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IM Coach Drills West Stars

MARQUETTE -U.P. All-Star Football Game players checked in Monday and each team completed two practices.

Both teams got to practice in the Dome, with the East getting the first chance in the afternoon and the West in the evening.

Coach Scott Boddy of Iron Mountain had the West players go right outside to practice and began to get their players acclimated by performing position-specific drills and fundamentals.

Other All-Star Updates: The food drive performed Monday for the Beacon House pantry was able to take in over 700 pounds of donated food. That is up over 200 pounds from last year's donation...

Econo Foods and Super One donated power bars, juice and snacks for all of the players and coaches.

Banquet Guest Speaker: David Carl, nationally-recognized educator, has been named the guest speaker for the U.P. Football All-Star reception set for Thursday, June 18, at the YMCA-Marquette.

"Dave is one of those unique individuals that is able to reach everyone in the room on a very personal level. We are very pleased that he was available to be part of the All-Star event," stated Todd Goldbeck, All-Star Game Chairman. "Dave Carl simply likes to help people. He wants to help high school athletes so they do not make the mistakes he did. He also wants to help parents understand what they can do to assist their sons and daughters in achieving their dreams of pursuing a college education."

Carl, originally from Delafield, Wisconsin, was one of the many high school student-athletes who "fell through the cracks" in the college recruiting process.

He graduated third in his class academically, earned 11 varsity letters, as well as all-conference, all-area, all-county and all-metro accolades in both football and basketball.

Carl made his way to the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse where he walked on to the football and basketball teams. Playing tight end and starting from the bottom of the depth chart, Dave worked his way to the very top of Division II football.

He was a member of the UWL team that won the NAIA Division II national football championship in 1985.

After earning all-conference accolades at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, he had professional tryouts with the Green Bay Packers, Toronto Argonauts, Hamilton Tigercats and the newly formed World League.

He has since turned his personal experience and knowledge of athletics and the college recruiting process of high school players into a career in education.