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All-Stars Take Challenge

Break from practice brings friendly competition

MARQUETTE -- For the U.P. All-Star football players, Wednesday was the Players Skills Challenge.

Events included the Fastest Man (40 yard dash), the Strongest Man (Bench Press), a Quarterback Challenge, Receiver Challenge, Punting and Kicking.

Results for the Players Skills Challenge are as follows:

Fastest Man: Ethan Shaver, Menominee, 40 yard dash = 4.526 seconds (elec timed)

Strongest Man: Matt Cowling, L'Anse, Bench Press = 225 pounds, 23 repetitions

Quarterback Challenge: Kyle Roberts, Forest Park, Distance Thrown = 57 yards

Receiver Challenge: Kyle Zweifel, Norway, 32 catches/32 thrown

Punting: Calix Sholander, Forest Park, 50 yards

Kicking: Nick Koskiniemi, Calumet, 51 yards

The Skills Challenge gave the players a much-needed rest from the grind of two practices per day. Each event that was performed had a gallery of players watching. Everyone was gathered around the competitors, cheering them on while they competed. The players will take the rest of the day off to rest and recover, before resuming practice on Thursday.

The All-Star Banquet is set for Thursday at the University Center where Steve Mariucci will be the guest speaker. On Friday, the All-Star players will conduct a youth camp at the Dome from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Any youth players in grades 1-7 can attend for a \$10 donation to the All-Star game. The week culminates with the U.P. All-Star High School Football Game at 3 p.m. eastern time.

All activities will take place inside the Dome and all proceeds will be donated to the Beacon House and the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame.