



U.P. FOOTBALL ALL-STAR GAME



Post-Game Conclusions

MARQUETTE, MI – What a week! What a game!

The players and coaches put the finishing touches on a full week of activities by taking the field at the Superior Dome in front of 3200 fans. The weather was perfect and the fans were excited to see a U.P. high school all-star game for the first time in 57 years. Judging by the player and parent interactions, everyone had a good experience and made some new friends. Players also had a chance to compare their talents to other U.P. all-stars that they previously had only heard about.

For the players not pursuing football in college, the game provided one last chance to put on the pads and have some fun. Every player was introduced at pre-game, and each of them got to run through a giant inflatable tunnel. For the players reporting to college football camp in the fall, it gave them a taste of playing in front of a bigger crowd, as well as a week of practice with the pads on getting used to harder and more physical contact.

The game itself was decided early on a muffed punt by the East. The West capitalized on the opportunity and never looked back. The final score was West: 38, East: 14. The individual awards were as follows: West Offensive MVP: Emmett Bjorn-Calumet, West Defensive MVP: Kyle Zweifel-Norway, Character Award: Ethan Shaver-Menominee, East Offensive MVP: Cody Kangas-Manistique, Defensive MVP: Levi Jezek-Negaunee, Character Award: Jack Audette-North Dickinson. Individual awards were decided on by the coaching staffs of each team. The traveling trophy was presented to the West team and coach Bill Santilli. The trophy may be passed between schools representing the West, then brought back to Marquette for next year's game, which has already been set for June 27, 2009.

Totals are being finalized and the proceeds will be donated to the Beacon House and the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame.

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