



U.P. FOOTBALL ALL-STAR GAME



Day 4 (Thursday) All-Star Banquet

MARQUETTE, MI –Three Hundred people were in attendance to meet and greet the players at the All-Star Banquet on Thursday evening. Parents, family and friends saw their players for the first time all week and had a chance to find out first-hand what the players have been experiencing during the week. The players and coaches took turns introducing each other, and the night culminated in a motivational message from guest speaker, Dave Carl.

He congratulated the players and encouraged them to continue doing the things that have made them successful thus far. Football teaches skills that are valuable throughout your entire life, like perseverance, hard work and responsibility to your teammates. Carl spoke of his own personal experiences, and what the game of football has meant to him.

The players were encouraged to make new friends with the other all-star players, and to stay in touch when the all-star game is over. The “brotherhood” of football was emphasized, and that all of the players in attendance share new common bonds that will last a lifetime.

The Traveling Trophy was also on display for all to see. Parents and fans saw it up-close for the first time and many took pictures of their players with it individually. The trophy will be presented to the winning team, where it can be passed to other teams representing the winning squad throughout the year, before returning to Marquette for next year’s game.

The U.P. Football All-Star Ring was also unveiled. The ring is silver and the crown features a silver U.P. silhouette, inside a black football surrounded by diamonds. The rings are exclusively available to players and coaches.

On Friday evening, the All-Star players will conduct a youth camp at the Dome from 7PM-9PM. Any youth players in Grades 1-7 can attend for a \$10 donation to the all-star game. Saturday morning at 9AM will be the high school underclassman Recruiting Combine at the Dome. Any players in grades 9-12 may attend. Registration may be performed at the door and the cost is \$75. All Combine and Youth Camp participants will receive free attendance to the U.P. Football All-Star Game.

The U.P. Football All-Star Game will begin at 3 PM. Doors to the Dome will be open at 2 PM. Cost is \$6 at the door. The tailgate, located at the YMCA, and presented by Vango’s, will begin at Noon and run up until game-time.

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