

CHICAGO BEARS ANNOUNCE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH OF THE WEEK AND ALL-STAR AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 2

The Chicago Bears have officially named Chuck Spagnoli, head coach of Lake Forest High School in Lake Forest as the Chicago Bears High School Coach of the Week and free safety/tight end Aidan McClure of Saint Charles North High School in St. Charles as the Chicago Bears High School All-Star for Week 2.

The Coach of the Week and High School All-Star awards, brought to you by Athletico Physical Therapy, recognize outstanding performances and leadership among high school coaches and players in Illinois. As part of the award programs, the Chicago Bears will make a \$2,000 donation to the Lake Forest football program and a \$500 donation to the youth football program of McClure's choice.

Chuck Spagnoli

This past Friday night, Sept. 6, Head Coach Chuck Spagnoli led the Lake Forest Scouts to a 24-14 upset win in a home non-conference game against the Carmel Corsairs from Mundelein. After trailing early in the game, the Scouts responded with three unanswered touchdowns in the third quarter, enough to secure the victory. Spagnoli played an important and inspirational role in boosting the confidence of his star quarterback, Danny Van Camp, who had a standout performance, going 15-for-19 for 321 yards, throwing two touchdowns and rushing for another. The win snapped the Scouts' three-game losing streak against the Corsairs and marked their first 2-0 start since the shortened 2020 season. Spagnoli, who has served as head coach at Lake Forest High School for over 20 years, is widely respected for his strategic leadership and focus on player development. In addition to coaching, he teaches Woodshop, Physical Education and works in the Special Education department, where he enjoys teaching students valuable life skills that extend beyond the classroom. The Scouts are set to host their first conference game of the season against the Warren Township Blue Devils from Gurnee on Friday night, Sept. 13.



Aidan McClure

This past Friday night, Sept. 6, junior free safety and tight end Aidan McClure played a key role in leading the St. Charles North Stars to an impressive 50-26 non-conference victory over the Crete-Monee Warriors from Crete. McClure had an exceptional defensive performance, returning an interception for a 45-yard touchdown, recovering two fumbles and blocking a punt. In addition to his individual stats, he contributed to a team defensive effort that forced six turnovers and limited the Warriors to just 116 yards of total offense and eight first downs. The North Stars outscored the Warriors 29-6 in the second half to seal the win. According to a group of sports writers from Sports Illustrated, the North Stars are currently [ranked 20th overall](#) in Illinois and this victory presents an opportunity for them to climb even higher in the rankings. The North Stars are set to host their first conference game of the season against the Wheaton North Falcons from Wheaton on Friday night, Sept. 13.



About Boys High School Coach of the Week & High School All-Star

The Chicago Bears High School Coach of the Week program was launched in 1996 and the High School All-Star program in 2011. The High School Coach of the Week program honors outstanding Illinois high school coaches who develop players' football skills and knowledge, character, leadership, discipline and teamwork abilities. The nomination criteria for the High School All-Star program includes on-field performance, community involvement and good sportsmanship. Exceptional high school coaches and players who go beyond expectations are nominated by a panel of local high school sports journalists. The winning candidates are chosen each week for the 2024 IHSA football season. Since the program's inception, the Chicago Bears have donated more than \$391,500 to Illinois high schools in support of their football programs. For more information, please visit ChicagoBears.com/Community/High-School-Football.

