

U.P. All-Star Football Week Continues

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MARQUETTE - With the first two days of the week leading up to the U.P. All-Star Football on Saturday done and gone, players and coaches are really starting to get down to business.

According to Xcel president and owner Todd Goldbeck, who is the U.P. All-Star Football coordinator, "both teams are working hard to figure out their personnel and where each player can help the team in the best way."

On Monday, players arrived at Meyland Hall on the campus of Northern Michigan University, got checked in, and each team was able to hold two practices on the new turf in the Superior Dome.

"The players definitely like the new turf," Goldbeck said.

The coaches got busy right away as well, as the East staff, headed by Manistique's Todd Kangas, broke the duties down with Kangas calling the offense, Joe Derouin of Bark River-Harris heading the defense.

West's head coach Andy Crouch had his team starting to acclimate by performing position-specific drills and fundamentals.

"Each group of players was taken by the coach that would be working with them for the week," Goldbeck said. "After working individually, the group was brought together to work as single offensive and defensive units. Energy is high and there is electricity in the air surround every player and coach," Goldbeck added.

The players also collected over 600 pounds of foot on Monday for the Beacon House in Marquette.

The players will continue the week with a players skill competition today, while the coaches will play golf on the Heritage course of the Marquette Golf Club during the coaches golf challenge.

The game starts at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Dome.

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