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## **NFL SELECTS 51 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES TO ATTEND SEVENTH ANNUAL YOUTH FOOTBALL SUMMIT DURING HALL OF FAME WEEKEND**

### **More than 170 Coaches and Administrators to Attend Summit in Canton, OH July 25-26**

Fifty-one top high school football coaches, one from each state and Washington, DC, have been selected by the NFL to participate in the seventh annual NFL Youth Football Summit July 25-26 during the lead up to August's 2007 Hall of Fame Weekend in Canton.

In addition to these coaches, more than 120 youth coaches and other supporters of youth and high school football, including 21 former NFL players now coaching at the high school level, 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.

Several football experts and NFL greats, including former Quarterback **BOOMER ESIASON**, will be on hand to discuss topics vital to the continued success of youth and high school football. 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 launch of the ATLAS & ATHENA Anti-Steroid Education program, while **KRIS OSTERBERG** of the Gatorade Sports Science Institute, will address the important issues of heat and hydration. Motivational speaker **ZACHARY MINOR** will address the audience.

Other topics at the Summit will include a discussion on Hispanic outreach in youth & high school football, lead by former NFL kicker **LUIS ZENDEJAS**. 2003 & 2006 NFL High School Coaches of the Year **TONY DEMATTEO** and **RICH KALLOK** will address the group, focusing on character development. Other items on the agenda include first aid and injury prevention for youth and high school football players, discussions on the importance of leadership, inspiring youth and high school football players to achieve their greatest potential, and role-playing demonstrations on handling coach-player-parent relationship issues.

USA Football, the sport's national governing body, will lend expertise in a variety of areas for Summit participants. The non-profit leads football's grassroots development nationally with innovative programs to further enhance the game. USA Football Executive Director **SCOTT HALLENBECK** will share the organization's achievements and goals in serving the football community. Leading the Summit's officiating segment will be USA Football's **TONY MICHALEK** and **BILL LEMONNIER**. Michalek has served the NFL as a game official since 2002 while LeMonnier has 13 years of officiating experience on the Big Ten and Arena Football levels.

USA Football also will host a Leadership Workshop, furnishing participants insight on 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 through its high school football website, NFLHS.com. 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)

Other Summit attendees include youth and high school football coaches from Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan and Mexico, as well as youth football coaches and administrators from the nation's largest youth sports organizations.

For coverage of this year's Summit and to learn about next year's Summit visit [www.NFLHS.com](http://www.NFLHS.com).

### **51 STATE DELEGATES FOR 2007 NFL YOUTH FOOTBALL COACHING SUMMIT**

| STATE                   | NAME                    | HIGH SCHOOL  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Alabama                 | Cedric L. Blair         | A.H. Parker High School<br>Birmingham, AL              |
| Alaska                  | Duncan Shackelford      | Chugiak High School<br>Chugiak, AK                     |
| Arizona                 | Chuck Apap              | Bradshaw Mountain High School<br>Prescott Valley, AZ   |
| Arkansas                | Jeff Holt               | Russellville High School<br>Russellville, AR           |
| California              | Gary Cordray            | South Gate High School<br>South Gate, CA               |
| Colorado                | Thomas Ryan<br>Grasmick | Holly High School<br>Holly, CO                         |
| Connecticut             | Lou Marinelli           | New Canaan High School<br>New Canaan, CT               |
| Delaware                | Michael W. Hyde         | St. Andrew's School<br>Middletown, DE                  |
| District of<br>Columbia | Joe Howard-Johnson      | Archbishop Carroll High School<br>Washington, DC       |
| Florida                 | Sam Roper               | Seminole High School<br>Seminole, FL                   |
| Georgia                 | Kevin Whitley           | Creekside High School<br>Fairburn, GA                  |
| Hawaii                  | Wendell Say             | Aiea School<br>Aiea, HI                                |
| Idaho                   | Billy Carroll           | Calvary Christian High School<br>Nampa, ID             |
| Illinois                | Carlos M. Burnes        | Harlan Community Academy High<br>School<br>Chicago, IL |
| Indiana                 | Mark A. Hoffman         | Valparaiso High School<br>Valparaiso, IN               |
| Iowa                    | Courtney Henry          | Waterloo West High School                              |

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|                |                          | Waterloo, IA  |
| Kansas         | Mark Littrell            | Olathe South High School<br>Olathe, KS                  |
| Kentucky       | John Davis               | North Hardin Christian School<br>Radcliff, KY           |
| Louisiana      | Chris Lachney            | Pope John Paul II High School<br>Slidell, LA            |
| Maine          | Stuart Wyckoff           | Aroostook County High School<br>Presque Isle, ME        |
| Maryland       | Bryce Bevill             | Bishop McNamara High School<br>Forestville, MD          |
| Massachusetts  | Walter J. Dubzinski, Jr. | Gardner High School<br>Gardner, MA                      |
| Michigan       | James Hurd               | Flint Central Academy<br>Flint, MI                      |
| Minnesota      | Beau LaBore              | Woodbury High School<br>Woodbury, MN                    |
| Mississippi    | Paul Anderson            | Richland High School<br>Richland, MS                    |
| Missouri       | Kim Crawford             | Beaumont High School<br>St. Louis, MO                   |
| Montana        | Mark Ator                | Colstrip High School<br>Colstrip, MT                    |
| Nebraska       | TBD                      | TBD   |
| Nevada         | Marty Redmond            | Foothills High School<br>Henderson, NV                  |
| New Hampshire  | Scott Knight             | Nashua South High School<br>Nashua, NH                  |
| New Jersey     | Kevin Vaughn             | Woodrow Wilson High School<br>Camden, NJ                |
| New Mexico     | Bob Allcorn              | Moriarty High School<br>Moriarty, NM                    |
| New York       | Arthur Trolio, Jr.       | Harrison High School<br>Harrison, NY                    |
| North Carolina | Greg Thomas              | J.H. Rose High School<br>Greenville, NC                 |
| North Dakota   | Alex Starcevic           | Larimore High School<br>Larimore, ND                    |
| Ohio           | Ronald Kuceyeski         | Alliance High School<br>Alliance, OH                    |
| Oklahoma       | Dan Cocannouer           | Edmond Santa Fe High School<br>Edmond, OK               |
| Oregon         | Dave Ackerman            | Tillamook High School<br>Tillamook, OR                  |
| Pennsylvania   | Patrick Clark            | Unionville High School<br>Kennett Square, PA            |
| Rhode Island   | Sandy Gorham             | East Providence High School East<br>East Providence, RI |
| South Carolina | Wayne Farmer             | Allendale Fairfax High School<br>Fairfax, SC            |
| South Dakota   | Richard Danek            | Sanborn Central High School<br>Forestburg, SD           |
| Tennessee      | Joe R. Welch             | Bolton High School<br>Arlington, TN                     |
| Texas          | Craig Chessher           | Stony Point High School                                 |

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|               |                  | Round Rock, TX                                  |
| Utah          | Mike Favero      | Logan High School<br>Logan, UT                  |
| Vermont       | Gary Grabarz     | Burr and Burtin Academy<br>Manchester, VT       |
| Virginia      | Joe Fowler       | Goochland High School<br>Goochland, VA          |
| Washington    | Jamie Plenkovich | Ferndale High School<br>Ferndale, WA            |
| West Virginia | Jimmy Frashier   | Ripley High School<br>Ripley, WV                |
| Wisconsin     | Gary Griffin     | Milwaukee Bay View High School<br>Milwaukee, WI |
| Wyoming       | Bill Fulmer      | Burns High School<br>Burns, WY                  |

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