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NFL SELECTS 51 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES TO ATTEND EIGHTH ANNUAL YOUTH FOOTBALL SUMMIT PRIOR TO HALL OF FAME WEEKEND

More than 150 Coaches and Administrators to Attend Summit in Canton, OH July 22-25

Fifty-one top high school football coaches, one from each state and Washington, DC, have been selected by the NFL to participate in the eighth annual NFL Youth Football Summit July 22-25 during the lead up to August's 2008 Hall of Fame Weekend in Canton.

In addition to these coaches, more than 100 high school coaches and other supporters of youth and high school football, including 22 former NFL players now coaching at the youth and high school level and youth football coaches from Canada, Japan, Mexico and the United Kingdom, will attend the educational seminars held at Kent State Stark Professional Education & Conference Center in Canton, which are designed to support the youth coaching community.

ED THOMAS of Aplington-Parkersburg High School will be a special guest at this year's summit. Thomas, the 2005 N.F.L. High School Coach of the Year, coached Lions DE **JARED DEVRIES**, Packers DE **AARON KAMPMAN**, Jaguars C **BRAD MEESTER**, and Broncos C **CASEY WIEGMANN** during their high school playing careers. He will speak with the assembled coaches about building character in his players and the challenges of keeping team and community together following a natural disaster. On May 25, a tornado touched down in Parkersburg and destroyed much of the town, including the high school. So far, the NFL has matched approximately \$50,000 in player donations to Aplington-Parkersburg High School through the NFL Youth Football Fund.

Several football experts and NFL greats, including three-time Super Bowl champion **RIKI ELLISON** of San Francisco 49ers and former Dallas Cowboys personnel chief **GIL BRANDT**, will be on hand to discuss topics vital to the continued success of youth and high school football. In addition, Cleveland Browns Senior Vice President and General Manager **PHIL SAVAGE** will address Summit participants on the role of the youth and high school football coach and the impact they have on players.

Leaders in the fields of sports medicine and sports psychology will also address the group. **DR. LINN GOLDBERG** of Oregon Health & Science University will lead a steroid and supplement education session, and discuss the NFL's ATLAS & ATHENA Anti-Steroid Education program, while **LINDSAY BAKER, Ph.D.**, of the Gatorade Sports Science Institute, will address the important issues of heat and hydration. Motivational speaker and sports psychologist **DR. KEVIN ELKO** will teach coaches how to achieve emotional balance and remain focused on the game

situation, while life skills coach **ZACHARY MINOR** will address the audience regarding character and life skills development. Coaches also will participate in a session on performance training by **BILL PARISI** of the Parisi Speed School, and will gain insight on the establishment of high school football rules from **BOB COLGATE** of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Other topics at the Summit include first aid and injury prevention for youth and high school football players, recognizing talent, discussions on leadership and helping youth players to achieve their greatest potential, and role-playing demonstrations on handling coach-player-parent relationships.

USA Football, the sport's national governing body on youth and amateur levels, will lend expertise in a variety of areas for Summit participants. USA Football Executive Director **SCOTT HALLENBECK** will share the organization's on-going work and accomplishments in serving the football community. Leading the Summit's officiating segment will be **TONY MICHALEK** and **BILL LEMONNIER** of USA Football's officiating department. Michalek, who worked Super Bowl XLII this past February, has served the NFL as an umpire since 2002, and LeMonnier has 15 years of officiating experience on the Big Ten and Arena Football League levels.

Also addressing Summit participants will be **CHUCK KYLE** of Cleveland St. Ignatius High School, who USA Football recently named as the head coach of America's first Junior National Team in the sport. Kyle will lead Team USA, a team composed of the country's top high school student-athletes, in the 2009 International Federation of American Football (IFAF) Junior World Championship. The tournament will be held in Canton's Fawcett Stadium next summer, encompassing eight national teams from four continents.

USA Football also will host a National Leadership Forum during the Summit, sharing insight and best practices on a multitude of topics, including coaching education and youth league development.

The NFL and the NFL Players Association, which have made a major commitment to investing in the game with the establishment of the NFL Youth Football Fund and other programs, will fund the Summit.

High school football coaches registered for an opportunity to attend the Summit by entering a nomination and essay contest conducted by the NFL. Coaches submitted online essays in which they wrote about their coaching careers, commitment to youth and coaching philosophies. A blue-ribbon panel, consisting of local state representatives, reviewed the essays, and 51 coaches were chosen to serve as their state's delegate at the Summit. (See below for complete list of delegates)

51 STATE DELEGATES FOR 2008 NFL YOUTH FOOTBALL COACHING SUMMIT

STATE	NAME	HIGH SCHOOL
Alabama	Jackie O'Neal	Reeltown High School Notasulga, AL
Alaska	James E. Shetter	Wasilla High School Wasilla, AK
Arizona	Michael Till	Queen Creek High School Queen Creek, AZ
Arkansas	Jay Holland	Lamar High School Lamar, AR
California	Michael Christensen	Carson High School Carson, CA
Colorado	Matt Brothers	Westminster High School Westminster, CO
Connecticut	Jim Buonocore	Ledyard High School Ledyard, CT

Delaware	Bob Tattersall	Wilmington Friends School Wilmington, DE
District of Columbia	Daryl Tilghman	Theodore Roosevelt High School Washington, D.C.
Florida	Martin Joseph Lee	First Coast High School Jacksonville, FL
Georgia	Danny Cronin	East Coweta High School Sharpsburg, GA
Hawaii	Nolan Tokuda	Leilehua High School Wahiawa, Hawaii
Idaho	Bob Clark	Boise High School Boise, ID
Illinois	Jason Nikson	Edwin G. Foreman High School Chicago, IL
Indiana	Leroy Marsh	Munster High School Munster, IN
Iowa	Bill Shafer	Central Springs High School Manly, IA
Kansas	Rick Wheeler	Wichita Heights High School Wichita, KS
Kentucky	David Buchanan	Mason County High School Maysville, KY
Louisiana	Scott Baimsfather	Archbishop Shaw High School Marrero, LA
Maine	Frank Knight	Waterville Senior High School Waterville, ME
Maryland	Chuck Markiewicz	Arundel High School Gambrills, MD
Massachusetts	Dennis Golden	New Bedford High School New Bedford, MA
Michigan	Paul Jacobson	Negaunee High School Negaunee, MI
Minnesota	Dwight Lundeen	Becker High School Becker, MN
Mississippi	David Bradberry	St. Andrew's Episcopal School Ridgeland, MS
Missouri	Mark Goldenberg	Parkway Central High School Chesterfield, MO
Montana	Gary Gebert	Fergus High School Lewistown, MT
Nebraska	Tom Olson	Norfolk High School Norfolk, NE
Nevada	Russell Hoffman	Jackpot Combined High School Jackpot, NV
New Hampshire	Ken Osbon	Dover High School Dover, NH
New Jersey	Bobby Weiss	Atlantic City High School Atlantic City, NJ
New Mexico	Jim Miller	Las Cruces High School Las Cruces, NM
New York	Donald D. Bass	Niagara Falls High School Niagara Falls, NY
North Carolina	Chris Metzger	Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

North Dakota	Loy Ham	Beulah High School Beulah, ND
Ohio	Marzell Pink	Cleveland East High School Cleveland, HS
Oklahoma	Darrell Hall	Star Spencer High School Spencer, OK
Oregon	John Beck	Crater High School Central Point, OR
Pennsylvania	John Grone	Esperanza Academy Charter High School Philadelphia, PA
Rhode Island	Tom Centore	Cranston East High School Cranston, RI
South Carolina	Steve Taneyhill	Chesterfield High School Chesterfield, SC
South Dakota	Terry Dosch	Aberdeen Roncalli Catholic High School Aberdeen, SD
Tennessee	John V. Downtin IV	Cordova High School Cordova, TN
Texas	Larry L. Uland	Greenville Christian High School Greenville, TX
Utah	Les Hamilton	Alta High School Sandy, UT
Vermont	Dan Nolan	Lyndon Institute Lyndon Center, VT
Virginia	Mark E. Gowin	Episcopal High School Alexandria, VA
Washington	Terry Jensen	Montesano High School Montesano, WA
West Virginia	John Bowers	Morgantown High School Morgantown, WV
Wisconsin	Jeff Koenig	Stanley-Boyd High School Stanley, WI
Wyoming	Larry Yeradi	Wright High School Wright, WY

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