madisen Martinez, Kyleigh Moran and Lexie Malimanek swam to victories. On Friday, the girls competed in the 200 Freestyle Relay, winning by over 8 seconds and continued their domination the following day, winning the 400 Freestyle Relay by just over 17 seconds. One more swimmer from VAST achieved a state qualification time. Charlie Ward swam the 100 freestyle for the first time in his swimming career and made the 8 and under state time. Ward also made it in the 50 freestyle. VAST now has over 15 swimmers qualified for the state meet later this month.

6-Year-Old Girl Quietly Sinks Hole-In-1

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — A 6-year-old golfer sank a hole in one on a course in central Illinois and calmly walked back to her cart. Why such a quiet reaction? Reagan Kennedy's father had told the Bloomington girl not to make a lot of noise on the course. But 13-year-old Cheyenne Broquard says she told her younger sister that a hole in one was the one time a golfer could be excused for making a little noise.

The (Bloomington) Pentagraph reports that Kennedy made the 85-yard shot on the third hole at The Links at Ireland Grove last week. Mother Erin Kennedy says her husband starting to put a golf club in Reagan's hands when she was only 2. Reagan Kennedy says she's now working toward her ultimate golf goal — beating her father.

Quick Hitters

Baseball
General Motors Co. says its Chevrolet brand will sponsor Major League Baseball for five more years. The company and Major League Baseball Properties announced the deal Tuesday before the 82nd All-Star game in Phoenix. ... The **Toronto Blue Jays** have traded outfielder **Juan Rivera** to the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for a player to be named or cash considerations. The 33-year-old appeared in 70 games for the Blue Jays this season, batting .243 with six home runs and 27 RBIs prior to being designated for assignment on July 3.

Basketball
Kevin McHale has added a couple of familiar names to the Houston Rockets coaching staff. Kelvin Sampson and J.B. Bickerstaff will join McHale once teams get back to work, a person with knowledge of the decisions said Tuesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official announcement has been made by the team in the midst of the NBA lockout.

Golf
North Dakota State University golfer Amy Anderson says she'll return for her junior and senior seasons. Anderson, of Oxbow, recently returned from the U.S. Women's Open, where she finished 63rd at 17 over par but drew national attention when she spent time atop the leaderboard as an amateur during the first round.

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July 11 at Westward Ho CC, Sioux Falls
TOP 10: Tim Kunkick 62, Trent Peterson 67, Travis Ross 68, Jay Jurcic 68, Jeff Berkshire 68, Andrew Petersen 68, Ryan Kiel 68, Neil Frederickson 69, Cory Blenkush 69, Jon Sauer 69, Andrew Metzger 69, Ellie Dunn 70, Brian Brodell 70, Brandon Crick 70

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July 9-10 at Bakker Crossing GC, Sioux Falls
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136 — Christopher Evans; A.J. Elger; Tim Alles
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Omaha UFL Team Signs 2011 Heisman Winner Crouch

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Omaha Nighthawks are giving Eric Crouch another shot at professional football. The United Football League team held a news conference Tuesday to announce it has signed the 2001 Heisman Trophy winner who once starred down the road at Nebraska. The 32-year-old Crouch said

he's looking forward to getting one more chance to play football in his hometown but added that he's not out to prove himself. "This is an exciting time for me to be part of football again at a high level," said Crouch, who will wear the No. 9. The Nighthawks minicamp Crouch participated in last month was his first organized football ac-

tivity in the past five years. In recent years, he's sold playground equipment and medical supplies. Terms of his deal were not disclosed. Crouch was a third-round draft pick of the St. Louis Rams in 2002. He was with three NFL teams but never played a regular-season game and last played in 2006, in the CFL.

T-Wolves

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ers are added to the mix, the future of this franchise should be a bright one, and I am thankful for the chance I had, to play a part in shaping that future." No mention of Kahn there. As their second season together in Minnesota wore on, the relationship between Rambis and Kahn appeared to deteriorate as well. The two rarely spoke as their philosophies on what would work best on the court diverged. Kahn wanted Rambis to retool the offense, which had elements of the triangle system used by Jackson, to a more up-tempo, fast-break-or-bust mentality. The triangle offense limits the point guard's ability to freelance and create, something Kahn wanted to change with Rubio's arrival for next season. Rambis didn't feel that run-and-gun approach would be conducive to winning in the NBA, so the two

drifted off the same page. "I didn't feel comfortable dictating how the team should be coached," Kahn said when asked what led to the final decision. "I think it needed to flow from out of him." Under Rambis, Kevin Love blossomed into an All-Star and Michael Beasley and Darko Milicic also showed flashes of the potential that made them top draft picks. But the Wolves were making the same mistakes — too many turnovers, poor perimeter defense, inconsistent ball movement — at the end of the season that they were at the beginning. They lost their last 15 games. "He tried hard," Timberwolves forward Anthony Tolliver said. "At the end of the day, he didn't have the success that we wanted to. It wasn't because of a lack of effort. But I respect David Kahn's decision to hire a new coach. It's a business." Now, in some ways, the Timberwolves are back to square one — looking for the kind of leader who can mold this young team into a playoff contender in the powerful Western Conference.

Former Timberwolves coach and executive Kevin McHale may have thrown a wrench in Kahn's plans for a successor. McHale, who was hired by the Houston Rockets as coach this summer, has added Kelvin Sampson and J.B. Bickerstaff to his bench, two people with knowledge of the decision said on condition of anonymity because the Rockets have not announced the hires. Kahn said he has received permission to speak with Portland assistant Bernie Bickerstaff. One of the plans being considered was hiring Bernie Bickerstaff while having his son J.B. tutor under him for a year or two before taking over. And despite all the criticism of the process, Kahn said he didn't expect it to affect the team's ability to find a suitable replacement. He said Tuesday that he has already received "seven or eight" calls from coaches interested in getting consideration. "I think at the end of the day people look at the roster and I think that our roster gives people a lot of optimism and enthusiasm for where this position could go in the next several years," Kahn said.

Notebook

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Saying that he wasn't nervous to take the reins as the No. 1 hurler, Wieseler said the advice from the team's veterans — such as Rob Keppen, Steve Fejfar, Joe Vavruska and Jon Vavruska — has helped him. "They respect the game and they know how to play it right," said Wieseler, who will also be a sophomore at MMC this fall. "From watching them, you can learn more than most coaching can teach you. They're not afraid to share tips with us." Those tips have worked well for Logan Kortan, who ranks first on the team in hits (30), second in hitting (.469), home runs (6) and runs scored (26), and third in RBI (24). "I just try not to say too much; to do more listening than anything," Kortan said. "I'm playing amateur season for the same reason the older guys are, because I love the game." At the end of the day, it's a strange feeling to realize you will be facing teammates you go to college with, Edler said. Returning Mount Marty players Jason Liverson, Adam

McVay, Mathias Godsil, Jake Broscha, Jared Miller, Derrik Nelson and Brock Thomas are all on the Yankton Tappers roster, while Brian Bartlett is pitching for Scotland. "When you go from playing with those guys for so long and then playing against them all of a sudden, it's weird," said Edler, who is batting .387 as Tabor's leadoff hitter with team highs in at-bats (75) and runs (30). "But to me, that's cool. It's a nice rivalry to have." The Tappers and Bluebirds have split their regular season SCL matchups, with Yankton claiming a 6-5 extra-inning win on June 26 at Riverside Field — the last meeting. Speaking of that game, Kortan called it, "One of the most fun games I've ever played in, legion, high school or college." To that end, Tabor's annual Czech Days home game, June 16 against Freeman, produced an atmosphere the three college students said they've never experienced. "That was one of the most amazing things I've ever done, pitching in front of something like 2,000 people," Wieseler said. "The Tabor fans are great; I can't thank them enough. "I've seen nothing but love from them," he added. "Most of the games we go to, we have

more fans than the home town." Added Edler, "I've never seen that many people at a baseball game before, other than professional ones." Losers of two straight games, the Bluebirds have two regular season games remaining before the District 6B Tournament from July 21-30 in Lesterville. With the South Central League again getting five representatives to the State Class B Tournament in Mitchell from Aug. 3-14, Tabor figures to give its three college players another chance to play on a big stage. "We talk about that too, all three of us, that if we make a deep run in the state tournament, it should carry over to college," Kortan said. "For some reason, it makes it so much easier with these guys." **Yankton Cruising** Though the Yankton Tappers will be the only SCL team not competing in the District 6B Tournament, they are playing like a team searching for a top seed. Yankton, the only Class A team in the league, has vaulted itself to fourth place in the standings after winning six times in its last seven games — including nail-biters on Sunday and Monday.

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schools has a football program, enabling them to mostly compete within the state and keep travel costs down in the most costly sport. "Sports does play an important role in our community colleges in the state of Mississippi, not only giving our kids an opportunity to have some school and move onto four-year colleges," Southward said. "It brings other students in. A lot of students still want that experience of going to a ballgame that they would have at a senior college." St. Louis Community College has consolidated sports among its three campuses that have athletic programs (out of four), reducing the number of teams from 15 to seven after two-year schools absorbed a 7 percent reduction in state aid. That cuts in half the number of athletes participating from about 290 — and saves the schools about \$685,000 annually, said DeLancey Smith, the St. Louis Community College director of communications. In Alabama alone, Northwest-Shoals and Bevill State announced in March that they

would drop athletics starting in the fall. Jefferson State axed softball and baseball and Gadsden State cut four of its six varsity sports. Students get to keep their scholarships even if they're not still participating in sport. "A lot of those (four-year) colleges have significant TV contracts, they have significantly alumni support, they have ticket sales, all those things," Smith said. "All of which we don't have. It comes from operating funds." Al Cox, commissioner of the Alabama Community College Conference, said a recent study found that 79 percent of the athletes graduating from the state's two-year colleges went on to compete at four-year schools. He said 85-90 percent continued their education. Now, some have had a stepping stone pulled from beneath them. "Those are kids that may not even give college a chance. I hate it for them," Cox said. "There are those that have financial needs that can't afford to go away to a four-year school somewhere. They can stay at a two-year college close to them. Those slots are gone." Collins is landing on her feet. The pitcher/infielder plans to play for Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala., which has already filled its schol-

arship allotment for softball, with help from some scholarship money for academics. Northwest-Shoals women's basketball player Amanda Henson doesn't think she'd have the grades or money for a four-year university. Her father is studying for a paramedic's license at the school, and her mother never graduated high school. "Basketball is pretty much putting me through school," said Henson, who has signed with Dyersburg State in Tennessee. "If I didn't have basketball, I would not be in college right now. I'd probably be flipping burgers at McDonald's right now. I'd probably be in some horrible job that I hated." Her coach, Kristy Ward, said four of the team's 10 freshmen have signed scholarships and three, including Henson, are moving significantly further from home. The experience has prompted Ward to write her doctoral thesis on the effects of cutting athletics at two-year schools. The reaction to the news when she and the baseball coach informed their players of the decision was an emotional start. "It was complete devastation, it was chaos," said Ward. "It was anger. The kids were crying. I've never seen anything like it in 16 years."

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