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Locals Picked For All-Star Dome Game

HOUGHTON - Several area players have been invited to play on the West team in the second annual U.P. Football All-Star Game, scheduled for June 20, 2009 at the Superior Dome in Marquette.

The week-long event will be the last game played on the current Dome turf before it is replaced over the summer.

The Lake Linden-Hubbell Lakes went the farthest of all area teams, advancing to the Division 8 regional finals, and they will be represented by four players: linemen Ryan Gerbig and James Dube, tight end David Koskela and quarterback/defensive back Logan Chadde.

Five other teams will have two representatives: Brad Anderson and Jake Bjorn of Calumet, Reece Anderson and Josh Verran of Hancock, Tyler McGaha and Mike Niemi of Baraga, Dan Perrault and Alex Tarvainen of L'Anse and Colin Ahlskog and Shane Johnson of Ewen-Trout Creek.

Gabe Kallungi will represent Houghton, while Ryan Moreau is the lone Ontonagon Gladiator selected.

The head coach for the West is current Iron Mountain and former Calumet head coach Scott Boddy.

The game is the conclusion of a week of activities including a skills competition (June 17), the All-Star banquet (June 18), and a youth football camp featuring former NFL linebacker Mike Maslowski (June 19).

Proceeds from the game will be donated to the Beacon House, U.P. Sports Hall of Fame scholarship program, the YMCA Strong Kids Program, and two U.P. high schools chosen by random drawing.