



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. Both teams solidified their personnel and began to implement their game plans. The offenses worked on different packages that would fit 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 and individual 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 Challenges. 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.

While the players are testing their football skills, the coaches will be also be tested, on the golf course. The east and west coaches will be having a friendly golf competition at the Marquette Heritage Course. Spending an afternoon away from the players will allow them to clear their minds and get to know the other coaches in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Thursday evening will be the Youth Camp. The all-star players will switch roles and become the teachers, not the students. They will instruct the youth campers on a variety of skills, such as passing, catching, blocking, as well as a host of other fundamental football skills. The youth camp is open to any boys or girls who love football in grades 1-8. Cost is a \$10 donation and will run from 7PM-9PM in the Dome.

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