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## **BUFFALO BILLS RUSHING SENSATION FRED JACKSON RECALLS D-III ALL STAR EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO AS PUEBLA PREPARES TO HOST TAZÓN DE ESTRELLAS**

**Head coach Bill Manlove will again lead Team Stars & Stripes selected from NCAA D-III colleges in 2011 'Bowl of the Stars' against CONADEIP All Stars led by American coach Eric Fisher of UDLAP**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 - GRANBURY, TEXAS - Global Football will organize the third annual Tazón de Estrellas (Bowl of the Stars), to be played on Saturday, December 17 at the 5,000-seat El Tempo del Dolor (The Temple of Pain) in Puebla, Mexico, between the NCAA Division III college all star *Team Stars & Stripes* and the CONADEIP All Stars from Mexico.

For the first time in the history of the Tazón de Estrellas, two American head coaches will pace opposite sidelines. Former La Salle, Delaware Valley College and Widener head coach **Bill Manlove** will again coach team Stars & Stripes and will select a 50-man roster from players nominated by head coaches at NCAA D-III colleges. Universidad de las Americas Puebla (UDLAP) head coach **Eric Fisher**, who led the Aztecas to their first national championship in 13 years in 2010, will lead the CONADEIP challenge.

The Tazón de Estrellas and its forerunner the Aztec Bowl have produced a series of exciting games and established a fierce but friendly rivalry between the American team drawn from D-III all-stars and their counterparts selected from the CONADEIP national conference of private schools in Mexico.

Back in 2002, current Buffalo Bills running back **Fred Jackson** won MVP honors for the Americans as he tore off a 60-yard touchdown run in a 15-9 victory over the Mexicans. Jackson, the Bills' leading rusher after six weeks of the NFL season with 601 yards and 6 touchdowns from 106 carries and a further 279 yards receiving, urges D-III players selected for *Team Stars & Stripes* to accept the opportunity to head to Mexico.

"It is a great opportunity," said Jackson. "It is something you will always remember, so definitely if you get the opportunity, take part in it. We played against the national champion team mixed with other all-star players. It was a really good team. The number one thing I remember was how crazy the crowd was and it being a bunch of college guys down in Mexico. There is always going to be great camaraderie with that."

The 2011 edition of *Team Stars & Stripes* will arrive in Puebla on Sunday, December 11 and after two-a-day practices on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will have an opportunity to mix lighter practices with an opportunity to explore the local region.

"We are really working hard on integrating both teams and having cultural events where the kids get to know each other better and can have more of a cultural exchange," said



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CONADEIP Coach Fisher. “We are hoping to house both teams on campus so the U.S. squad can get a Mexican college experience and both teams can go out in the evenings together.”

Turning his attentions to the competition on the field, Coach Fisher added: “I truly expect the game to be very competitive. There is a lot of talent here in Mexico and we are playing at a very high level. The game should be intense, cleanly played and really tight. This is a great opportunity for our kids in Mexico to show that we can compete at the D-III level and that we play high quality football.”

CONADEIP Commissioner Oscar Lopez said: “Coach Fisher has earned this role by winning our championship and both his players and coaches will benefit from the experience of playing in this game, which we hope will be a close game. We are building a great relationship between CONADEIP and the Division III schools and are eager to show people this is the premiere football organization in Mexico.”

Last year Team Stars and Stripes triumphed 48-7 in Toluca having suffered a 24-12 loss to the Tec Monterrey All-Stars in the first Tazón de Estrellas in 2009.

“I am sure both teams will be every competitive and am excited to again be leading Team Stars & Stripes,” said Coach Manlove. “For the majority of our players this will be the last time they pull on the helmet and pads and it is a great way to celebrate their college football career in a packed stadium and as part of a memorable visit to Mexico.”

Coach Manlove presided over the Aztec Bowl U.S. team in 2006 and 2007, having compiled a 212-110-1 record, in 32 years of coaching, including an impressive 182-53-1 record at Widener.

Global Football President and Event Producer (USA) **Patrick Steenberge**, who also orchestrated the former Aztec Bowl in Mexico for 11 years, said: “I am honored to produce this annual post-season game in Mexico, along with my friends from the CONADEIP league, for the 14th year, and to be able to provide an amazing opportunity for the top NCAA Division III student athletes.

“More than 600 young men from D3 quality schools and teams have gone with us to Mexico to complete their college football careers, and each has gained an incredible experience. A huge thanks to Central College’s **John Roslien** for his efforts each year as Director of Player Personnel, as he works for months to select and invite some great kids!”

Details of live television coverage and a web stream of the event will be announced shortly, along with the Team Stats & Stripes coaching staff and player roster.

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