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

More than 150 Coaches and Administrators Attend Summit in Canton, OH Aug. 3-4

July 26, 2006 (New York, NY)--Fifty-one top high school football coaches, representing each state and Washington, DC, have been selected by the NFL to participate in the sixth annual NFL Youth Football Summit from August 3-4 during the 2006 Hall of Fame Weekend in Canton.

In addition to these coaches, more than 100 youth coaches and other supporters of youth and high school football, including 19 former NFL players now coaching at the high school level, will attend the weekend of educational seminars, which are designed to support the youth coaching community.

Several football experts and NFL greats, including Pro Football Hall of Famers **ANTHONY MUNOZ** and **DAVE WILCOX**, 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. Also, leaders in the fields of sports medicine and sports psychology such as **DR. LINN GOLDBERG** (will lead steroid education session), **DR. BOB MURRAY** of the Gatorade Sports Science Institute, and motivational speaker **ZACHARY MINOR** will address the audience.

In advance of his departure, NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue will speak to the 2006 high school and youth coach delegation at a dinner on the evening of August 4.

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.

"We have more than 1,600 players on our NFL rosters", says NFL Commissioner **PAUL TAGLIABUE**. "They have one thing in common: they received guidance from high school coaches. The Youth Football Summit is one way that we can offer our resources on an annual basis to help maintain the quality of youth football coaching throughout the country."

Other topics at the Summit will include: using technology; injury prevention and sports first-aid practices; role-playing demonstrations on handling coach-player relationship issues; recognizing talent; and tips on inspiring youth and high school football players to achieve their greatest potential.

Representatives from USA Football, an organization whose purpose is to galvanize, support and promote the sport at all levels of amateur football, and the National Football Foundation (NFF) also will participate in discussions on the importance of leadership and the benefits of football.

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 – one from each state and Washington, DC – were chosen to serve as their state’s delegate at the Summit. (See below for complete list of delegates)

More than 100 individuals who are involved in youth and high school football will participate in the events, including football and academic coaches from the NFL-NFF Play It Smart program; high school football coaches from Mexico, Japan and Canada; and 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.

51 STATE DELEGATES FOR 2006 NFL YOUTH FOOTBALL COACHING SUMMIT

STATE	NAME	HIGH SCHOOL
Alabama	Randy Ragsdale	Trinity Presbyterian School Montgomery, AL
Alaska	Rod Christiansen	Palmer High School Palmer, AK
Arizona	Kent Lavine	Bourgade Catholic High School Phoenix, AZ
Arkansas	Paul Calley	Bryant High School Bryant, AR
California	Mike Vogt	Buchanan High School Clovis, CA
Colorado	Kenneth Soper	Dove Creek High School Dove Creek, CO
Connecticut	Mark Ecke	Cheshire High School Cheshire, CT
Delaware	Kevin Waesco	Tower Hill High School Wilmington, DE
District of Columbia	Willie Stewart	Anacostia Senior High School Washington, DC
Florida	Earl Garcia, Jr.	Hillsborough High School Tampa, FL
Georgia	Bobby McAllister	Elbert County Comprehensive High School Elberton, GA
Hawaii	Wendell Look	Iolani School Honolulu, HI
Idaho	John Srholec	Weiser High School Weiser, ID
Illinois	Brian Billings	Walter Payton College Preparatory High School Chicago, IL
Indiana	Brent Hawkins	Evansville North High School Evansville, IN
Iowa	Doug Gee	West Waterloo High School Waterloo, IA
Kansas	Greg Slade	Rose Hill High School Rose Hill, KS
Kentucky	TBD	TBD

Louisiana	Randy Johnson	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Hammond, LA
Maine	Eric Klein	Scarborough High School Scarborough, ME
Maryland	Tom Tereshinski	Northern High School Owings, MD
Massachusetts	Bill Moore	Westfield High School Westfield, MA
Michigan	TBD	TBD
Minnesota	Dave Frisell	Bloomington High School Bloomington, MN
Mississippi	Lance K. Reed	Natchez High School Natchez, MS
Missouri	Jason Dulick	Gateway Tech High School St. Louis, MO
Montana	Don Peoples	Butte Central Catholic High School Butte, MT
Nebraska	Glen Snodgrass	Overton High School Overton, NE
Nevada	Tyrone K. Armstrong	Mojave High School North Las Vegas, NV
New Hampshire	Bill Raycraft	John Stark Regional High School Weare, NH
New Jersey	Joe Goerge	Jonathan Dayton High School Springfield, NJ
New Mexico	Bruce Hatch	Bloomfield High School Bloomfield, NM
New York	Joe Vito	Roosevelt High School Roosevelt, NY
North Carolina	E.Z. Smith III	Concord High School Concord, NC
North Dakota	Bret Sorensen	Fargo North High School Fargo, ND
Ohio	John Johnson	Morrison R. Waite High School Toledo, OH
Oklahoma	Willis U. Alexander, Jr.	John Marshall High School Oklahoma City, OK
Oregon	Ron Chappell	West Linn High School West Linn, OR
Pennsylvania	Art Walker	North Allegheny High School Wexford, PA
Rhode Island	Thomas Centore	Cranston High School East Cranston, RI
South Carolina	William Bacon	Dreher High School Columbia, SC
South Dakota	Arlin Likness	Yankton High School Yankton, SD
Tennessee	Ellis Mayfield	St. Andrew's Sewanee School Sewanee, TN
Texas	Chris Cunningham	Colleyville Heritage High School Colleyville, TX
Utah	Roger DuPaix	Skyline High School Salt Lake City, UT
Vermont	Mike Law	U-32 High School

		Montpelier, VT
Virginia	Dealton Cotton	Maury High School Norfolk, VA
Washington	Curt Kramme	Lynden High School Lynden, WA
West Virginia	Paul S. Billiard	Brooke High School Wellsburg, WV
Wisconsin	Phil Datka	Germantown High School Germantown, WI
Wyoming	John Cundall	Greybull High School Greybull, WY

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