



# MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SHOWCASE (MFCA ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME)



## 2017 ALL-STAR GAME FACTS & FIGURES (And Ironies): Updated 12/20/17

1. The South now leads the overall North-South series 14-10-1. The South leads the current North-South series 6-2.
2. The South is now 2-0 in games played at U.S. Bank Stadium.
3. Tied game record:
  - 2 touchdown catches – Jaylen Newton, South (WR, Cretin-Derham Hall) – tied with eight other players
4. All-Star Game firsts:
  - Players and coaches representing a record 91 schools participated in the 2017 All-Star Game. The previous high was 89 schools in the December 2016 game.
  - A game record 50 All-State players participated in the 2017 All-Star Game (includes AP First Team, AP Second Team, AP Third Team and 9-Man All-State players). The previous high was 46 All-State players in the December 2016 game.
  - The December 9 date is the latest date for the All-Star Game (previously December 3 in 2016).
  - Jaylen Newton (WR, South, Cretin-Derham Hall) is the first wide receiver to throw a touchdown pass in the All-Star Game
  - Sage Booker is the first DeLaSalle player to score in the All-Star Game.
  - Zach Myhre (South, FB, Grand Meadow, Class 9-Man) scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter, making this the first time that 9-Man players have scored in two consecutive All-Star games.  
  
Irony: both players are running backs from Grand Meadow (Christophor Bain in December 2016 and Zach Myhre in 2017)
5. First time in a long time:
  - Jaylen Newton became the ninth player to score at least one touchdown and throw at least one touchdown pass in the All-Star Game. This first occurred in 1953 and last occurred in June 2016.
  - This is the first time since 2009 that all of the head coaches and assistant coaches were first-time All-Star coaches. This has occurred 33 times in 56 All-Star games.
  - Welcome back! In 2017, these schools had All-Star representatives (players and coaches) for the first time in more than 10 years:  
Henry Sibley (2004), Jordan (2007), Mabel-Canton (1992), Pillager (2003), St. Louis Park (2005)
  - South assistant coach Karl Urbaniak is the first All-Star participant from Mabel-Canton High School since 1992. This is a span of 25 years and 26 All-Star games.
  - Trey Lance (QB, South, Marshall) threw two touchdown passes. He is only the second player from a southwest Minnesota school to throw at least one touchdown pass in the All-Star Game and the first since Paul Ramseth (QB, South, Redwood Falls) in 1960.  
  
Irony: Trey Lance and Paul Ramseth were both South team captains
  - Otis Weah scored a touchdown in the 2017 game. He is the first Moorhead player to score in the All-Star Game since Brian Howland in 1976 (at Met Stadium).
  - Scott Gonnerman (Head Coach, North, Benson) is the fourth All-Star head coach from a Class 2A school and the first since Ron Rice (Metro, St. Agnes) in 2001.

- Skylar Rudelius-Palmer kicked four PATs. He is the first St. Louis Park player to score in the All-Star Game since Robert Divinski in 1987. He is the first St. Louis Park player to score place kick points since Scott Pederson in 1975.

6. Largest and smallest schools represented in 2017:

Largest = Minnetonka (enrollment 3,044)  
 Smallest = Mabel-Canton (enrollment 72)

7. Weather:

- 21 = outside temperature at game time; however it was a climate controlled 68 inside U.S. Bank Stadium

8. Most Valuable Player Awards:

- The North Defensive MVP Award won by Tayler Johnson (Minneapolis North, DB) is the second MVP Award for a Minneapolis North player and the first since Carleton Littlejohn in 2010.
- The North Offensive MVP Award won by Otis Weah (Moorhead, RB) is the second MVP Award for a Moorhead player and the first since Pat Dew in 1988.
- The South Offensive MVP Award won by Jaylen Newton (Cretin-Derham Hall, WR) is the third MVP Award for a Cretin-Derham Hall player and the first since Joe Springer in 2007.
- The South Defensive MVP Award won by Ty Barron (Minnetonka, LB) is the third for a Minnetonka player and the first since 1998.

9. Most starters: Apple Valley, Minnetonka, Robbinsdale Cooper and St. Cloud Tech each had two starters (one on offense and one on defense).

10. Antonio Montero (LB, Eden Prairie) is the seventh MFCA "Mr. Football Award" winner to play in the All-Star Game. Antonio Montero was named Mr. Football for 2017 one day after the All-Star Game was played.

11. Zach Myhre (South, FB, Grand Meadow) scored a rushing touchdown on a two-yard run. He is the sixth player from Grand Meadow High School (enrollment 119) to score in the All-Star Game. Grand Meadow now has the second most players (6) to score in the All-Star Game. Cretin-Derham Hall leads with eight players.

12. Grand Meadow players have now scored in two consecutive All-Star games.

Irony: both touchdowns were 2-yard runs in the fourth quarter  
 Irony: both touchdowns were go-ahead scores for the South team

13. Zach Myhre (South, FB, Grand Meadow) is the 10th 9-Man player to score in the All-Star Game and the first since 2014. His touchdown was the sixth rushing touchdown scored by a 9-Man player in the All-Star Game and the second in two years.

14. Dan Fritze (East Ridge, Class 6A) was the South head coach in 2017. Class 6A coaches have served as All-Star head coaches in five consecutive All-Star games (2014, 2015, June 2016, December 2016 and 2017). Seven Class 6A coaches have served as All-Star head coaches over that five-game span.

15. There were no pass interceptions in the 2017 All-Star Game. This was the 16<sup>th</sup> All-Star game to have no pass interceptions. It was just the third All-Star game to have no pass interceptions in the last 20 years (1999, 2015, 2017).