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COACHES ANNOUNCED FOR 38TH ANNUAL MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME JUNE 25

The 12 coaches who will participate in the 38th Annual Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game have been announced by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association. The 2011 All-Star Football Game will be held on Saturday June 25 at TCF Bank Stadium on the campus of the University of Minnesota. The kick-off will be at 7:00 PM. The All-Star Football Game will showcase outstanding senior players from the 2010 high school football season.

The 2011 All-Star Game will be the 38th in the current annual series and the 49th overall. For the first time since 1979, the game will feature the North All-Stars versus the South All-Stars. In 17 previous North vs. South All-Star Games between 1945 and 1979, the series was tied at 8-8-1.

The Metro vs. Outstate series ended in 2010, with the Metro winning the overall series 16-15. In the 2010 game, the Metro All-Stars scored all of their points in the first half and held the Outstate All-Stars scoreless, winning 28-0 at St. Cloud State University.

The Head Coaches for the 2011 Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game are Ron Stolski of Brainerd (North) and Dave Nelson of Minnetonka (South). Together, they have a combined career head coaching record of 546 wins, 229 losses and 5 ties. The 546 combined wins are the most of any head coaching match-up in the history of the Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game. Stolski and Nelson have coached 66 players that have played in the Minnesota All-Star Football Game.

This is Ron Stolski's second coaching assignment in the Minnesota High School Football Game. He served as a North assistant coach in 1979. Stolski is a graduate of Minneapolis Patrick Henry High School where he was captain of the football and basketball teams. He received his BA degree from Macalester College and M.S. from St. Cloud State University. With a record of 330-148-5, he has the most career wins of any coach in Minnesota high school football history. Stolski will begin his 50th season as a high school head coach in 2011, the last 36 at Brainerd High School. He also was a head coach at Kensington, Slayton, Princeton and Park Center high schools. He is a past President and is the current Executive Director of the Minnesota Football Coaches Association. Ron Stolski is currently a member of six Halls of Fame, including Macalester College (1996), Minnesota State Athletic Directors, Minnesota Football Coaches Association (2008), Park Center High School, Patrick Henry High School (2001) and Brainerd High School (2005).

In 2005, Ron Stolski was the recipient of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Power of Influence Award. The award is presented to only one high school coach in the nation and is the highest honor presented to a high school coach by the AFCA.

Assisting Ron Stolski with the North All-Stars are:

Jeff Ferguson	Totino-Grace
Shannon Gerrety	Blaine
Flint Motschenbacher	Detroit Lakes
Dave Nigon	Totino-Grace (retired)
Leo Pohlkamp	Pierz

Note: the coaches on the North All-Star staff have combined for 1,035 career wins.

This is Dave Nelson's second coaching assignment in the Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game. He served as a Metro assistant coach in 1988. Nelson is a graduate Anoka High School and the University of Minnesota Duluth. At UMD, he captained the Bulldogs in football and baseball his senior year. Nelson was inducted into the UMD Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. Nelson led the Blaine Bengals to 10 conference championships and eight section championships during his 18 years as head football coach (1984 to 2001). Nelson coached the Bengals to four Prep Bowls (1988, 1996, 1997, 2001), winning the 1988 Class AA State Championship. Nelson came to Minnetonka High School in 2002. In his 9 years at Minnetonka, his Skippers have won a Class 5A State Championship (2004) and three Classic Lake Conference Championships (2004, 2006, 2009). His career head coaching record is 216-81.

Assisting Dave Nelson with the South All-Stars are:

Clay Anderson	Albert Lea
Jon Bakken	Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
Mal Scanlan	Cretin-Derham Hall (retired)
Mike Scanlan	Cretin-Derham Hall
Bubba Sullivan	Northfield

Note: the coaches on the South All-Star staff have combined for 989 career wins.

The 2011 Honorary Coaches will be named at a later date.

The 2011 North and South player rosters will be announced by April 1. All-Star training camp will begin on Sunday June 19 at Gustavus Adolphus College (St. Peter, MN). All-Star Football Media Day will be on Wednesday June 22 at TCF Bank Stadium.

Tickets can be purchased from the high school coach in your community. Tickets will also be available at the TCF Bank Stadium gate on June 25.

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 was first played in 1945 and has been an annual event since 1974. The game was played in a North versus South format from 1945 through 1979, a Metro versus Outstate format from 1980 to 2010 and back to a North vs. South format in 2011. Through the years, over 3,700 players and 389 coaches have participated in this game. A total of 72 players from the Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game have gone on to play or coach in the National Football League.

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

Visit the Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game website at: http://www.allstarfootball.org/.