## **Football** ESPN & USA FOOTBALL 2014 SPONSORSHIP RECAP

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## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL SPONSORSHIP OVERVIEW

In 2014, ESPN partnered with USA Football to support its Heads Up Football program and to help drive a better, safer game in communities across America.

Together, ESPN and USA Football delivered grassroots activations in three (3) ESPN Monday Night Football markets, impacting players, coaches and parents at both the youth and high school levels. Markets visited and Heads Up Football programs supported include:

- Detroit (Detroit P.A.L.; Romeo H.S.)
- Dallas (Frisco Football League)
- **Philadelphia** (Bert Bell Memorial Football Conference; Shawnee (NJ) H.S.)







### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL KEY SPONSORSHIP COMPONENTS

- \$175,000 sponsorship of USA Football to support its Heads Up Football program
- Grassroots activations in three (3) ESPN Monday Night Football markets
  - Detroit, Dallas, Philadelphia
- NFL team in-market support for events
  - Alumni players, cheerleaders, mascots
- Branded promotions and giveaways at all events
- Televised check presentation during Monday Night Football broadcast in Dallas
- \$25,000 in Heads Up Football scholarships for youth and high school football programs
- Social media; Media/PR



## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT DETROIT OVERVIEW

ESPN and USA Football launched their new partnership in Detroit, Michigan in conjunction with the season kickoff of ESPN Monday Night Football.

Together, ESPN and USA Football delivered a series of unique activations to the Detroit P.A.L. – including a fun game day experience for two rival P.A.L. youth football clubs (Saturday) and a Parent/Player Heads Up Football clinic (Sunday).

ESPN and USA Football presented the Detroit P.A.L. with a \$5,000 equipment grant to be used for new, better and safer football equipment for it's participating programs.







## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT SATURDAY KEY ELEMENTS

- USA Football Activation Zone
  - Heads Up Tackling/agility drills station
  - Football skills station
  - Equipment fitting station
  - NFL player and mascot autograph/photo zone
    - Tim Walton, Eddie Murray, Cory Schlesinger
  - Branded giveaways
    - Thundersticks, wristbands, eye black, ESPN/USAFB t-shirts and cinch sacks
- ESPN and USA Football \$5,000 equipment grant presentation featuring Detroit Chief of Police James Craig and Detroit P.A.L. board members
- ESPN and USA Football co-branded signage throughout venue; PA reads



MORE THAN 2,000 PARENTS, PLAYERS AND COACHES PARTICIPATED IN SATURDAY'S ESPN AND USA FOOTBALL ACTIVATION/EVENTS WITH DETROIT P.A.L.



## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT EQUIPMENT FITTING



EQUIPMENT FITTING STATION – EDUCATING PARENTS AND PLAYERS ON PROPER FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT FITTING



#### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT FOOTBALL SKILLS & DRILLS



FOOTBALL SKILLS STATION – THROWING MECHANICS



## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT HEADS UP TACKLING/AGILITY DRILLS



FOOTBALL TACKLING DRILLS & AGILITY DRILLS STATION



### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT NFL PLAYER AUTOGRAPH ZONE



NFL PLAYER/MASCOT AUTOGRAPH & PHOTO STATION: ROARY (MASCOT); FORMER LIONS PLAYERS CORY SCHLESINGER, EDDIE MURRAY AND TIM WALTON



### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT GAME DAY EXPERIENCE





TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN EACH OF THE DAY'S FIVE (5) GAMES HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUN THROUGH USA FOOTBALL'S INFLATABLE HELMET AND TUNNEL AS THEY WERE INTRODUCED TO THE FANS DURING PRE-GAME.

GAME FIELD SIDELINES WERE WRAPED WITH ESPN/HEADS UP FOOTBALL/USA FOOTBALL CO-BRANDED SIDELINE BANNERS.



### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT EQUIPMENT GRANT PRESENTATION



ESPN AND USA FOOTBALL PRESENTED THE DETROIT P.A.L. WITH A \$5,000 EQUIPMENT GRANT. ON SITE TO RECEIVE THE DONATION WERE DETROIT CHIEF OF POLICE JAMES CRAIG AND DETROIT P.A.L. C.E.O. TIM RICHEY. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ESPN AND USA FOOTBALL PRESENTED THE CHECK TO THE LEAGUE.



## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT SUNDAY KEY ELEMENTS

- Heads Up Football Parent Session
  - Concussion Education
  - Heat & Hydration
  - Equipment Fitting
  - Football Mom Discussion
- Heads Up Football Player Clinic
  - Heads Up Tackling/Football Fundamentals
- Monday Night Football ticket giveaway
- Former Detroit Lions OL Scott Conover and his wife, Courtney, served as guest speakers
- ESPN/USA Football co-branded shirts for all participants



MORE THAN 150 PARENTS AND 225 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN SUNDAY'S PARENT/PLAYER HEADS UP FOOTBALL CLINIC PRESENTED BY ESPN AND USA FOOTBALL.



### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT CLINIC REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN



ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED A ESPN/USA FOOTBALL CO-BRANDED T-SHIRT, EYE BLACK AND WRISTBANDS. AFTER REGISTRATION, ATTENDEES TOOK THEIR PICTURE IN FRONT OF THE ESPN/USA FOOTBALL STEP & REPEAT BANNER.



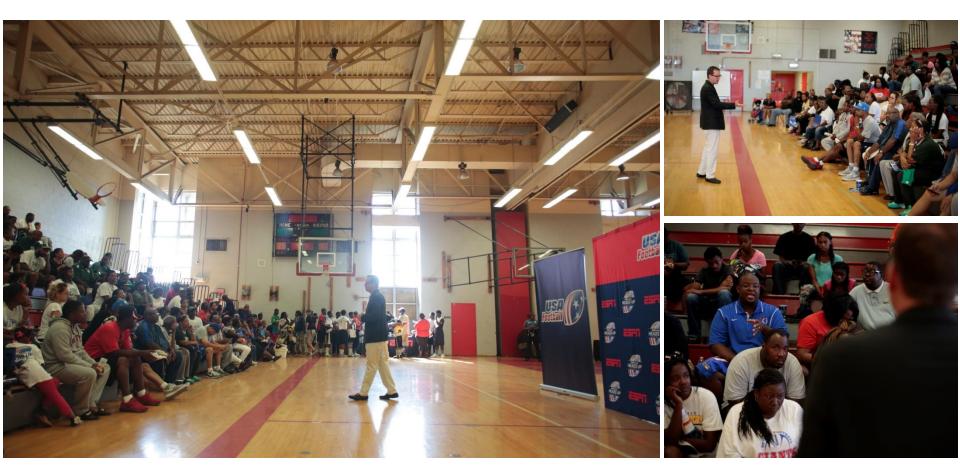
#### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT MNF TICKET GIVEAWAY



CHRIS FRITZSCHING, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FOOTBALL FOR THE DETROIT LIONS AND HEADS UP FOOTBALL MASTER TRAINER, DONATED THREE PAIRS OF MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL TICKETS TO GIVEAWAY TO CLINIC ATTENDEES.



### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT PLAYER HEALTH & SAFETY



DR. PATRICK KERSEY, USA FOOTBALL'S MEDICAL DIRECTOR, KICKED OFF THE PARENT SESSION AND SPOKE TO ALL YOUTH FOOTBALL PARENTS ABOUT CONCUSSION EDUCATION AND HEAT & HYDRATION.



### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT EQUIPMENT FITTING



ANDY RYLAND (USA FOOTBALL) LEAD AN EQUIPMENT FITTING DEMONSTRATION FOR ALL PARENTS TO SHOWCASE THE PROPER WAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S HELMETS AND SHOULDER PADS TO BE WORN WHEN COMPETING.



#### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT FOOTBALL MOM DISCUSSION



COURTNEY CONOVER, A BLOGGER FOR USA FOOTBALL AND YOUTH FOOTBALL MOM/NFL PLAYER WIFE, SHARED HER FOOTBALL MOM EXPERIENCES AND DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HEADS UP FOOTBALL PROGRAM.



# ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT PLAYER CLINIC





# ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT SCOTT CONOVER



FORMER DETROIT LIONS OFFENSIVE LINEMAN SCOTT CONOVER SPOKE TO THE CHILDREN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HARD WORK AND TO MAKING GOOD DECISIONS, AND ALSO SHARED HIS ENDORSEMENT OF HEADS UP FOOTBALL WITH THE PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAM.



## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DETROIT H.S. OVERVIEW (MONDAY)

On Monday, September 8, USA Football and ESPN visited Romeo High School for 'Heads Up Football 101.'

150 high school football players, coaches and administrators participated in a unique class session to learn about Heads Up Football in an interactive setting.

ESPN and USA Football presented the Romeo football program with a \$1,000 equipment grant.

Former Detroit Lions QB Eric Hipple spoke to the group about hard work, setting goals and teamwork.

All attendees received a ESPN/USA Football cinch sack, Detroit Lions cup, wristbands and eye black.









































# ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DALLAS DALLAS OVERVIEW



ESPN and USA Football visited the Dallas marketplace for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of activations around Monday Night Football.

On Saturday, October 25, ESPN and USA Football visited the Frisco Football League. ESPN and USA Football presented the Frisco Football League with a \$5,000 equipment grant to be used for new, better and safer football equipment for it's participating programs. Former Dallas Cowboys player and current ESPN NFL analyst, Darren Woodson, helped present the check to the Frisco Football League.

On Sunday, October 26, ESPN and USA Football featured their activation zone at Dallas Cowboys Rally Day at AT&T Stadium. The activation also featured a high school sports performance and training clinic for 100 Dallas-area high school players and coaches.

On Monday, October 27, ESPN officially announced its \$175,000 donation to USA Football in support of its Heads Up Football program. A check presentation featuring ESPN and USA Football executives aired during the Monday Night Football game broadcast that evening.



## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DALLAS SATURDAY KEY ELEMENTS

- ESPN/USA Football activation zone
  - 40-yard dash
  - Heads Up Tackling/agility drills station
  - Football skills station
  - Equipment fitting station
  - NFL player and mascot meet and greet
    - Darren Woodson, Scott Shanle, Shaun Smith
    - Rowdy (Dallas Cowboys mascot)
  - Branded giveaways
  - USA Football inflatable helmet and tunnel
- ESPN and USA Football \$5,000 equipment grant presentation to Frisco Football League featuring ESPN NFL analyst Darren Woodson
- ESPN and USA Football co-branded signage throughout venue; PA reads







MORE THAN 1,500 PLAYERS, COACHES AND PARENTS PARTICIPATED IN SATURDAY'S ESPN AND USA FOOTBALL ACTIVATION













# ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DALLAS SATURDAY IMAGES





## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DALLAS SUNDAY KEY ELEMENTS (RALLY DAY)

- ESPN/USA Football activation zone at Dallas Cowboys Rally Day
  - 40-yard dash
  - Co-branded promotional items/giveaways
  - Inflatable helmet
  - Skills and Drills/Heads Up Tackling stations
  - ESPN/USA Football co-branded signage
- High School Sports Performance and Training clinic featuring experts in the following:
  - Dallas Cowboys guest speakers
    - Sports Dietitian
    - Sports Performance
    - Leadership
    - Alumni player
  - USA Football Master Trainer (Heads Up Tackling)
  - Riddell Equipment Fitting Expert



MORE THAN 6,000 FANS ATTENDED DALLAS COWBOYS RALLY DAY, MANY OF WHOM PASSED THROUGH THE ESPN/USA FOOTBALL ACTIVATION ZONE



# ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DALLAS RALLY DAY IMAGES





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Guest speakers included: Amy Goodson (Dallas Cowboys Sports Dietitian), Bryan McCall (Michael Johnson Performance), Roderick Rollins (Nike Leadership), Ed Davidson (Riddell Equipment Expert), Andy Ryland (USA Football), Ken Hamlin (Dallas Cowboys alumni player)











### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – DALLAS MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL



During the Washington Redskins vs. Dallas Cowboys Monday Night Football game broadcast, ESPN featured the pre-game check presentation to USA Football in support of its Heads Up Football program.



## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – PHILADELPHIA PHILADELPHIA OVERVIEW



ESPN and USA Football visited the Philadelphia marketplace for the final of three (3) Monday Night Football activations for the 2014 season.

On Thursday, November 6, ESPN and USA Football visited Shawnee High School (Medford, NJ). To reward Shawnee High School's commitment to USA Football's Heads Up Football program, USA Football and ESPN provided Shawnee with a \$2,000 equipment grant. Former Philadelphia Eagles players Hollis Thomas and Bill Bergey helped present the check during a pre-game celebration.

On Saturday, November 8, ESPN and USA Football featured their activation zone at the home field of the Downingtown Young Whippets football club, a Heads Up Football organization that plays in the Bert Bell Memorial Football Conference league. Former Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Vince Papale helped present a check for \$2,000 towards new equipment.



## ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – PHILADELPHIA THURSDAY KEY ELEMENTS

- ESPN/USA Football activation zone
  - Co-branded promotional items/giveaways
  - Philadelphia Eagles alumni meet and greet
    - Hollis Thomas and Bill Bergey
  - ESPN/USA Football co-branded signage
- USA Football inflatable helmet and tunnel
- \$2,000 equipment grant presentation to Shawnee High School football, featuring Philadelphia Eagles alumni players Bill Bergey and Hollis Thomas
- ESPN and USA Football co-branded signage throughout venue; PA reads





MORE THAN 1,000 FANS ATTENDED THE GAME AT SHAWNEE H.S.









### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – PHILADELPHIA THURSDAY IMAGES







### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – PHILADELPHIA SATURDAY KEY ELEMENTS

- USA Football Activation Zone
  - Heads Up Tackling/Agility Drills station
  - Football skills station
  - Philadelphia Eagles alumni meet and greet
    - Vince Papale and Vaughn Hebron
  - Philadelphia Eagles mascot and cheerleaders
  - Branded giveaways
- USA Football inflatable helmet & tunnel
- \$2,000 equipment grant presentation featuring former Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Vince Papale
- Vince Papale pre-game pep talk/honorary captain
- ESPN and USA Football co-branded signage throughout venue; PA reads



MORE THAN 1,500 PARENTS, COACHES AND PLAYERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY'S PLAYOFF GAMES IN DOWNINGTOWN, PA.



#### ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – PHILADELPHIA SATURDAY IMAGES







# ESPN & USA FOOTBALL – PHILADELPHIA VINCE PAPALE PEP TALK



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#### **ROMEO SCHOOLS: Football program receives** grant from USA Football

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#### By MATTHEW FAHR Source Staff Writer

The Romeo High School football program was rewarded for its efforts to make a brutal sport a little safer.

USA Football Senior Manager for Education and Training Andy Ryland presented the program with a \$1,000 grant for equipment at an assembly at Romeo High School on Sept. 8

As part of the Heads Up program through USA Football. players are being taught new techniques and positions to try and lessen the amount of concussions and serious injuries in the game. The program also seeks to teach greater responsibility and accountability in young players.

According to the USA Football website, the program aims to "create change, and address the complex challenges of player health and safety in youth and high school football."

To bring those lessons directly to Romeo football players, Rvland spoke for almost an hour on the need for players to shed the vall of toughness when it comes to concussions.

Ryland played at both the high school and college levels, and readily admitted he had knocked himself out and suffered concussions during his playing days, but in an effort to stay on the field he never reported them to medical staff or coaches.

"I am embarrassed about that now," he admitted to Romeo freshman, junior varsity and varsity players at the assembly. "It is OK to have a concussion. The overwhelming majority of the time you will only miss one game."

He said 85 percent of the time concussions can be "fixed" in 7-10 days and that not reporting it to coaches could lead to the loss of an entire season rather than just one Friday night.

Assistant coach Mike Lee said all coaches at RHS have been certified through the Heads Up program. He said they are looking to change the culture of the game at the practice field level and



Andy Ryland shows Romeo football players the proper method of tackling an opponent during an assembly at RHS. Source photos/Matthew Fahr

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ESPN teams up with USA Football to advance standards in high school and youth football Mon, 10/27/2014 - 11:02am

ESPN will team up with USA Football to advance player safety on high school and

USA Football, the sport's national governing body, educates more youth and high school football coaches combined than any organization in the United States. USA Football members reside in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

ESPN's commitment to USA Football underscores its continued support of high school and youth athletics. Through ESPN's financial assistance, more than 50

youth levels through USA Football's resources and programs. The announcement, which will be made prior to tonight's ESPN "Monday Night Football" telecast, includes a financial commitment of \$175,000 to USA Football to help establish important standards rooted in education for better, safer play

nationwide to benefit young athletes.

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#### HEADS UP FOOTBALL BLOG

Follow some of football's leaders as they create a better, safer game. Then, join them.



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Thanks to @usafootball for the event in Frisco,TX today. Should be educational AND lot of fun!

ESPN Corporate Outreach and USA Football Team Up on "Heads Up Football"

ESPN will team up with USA Football prior to *Monday Night Football* in Dallas to host a local high school and youth football players and coaches educational clinics on Saturday, Oct. 26, and Sunday, Oct. 26, as part of the USA Football's "Heads Up Football" program. ESPN NFL analyst and former Dallas Cowboy Darren Woodson will participate in Saturday's equipment grant presentation from ESPN to the Frisco Football League at the Warren Sports Complex in Frisco, Texas. On Sunday, ESPN and USA Football will host clinics at AT&T Stadium during the Dallas Cowboys Rally Day. ESPN and USA Football are committed to better, safer play nationwide to benefit young athletes.

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Check out former Philadelphia Eagles player Vince Papale giving a talk to a youth team with ESPN this past Saturday.

Fun fact: his son is playing for Team USA in February! #USNFT





