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DATE AND TEAMS ANNOUNCED FOR 2021 SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME, PRESENTED BY SANFORD

May 3rd, 2021: The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company (VCDC) is excited to welcome some of the best football players from across the state for this year's South Dakota High School All-Star Football Game, presented by Sanford, for its 6th year, on Saturday June 12th, 2021.

Beginning Wednesday June 9th, over 90 talented players from across the state will come to Vermillion for an exciting 4-days of daily practices, social gatherings and team building activities. Throughout the week, players be honored at an All-Star Recognition Banquet with special guest speaker, and Coyote Hall of Famer, Bill Gassen, the CEO of Sanford.

For Vermillion Area youth, Tom O'Boyle will host a Kids Camp on Friday, June 11th from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. The Kids Camp is open to 4th – 6th graders and will cost \$15. Kids in attendance can expect to learn basic football fundamentals of line play and skill position play.

"We're very excited to bring this event back after having to cancel in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Nate Welch, President and CEO of the VCDC. "These young athletes work very hard throughout their high school careers, and we're excited to celebrate and welcome them and their families from all over South Dakota to the City of Vermillion."

2021 will see the South Dakota High School All-Star Game, presented by Sanford, return to the newly renovated DakotaDome after a two-year hiatus. The 18-month, \$26 million renovation to the west side of the DakotaDome included two new entrances, a new football locker room that boasts 110 individual lockers and upgraded seating for fans including new corporate suites and loge boxes.



“The South Dakota Football Coaches' Association is extremely thrilled to see the annual All-Star game return to USD and the DakotaDome. With the renovations to the facility and the terrific experiences our athletes have had in the past, this should be the best one ever,” said Kim Nelson, Executive Secretary for the SD High School Football Coaches Association. “The treatment the athletes receive and the contacts and friendships they will make, will stay with them forever. Thanks to the VCDC and the University of South Dakota for working so hard to get this game back on its feet. Our state's players and coaches are very happy to take part and we hope this tradition continues for a long time.”

This event is open to the public. Adult tickets are \$20, Children 5-18 are \$15, children 5 and under are free. For more ticket information visit LiveVermillion.com or call the VCDC at 605.624.5571.

To date, the following All-Star athletes have been selected and confirmed to play:

Red Team:

Head Coach - Ben Kramer

Assistant Coaches – Brandon White, Russ Bailey, Dan Maciecjak, Lex Heathershaw

Nathan Cook - Stanley County
Chayce Montagne - Dakota Valley
Ethyn Rollinger - Harrisburg
Trevor Fitzgerald - Yankton
Jaxon Kampshoff - Howard
Dominic Abraham - Garretson
Isaiah Robinson - Sioux Falls Lincoln
Kobey June - Dakota Valley
Cody Thompson - Lemmon/McIntosh
Bosten Morehart - Winner
Jackson Hansen - Winner
Kashas VanderWal - Sioux Valley
Ryan Dodds - Dakota Valley
Samuel Callies - Howard
David Severson - Douglas
Ashton Bultje - Sioux Valley
Brexlin Garza - Belle Fourche
Michael Johnson – Sioux Falls Washington
Charlie Larson - St. Thomas More

Wren Jacobs - Sturgis
Aaron Thomas - Sioux Falls Washington
Kayden Ahlemeier - Potter County
Richard Long - Harding County
Ashaun Roach-Valandra - St. Mary
Gaven Sudbeck - Kadoka Area
Jace Kelley - Custer
Tyler Clark - Douglas
Daniel Sedlacek - Custer
Malik Ahmed Hosie - Douglas
Isaiah Portwood - Lemmon/McIntosh
Ian Bennett - Tea Area
Luke Rettedal - Tea Area
Talon Elshere - Sturgis
Jaxton Schiller - Sioux Valley
Malcolm Johnson - Sioux Falls Washington
Marcus Harkless – Hot Springs
Connor Saunders – Vermillion
TJ Hamar – Kadoka Area

Blue Team:

Head Coach – Rich Lundstrom
Assistant Coaches – Steve Steele, Shaun
Wanner, Byron Pudwill, John King



Bryston Goehring – Mobridge/Pollock
Jackson Hilton - Brandon Valley
Tristan Abbott – Wolesy/Wessington
Landon Leidholt - Warner
Regan Bollweg - Pierre
Tate Johnson - Brandon Valley
Brock Stevens - WWSSC
Josh Livermore - West Central
Sam Kohls – Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Zach Schreier - Dell Rapids
Coby Maeschen - Dell Rapids
Jackson McNeil - Warner
Jacob Schwab - SF O'Gorman
Kaleb Kubal - Bon Homme
Rylee Schultz – Bridgewater/Emery/Ethan
Preston Taylor - Pierre
Jordan Gall - Scotland
Parker Reed - Brandon Valley
Derek Eidsness - West Central

Braden Goehring – Mobridge/Pollock
Cayden Eisemann – Mobridge/Pollock
Seth Peterson - Canton
Hayden Reints - Langford
Wyatt Bray - Britton-Hecla
Bodie Burnham - Bridgewater/Emery/Ethan
Ben Ziebarth - Mitchell
Johnny Rozeboom - Burke
Derick Siemonsma - Huron
Hunter Lemer - Aberdeen Central
Isaac Sumption - North Border
Jaxon Skinner - West Central
Parker Phillips - Mitchell
Payton Gassman - Florence/Henry
Carter Owen - Florence/Henry
Gunnar Gehring – Pierre
Martin Raasch – Great Plains Lutheran
Matthew Hettich – Ipswich/Edmonds Central
Colby Rumpza – Dakota Hills

For more information on the South Dakota High School All-Star Football Game, presented by Sanford, contact Megan Davidson, Director of Strategic Communications & Tourism at Megan@VermillionChamber.com or the VCDC at 605.624.5571.