



## **Another Mayes Picked For Football University Youth All-American Bowl**

### **Connor “Big Red” Mayes to play side by side with Brother Alex**

DALLAS - December 11 -- Connor “Big Red” Mayes, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Van Alstyne Middle School will play in the First Football University Youth All American Bowl. The game will be played January 4 in San Antonio at the Alamodome. Football University is organized by Sportslink, creators of the U.S. All Army All-American Bowl, a game for the nation’s best prep players which takes place on Jan 3, also in the Alamodome.

Connor “Big Red” is a dominant offensive tackle and a tremendous attacking defensive lineman. The “Big Red” nickname comes from his fiery red hair and was given to him by his teammates and his opponents of the McKinney Sports Connection Football League. Connor’s size and strength makes him a standout in both positions. He’ll likely play offensive guard in the bowl game, next to his brother, Alex Mayes, who was selected for top lineman.

“With Connor and Alex playing on the same left side they’ll be the quarterback’s best friends. Both are terrific lineman with the size to dominate. Connor, 12, is 6’0 and 220lbs and Alex, 14, is 6’5 and 230lbs, qualities that can’t be coached,” said their father, Allen Mayes. “For their size, both boys have quick feet and move well. Each has a different game. Connor is a very physical, passionate player. Alex is physical too but excels at technique,” Mayes added.

Connor was nominated for 7<sup>th</sup> grade game by the Football University’s Camp, which had a weight limit. He was promoted to play on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade West team. The boys along with 60 other players from around the country will report to San Antonio on Dec 30, 2008.

Youth All-American Bowl Week will showcase the top 60 7<sup>th</sup> graders and the top 60 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The week will consist of practices, a skills competition, break-out sessions with Hall of Famers, current and former NFL stars, and celebrities such as legendary high

school football coach Herman Boone. The Youth All-Americans will have VIP access to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl and will also be honored during the game on Saturday, January 3, 2009.

Selected players are profiled in SI for Kids as All-Americans.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.Footballuniversity.org>

<http://www.usarmyallamericanbowl.com>

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