



## **ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL COACH JEFF SCURRAN TO LEAD TEAM STARS & STRIPES AGAINST PARIS ALL-STAR TEAM IN GLOBAL BOWL FRANCE ON MARCH 20**

**High school seniors aged 19 and under will travel to face Team Paris in the French capital**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010 – GRANBURY, TEXAS – Veteran Arizona high school coach **Jeff Scurran** will lead Team Stars & Stripes for a third successive spring, this time taking a football squad aged 19 and under to Europe to compete in Global Bowl France.

Scurran coached his third and final season at Santa Rita High School in Tucson, AZ, in 2009, reaching the state's 4A-II championship game for the second successive season having taken over a program that had won only once in 20 games before his arrival. He coached Team Stars & Stripes, selected from multiple states across the country, in Kawasaki, Japan, in the Global Challenge Bowl in 2008 and 2009 and will now head to the European continent with the class of 2010.

Players have already committed from Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and the eventual 45-player roster will face a Team Paris squad chosen from junior American football clubs based in the French capital and surrounding areas.

"Just as we have the past two years, we will select great young men who will be fine ambassadors and play solid football," said Scurran, whose team will be chosen with both academic excellence and football abilities in mind. "We are excited to be going to France for a new experience that will no doubt be as equally rewarding for the team as it was for those of us who travelled to Japan."

The event is organized by Texas-based Global Football and is the fifth Team Stars & Stripes venture, following the two Japanese visits, Global Bowl Bristol (UK, October 2009) and the Tazon de Estrellas (Mexico, December 2009). In 2010, Global Football is scheduled to travel to Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

"These tours provide an opportunity for young amateur athletes from different countries to compete against one another, while experiencing and learning firsthand about cultures, customs and history," said Global Football President **Patrick Steenberge**. "The game at the end of the week is the highlight, but the friendships and memories the players bring home with them will last a lifetime."

**Olivier Moret**, who led the French junior national team at the IFAF Junior World Championship in 2009, will organize Team Paris. He explained: "The clubs in Paris will soon name the coaching staff, who will in turn select players from approximately 15 junior teams in Paris and the surrounding area. This will be a real challenge for our young players, but one that will be a great help to their development."

Returning as a member of Scurran's coaching staff will be Villa Angela-St. Joseph's (Cleveland) head coach **John Storey**, who coached in both Global Challenge Bowls in Japan. The pair spent an additional week in Japan in 2008 and 2009 to conduct coaching clinics that they again plan to hold in France following the Global Bowl France.

Team Stars & Stripes will leave the United States on March 13 and will mix practice sessions with cultural sightseeing including the spectacular sights of the Palace of Versailles, the Eiffel Tower and the Normandy region before taking on Team Paris.

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