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COACHES ANNOUNCED FOR 37TH ANNUAL MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME JUNE 26

The 12 coaches and 2 honorary coaches who will participate in the 37th Annual Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game have been announced by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association. The 2010 All-Star Football Game will be held on Saturday June 26 at Husky Stadium on the campus of St. Cloud State University. The kick-off will be at 7:00 PM. The All-Star Football Game will showcase outstanding senior players from the 2009 high school football season.

The 2010 All-Star Game will be the 37th in the current annual series and the 48th overall. For the 31st year, the game will feature the Metro All-Stars versus the Outstate All-Stars. Through 30 games, the Metro-Outstate series is tied at 15 wins each. In the 2009 game, the Metro All-Stars scored 27 points in each half and limited the Outstate All-Stars to one first down and 4 net yards in the second half, rolling to a record setting 54-13 victory.

The Head Coaches for the 2010 Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game are Jeff Weiland of Orono (Metro) and Jon Vik of Rochester Century (Outstate). Together, they have a combined career head coaching record of 126 wins and 84 losses.

This is Jeff Weiland's second coaching assignment in the All-Star Football Game. He served as an Assistant Coach on the 2003 Metro staff. Weiland is the second Orono coach to serve as a Head Coach in the Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game. The first was Steve Fedie in 1991. He is the third coach from the Wright County Conference to serve as an All-Star Game Head Coach.

Weiland is a native of Mayer, MN and a 1989 graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College where he was a three-year letter-winner in football. He began his coaching career in 1989 at Le Sueur High School. From there he went to his alma mater, Watertown-Mayer High School, where he was an Assistant Coach for three years and Head Coach from 1993 to 1998. In 1999 he took a job at Orono High School and worked as an assistant under Steve Fedie. In 2002, Weiland became only the third head football coach in Orono's history. Weiland's Orono Spartans have won conference championships in the Metro Alliance Conference (2003 and 2005) and the Wright County Conference (2008). His 2008 Spartans won the Class 4A Section 6 championship and advanced to the Class 4A state semifinals. Weiland's career head coaching record is 58-22 at Orono and 80-55 overall.

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Assisting Jeff Weiland with the Metro All-Stars are coaches Bob Kovich of Lakeville North, Ron Monson of Minnehaha Academy, Todd Niklaus of St. Anthony Village, Tony Patterson of Minneapolis North and Rick Sutton of Eagan.

Jon Vik is the first All-Star Game Head Coach from Rochester Century and the third from a Rochester high school (John Drews in 1974 and Jon Williams in 1993, both from Rochester John Marshall, were the others). He is the seventh Big 9 Conference coach to serve as an All-Star Game Head Coach.

Vik traveled a great deal of his childhood, living in six locations and four states. He graduated from John Marshall High School in Rochester, MN and Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD. At Augustana, he earned All-America honors playing for Coach Jim Heinitz. He began his football coaching career at North High School in Fargo, ND where he coached for four years. He then coached one year at LL Wright High School in Ironwood, MI. He returned to Minnesota and spent two years coaching at his alma mater Rochester John Marshall. Vik moved to the new Rochester Century High School when it opened in 1997. He served as the Century Panthers Defensive Coordinator until 2001 and became the Head Coach in 2002. Vik has an overall record of 46 wins and 29 losses, with three Big 9 Conference championships (2004, 2006, and 2007).

Assisting Jon Vik with the Outstate All-Stars are coaches Jeff Briard of Springfield, Mike Dammann of MACCRAY, Chad Gimbel of Blooming Prairie, Frank Huie of Duluth Denfeld and Tom Murphy of Nicollet.

The 2010 Honorary Coaches are George Thole of Stillwater (Metro) and Grady Rostberg of Hutchinson (Outstate). Thole and Rostberg won a combined seven state championships in their Hall of Fame careers. Both are in the top 10 in all-time head coaching victories in Minnesota high school football. Thole and Rostberg coached together in the 1976 All-Star Football Game at Metropolitan Stadium.

The 2010 Metro and Outstate player rosters will be announced the week of March 22. All-Star training camp will begin on Sunday June 20 at Gustavus Adolphus College (St. Peter, MN).

Sponsors of the game along with the Minnesota Football Coaches Association are Cambria, Champions Choice, Digital Sports Video (DSV), Doubletree Park Place Hotel, Graphic Edge, Healy, Jostens, Minnesota Vikings, National Guard, Riddell, Rogers, SAF Enterprises, Telex Communications, Wilson and Xcel Sports Training.

Tickets can be purchased from the high school coach in your community. Tickets will also be available at the Husky Stadium gate on June 26.

All-Star Game History: The Minnesota Football Coaches Association is proud of this game and its history. The Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game, an annual event since 1974, was first played in 1945. High School All-Star Football games were played in 1945, 1946 and 1952 through 1960 before the current annual series began in 1974. Originally played in a North versus South format, the game switched to the current Metro versus Outstate format in 1980. Through the years, over 3,600 players and 389 coaches have participated in this game. A total of 69 players from the Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game have gone on to play or coach in the National Football League.

Game history questions may be directed to David Giles at dtkgiles@yahoo.com or 651-274-9359. Other questions may be directed to Game Director Dave Fritze at 651-230-1007.

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