

All-Star Grid Banquet Tickets Now Available

MARQUETTE — Tickets for the Upper Peninsula Football All-Star Banquet featuring former Northern Michigan University star quarterback and Detroit Lions coach Steve Mariucci as the keynote speaker are now on sale.

The banquet is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, at the Bottum University Center on the NMU campus.

An hors d'oeuvres reception will begin at 6 p.m., during which participants will get an opportunity to socialize with the all-star players and coaches, as well as with Mariucci.

The program will begin at 7 p.m., and will include introductions of all coaches and players.

A limited number of banquet tickets are \$40 apiece. All ticket sales will be in advance.

Registration and payment for banquet tickets can be conducted through www.xcelsportstraining.net; by calling Xcel at 608-279-6960; or through tgoldbeck@xcelsportstraining.net.

All proceeds for the week's activities will be donated to The Beacon House and The U.P. Sports Hall of Fame.

Mariucci, a native of Iron Mountain, was a multi-sport standout in high school before attending NMU.

He quarterbacked the Wildcats to the 1975 Division II national championship.

He went on to coach in the NFL, beginning with the Green Bay Packers as Brett Favre's quarterback coach. Mariucci eventually became head coach of the San Francisco 49ers and the Lions.

A 1996 U.P. Hall inductee, Mariucci is now an analyst for the NFL Network.

The football game is set for 3 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Superior Dome in Marquette following a week or related activities.

Jeff Olson of Ishpeming High School will serve as head coach of the East, while Bill Santilli of Crystal Falls Forest Park will direct the West.