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## **Former LHSAA Student-Athletes Set to Perform at Super Bowl LIX**

**BATON ROUGE** – The Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) is thrilled to have five former high school football standouts from the state will competing in the upcoming Super Bowl LVIII at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans. While five former athletes prepare to compete in the game, another former student-athlete will take part as an official. These athletes, all hailing from Louisiana high schools, will converge on their home state as they showcase their talents on one of the biggest stages in all of sports.

The five players representing Louisiana in this year’s Super Bowl are:

- Justin Reid, Safety, Dutchtown High School – Kansas City Chiefs
- DeVonta Smith, Wide Receiver, Amite High School – Philadelphia Eagles
- Andre Sam, Safety, Iowa High School – Philadelphia Eagles
- Ty Davis-Price, Running Back, Southern Lab High School – Philadelphia Eagles
- Parry Nickerson, Cornerback, West Jefferson High School – Philadelphia Eagles

Reid is a 7-year NFL veteran who already has two Super Bowl titles with the Chiefs. Reid is a leader on the Kansas City defense and told the media on Monday that they are ready for anything. “We create new blitzes for every team that we play,” said Reid. “Things that they’ve never seen before. He (Chiefs DC Steve Spagnola) waits on the right opportunity to use it.”

Smith, the 2020 Heisman winner, grew up 73 miles down the road from the Superdome in Amite, La. “It means a lot.” Smith said on Monday when asked in an interview by Fox Sports on Monday about playing in front of Family. “They have always been there to support me, and it means even more with them being right down the road. A lot of them –like my grandfather– who couldn’t come up to Philly now get a chance to come out here to his first NFL game.”

While Reid and Smith left the boot for their college years, the others spent most of their time playing at the college level in Louisiana. Sam started his long college football journey as a walk-on at McNeese University where he quickly earned a scholarship and earned All-Southland Conference honors. After five years at McNeese Sam transferred to Marshall for a year before returning to the boot for his seventh and final year of eligibility at LSU in 2023.

Davis-Price stayed home in Baton Rouge and attended LSU where he was a part of the 2019 National Championship team. Davis-Price was drafted in the third round in the 2022 NFL Draft to the 49ers. Davis-Price landed on the Eagles roster earlier this year.

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Nickerson is very familiar with New Orleans as he played high school football at West Jefferson high school and went on to play collegiately at Tulane from 2013-2017. Nickerson was a sixth-round pick in the 2018 NFL draft and has been in the league ever since. He has spent time with the Jets, Seahawks, Jaguars, Packers, Vikings, Dolphins, and now with the Eagles after getting picked up in October.

Each of these exceptional athletes has made a mark in the NFL, and their journey from high school football fields to the Super Bowl is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the strong football tradition in Louisiana. Their success brings pride to their hometowns and highlights the lasting impact of Louisiana's high school football programs on the national stage.

In addition to these talented players, another former LHSAA student-athlete will step onto the field at the Super Bowl on Sunday, not in a helmet and pads, but in the iconic black and white stripes of an official. Max Causey, a former LHSAA athlete, has been selected as the line judge for Super Bowl LVIII. Causey's appointment is a testament to the depth of Louisiana's athletic talent, not only on the field but in the officiating ranks as well. A former three-time state champion quarterback at West Monroe High School in the 1990s, Causey is now in his third year as an NFL official. He began his career as a member of the LHSOA, steadily climbing the ranks to the NFL and earning his place at football's biggest stage.

As these athletes prepare to take the field in the Superdome, the LHSAA and the entire state of Louisiana eagerly cheer them on. High school football in Louisiana has produced some of the nation's best, and this year's Super Bowl is a prime example of that legacy.

The state of Louisiana takes immense pride in the achievements of its athletes, and this milestone is an inspiring moment for current high school football players who dream of reaching the NFL. The road to the Super Bowl may be challenging, but for these five players and one official, it's a celebration of their commitment, skill, and the football culture that thrives in Louisiana.

**About the LHSAA:**

*The Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) is committed to promoting excellence in high school athletics across the state of Louisiana. The association supports student-athletes, coaches, and schools by fostering sportsmanship, discipline, and community pride through competitive sports.*

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