

## **Wewasson Set to Represent in Charity All-Star Game**

Lac du Flambeau Tribal Member Carl Wewasson, a senior at Mercer High School, recently played his last high school basketball game. It was an emotional event for himself and his parents, Byron and Jessie Peterson, but he is already looking forward to summer.

Carl was one of 220 athletes chosen to play in the prestigious annual Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Charity Football Game, which takes place on July 21st, at Titan Stadium located on the UW-Oshkosh campus.

When Carl first started high school four years ago, he wasn't sure about playing football even though he played in grade school. His parents encouraged him to give it a shot considering his height and football-player physique. He began his high school football career at Lakeland Union High School before transferring to Mercer, and he considers himself very fortunate to have had Coach Shoeneman alongside him all four years. His coach will also be attending the All-Star game with him, representing the Mercer-Butternut Pioneers Co-Op Football Team.



His parents have felt the emotional roller coaster that senior year can bring, and they are very proud of the young man their son is growing up to be. He works hard, and sometimes spends over 12 hours a day at school working on his homework and his athletics.

"I couldn't have made it this far without my family, friends and coaches," said Carl. "Being chosen to play in this All-Star game will give me a life experience I'll never forget, make friendships to last a lifetime, and pave new paths for me in my football career."

When asked which NFL team he would love to play for, he says the Chicago Bears, which his Packer fan parents lovingly support. Carl hopes that other youth will realize that with hard work and dedication, anything is possible. He urges young players to go after their dreams, stay on your path, and don't let anyone steer you in the wrong direction.

"The experiences I've had during my high school football career shaped me into the man I am today," said Carl.

Carl and his coach need to raise \$750 for the charity football game, which will be donated to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Donations may be mailed or delivered to Mercer High School, 2690 West Margaret Street, Mercer, WI 54547.

Gates will open at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 21st with the first game starting at 10:00 am.

For more information, contact Coach Shoeneman at 715-476-2154.

***Congratulations Carl, and best of luck to you!***