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Dear National University Sports Federations,

It is our pleasure to send you the fourth WUC Monterrey American Football 2016 newsletter, among more to come in the following months. We will communicate information about the championship through these newsletters this year, prior to the event.

FIVE COUNTRIES CONFIRMED

The deadline for subscription to the WUC finished, and five countries are going to compete for the title: China, India, Japan, Mexico & United States. The FISU will be in charge of determining the schedule, that will soon be announced.



Interview with Jason Sarkies U.S. Delegate on visit to Monterrey to check the facilities for the WUC.

“USA Team can steal the Gold Medal to México”

We know that you have spent a lot of time with USA Team, what can you tell us about the Bars and Stripes Team?

Team USA will be a mix of NCAA Division II and Division III players; the roster is still being assembled. They're going to be coaches of Division II, and we're going to bring it down between players and staff about 70 participants. We'll be competitive, the level will be good and I think the players will be excited because for most of them will be the first time to play for the United States will play the World University Championship and we'll try to steal the Gold Medal for a México. There're over 400 Division III schools in United States and in Division II there're probably close about 200 schools. Among all the Division II and III schools in the country probably 600 total schools that they will be selected from.

Do you think that the American Team can steal the title to México obtained in Uppsala, Sweden?

“We think we can” This depend on how they get together dating in Ohio during training camp, how the team chemistry builds, how quickly the can put it the Offense and Defense schemes and Special Teams. So they have to figure out then come down and test their skills. Football is our sport and so I'm sure everybody on the team, coaches and players, will definitely want to go home with the Gold Medal. *“So, we hope we can”* You can say anything you want but you have to play the games. Everything on paper sounds good but you have to come down and compete.

This is the first time that United States of America will participate in the World University Championship endorsed by FISU, what do you expect?

I don't really know what to expect, I got to see some YouTube films action from Uppsala, Sweden, so the quality looks good. I'm expecting competitive games, the players will come and enjoy Monterrey and the Campus. I know will be competitive, we're going to come here to win because all the teams will come in to beat United States.



What do you think that this 2nd World University Championship will go to play in México?

I did get a chance to go see in visit Uppsala with the organizing committee in Sweden, so I got to see the facilities there and now I'm seeing the facilities here in México. The Monterrey Tech Campus is really tailor made for this event. World University Championship in México will be a fantastic event and meeting with the organizers, the attention and details are impressive. Monterrey Tech Campus wants to make it and do it the right way.

Do you think that USA Team and the other nations will be comfortable in México?

I think everybody will be impressive with the facilities for sure, I'm not in any doubt of that. There won't be any issues with housing and dinning, and the main things that everybody will concerned about. The airport is only a half on hour late so transport will be easy, a practices facilities and game facilities are walking distance, everything is walking distance. So I think all the teams will come down and will be impressed.

Do you consider that Football supports the Integral Formation of students?

Football teaches life lessons; it teaches you organization, time utilization, team work all the things being able react to the authority. Football is a classroom life. It's a fantastic sport because most stuff in life, especially in business when you get out the real world you'll go to have to work with people and football is the ultimate team sport you have the other people on the field and you have to work together. Life requires you to interact with others and Football is the main interaction with your teammates.



Beyond the international experience, what other benefits do the players get?

Football works ethic. Requirements of Football demand physically, mentally and emotionally require you to work hard. If you don't work hard you're not go to be hard. Working hard is the most important thing that you probably can have as an asset and the Football lesson teaches you commitment to work with ethic because is the really the main lesson that you can take from the Football field in the real life, in a classroom or business place, that work ethic is really what guys be owned.

What message would you give to other nations who will participate in this 2nd edition of the World University Championship?

México is a fantastic host country, the other countries will enjoy the time here with excellent facilities, and you don't have to worry about logistics and details, because Mexican federation is taking care on. The recommendation is: just prepare, compete and good luck to all teams.

INTERVIEW WITH KIRK TALLEY USA'S HEAD COACH

PROFILE

2015 represented Kirk Talley's 15th season of leading the Northwestern football team. Under Talley's watch, the Eagles won back-to-back Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) regular season championships in 2001 and 2002 with undefeated league records, a north division title in the UMAC in 2003, and two more outright conference titles with undefeated league records in 2005, 2007 and 2008. 2012 saw Northwestern grab another league trophy as the UMAC Co-Champion.

Talley was selected the UMAC Coach of the Year in the 2001, 2005, 2008, and 2012 campaigns. Coach Talley has been a head coach in the UMAC for 22 years, with his past coaching experiences involves current league members Crown College (Minn.) and Greenville College (Ill.) and former member Mount Senario (Wis.).



After starting his collegiate football career as a player at Golden Valley Lutheran College, Talley played at Pacific Lutheran University for Frosty Westering, a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.



How do you feel about your first time in the World University Championship?

I feel very happy, really excited to be the coach of this team in the United States. It is a big challenge for me and my staff, which is a great team and everyone is working to give their best.

How did you form this team?

The main thing for me was to get together a good coaching staff who can work in team and each of the members gives their best. Subsequently, the coaching staff selected the team according to the needs of our team; we will present a strong and fast team. We know that the other teams have a very good level, but that's why we are preparing. We will have players Division II and Division III players; with this, our idea is to be a competitive team in the tournament. On May 25 we will be training five days in Ohio, and then we will go to Mexico on May 31.

What do you expect of the USA Team in the 2nd WUC?

Our expectation is to meet as a team against other nations, which are very well prepared, so we have to do our best. We can't predict what happens but we can act to make things occur in our favor. The most important thing is to consider that we have to work hard to be ready and be competitive.

Do you think that this is a big challenge in your coach career?

Of course it is a big challenge in my career. I have been a coach for a long time and become part of a national team, representing my country in an international tournament involves giving the best of us. The USA team will be little time together, so it becomes more complicated to try to integrate the qualities of all athletes based on what the team needs. Finally, the game decides who is the winner of the game, do your best performance will be in the end achieve the championship. We'll go to the World University Championship to compete and win the gold medal, we have no doubt that the other teams will be difficult to overcome.

We know that the other teams are preparing, but do you know something important about them?

I know nothing about the other teams, I have seen very few videos about other nations, and the key element is work on what belongs to us. We have to prepare my staff to work and grow as a team. I think the American Football is growing, and more in Mexico is growing too, techniques and coaches perspective being wider. Each nation is pushing that want to grow that; what they want is to train and form an excellent athletes. I think the team to beat will be Mexico, but other nations are doing their best too.

Any welcome message for the rest of the nations?

We are very excited to go to Mexico and play the World University Championship of American Football and share experiences with other nations. I would like to see a competitive tournament and that all nations give their best in the field.

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The Organizing Committee

