

Punt, Pass & Kick competition comes to Charleston AFB

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Charleston AFB Youth Programs will host the 1999 National Football League Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick competition Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center Soccer Field.

The event is being held in conjunction with the 437th Equipment Maintenance Squadron. The competition is free and open to all boys and girls ages 8-15.

More than 2 million youngsters nationwide competed in the 1998 program. CAFB has had two members compete at half time in front of 70,000 spectators on the Carolina Panthers Football Field.

The NFL Gatorade PP&K football competition allows youngsters to display their talents in punting, passing, and placekicking with scores based on distance and accuracy. Proof of age is required at the time of registration. Children must be between the ages of 8 and 15 years old, and show a valid birth certificate for age verification.

The top finishers from each of eight groups at the local competition will advance to a sectional competition Oct. 31. The top finishers in the sectionals will become eligible for selection to compete in the Carolina Panthers Team Championship at Erickson Stadium on Dec. 5. Age group champions at this level will be declared NFL Gatorade PP&K team champions.



courtesy photo

Jessica Newcomb throws a pass during the half time show in the 1998 team championship at Erickson Stadium in front of 76,000 fans. Jessica won both local and sectional competitions, and finished second in the team championships.

Participants will receive a certificate from the NFL, signed by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Prizes for age-group winners include ribbons, medals, plaques, trophies, and a trip for the competitor and two adults to the na-

tional finals.

Registration forms are available from the Youth Center Monday through Friday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Saturday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. For more information, call 963-5973 for details.

Yevchak selected for b-ball camp

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Chris Yevchak is glad things are peaceful in the world, at least for the moment.

The Charleston AFB C-17 crew chief was set to try out for the Air Force men's basketball team last year when Saddam Hussein began stirring trouble again. Yevchak was deployed and missed both the basketball camp and Armed Forces Basketball Tournament, both held at Charleston AFB.

Fortunately for Yevchak, a senior airman with the 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron, he'll get a second chance. He said he was persuaded by intramural sports director Eddie Goad to submit a package this year and was again selected to participate in the training camp. He will be one of about 30 airmen competing for a spot on the Air Force team's 13-man roster.

The men's basketball camp is again being held at Charleston AFB and begins Oct. 27. It will involve intense practice sessions and a series of scrimmages against several local Division I colleges and semi-pro teams.

Yevchak, a shooting guard who once played

Division II basketball, is confident about his chances of making the cut.

"I've played against this type of competition before," he said. "I know a lot of the guys have played Division I basketball. There's going to be a lot of talent out there. Basically, you have to show you're capable of playing against these guys."

"I feel my chances are good. I just have to hustle out there. If you hustle, you're going to open somebody's eyes."

Yevchak has been stationed at Charleston AFB since May 1995 and has played intramural basketball for the 637th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

"I think (the basketball camp) is going to be really competitive," he commented. "It'll be a good experience. I guess when you play against guys like this you get a perspective on how good you have to be to play at this level."

Yevchak added he is thankful for the support Goad has given him.

"Eddie Goad has really helped me out and made things work for me," he said.

Look for more articles on the Air Force men's basketball team in upcoming issues of the *Airlift Dispatch*.

The Swami

WEEK 6

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COMMENTS

SUNDAY

CAROLINA	@	SAN FRANCISCO
CLEVELAND	@	JACKSONVILLE
GREENBAY	@	DENVER
INDIANAPOLIS	@	NY JETS
MIAMI	@	NEW ENGLAND
MINNESOTA	@	DETROIT
OAKLAND	@	BUFFALO
PHILADELPHIA	@	CHICAGO
PITTSBURGH	@	CINCINNATI
ST. LOUIS	@	ATLANTA
SEATTLE	@	SAN DIEGO
TENNESSEE	@	NEW ORLEANS
WASHINGTON	@	ARIZONA

Monday night

DALLAS

@ **NY GIANTS**

TIE BREAKER SCORE

SWAMI'S SCORE: 35

Swami rules: (1) Circle your selections of each match-up and pick the tie breaker score—combined score of both teams, without going over (2) Turn entries into the *Airlift Dispatch* office, room 224 of the Wing Headquarters building by 4:00 p.m., Sept. 10 (3) The Swami's picks are in bold face type. (4) All ties go to the Swami (5) Can only submit one entry per week.

Swami rankings are in

By the Swami

I have to tell you how it is. The Swami has been sick, especially since the Cowboys have won again. The Swami's overall record of 24-20 is also looking bleak. It is early in the season, however, so I will have plenty of time to make a comeback. I am the Brett Favre of Swami's. I will keep it close and then put the hammer down and beat you. I am not worried at all. Believe me, after compiling the records of everybody, I can say that these records do not look good at all. It would be like bringing home your report card with C's and D's. That is what I think of everyone. You are not doing too well! The winner of week 4 is Warren Scott. Scott edged out four others with his 10-4 record. He had the closest tiebreaker score to claim the prize of movie passes and a Burger King coupon from AAFES. On a closing note, you can now e-mail your picks to me. The address is dispatch@charleston.af.mil. In the subject line, please put "Swami."

Here are the top ten pigskin pickers and their record (minimum two-week participation):

1. Warren Scott (week 3 winner) 29-15
1. John Woodruff (week 2 winner) 29-15
3. Jim Bishop 19-10
3. Rick Edwards 19-10
5. Casey Boyer 28-16
5. Chuck Navitsky (week 1 winner) 28-16
7. John Canter 27-17
7. John Hearn 27-17
7. Earl Parmenter 27-17
10. Ben Harvey 18-12
10. Lana Thomas 18-12