



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 2000 fans. The weather was perfect and the fans were excited to see their local U.P. players compete in one more high school football game. 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 a last chance to put on the pads and have some fun. Every player was introduced at pre-game, and got to run through a giant inflatable tunnel. For the players reporting to college football camp in the fall, they got a taste of playing in a large stadium, as well as a week of practice with the pads on getting used to harder hits and more physical contact.

The game itself was close throughout, with the East scoring first. The West scored back, but missed the extra point, and that was all the scoring the East would need to hold on for the victory. The final score was East: 21, West: 6. The individual awards were as follows: East Offensive MVP: Kyle Jensen-Gladstone, Defensive MVP: Dustin Demers-Manistique, Character Award: Justin Salzman-Menominee, West Offensive MVP: Pat Flood-Iron Mountain, West Defensive MVP: Tim Obradovich-Iron Mountain, Character Award: Jim Wheeler-Forest Park. Individual awards were decided on by the coaching staffs of each team. The traveling trophy was presented to the East team and coach Paul Jacobson. The trophy may be passed between schools representing the East, then brought back to Marquette for next year's game, which has already been set for June 26, 2010.

Totals are being finalized and the proceeds will be donated to several U.P. charities.

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