



Top High School Programs Meet at the Paradise Coast Sports Complex

Inaugural *Battle At The Beach* features top high school football teams from around the country, battling head-to-head under the lights in Naples, Florida

(NAPLES) – The inaugural *Battle At The Beach* series, Presented by Momentum Sports of Naples and Sports Force Parks, will feature prominent high school football teams from around the country facing off under the lights of the new Paradise Coast Sports Complex.

The first-year group of teams, and talent that will be on display, is about as strong as it gets on the high school football scene. The series of games over three weekends will be played at the newly built state-of-the-art Paradise Coast Sports Complex, which seats just under 5,000. Looking ahead to future years, the *Battle At The Beach* could expand to up to ten weekends during the football season.

“This idea for a series of games in Naples came with building the new sports complex,” Steve Quinn said. “Part of our agreement with Collier County is that myself and Erik Richards (National Recruiting Director, All-American Bowl on NBC) will bring in more events for the county.

“We have this incredible new venue, so what better way to use our networks in the football world to put together marquee games like these, in the brand-new stadium, and do it year after year.”

AUGUST 21, 4:00 P.M. | Life Christian Academy Eagles vs. Godby High School Cougars

The Cougars of Godby High School (Tallahassee, Fla.) are coming off a strong season where they made the state playoffs before bowing out in a triple overtime loss. Godby has four starters returning on the offensive line, and multiple SEC-caliber recruits across their depth chart.

“This year’s group were freshman and sophomores when I first got the job here,” said Godby Head Football Coach Brandon McCray. “So we’ve been grooming this group for this season. They can be pretty special this year, we’re excited to show people that we were thrown off last year but this year will be much different.”

Godby boasts elite three-star athlete Kajuan Banks, a South Carolina commit, who plays all across the secondary and returns kickoffs. Interior lineman Chancey Kamakea is also a three-star recruit, who is committed to Georgia State. He was the 2020 Tallahassee Quarterback Club Offensive Lineman of the Year. Three-star running back Chase Gillespie makes everything go on offense for the Cougars. He announced his commitment to Vanderbilt in August. Fellow three-star Vanderbilt commit, linebacker Bryce Cowan, is a three-sport athlete that imposes his will on opponents. Godby boasts four state titles in their history, most recently a 2012 5A title.

Life Christian (Chester, Va.) faced a shortened 2020 season due to the pandemic. The Eagles, playing a national schedule last fall, won two games and had losses to national powerhouses like IMG Academy. Life Christian is ranked in the top 150 in preseason rankings.



Life Christian's football program didn't exist before 2018. Head Coach Charles Scott has been at the helm since their inaugural season and has been steadily, consistently building the program year-over-year.

The Eagles offensive line is one of the more talented in the mid-Atlantic region of the country. Trevyon Green, a 6-foot-7, 354-pound mountain with quick feet, is a three-star recruit committed to North Carolina. Deshaun Williams is a fellow three-star lineman, uncommitted, with offers from 14 schools including Maryland, West Virginia, South Carolina, Pittsburgh, and Virginia. Joshua Miller, a 6-foot-5, 315-pound 2023 recruit, possesses offers from 13 schools including Florida State, Penn State, Texas A&M, and North Carolina. The Eagles defense boasts three-star Virginia Tech commit D'Andre Martin in the front seven, and three-star uncommitted corner Akim Sledge.

Each game will be streamed live through our national broadcast affiliate, FloSports. Tickets are open to the public.

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