



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 28, 7:00 P.M. | Treasure Coast High School Titans vs. American Heritage School Patriots

American Heritage (Plantation, Fla.) snapped a two-year championship drought and brought home the Florida 5A state championship last season. They finished ranked No. 20 nationally and start the 2021 season ranked No. 8.

They look to repeat as state champions with what is a loaded senior class and talented underclassmen. Defensive end Marvin Jones Jr. holds 31 offers and is ranked the No. 15 recruit nationally; Alabama, Florida State, Ohio State, and Oklahoma are at the top of his list. Cornerback Earl Little Jr. has 39 offers including Alabama, Florida, Florida State, and LSU; he's ranked No. 69 nationally. Fellow cornerback Jacolby Spells is a four-star West Virginia commit who runs a 10.8 100-meter. 2023 wide receiver Brandon Inniss is currently the consensus No. 1 wide receiver in his class and holds 36 offers. Inniss was the 2019 FBU Freshman All-American Bowl Most Valuable Player and one of the youngest athletes ever to receive an All-American Bowl on NBC invitation. Heritage's 2023 class also features four-star running back Mark Fletcher (20 offers) and four-star safety Daemon Fagan (19 offers).

Head Football Coach Patrick Surtain Sr. was awarded the 2020 High School Football America National Coach of the Year. Surtain led American Heritage to its third state championship in his five years as the school's head coach, where he's amassed a 59-6 overall record.

“We know what's at stake playing at American Heritage,” Head Football Coach and former All-American Bowl on NBC coach Pat Surtain said in a recent interview. “If you don't win a state



championship, it's considered a failure. Our players buy into [that mentality]. They look at the guys who came before them and they aim to continue that winning tradition every season.”

American Heritage has five state titles - 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2020. Notable alumni include Patrick Surtain Jr. (Denver Broncos, No. 9 overall, 2021 NFL Draft), Brian Burns (Carolina Panthers, No. 16 overall pick, 2020 NFL Draft), Tyson Campbell (Jacksonville Jaguars, No. 33 overall pick, 2021 NFL Draft), Sony Michel (FBU, FBU Top Gun, FBU All-American, Super Bowl LIII), and Isaiah McKenzie (Buffalo Bills).

The Treasure Coast Titans (Port St. Lucie, Fla.) are coming off an historic 9-1 season where they finished in the top 50 of MaxPreps' Florida postseason rankings. They ran the table up until an overtime loss in the second round of the state championship.

Treasure Coast is led on offense by do-it-all athlete Eden James, son of Pro Football Hall of Fame running back and Immokalee/Collier County legend Edgerrin James. The younger James boasts nine offers, including Miami and Indiana. He was recently listed in the Super 11 list of the Treasure Coast's top football prospects. Class of 2022 running back Cephus Roberts Jr. is one of the offensive playmakers to keep an eye on in this matchup, as he was recently named to the ESPN West Palm Top 63.

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

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