



# U.P. FOOTBALL ALL-STAR GAME



## Day 2 of All-Star Week Complete

MARQUETTE, MI – Day 2 of the U.P. Football All-Star week has concluded. The second day for both teams saw them settling in to their practice routines. Practice was held once in the morning and again in the afternoon. Having solidified their personnel, the teams began to implement their game plans. The offenses worked on the playbook, and decided what was going to work best with their individual talent. The defenses began developing plans for stopping the different offensive sets. Each practice saw the teams creating better chemistry and improved execution of their plays. Overall, at the end of day 2, these 87 players from throughout the U.P. looked like two teams who are practicing for a game on Saturday, not a group of individuals that happened to be wearing the same uniform.

Tuesday evening was Media Day at the Dome and there was much excitement in the air. Players were interviewed and team pictures were taken. Media on hand included TV, radio and newspapers, all who were eager to get the players' perspectives on the game.

Wednesday afternoon will see the players performing the Skills Challenge. Players will compete in the Fastest Man, Strongest Man, Quarterback and Receiver Challenge, as well as Punting and Kicking. This friendly competition will lighten the mood for the players, who have been intently focused on their preparation for the game. The players can let their guards down for a while and enjoy the atmosphere. The Skills Challenge is open to the public and begins at 2:00PM in the Dome.

Thursday evening will be the All-Star Reception. The players will be introduced and recognized, and fans get to interact with the players to discuss the week's activities. The banquet will conclude with Dave Carl, nationally-recognized motivator and educator, giving the keynote address. He will be speaking to the players about some of his experiences and how football can impact your life.

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