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COACHES ANNOUNCED FOR 47th ANNUAL MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SHOWCASE - DECEMBER 7 AT U.S.BANK STADIUM

The Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA) has announced the 12 coaches who will participate in the 47th Annual Minnesota Football Showcase (MFCA All-Star Football Game). The All-Star Football Game will feature outstanding senior players from the 2019 Minnesota high school football season.

The Minnesota Football Showcase is sponsored by the Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA).

The 47th annual All-Star Football Game will be on Saturday December 7, with the kick-off at 1:00 PM. The All-Star Game will be played for the fourth time at U.S. Bank Stadium. The December 7 All-Star Game will also be the 58th overall in Minnesota high school football history, dating back to 1945.

For the 10th consecutive game, the game will feature the North All-Stars vs the South All-Stars. In the 2018 game, the South All-Stars defeated the North All-Stars 33-12 at U.S. Bank Stadium. The South All-Stars lead the current North-South series 7-2. The South also leads the overall North-South series 15-10-1 after 23 games.

The coaches for the 2019 Minnesota Football Showcase are:

Name	School/City	Team	Position	District-Sub District	Class
Jon Konold	Willmar	North	Head Coach	North Central-White	4A
Paul Clark	Mahnomen/Waubun	North	Asst Coach	Northwest-West	1A
Mike Empting	Alexandria	North	Asst Coach	North Central-Red	5A
Peter Heryla	Columbia Heights	North	Asst Coach	Twin City-Suburban-Gold	4A
Tom Nelson	Two Harbors	North	Asst Coach	Northeast-White	3A
Phil Trowbridge	Barnesville	North	Asst Coach	Midwest-White	2A

Name	School/City	Team	Position	District-Sub District	Class
Brad Wendland	Waseca	South	Head Coach	South Central-Red	3A
Andy Hill	Woodbury	South	Asst Coach	Metro-East	6A
Mat Mahoney	Fairmont	South	Asst Coach	South Central-Silver	3A
Tony Poncelet	Goodhue	South	Asst Coach	Mid Southeast-White	1A
David Vik	Montevideo	South	Asst Coach	Mid State-Sub 2	3A
Dave Zeitchick	St. Paul Highland Park	South	Asst Coach	Twin City-City-Red	5A

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All-Star Game Head Coaches

The head coaches for the 47th annual Minnesota Football Showcase are Jon Konold of Willmar High School (North) and Brad Wendland of Waseca High School (South). Together, they have a combined 29 years of head coaching experience and a combined career head coaching record of 168 wins and 123 losses.

Here are some facts regarding the All-Star coaches

- The All-Star coaches represent 10 of the 17 Districts and 12 of the 53 Sub-Districts in Minnesota high school football
- The 2019 All-Star Game will be the fourth to have both head coaches from schools outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area (also 1974, 1977 and 2013)
- Coaches by MSHSL class: 1A 2, 2A 1, 3A 4, 4A 2, 5A 2, 6A 1
- MFCA Butch Nash Award winners = 2 (Phil Trowbridge, Barnesville; Peter Heryla, Columbia Heights)

Upcoming announcements and events

- The MFCA and the Minnesota Vikings will announce the North and South All-Star rosters in early November.
- The All-Star training camp will be at Augsburg University in Minneapolis (South) and Concordia University in St. Paul (North) from Wednesday December 4 to Saturday December 7.
- Tickets can be purchased online at Vikings.com/Showcase. Tickets will also be available at U.S. Bank Stadium on December 7.

All-Star Game History

The Minnesota Football Coaches Association is proud of this game and its history. The first All-Star Football Game was played in 1945. The All-Star Game has been an annual event since 1974.

The All-Star Game was played in a North vs South format from 1945 through 1960 and from 1974 to 1979, a Metro vs Outstate format from 1980 to 2010 and back to a North vs South format in 2011 (to present).

Through the years, over 4,600 players and 489 coaches have participated in this game. A total of 94 players from the All-Star Football Game have gone on to play or coach in the National Football League, including current Minnesota Vikings players Adam Thielen and CJ Ham.

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

We invite you to visit the MFCA All-Star Football website at <http://www.allstarfootball.org>.