



TEAM STARS & STRIPES HIT THE PRACTICE FIELD DESPITE LATE ARRIVAL IN FRANCE DUE TO BLUSTERY WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

High School seniors from seven states experienced flight delays
as some arrive in Paris 24 hours late

Monday, March 15, 2010 - Paris, France - Team Stars & Stripes completed their first practice, despite some players arriving at their Paris hotel only an hour prior to practice. The team took to the field at the Bois de Boulogne Park just west of the French capital in preparation to take on the Brussels Junior All-Star Team in the 2010 Global Bowl France.

Multiple players were stranded in airports over night due to poor weather conditions in New York. Kicker Chris Mayer (Santa Rita, AZ) could not even reach the east coast as he waited in Denver, Colorado over night.

Despite the complications with the travel and being from seven different states, the 36-man roster has gelled quickly during the first practice. The team will have four practices throughout the week and a final walk through on Friday, March 19.

Team Stars & Stripes is led by former Santa Rita High School (Tucson, AZ) head coach and three-time Arizona state champion Coach Jeff Scurran for a third successive spring, having been at the helm for both team visits to Japan in 2008 and 2009. Scurran led Santa Rita High School in Tucson, AZ to the state's 4A-II championship game for the second successive season in 2009.

The practice was jammed packed with information and strategies for the players to learn. The team split into positions as coach Scurran worked with the quarterbacks Adam Larriva (Catalina Foothills, AZ) and Austin Kevitch (Germantown Academy).

Team Stars & Stripes also began putting in their offensive plays which immediately showcased the speed of running back Toney Foster (Cleveland Glenville) and the great hands of wide receiver Trent Simon (Cienega, AZ).

"It is always nice coaching intelligent kids," said coach Scurran. "I don't care where you are or what level you are at if you get the chance to coach intelligent kids its just a beautiful thing.

"The cooperation we had out here despite all the problems - we have kids that do not have pads, do not have cleats, and kids with lost luggage - has been great. With every delay and problem you could have it was still a very good practice. The spirit was great, the attitude was great - but that is why we picked the kids we picked."

The team also worked on defensive coverages and ended the practice with some light offensive and defensive sets.

Team Stars & Stripes will hold three more days of morning practices from Tuesday to Thursday

before taking on the Brussels Junior All-Star team on Saturday, March 20 at 2pm at the Grand Marais in Amiens, France.

"It is a privilege and an honor to play for this team because there are so many high school football players and to be selected to represent more than just our state is real big to me," said running back Toney Foster. "I can not wait until the game."

The team will use their afternoons to explore the sights of France, such as the Palace of Versailles, the Eiffel Tower, and the Normandy region, as this trip for many is their first time out of the country.

The event is organized by Texas-based Global Football and is the fifth Team Stars & Stripes venture, following two Global Challenge Bowl games in Kawasaki, Japan (2008, 2009), Global Bowl Bristol (UK, October 2009) and the Tazon de Estrellas (Mexico, December 2009).

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Team Stars & Stripes - Global Bowl France Itinerary, March 13-21, 2010

Saturday, March 13	Overnight Flight to Paris
Sunday, March 14	Arrive in Paris Paris Sightseeing Team Dinner
Monday, March 15	Football Practice Team Lunch Walking Tour of Paris Team Dinner
Tuesday, March 16	Football Practice Team Meeting
Wednesday, March 17	Football Practice Tour of Louvre Museum Team Meeting
Thursday, March 18	Football Practice Versailles Tour & River Cruise & Eiffel Tower Team Meeting
Friday, March 19	D-Day Beaches, Normandy
Saturday, March 20	Global Bowl France game in Amiens, France Awards Dinner
Sunday, March 21	Flight from Paris to JFK Airport

Roster...



Team Stars & Stripes Roster:

No.	Pos.	Name	School	Ht	Wt	Hometown
1	RB/DB	Michael Brown	William Penn Chart	5-8	160	Ambler, PA
2	QB/W R	William Lubahn	Cathedral Prep	5-10	160	Erie, PA
3	K	Chris Mayer	Santa Rita	5-8	165	Tucson, AZ
4	FB/LB	Wyatt Benson	The Haverford School	6-0	218	Philadelphia, PA
5	LB/OL	Elliot Koester	Catalina Foothills	5-11	185	Tucson, AZ
7	QB	Adam Larriva	Catalina Foothills	6-2	185	Tucson, AZ
9	RB	Brian Taylor	Episcopal Academy	5-11	185	Philadelphia, PA
10	RB/LB	Toney Foster	Cleveland Glenville	5-9	170	Cleveland, OH
11	WR/DB	Joseph Nassib	The Haverford School	5-10	170	Bryn Mawr, PA
14	WR/DB	Rocky Larson	Somerset	5-10	160	Somerset, WI
15	WR/DB	Kevin Toner	Father Judge	5-10	158	Hunt Valley, PA
16	WR/S	Trent Simon	Cienega	6-3	195	Tucson, AZ
17	WR/S	Shane Belle	Ginn Academy	6-2	170	Cleveland, OH
19	QB/DB	Austin Kevitch	Germantown Academy	6-1	185	Blue Bell, PA
24	CB	Davonttay Jones	Santa Rita	5-10	160	Tucson, AZ
25	RB	Tamarin Jones	Santa Rita	5-11	175	Tucson, AZ
27	RB	Ronnel Spates	Villa Angela-Saint Joseph	5-9	165	Cleveland, OH
41	FB/LB	Trevor Jakobi	Loyal	6-0	175	Loyal, WI
44	FB/LB	Logan Islas	Mingus Union	6-0	200	Cornville, AZ
45	LB	Jordan Hlebeck	Cesar Chavez	5-10	235	Phoenix, AZ
47	WR/DB	Luke Buerkley	Somerset	6-2	180	Somerset, WI
50	C	Gene Glenn	Evangel Christian Academy	5-11	247	Shreveport, LA
51	C/LB	Mark Hannan	Villa Angela-Saint Joseph	5-10	195	Wickliffe, OH
54	OL/LB	Cody Halpin	Loyal	5-9	205	Greenwood, WI
55	OL/DL	Adam Ward	Villa Angela-Saint Joseph	5-10	195	Cleveland, OH
57	OL/DL	Rob Wendt	Somerset	6-1	238	New Richmond, WI
60	OL/DL	Will Emery	Chestnut Hill Academy	6-1	250	Glenside, PA
62	OL/DL	Anthony Rini	Villa Angela-Saint Joseph	6-2	235	Cleveland, OH
64	OL/DL	John Gianoni	Cathedral Prep	6-3	230	Erie, PA
66	OL	Joseph DiTrolio	Malvern Prep School	5-11	255	Newton Square, PA
71	C/DL	Stevie Carr	Cesar Chavez	6-0	285	Phoenix, AZ
72	OL	William Estes	Tucson	6-3	255	Tucson, AZ
78	OL	Jaquari Kountz	Santa Rita	6-0	290	Tucson, AZ
79	OL/DL	Reggie Ewesuedo	Santa Rita	6-0	240	Tucson, AZ
87	WR	Phil Tucker	Villa Angela-Saint Joseph	6-3	175	Cleveland, OH
90	DE/TE	Devin Martinez	Mingus Union	6-2	240	Cottonwood, AZ

Coaching Staff: Jeff Scurran, Head Coach (Santa Rita HS, AZ); John Storey (VASJ, OH); Andrew Krause (Santa Rita HS, AZ); Bill Gallagher (Episcopal Academy, PA); John Roslien, Athletic Trainer (Central College, IA).